



# 'BEING CHURCH'



TADCASTER  
METHODIST CIRCUIT  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

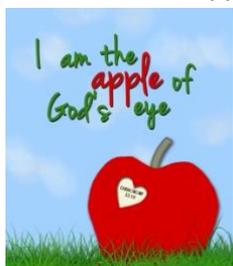
## A Heavenly Grandad?



Coots: Keira Jo Callaway  
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Fourteen years old Keira Jo Callaway was the winner of the youth category of year's Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT)\* wildlife photo competition. She provided an interesting photo of a pair of Coots squabbling, with water splashing all around them. In an article in the WWT magazine Waterlife, Keira describes how she recently started taking photos of wildlife with the help of her grandfather. Her love of nature, and especially birds, and her commitment and enjoyment in taking pictures and in learning more, comes over in the article. She obviously takes great trouble and delight in observing animal behaviour and unpredictability.

What also came over very strongly was the role her grandfather is playing in her life. She explains that he taught her all about cameras and settings, but also about non-technical things like the need for patience. She clearly enjoys his company when she goes out to shoot nature – no generation gap there! He apparently christened her “Queen of Coots” for a great picture of a Coot that really boosted her confidence and encouraged her to take more photos. She advises young photographers to seek help from an experienced person to learn things that books can't teach. What a great attitude from Keira Jo - she's well on the way to becoming a very accomplished wildlife photographer. What a great job too, her grandfather has done, the unnamed but highly influential and supportive figure in the background! She seems to be “the apple of his eye”.



Did you know that “the apple of his eye” is a saying that comes from the Bible? **Deuteronomy Chapter 32 verse 10b** describes the love God had for Jacob, representing the Israelites. “He shielded him and cared for him, he guarded him as the apple of his eye”. God plays the same kind of role in our lives - as Keira Jo's grandad does in hers. God is like our unseen head of the family – supporting us when life is tough, guiding us in every way, taking us beyond the theories into the realities of Christian living, and applauding us when we take an unselfish interest in others and share the love of Jesus.

Keira Jo talks in a very natural and unforced way about her grandad – perhaps we can learn from her how to tell others about our heavenly “Grandparent”.

Every blessing,

*Alan*

Dr. Alan Bell  
Local Preacher and Local Preacher's Tutor

\*(WWT, the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, is a national nature conservation charity founded by Sir Peter Scott).



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**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) All are invited to join us. Please contact Eileen Clarkson for the Zoom log on details.



## Worshipping Together



This week we have a pre-recorded online [Circuit Reflection](#).  
Brought to us by Donald Milne (Local Pastor: Boston Spa, and Clifford)  
Available via the [Circuit website](#) and [FaceBook Circuit](#), and Church pages.

Please see the [Circuit Plan](#) for this Sunday's on-site services  
(Booking may be necessary, please check locally).

**Radio 4** – Sunday at 8:10 am, Sunday Worship **'Rebirth and Renewal in Senghenydd'**:  
Bishop June Osborne preaches in a service from St Peter's Senghenydd  
exploring rebirth and renewal after trauma.



**BBC 1 Yorkshire** – **'Sunday Morning Live'** Episode 6 of 20:

Topical magazine show with **Sean Fletcher** and **Nina Wadia** covering the week's talking points and exploring the ethical and religious issues of the day. Alongside lively chat and special guests, the show also shines a light on thought-provoking and inspiring stories from around the UK.

**BBC1** Songs of Praise **'Arundel Cathedral'**,

**Katherine Jenkins** visits Arundel in West Sussex to explore the Catholic cathedral and castle gardens, and we hear from the classical chart-topping nuns the **Poor Clares**.



**Ulleskelf Methodist Church** are marking the re-opening of their building, for worship and other events, with a

## Bacon Brunch

Tea/Coffee/Biscuits. - Scones/Cakes. - Bric-à-Brac stall

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 10am – 12.30pm**



### INVITATION

*You are cordially invited  
to attend a service at Sherburn in Elmet Methodist Church  
on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 7pm.*

*Jackie Gaitly, of Goole & Selby Circuit is to be accredited as a Local Preacher,  
also, our very own Eileen Clarkson*

*(Local Pastor, Appleton Roebuck, Church Fenton, Tadcaster, and Ulleskelf)*

*is to be presented with a certificate in recognition of 40 years as a Local Preacher.*

*Chair of the District, Revd. Leslie Newton, will be in attendance.*



If you would like to explore this week's themes: **Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56** (RCL Proper 11, Year B) - **'The Rhythm of Rushing and Resting'**.

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 page.