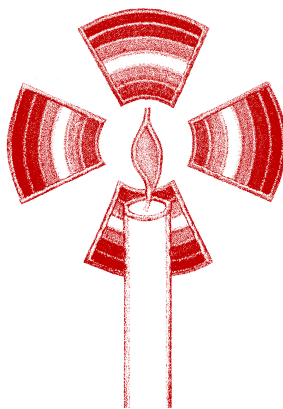


Zetland Park Methodist Church Newsletter May 2016



- 1st May 10:45 am Revd. Trevor Haigh : Communion
6:00 pm Trevor Haigh *at Marske*
- 7th May 11:00 am United Service *at Station Road URC*
6:00 pm Revd. D Pratt Morris-Chapman : Easter Offering
- 15th May 10:45 am Enid King
3:00 pm Pentecost service *at Danby Beacon*
- 22nd May 10:45 am Thelma Hobday
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle : Communion
- 29th May 10:45 am Bob Rogers
3:00 pm Service *at Marske beach*
- 5th June 10:45 am Worship
6:00 pm Worship

All Services are at Zetland Park unless indicated

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"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21)

A recent series on TV has greatly inspired me, had me hanging on the edge of my seat when I have had the chance to catch up with the programmes! The series sees Paul O'Grady finding out about the Salvation Army and experiencing the sort of work they do today. In all previous Circuits I have been in I have had the privilege of working closely with Salvation Army Officers and always been inspired by their deeply practical caring and service in the community. In many respects they remind me of the social care of the members of the Oxford Holy Club amongst whom were, of course, the founders of Methodism, the Wesley's themselves. It also reminds me of one of the major reasons I was attracted to faith in Jesus; everything in his life and teaching oozes love and care, especially for those who are having a tough time - and that is what I wanted to do and to be!

The philosophy of the Salvation Army is to show the love and care which Jesus showed, as a witness to his continued presence in the world today but by working through his followers who respond to Jesus's commission to Peter to "feed my sheep" & "tend my lambs". And that is where, I think, every church should be, practically loving and caring the most needy in our communities, visibly!

Though many individual members of our church are involved in caring for others in the community in one way or the

other, and we do support good causes like the Foodbank, the visible presence of the Methodist Church locally, reaching out into our community to help the most needy and vulnerable is clearly obvious by its **absence!** How will people see what we stand for if they don't see our church doing it in our community? In the words of Paul Wilson we need to 'name the name', not just in what we say but in what we do!

Now I do not have a list of things I think we should be doing, though I am hoping you might have some really good ideas in time for our future discussions on the subject, but I am convinced that we need to be seen to be doing the practical caring and loving as a church, not just doing it invisibly through support of the Foodbank and other good causes. It is because they are so visible that the Salvation Army are so highly regarded, even by non-Christians, and why people are still being drawn into continuing their work.

If we are to more powerfully 'speak' of the love of Christ, which we claim we have experienced ourselves, to our community, then we must find time for it, even if that means we need to let one of our regular 'religious' activities go so as to create the time and space! So what are the real needs in this, our community, and what are we being called by God to do to help show his love to those who have not yet recognised it?

Blessing . . . Arthur



Christian Aid Week

15th - 21st May 2016

It's Christian Aid week again in May and this year you are invited to come and join me for a

Games Evening

on the **21st May at 6:30pm**
in the hall at Zetland Park.

A **hot meal** will be served
and I will be asking for donations for Christian Aid week.
All are welcome.

Although the fund raising events are well supported, the door to door collections still account for at least half of the money raised and also give an opportunity to witness our faith and to show the world (well Redcar!) that we are not just Christians on a Sunday. If you are able and willing to help with this please let me know. If you feel a bit shy about knocking on doors why not help distributing the envelopes or pair up with someone else? Another idea is to give envelopes to family, friends or colleagues because there are lots of people who don't get the opportunity to give.

I'm sure June won't mind me sharing her idea; instead of doing a door to door collection last year, June invited the people in her street for afternoon tea and ended up collecting more than she did in the previous years. If you think this would work for you or you have another idea please let me know and I'd be happy to help and have plenty of Christian Aid envelopes for you to use.

Thank you, Sandie

Future Events

Saturday May 21 st	6:30 pm	Christian Aid Meal and Games evening
Saturday June 4 th	10:00 -- 12 noon	For Network, Coffee morning with Bacon or Sausage buns

Churches together Prayer meeting

A new monthly prayer meeting for churches in Redcar is being started - the first one will be on 14th May at 9 am at All Saints Dormanstown. All welcome.

Charity Concert

In aid of Zoe's Place
Music by Fran Edwards, Colin and Dave

Marske Methodist Church

Saturday 7th May 7pm

£5 pay on the door

A sum of £100 has been sent to Latin Link following the Argentinian Evening.

Circuit Prayer Meeting

Saturday 7th May 8:30am - 9:30 am
at **Skinningrove**

Prayer and Meditation

10:00am Friday 27th May

See Lynn King for further information

OPEN THE BOOK

A group of us have been taking the Bible Society's Open the Book into three local schools 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 and would like to read the stories or take part in some simple presentation of the stories. There is no age limit and many elderly people are enjoying the experience up and down the country. 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 10th May

A sum of £50 has been sent to Mercy Ships from donations received on Good Friday and at the Easter Breakfast.

An opportunity has presented itself for lay-folk to be involved in **Chaplaincy work at Redcar Racecourse** during race meetings. This is a way in which the Church can be seen as active within our community. An experienced team from Yorkshire who were invited to get involved this year would like to invite more local church members to join them. If you get involved, training and support would be provided. Please register your interest with Arthur in the first instance.

Thursday Group

Across the circuit churches are in different ways looking at Robert Schnase's '**Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**'. The book and study guide is all about practices which have helped churches to grow. Robert Schnase is an American Methodist Bishop, so while his book has many excellent ideas it also needs translating into our context.

Risk taking mission and service	12 th May
Fruitful so far ... looking back, looking forward	26 th May

While this is in the Thursday group slot it is not intended that this is only for those who come to Thursday group, rather it is for anyone and everyone who would like to see our church grow.

Meetings will take place in the church foyer, starting at 7.30pm and finishing by 9pm.

June Feather

Next Newsletter

Please let Paul have items for the next newsletter by Sunday 21st May or by email :
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