



Zetland Park Methodist Church Newsletter February 2015

Worship

- 1st February 10:45 am Revd. Keith Martin
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle : Communion *at Marske*
- 8th February 10:45 am Rosemary Taylor
6:00 pm Revd. Alan Coates *at Marske*
- 15th February 10:45 am Revd. Arthur Harbottle
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle *at Newcomen*
- 18th February 7:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle *at Marske*
Service for Ash Wednesday
- 22nd February 10:45 am Revd. Trevor Haigh : Communion
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle
- 1st March 10:45 am Worship
6:00 pm Worship

All Services are at Zetland Park unless indicated

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Lent, which starts on 18th February, is generally perceived in a very negative way, as a season of giving things up, fasting and depriving ourselves of any pleasure. In some churches this is exacerbated by an almost morbid focus on the passion of our Lord for the better part of six weeks.

But traditionally Lent has been a season of preparation, through study, prayer and fasting, so that the believer is in a better state to celebrate Jesus as risen Lord and his victory over sin and death on Easter Sunday.

And while it is true that our Lord's own temptation in the wilderness is often the starting point for our own self-examination, let us not fall into the trap of seeing it as God's way of trying to make us miserable. Rather let us see it as the place from which we daily seek to walk in God's way, rather than our own, and follow Jesus' example and teaching. As such it should be a very positive and creative season where our faith and commitment constantly grows - like a Spiritual Spring! And if facing and resisting temptations to go our own way seems to us as difficult, let us not forget that as God sent his angels to minister to Jesus so we too are never left without the help, encouragement and support of God's angels (in human or heavenly form!) and of the Holy Spirit.

Lent should be an exciting time as we grow and prepare to acclaim Jesus again as our risen Lord, in our lives and communities.

And rather than focussing on giving something up for Lent how about doing something new or extra, daily doing something extra to help and encourage others or joining in something like Christian Aid's "Count your Blessings" so as to bring aid to those who are really in need.

May this Lent be an enriching season for you and a blessing for others through you.

Fellowship and Teaching Day

with Rev Dr Roger Walton

Chair of West Yorkshire Methodist District

Author of *Disciples Together: Discipleship, Formation and Small Groups*

Saturday 7th February, 9am - 1pm

Elm Ridge Methodist Church (Darlington, DL3 8DJ)

An opportunity for everyone in our District to grow in our understanding of discipleship and fellowship.

A light buffet lunch will be provided for those who wish to stay.

For catering purposes please contact Andrew on 01325 722961 or
andrew.stobart@methodist.org.uk by 5pm, Thursday 5th February.

Deepening Discipleship and Faith

The following events are arranged by the circuit leadership team to encourage growth and development in our discipleship and are open to all.

Unpicking the Parables on Prayer

Saturday 21st February

10am to 3pm

At Zetland Park Methodist Church

Walk Through the New Testament

Saturday 17th October

9:30am to 4:30pm

At Zetland Park Methodist Church

Circuit outing to the Keswick Convention

A coach will be leaving for the Keswick Convention on Friday July 17th picking up at Guisborough, Saltburn, Marske and Redcar starting at 7 am, to arrive in time for the 11:15 session. The speaker will be John Risbridger

There will be time in Keswick after, for lunch and a wander round, leaving at 4.30 pm.



Doubt is my travelling companion
Uncertainty keeps me awake at night,
Belief flickers like a candle
Sometimes weak, sometimes bright

The easy life is beckoning
Cushioned with comfort and routine,
The harsh needs of others
Forgotten and unseen

Close my eyes to the news
Throw away those envelopes
That don't just want my money but ask me to confront
The horrors of the way
The poor, the sad, the brutalised
Live from day to day

But there it is again
The voice that niggles and unnerves,
It says I can't ignore the fact that I should serve
A purpose
It must be a calling of some type I know
That voice won't stop without an answer I suppose!

The cost if the coach is full will be £15.

Please ring (in the first instance) Ann Woodhouse 01642 473735 with name(s) and pick up point. A deposit of £5 non-returnable will be required to confirm booking.

Community Lunch Club

Eats midday Tuesday

Fellowship

Meets 7:30pm
every Wednesday

Prayer and Meditation

10:00am Friday
20th February



Future Events

Saturday 14 th February	10 – 11:30am	Coffee Morning with Bacon or Sausage buns with cake stall
Saturday 21 st February	10am to 3pm	Unpicking the Parables on Prayer
Friday 27 th March	6pm	Tastie Tatties Tarts and Teasers various fillings
Saturday 11 th April	10am	Circuit Prayer Meeting and Soup Lunch
Saturday 25 th April	TBC	Charity Concert
Friday 1 st May	12:30pm	May day Lunch
Saturday 4th July	4-6pm	Musical afternoon tea with Barry at the Piano. Independence Day theme.
Friday 17 th July		Circuit trip to the Keswick Convention
Saturday 5 th September		Coffee morning for the Smiles Foundation
Monday 28 th September	6pm	September Harvest Soup and Sweet Supper
Saturday 17 th October	9.30am-4.30 pm	Walk Through The New Testament
Friday 30 th October	7pm	Chapel Anniversary Marske Fishermen's Choir
5 th December		Christmas Coffee Morning with cake stall
9 th December		Marske Silver Band Christmas Concert

Thursday group will meet at 7.30 pm at 14 Ely Crescent, studying the

“York Course”

Praise Him – Songs of Praise in the New Testament

On 29th January, 12th and 26th February, 12th and 26th March.

This course features contributions from Archbishop Justin Welby, Sister Wendy Beckett and David Suchet and covers the topics “Gratitude”, “Image of God”, “Humility”, “New Birth” and “Word Made Flesh”.

All are welcome to any or all meetings.

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Please let Paul have items for the next newsletter by 22nd February

Either on Sunday or by email to:

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