



# Zetland Park Methodist Church Newsletter January 2016

## Worship

- 3<sup>rd</sup> January 10:45am Joan Rogers  
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle : Communion @ Marske
- 10<sup>th</sup> January 10:00 am Covenant service at St. Peters  
6:00 pm Revd. Barrie Morris *at Marske*
- 17<sup>th</sup> January 10:45 am June Feather : Café  
6:00 pm Liz Chadwick
- 24<sup>th</sup> January 10:45 am Enid King  
5:00 pm Worship at St. Peters
- 31<sup>st</sup> January 10:45 am Revd. Trevor Haigh  
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle
- 7<sup>th</sup> February 10:45 am Jason Griffiths  
6:00 pm Revd. John Henry *at Marske*

All Services are at Zetland Park unless indicated

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I would like to start the New Year by saying 'thank you'!

I guess the Minister, more than most, sees just how much time and effort many people put in to make the church work - to make it run smoothly. So I would like to acknowledge the commitment of those people who not only serve the church but more importantly serve God in what they do. These include our Local Preachers (most of whose work you do not see because it is done at other churches in the Circuit), our Church Stewards, our organists, our welcoming & communion stewards and those who look after the spiritual needs of children in the Sunday Squad. It also includes those who help in the upkeep of our property, those who manage our financial resources, our Pastoral Visitors and those who arrange for our refreshments and our meals. And we must not forget those whose work for God's Kingdom is outside the church, those who represent our church in the community, at the Foodbank, with the Redcar Beacons, in school assemblies and in a variety of other ways. All of these fulfil essential roles without which the church would not function well - so we need to say 'thank you' to them all.

And as we come to the time of our annual Covenant Service I would just ask you all to examine again what services God might be calling you to offer in the church - for I believe everyone is called to serve Him in the church somehow - and muse on those words, "God has many services to be done: some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both." To what what service is God calling you this year?

Can I just point out that we are looking for at least a couple more folk to act as Pastoral Visitors to make up for those we have lost this last year (Brenda and Sheila have asked to be relinquished of their duties and Mike, Janet and Marjorie have 'moved on' in different ways - our thanks to them all).

And can I also make a special plea to those who are physically fit and well to bear in mind when things like tables and chairs need setting up or putting away - especially for the big fundraiser/social events - as this task is too often now falling on our catering ladies who have plenty to do in the kitchen as it is.

And finally, in a recent meeting of the

Redcar Churches Together 'core group' the idea was hatched of inviting more people from our churches to attend our meetings so as to breathe fresh life and inspiration into the activities we arrange. We have tweaked the time of the next meeting to 7 pm on 28th January at the Baptist Church on Park Avenue so as to allow a greater number of the 'working'

generation to attend. If you are interested, please just turn up.

Blessings

Arthur

PS - To those who sent messages of goodwill to us after the Norovirus felled the whole of the Harbottle family on Christmas Day, thank you.

## **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.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Churches Together in Redcar have arranged the following joint services in January

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm Baptist
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm Coatham CoE
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm Sacred Heart
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	12:30 pm Zetland Park
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm St. Hilders
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm St. Peters

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### **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 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 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  
Fridays. See Lynn King.

## Future Events

Friday February 5th	6 pm	Pie and Pea supper with Beetle Drive
Friday 18th March	7:30 pm	Harrison Band and Singers

## Marriage and Relationships

The Methodist Church is currently seeking advice from all churches throughout the Connexion as to whether the Church should restart a discussion about marriage and relationships especially in the light of the legalisation of 'gay' marriage by Parliament some time ago. No change of policy in the Methodist Church is allowed without consultation and a decision of the Methodist Conference which currently prohibits Methodist Churches and Methodist Clergy being involved in a 'gay' marriage ceremonies.

So as to ensure our voice can be heard the Circuit leadership has asked a team from the District Marriage and Relationships Roadshow to come to our Circuit for one evening. This has been arranged for **Tuesday 19th January, starting at 7 pm at Marske Chapel**. You are invited, indeed are encouraged, to take this opportunity to learn about the issues we face in this area and to have your voice heard on this important issue.

## Thursday Group

Over the next 5 sessions we will be using one of the York courses and looking at the Psalms. The course includes audio contributions from:

- John Bell
- Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP
- Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin
- Revd Dr Jane Leach, Principal of Wesley House (Closing Reflections)

Session 1 Know that the Lord is God (Psalm 100) on 7<sup>th</sup> January

Session 2 Out of the depths have I cried (Psalm 130) on 21<sup>th</sup> January

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 22<sup>nd</sup> January or by email :  
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