



Zetland Park Methodist Church Newsletter February 2017

- 5th February 10:45 am June Feather : Café
6:00 pm Brian Stephenson & Rosemary Taylor *at Marske*
- 12th February 10:45 am Enid King
6:00 pm Revd. John Henry *at Newcomen*
- 19th February 10:45 am Rosemary Taylor
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle
- 26th February 10:45 am Revd. Bill Middlemiss : Communion
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle *at Marske* with Release International
- 5th March 10:45 am Worship
6:00 pm Worship

All Services are at Zetland Park unless indicated

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The other night I drove passed one of my Chapels and was surprised by the number of cars parked up outside and reflected to myself how wonderful it would be if the same was true on a Sunday! I then realised that the crowds would be at one of the keep-fit/slimmers type events which several of my churches allow to use their facilities. The thought process moved on to thinking about how much time and effort, generally speaking in the UK, we put into keeping ourselves fit and in trim through exercise, watching our weight and our diet, even down to some spending huge sums on so-called age-defying creams!

I was then filled with sadness that the same is not true of how we care for our Spiritual wellbeing, generally speaking. But fear not, a Christian season is at hand to help us! It starts on Ash Wednesday (1st March this year) and, loosely speaking, concludes with Holy

Week. Yes, I am talking of Lent. In my childhood, Lent always had a very negative feel with the idea of having to give things up, often enjoyable things like sweets, but in more recent years the Church has been trying to re-establish the season as a positive and creative time.

The focus of the season is actually to examine our lives in the light of Jesus' teaching. Yes, there is the idea of fasting or giving things up, not because God wants to see us miserable but rather so we can find more time and space to spiritually develop. So, I might give up watching something on TV but only so I have more time to read an inspiring book. I might give up a treat, but only so I can give the money I save to help someone in need. The focus is all positive and all so I can grow in faith and understanding and in compassion towards others. I guess you could see the 'giving things up' as a bit like pruning a

plant, so it has a better chance to grow well and bear more fruit!

So we start with our 7 pm Communion service at Marske on Ash Wednesday (with Revd Helena leading) and then have the opportunity to share in a Lent course for all my churches which, this year will be held at 7-30 pm on Thursdays 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th March, & 6th April, again at Marske, so we can start with a drink. The course "Receiving Christ" is a new York Course and if you cannot make all the sessions, don't worry, it won't matter - each session is separate. Just remember, this is course for anyone who wants to come and grow in faith!

I wish you a fruitful Lent.

Arthur

FRIDAY @ TEN

The next meetings will be at 10am on Friday:

17th February

24th March

Come and join us and enjoy a cuppa!

See Lynn King for further information.

Power Praise is an hour of worship in mainly contemporary song in a cafe style setting, held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Starting at 7.00pm at Marske Methodist Church. Tuesday 14th February 2017.

Drinks will be served before we start.

All are welcome.

Fellowship meets on Wednesday in the hall at 7:30 pm.

The **Community Lunch Club** eats on Tuesday in the hall at 12:30 pm.
New volunteers for the kitchen or driving are needed urgently.

Future Events

Saturday 11th February	12:30 pm	Tastie Tatties and Tarts lunch
Friday 31st March	7:30 pm	Harrison Band and Singers Tickets £5.00
Saturday 3rd June	10:00 am - 12:00	Coffee Morning in aid the the Network Project

Circuit Prayer Meeting

Saturday 4th March
8:30 am - 9:30 am at New Marske

Saturday 1st April
8:30 am - 9:30 am at Skinningrove



Sectional Lent Course

Lent starts on 1st March and every Thursday evening throughout Lent from 2nd March to 6th April (except 9th March) you are invited to join us for a Sectional Lent Course entitled "Receiving Christ in five different ways", a York Course.

We will start at 7-30pm with a cuppa at Marske Chapel.

All are welcome to join its as we seek to grow in faith and understanding of our Saviour and His love for us.

Next Newsletter

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Sunday 26th February or by email :
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