



Being Church

Tadcaster **Methodist** Circuit
August 2022



'For man proposes but God disposes' (Thomas a Kempis 1418-27)



A few weeks ago, I led a Parade Service at Wetherby and for some really good theological reason, which slips my mind right now, I gave everyone a small biodegradable pot with some soil and a sunflower seed. The hope was that these would grow into magnificent specimens like that on the left.

The reality is that, just a few days ago, mine looked like the one on the right!



So, why have I chosen that as a metaphor for my four and a bit years as a Local Pastor in the Circuit?

As many of you know, I didn't really want the job until literally 5 minutes before the interview, but Steve B, Steve J and Heather must have seen something in me, because I got it (or perhaps they were desperate!). And, I had such plans - 'pop-up cinemas' as outreach to young families and to older folk. Internet cafes. School assemblies. Our Churches growing strong and flowering. Then along came Covid, and illness and Sabbatical - and all those plans came to naught.

But do you know what, it turns out God is a better judge than me of what is likely to be needed - who knew? I learned how to produce Newsletters and video edit online 'Storytime' and Circuit Services. Steve and I had way too much fun for two grown men, producing online Assemblies for the kids at Primrose Lane. We've all found new ways of keeping in touch - who could forget 'Old Folks Covid FaceTime' (standing in the garden talking on the phone to someone the other side of a closed window). Over the last few weeks, I've been given an insight into the hidden pressures of being a full-time Minister. I've shared in joyful occasions and been present at the saddest. My faith has been tested and grown immeasurably.



And, here's the weird bit - I wouldn't change a thing (though probably best not to ask Fiona that same question!)

*God bless,
Donald*



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YEAR OF PRAYER

Local Pastor Eileen hosts a weekly Circuit Prayer Meeting on Zoom



Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 10am (join from 9.15am), all are invited to join us.
Please contact Eileen for the Zoom log on details

*Plus, prayer meetings also at Wetherby in the Quiet Room every Wednesday 10.00am,
Tadcaster 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 9.30am, and at Clifford every Tuesday 9.40am.*

Worshipping Together Please see the [Circuit Plan](#) for Sunday services.

All are welcome

Notes for your diary:

Small Churches Group meeting for
**Appleton Roebuck, Church Fenton
& Ulleskelf churches**

4 August, 7pm at Tadcaster.

A Special Circuit Meeting
will be held re Small Churches Group
on **8 September, 7pm at Tadcaster**

SAVE THE DATE



Circuit Vacancies

We are very pleased to say that we may have found a Circuit Treasurer! I know! Exciting!

More news to follow. *BUT... We still need:*

two Circuit Stewards, Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

If you feel called to one of these roles, or would like some information, please contact Rev Ann or one of the Circuit Stewards.

Needed from September.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Thank you

Circuit Safeguarding Updates



Safeguarding Foundation Training

It's good to be back training in person!

Congratulations to the first group of 16 people who have successfully completed the Foundation Module. We're now arranging sessions for a further 60 people which will run in the Autumn. This is needed for all our Church Stewards, Pastoral Visitors, and others holding key roles where they may come into contact with vulnerable people.

Dates, times and venues will be sent to Church Safeguarding Officers.

Jackie Marsden and Penny Harrison
Circuit Safeguarding Trainers

For **Local Preachers and Worship Leaders** – you are required to have attended an Advanced Module to continue preaching on the Circuit Plan (the deadline was 31 August). The District Office are hoping to be able to let us have further dates in due course. Please speak to Rev Ann if this affects you and you need to attend a course. Thank you.

Local Pastor for Boston Spa & Clifford

Update: We are now putting together the profile for the Local Pastor with the District HR Officer (*9 hours plus 1 hour for study, must be a Methodist Member or open to becoming a Member*). If you are interested in this role, look out for the advertisement – coming shortly!

The Methodist Conference

So, you want to hear some news from Conference? The Conference Business Digest is now available at...

www.methodist.org.uk/conference

**From September, the
Circuit Charity of the Year
will be**



Methodist
relief and
development

If you have something you wish to highlight in the SEPTEMBER issue of **Being Church** please send to **Rev Ann** by **Saturday 6 AUGUST – YES 6 AUGUST – DUE TO HOLIDAYS**. Thank you. ann.fox@methodist.org.uk
To add items to the Circuit Diary list please contact Cath, Circuit Administrator tadcastercircuit@gmail.com

Please note that staff are away at some point during August, please check with the Church Stewards.
We say a very big “THANK YOU!” to Donald for serving as our Local Pastor and for staying longer in the post whilst Rev Steve is away “God bless you Donald, and may you and Fiona enjoy a well-earned break.”
We also “WELCOME BACK” Rev Steve and Sue – please enable Steve to ease back gently into Circuit life!



Tadcaster Circuit Diary

August 2022

Date	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday 10/24 August	contact Wetherby MC	Housegroup	contact Wetherby MC
Wednesday 17/31 August	contact Wetherby MC	Gentlemen Bootbashers	contact Wetherby MC
Monday 22 August	10.30am	Service	Popplewell Springs Tadcaster

Regular Events

A FEW REGULAR EVENTS ARE CANCELLED FOR AUGUST – PLEASE CHECK

Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday (2 nd and 4 th)	10.30am – 12 noon	Coffee and Chat	Collingham
Monday (weekly)	10.45am	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Monday (weekly)	3pm	Ping-Pong	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	5pm	Senior Table Tennis	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	7.30pm	Badminton	Wetherby
Tuesday (weekly)	9.30am – 10am	Circuit Prayer Gathering	Zoom (Eileen)
Tuesday (1 st and 3 rd)	9.30am – 10am	Prayer Group	Tadcaster
Tuesday (weekly)	9.40am – 10am	Prayer Gathering	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10am – 11.30am	Coffee Shop	Tadcaster
Tuesday (weekly)	10am – 11.30am	Tuesday Coffee	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10am	Flower Club	Boston Spa
Tuesday (2 nd)	1.30pm	Flower Guild	Wetherby
Tuesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Flowers and Friends	Collingham
Tuesday (2 nd and 4 th)	2pm – 4pm	Friends and Fellowship	Ulleskelf
Wednesday (weekly)	<i>Busy Bees on holiday until September</i>		Boston Spa
Wednesday (weekly)	10am – 12 noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	10.30am – 12 noon	Chapel Coffee Pot	Appleton Roebuck
Wednesday (weekly)	10am – 10.30am	Prayer Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	11.15am – 12.15pm	Coffee at t' Crown	Crown Hotel Boston Spa
Wednesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Knit and Natter	Tadcaster
Wednesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Women's Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	7pm	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Thursday (1 st)	12 noon	Community Soup Lunch	Church Fenton
Thursday (2 nd)	12 noon	Community Soup Lunch	Tadcaster
Thursday (last)	12 noon	Souper Thursday	East Keswick
Friday (weekly)	<i>On holiday until Sept</i>	Friday Fellowship (zoom)	East Keswick (Penny)
Saturday (2 nd)	2pm – 3.30pm	Charity Coffee Afternoon	Church Fenton
Saturday (weekly)	10am – 12 noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby