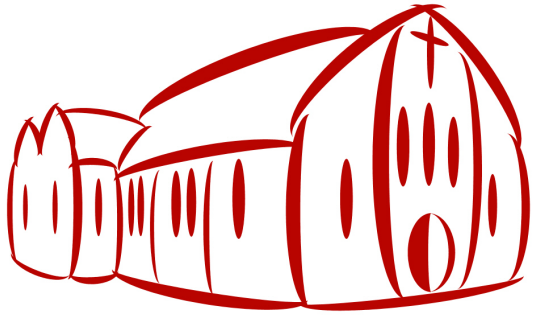


Zetland Park
Methodist Church
Newsletter
November 2015



Worship

Chapel Anniversary

- 1st November 10:45 am Revd. Dr Jonathan Hustler
6:00 pm Revd. Dr Jonathan Hustler
- 8th November 10:45 am Trevor Hume
6:00 pm Elizabeth Morris *at Marske*
- 15th November 10:45 am Revd. Arthur Harbottle : Communion
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle *at Newcomen*
- 22nd November 10:45 am June Feather
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle
- 29th November 10:45 am Enid King
Advent 1 6:15 pm Revd. John Henry *at Guisborough*

All Services are at Zetland Park unless indicated

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We are delighted that, yet again, Revd Jonathan Hustler is able to join us to lead our Chapel Anniversary services and thank him for making the time and the journey to be with us.

We start the month with the celebration of All Saints Day on November 1st, the day when the church especially remembers the 'lesser' Saints who do not have their own dedicated feast day like the 'major' ones do.

Of course, like most non-Conformist churches Methodists don't go a real bundle on celebrating Saints like some other denominations do. However, we should remember that Paul starts many of his letters with something like, "To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus" reminding us that in the early days of the church all who followed 'the way' and who were faithful were called saints (with a small 's'). In the Methodist Church that is an understanding which we would not dispute - so, you are all saints! But that then begs the question, "In what way

do our lives, indeed does your life, exhibit the characteristics of a saint?" We admire the Saints for their exemplary Christian life but how do ours measure up, even in a lesser way? Mmm! Like some of my school reports said, maybe we "... could try harder!" That said, in the words of someone who I cannot credit because I forgot to note it "Saints are just people who are trying to listen to God's word and live God's call. This is 'the communion of saints' that we speak of in the Apostle's Creed - that fellowship of believers that reaches beyond time and place, even beyond death. Remembering the saints who have helped extend and enliven God's kingdom is what All Saints Day is about."

That, of course, then reminds us that November 2nd is All Souls Day, the day when we continue to remember the saints, but most specifically the saints departed to glory and now at peace, the saints "who from their labour rest." The chance to remember those who were instrumental in bringing us to faith and nurturing us in the faith is, for many, very important and on our Chapel Anniversary we give

thanks for the those who had the faith to found and develop our community of Faith in this place.

All blessings
Arthur.

Of course this reminds us that we can never be Christians on our own but are called to be part of a communion, a family, and that as we are dependant on others to support our spiritual growth so we are each - yes, even you - responsible to support others in their pilgrimage of faith! So how are you doing in fulfilling your calling? What are doing to support others? When we think of how much Marjorie Clayton contributed to the life of the Church, yes here but also in many other places, we shouldn't be misled into thinking that that life of service is only for a free special people - we are all called to serve others and help 'enliven the Kingdom'.

So, two very important days which, maybe, we are tempted to overlook but which we should use to give thanks to God for the important lineage of which we are a part.



Chair of District:

Revd Ruth M Gee BA, M. Litt

A message for the Churches in the Darlington District

Many of you will know that the Methodist Conference is encouraging conversations around the connexion about marriage and relationships. These conversations are taking place in the context of our understanding of scripture and of the need to live with contradictory convictions in many areas of our life.

During November you have the opportunity to join the conversation in one of the four roadshows that are taking place around the District. I encourage you to join me as we listen carefully to one another and share our ideas, hopes and concerns.

The District has been asked to report back to the Task Group appointed by the Conference and we will be sending a report from the District Development and Oversight Group, which will be based on the conversations in the roadshows.

This is not the end of the journey, the conversation will continue, but this is an important part of the work that is being done around the connexion. Please come and join in.

The roadshows:

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| 9 November: | Northlands Methodist Church, Darlington 7-9pm |
| 11 November: | Marton Methodist Church Middlesbrough 7-9pm |
| 24 November: | Elvet Methodist Church, Durham 7-9pm |
| 28 November: | Grange Rd Methodist Church, Hartlepool 10am-12 |

OPEN THE BOOK

A group of us are taking the Bible Society's "Open the Book" into a local school and are sharing bible stories with the children there. It is an interactive scheme with dressing up, both adults and children. It's great fun. Feel free to join us if you are passionate about sharing the Bible with the young. There is no age limit and many elderly people are enjoying the experience up and down the country. We also need people who are skilled at sewing simple biblical costumes. Come and join us. It will be good to have you on board.

See Lynn King for further details.

Power Praise

at Marske Methodist Church

An hour of worship with mainly contemporary songs in a café style setting.

Second Tuesday of each month.

7pm

13th October

WORLD MISSION

Thanks to all who contributed to this fund over the last year.

Our total from Zetland Park was £576.19, made up from:

World Boxes	£246.19
Easter Offering	£207.00
J.M.A.	£109.90
Self Denial	£ 13.10

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The MacMillan Coffee Morning held at Mary's home raised £272,

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Circuit Prayer Meeting

Saturday 7th November 8:30-9:30am at Saltburn

Regulars . . .

Community Lunch Club

Eats midday Tuesday

Fellowship

Meets 7:30pm
Wednesdays

Thursday Group

Meets 7:30pm
Alternate Thursdays

Prayer and Meditation

10:00am

		Future Events
Saturday 5th December	10:00am	Christmas Coffee Morning with Cake Stall
Wednesday 9th December	7:30 pm	Marske Silver Band Christmas Concert
Friday February 5th	6 pm	Pie and Pea supper with Beetle Drive
Friday 18th March		Harrison Band and Singers

On 22 November worship will include a few **new hymns**, so that we can keep on learning new ones.

Please could any one able to sing meet at Church for an hour from 7 p.m. on **Friday 20th**? If you would like to look at any of them beforehand here are some likely numbers: 161, 170, 192, 201, 687. Some we will practise for later use during advent.

Many thanks June

Thursday Group

Thursday group will meet on:

5th November
19th November

Both sessions will be studying Isaiah 40-55

This is an opportunity to be brave and try something new, everyone is welcome, I wonder if you would like to enrich the discussion with your questions or comments?

We start at 7.30 and will be finished by 9.
All meetings are at 14 Ely Crescent. Please bring a Bible.

Next Newsletter

Please let Paul have items for the next newsletter, by Sunday 22nd November or by email :
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Newsletter by email

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