



# 'BEING CHURCH'



TADCASTER  
METHODIST CIRCUIT  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021



Recently I have been thinking about new beginnings.

As we approach the end of August, and the conclusion of the Methodist Year, it is a time for beginnings. There will be many Ministers who have moved to another Circuit or District during the last few weeks and will be starting their next appointment on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.

A time of mixed emotions, perhaps sadness and excitement.

During the summer holidays two of our grandchildren have had 'Introduction weeks' at their senior schools. Their days at primary have ended and they face the unknown. For one, he transfers with some of his friends so isn't too bad. For the other it is a new school and therefore she knows no one. Eager yet unsure, excited and nervous, again it is a time for mixed emotions and can be upsetting and overwhelming – and not just for the children!

We often say life is a journey and all of us at times have 'firsts' and new beginnings in our lives. Can you remember when you started school, college or university?; your 'first' boyfriend or girlfriend?; first car, job and house? Then we have a new life when we marry and have children and very special is our 'first' grandchild. We have to face a fresh start after retirement, an illness or the death of a loved one, and so the journey of 'new beginnings' continue.

In Genesis 1 v 1 we read, *"In the beginning God..."*



Sometimes people, and especially children ask, "Who made God?"

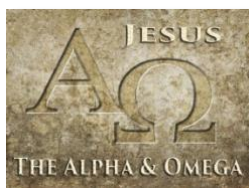
The answer is of course, no one. God always was, always is and always will be. Before Him nothing existed, there was no such thing as "before God".

God always existed and never had a beginning. He is the beginning.

There's never been a time when God did not exist.

God is also described as the last, the end, the Omega.

In Revelation 21: 6 Jesus states, *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end"*.



In this passage He describes the end of the world as we know it, a world ruled by the law of sin and death. He was present in the beginning of Creation, and He will end the world as we know it with His Second Coming and make all things new. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. Just imagine, a place where there will be no more sickness, sorrow or death.

What a wonderful place to look forward to if we know Jesus as our Saviour.

Whatever 'first' or new beginning we are facing, let us remember God sees the whole picture. We may not fully understand why things happen, but we can believe and know that all things are working together for good for those of us who love God, the Alpha and the Omega, and put our trust in Him.

God bless,

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## PLEASE NOTE:

This will be final weekly edition of the 'Being Church' newsletter. We are starting the new Connexional year by making the newsletter a **monthly** publication, available for the last weekend of each month. The first monthly edition will be available for the weekend of **September 26<sup>th</sup> 2021**.

### YEAR OF PRAYER

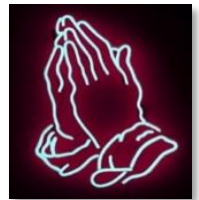
Wetherby, and Tadcaster Churches are hosting weekly Prayer Meetings

**Wetherby: Every Wednesday, 7pm – 7.20pm.** All are invited to join us.

Please contact Andrew Marshall (01937 5731670 for the Zoom log on details.

**Tadcaster: Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 10am (join from 9.15am)** Again, all are invited to join us.

Please contact Eileen Clarkson for the Zoom log on details.



### Worshipping Together



This Sunday there is a **Circuit Reflection**, brought to us by Rev Steve, available from 7:00am, also **Live-Streamed worship**, from East Keswick Methodist Church, at 10:30am. Both will be available from the [Tadcaster Circuit website](#), and Circuit and Church Face-Book pages.



Please see the **Circuit Plan** for this Sunday's on-site services.

(NB: some Covid-safe procedures are still in place)



Sunday at 7:10am, **'Sunday'** A look at the ethical and religious issues of the week.

Sunday at 8:10am, Sunday Worship: **'Homecoming'**

With a smaller gathering at Prospect Farm in place of the annual **Greenbelt Festival**, many have missed their annual homecoming opportunity to be in festive mood amongst friends.



Sunday at 1:15pm, Songs of Praise **'Faith and Fun'**

Rev Kate Bottley visits a zoo in Bristol and recalls fun moments from the series, including riding a helter-skelter in a cathedral and **JB Gill** joining Christian surfers.



### A CIRCUIT SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF UNICE BRIERLEY

A Circuit Service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of **Unice Brierley** will be held at 2.00pm, Friday 3 September, at Wetherby Methodist Church. We hope as many people as possible from the Circuit will be able to attend.

There will be refreshments in the Hall after the service.

At the request of the family please wear bright coloured clothing, if attending.

Boston Spa **Methodist Church**

After the 18 months we've had we all could do with a good laugh! He's back (at last) by popular request!

## Paul Kerensa

and Friends

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm

Tickets – Main Sanctuary or Gallery Circle - £12

Rear Sanctuary or Gallery - £9.50

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Paul Kerensa  
Comedian/Writer



Steve Price  
Comic/Magician



Jo Enright  
Comedian

### Revive Us, Lord, Again!

A study morning led by **District Chair, Revd Leslie Newton**, as he shares reflections from his recent Sabbatical. Looking afresh at the 18th Century growth of the Methodist movement and exploring how Wesley's primary message and principal methods can shape the renewal of the mission of 'the People called Methodists' in the 21st Century

**When:** Saturday 20 November 2021, 9.45am – 1pm. **Where:** Boston Spa Methodist Church. **Cost:** FREE **Booking:** [here](#)  
You must register to attend - if you are unable to book online, please contact Rev Steve, who will register for you.



If you would like to explore this week's themes: **Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23** - 'Outside, Inside'.

You can find both **Adult, and Children's, worksheets** on the BSMC Home Page: [www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk)

If you would like to explore deeper, there is also a **Bible Study** available from the same web page.

