



'Being Church'

TADCASTER METHODIST CIRCUIT

November 2021



I've been in the garden planting bulbs, which I'm sure some of you will have been doing recently. I set myself a task. I purposely bought some outdoor plants and a lot of bulbs, so that I would need to go outside in the fresh air and put them in! Only, it wasn't as simple as that. I've not been gardening for quite some time, apart from a quick mow of the lawn when I've felt up to it, so quite a lot of work had to be done before I could even think about planting the pansies and heather and the variety of bulbs.

Weeding... who likes weeding?... It was a slow job, along a very large border alongside the drive. It was more 'green' than 'brown' soil! As I got into it, I found it calming and



relaxing. Having a dig in the soil, which was soft after a recent rain, was quite enjoyable, and the experience was enhanced by the arrival of a Robin popping out from under the hedge to see what I was up to, and no doubt looking for some food as I turned the earth. He didn't seem to mind me talking to him and was around for some time.

So, at last, the soil was prepared, and I could now turn to the planting. I had to plan where to put them... Tulips (I've got plenty of daffodils but not enough Tulips), Dutch Iris (I like the blue flowers), some coloured Heather (red for remembrance, although I know they will fade), and some Alliums of different heights.

Now to be patient - I'm hoping that they will take well, and that I haven't disturbed last year's bulbs too much. Has anyone noticed that the crocuses and daffodils are coming up already? I keep covering them up!

Have you noticed the three P's? Preparation...Planting...Patience.

We all need some of that in our churches at the moment. We've reopened, and some activities and events have started up again, but some have been slower than others to get going. We may even have some new ideas that take a bit of time to come together. This is where good Preparation is important –

What are we doing? Why? Who is it intended for? What is our mission aim? How are we going to do it? When is it all going to start? I remember my son, as a child, asking why? ... *answer...* why?... *answer...* why? - We can never ask enough why's!

Then we come to Planting... the planting of the idea/event/activity within our Church and/or local community...to present our mission aim in line with God's mission – which Bible scripture relates to what you are wanting to do?

Have you considered scripture, alongside the other 'building blocks of faith, tradition, reason, and experience.

Then we turn to Patience... we need to have patience... to wait upon God, hear what God is saying to us right now, wait for the right time for the Planting to take root and bear fruit. Because it will... but maybe not as quickly as you think it will, or want it to.

With every blessing

Revd Ann Fox, Superintendent Minister

Preparation – Planting – Patience - "If we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently" - Romans 8:25 NIV



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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)
Again, all are invited to join us.
Please contact Eileen Clarkson for the Zoom log on details.



Worshipping Together

Please see the [Circuit Plan](#)
for this Month'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:

'Drop, Drop Slow Tears' - Lament and longing in environmental crisis' as COP 26 begins.
Readings, poems and prayers by Manchester poet **Rachel Mann** and music by **Kantos Chamber Choir**



Sunday at 1:15pm, Songs of Praise **'God's Planet'**

As the COP26 conference takes place in Glasgow, Claire McCollum meets Christians raising awareness of climate change, and Yolanda Brown joins young campaigning pilgrims.



Thank you from Arthur & Jackie Faulkner

We wish to say a very big thank you for all of the generous support which we have received following the untimely death, to leukaemia, of our daughter Alison.



Throughout her treatment, your prayers and enquiries encouraged Alison and ourselves, such that during the 4 years of treatment she was positive and never lost faith or hope. It is tragic that although the bone marrow transplant from her brother Stephen in Australia was successful, it was sepsis which saw her sudden demise.

We are most grateful for the magnificent work carried out by the Leukaemia team at the Oncopole Cancer Hospital in Toulouse.

We will be holding a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Alison on: **Thursday 23rd December, 2pm at Boston Spa Methodist Church.** We do hope that as many as possible will join us either in person or via Zoom. (Of which details later). With love, **Jackie & Arthur**

From Rev Ann:

I'm back on duty, but only on a part-time flexible basis. I'm still on chemotherapy treatment, so there will be good days and bad days and I'll have to see how it goes. I may not be able to respond straight away to any telephone calls/emails, but I'll get back to you as soon as I can. Thank you for all that you are doing, and I hope to see you soon. Thanks **Ann**



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 have something you wish to highlight/advertise in the December issue of

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Please send to Rev Steve by Sunday 28th November. Thank You. rev.stevejay@gmail.com