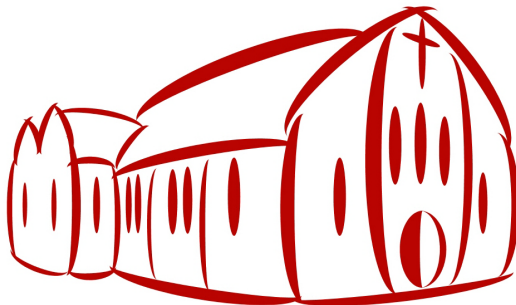


Zetland Park
Methodist Church
Newsletter
February 2016



Worship

- 31st January 10:45 am Revd. Trevor Haigh
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle
- 7th February 10:45 am Jason Griffiths
6:00 pm Revd. John Henry *at Marske*
- 14th February 10:45 am Revd. Arthur Harbottle
Lent 1 6:00 pm Revd. Ruth Gee *at Saltburn*
- 21st February 10:45 am Revd. Arthur Harbottle : Communion
Lent 2 6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle *at Newcomen*
- 28th February 10:45 am Revd. Arthur Harbottle
Lent 3 6:00 pm Revd. Alan Coates
- 6th March 10:45 am Worship
Lent 4 6:00 pm Worship

All Services are at Zetland Park unless indicated

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Lent is one of the most important seasons in the church's calendar and due to its usage changing over 2000 years and across the different denominations of Christianity it has had a wide variety of customs associated with it. Part of the richness of the season is this huge variety of different emphases, and so long as we do not ever restrict ourselves to just any one of these it can be a hugely enriching period for us as individuals and help us grow as a church.

Originally a season of preparation and prayer for those who were to be baptised on Easter Sunday it has always had a sense of getting ourselves prepared for the great feast of Easter. The idea of 40 days of fasting came through later Greek and Latin influences and helps us focus on a time of penance, and sometimes fasting, as part of our devotional preparation for Easter. But it is the meaning of the English word 'Lent' which always inspires me most - "Spring". Spring is the season of new growth and preparation for fruitfulness. A season for optimism and new life.

This year I have found a Lent study by David Adam (formally of Lindisfarne) called 'Knowing and Growing' which I will use to focus services throughout the season.

So as to ensure the continuity of the themes in the book I will be taking most Sunday morning services throughout Lent at Zetland Park, and most Thursday morning services in the same period at Marske. Of course, this has 'thrown' any sense of an even spread across my four churches, but the balance has had to be achieved over the quarter as a whole. I will later look to how we can deliver the same series at my other churches.

The themes start on Ash Wednesday with the challenge to seize the opportunities God gives us without fear and continues with fruitfulness, dealing with weeds, good foundations, developing gifts, supporting others in the 'family' and sacrifice!

Whether through these services or in other ways I trust that you will use and find Lent as a season for your own growth and spiritual enrichment and development of the church.

Arthur

Church Council

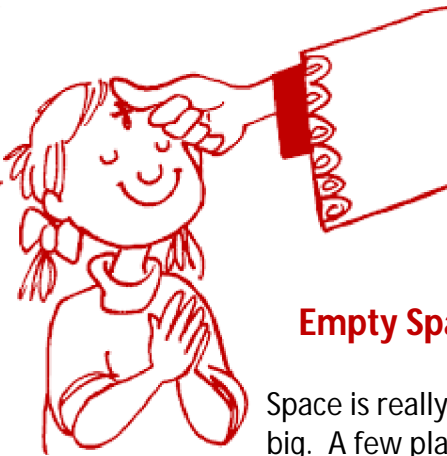
The next meeting of the Church Council is on Thursday 18 February 2016 at 7pm.

Future Events

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

Circuit Prayer Meeting

Saturday 6th February
8:30am-9:30am
at Marske



Empty Space

Space is really really big. A few planets, stars and bit of dust, but mostly nothing.

We don't have any stars or planets in this newsletter and hopefully not much dust. But what we do have is lots of empty space.

So this is a gentle reminder to everyone that this is your newsletter about your church. I would much rather battle to squeeze articles in rather than try to fill the space with dust.

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 9th February

Regulars . . .

Community Lunch Club

Eats midday Tuesday

Fellowship

Meets 7:30pm
Wednesdays

Thursday Group

Meets 7:30pm
Alternate Thursdays

Prayer and Meditation

10:00am
Friday 26th January
Friday 18th March

See Lynn King for further information

Welcomers

January 31	Ann Woodhouse, Jeanne Cawley
February 7	Donald Ingledew, Maureen Close
February 14	Sandie Dixon, Jean Leibrick
February 21	Paul and June Feather
February 28	Joan Lynch, Shelah Cox
March 6	Malcolm and Jillian Elvidge
March 13	Brenda Alinson, Rosemary Westwood
March 21	Donald Ingledew, Edna Dunn
March 27	Ann Woodhouse and Jeanne Cawley

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 3 Thursday 4 Feb - Psalm 13

Session 4 Thursday 25 Feb Psalm 23

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 21st February or by email :
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