



# Zetland Park Methodist Church Newsletter December 2015

## Worship

29 <sup>th</sup> November	10:45 am	Enid King
<b>Advent 1</b>	6:15 pm	Rev. John Henry <i>at Guisborough</i>
6 <sup>th</sup> December	10:45 am	Rev. Arthur Harbottle : Communion
<b>Advent 2</b>	6:00 pm	Rev. Arthur Harbottle <i>at Marske</i>
13 <sup>th</sup> December	10:45 am	June Feather
<b>Advent 3</b>	6:00 pm	Rev. Trevor Haigh
20 <sup>th</sup> December	10:45 am	Sandie Dixon : Nativity
<b>Advent 4</b>	6:00 pm	Rev. Arthur Harbottle : Carol Service
24 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30 am	Carols in Café <i>at Marske</i>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	11:15 pm	Rev. Betty Bell : Communion <i>at Newcomen</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am	Rev. Arthur Harbottle <i>@ Marske</i>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	11:00 am	Rev. Arthur Harbottle
27 <sup>th</sup> December	10:45 am	Brian Stephenson
31 <sup>st</sup> December	11:15 pm	Rev. Barrie Morris : Watchnight <i>at Skelton</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	10:45am	Joan Rogers
	6:00 pm	Rev. Arthur Harbottle : Communion <i>@ Marske</i>

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**Zetland Park Methodist Church, The Crescent, Redcar, TS10 3AX**

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As I start to write this I confess that I don't feel very Christmassy, nor very much at peace, nor very joyful, for I write in the immediate aftermath of the attacks in Paris. The shock at such a large number of innocent people being killed and injured makes many ask if there can ever be an end to hatred and violence in the world and asking what is the correct response to such atrocities. It is clear that in Paris, at least, such attacks are not so easy to "shake off" and for people to just to get on with life as before. Understandably, people are questioning when and where the next violent attack will come from - fear is clearly palpable.

It was into a similarly unsettled situation that a baby was born two thousand years ago - the baby who is the reason for Christmas! The violence and cruelty of the occupying Roman forces in Israel at the time was constantly repulsed by guerilla-style attacks of extremist groups wanting freedom for their own country. Yet it was into this 'boiling pot' of 2000 years ago that God sent His Son, Jesus,

into the world and the "Prince of Peace" was born! Far from avoiding humankind's suffering and violence, it was almost as though God chose that time so as to reinforce that even in the midst of violence and suffering He is still there. It is no mistake another of Jesus' titles, Emmanuel, means "God with us".

So, while we pray that the invisible work of our security and police forces will manage to keep us all safe, we need to be encouraged that Christmas is the season when we especially remember that God came to us in Jesus that first Christmas, and continues to be present in His world, and especially in places of suffering and difficulty. Now if that isn't a reason to celebrate Christmas, I am not sure what is. So please join us at any of our advertised Christmas events and learn something more about the loving, ever-present God who reached out to humankind 2000 years ago through a crying human baby so as to give us the real reason for hope, peace and joy - because God is always with us.

Arthur

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The fundraising team express their grateful thanks to all who provided food and helped in any way for the Marske Fishermens Choir concert. We raised £388 for Church funds.

## **Cleveland and Danby Circuit Advent Service**

Marske Methodist Church  
Friday 4th December  
6pm Faith Team  
7pm Advent Service with Revd John Henry



## **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  
12<sup>th</sup> December  
16<sup>th</sup> January

## **Leaders of Worship and Local Preachers Meeting**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 7:30 pm at Zetland Park

## **Circuit Prayer Meeting**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
8:30-9:30am at Guisborough

Saturday 9th January  
8:30am-9:30am at Hinderwell

## **Regulars . . .**

### **Community Lunch Club**

Eats midday Tuesday

### **Fellowship**

Meets 7:30pm  
Wednesdays

### **Thursday Group**

Meets 7:30pm  
Alternate Thursdays

### **Prayer and Meditation**

10:00am  
18<sup>th</sup> December

## Future Events

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

Churches together will be **carol singing** outside Aldi on Thursday December 17th at 6pm. All are welcome to join.

## Covenant Service 2016

This important event in the life of the Church will be held on

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 10:00 am.**

The service will be at St Peters Church.

## Thursday Group

Thursday group will meet on:

3<sup>rd</sup> December. Studying Esther

17<sup>th</sup> December. End of term party.

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.

Ask June Feather if you would like any more details.

### Next Newsletter

Please let Paul have items for the next newsletter,  
by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December or by email :  
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