

Being Church

October 2024



Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat'

As I write this (17th September), the sun is shining and Fiona and I are packing for a late summer holiday – but:



- I had an email telling me it's '100 days to Christmas'
- All Saints Bramham advertised on Facebook for their Christmas Fair
- Martin House are selling Christmas cards in their Wetherby shop
- Supermarkets are already stocking Christmas puddings and mince pies.
- Oh, and I have tried on my Santa Claus outfit and have been practicing my 'ho-ho-hos' for the Boston Spa Christmas Tree Festival (13th to 15th December – other Christmas events are available)

Some of you reading this will be thinking 'great, I can start planning, watching Strictly and choosing presents!'

Some will be thinking '*We haven't even had our Harvest Festival yet, never mind Halloween and Remembrance – all mention of Christmas should be banned till December!*'

I have a foot in both camps. I understand how Ministers and Stewards planning Services, volunteers planning Christmas events and even stores hoping to maximise sales have to plan early – these things don't just happen! But still, my inner Ebenezer Scrooge wins through and every time I see one of these things, or even worse, hear Christmas music, my 'grumpy dial' gets turned up a notch.

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**Boston Spa - Clifford - Collingham - East Keswick - Tadcaster - Wetherby
Lower Wharfe (at Appleton Roebuck, Church Fenton & Ulleskelf)**

My issue is that, so often in life, we spend so long planning for and worrying about the future, we forget to grasp the opportunities of today. Jesus was very clear – Matthew records him telling his disciples:

'Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.' (The Message)

By all means, plan for the future, but also take time to admire the sunset, the stars and all creation; give thanks for family and friends; take time to strengthen your faith in God's love for you, for now and for all eternity. As Jesus also told his disciples (and us):

'Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.' (NIV)

So, whichever camp you fall into, I wish you all 'a very happy every day!'

Donald

Revd Abi Alex was welcomed by Tadcaster Circuit at a Welcoming Service at Boston Spa and by the Circuit Leadership Team at Neil Barron's home.



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.*

WORSHIP

For Sunday service see the Circuit Plan, copies are available in our buildings or [via this link](#).

Heritage Open Day (Monday, 9th September)

Clifford was invited to take part in the above event which is sponsored by the National Trust together with, in our area, Leeds Civic Trust.

The theme in 2024 is 'Connections' and with this in mind, the three churches in Clifford came together with the Local History Group to organise a 'Great day Out in Clifford'. The first visitor at 10am to St Luke's had come from Saltaire! He and succeeding visitors were given a tour of the church and viewed a display of pottery, hand-made jewellery, paintings, illuminated letter designs and punch needle art produced by parishioners. There was a steady flow of people through the day who were also entertained by Joyce Martin and Tamsin Holding with an organ recital by St Luke's organist, David Martin. The climax was a recital by Rev Nick Morgan who sang and played the cello.

Clifford Methodist Church was already decorated from the Harvest Festival the previous day and music played in the background. In the schoolroom, refreshments were served (and the toilets were available!) and there was a rolling presentation of photographs shown by the Local History Group. A booklet has been produced about the history of the chapel and schoolroom and is available for a small donation so interesting to see what you could remember from days gone by. A booklet was produced on the history of the chapel and schoolroom, pointing out that Clifford dates back to the 9th century!

St Edward's church also enjoyed a great number of visitors who were treated to organ recitals, illuminating talks about the stained glass windows and the chronology of St Edward's from it's origins over 175 years ago. A highlight was a concert given by the Year 6 choir from St Anne's and Holy Rosary School in Chapeltown, Leeds, who sang joyful renditions of hymns and songs to an appreciative audience.

During the day, Clifford Local History Group escorted two groups on a walk around the village pointing out buildings etc of historic interest.

The whole day was a great success with visitors telling us how much they had enjoyed their visit. Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed, in whatever way, to a very enjoyable and event!



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Tadcaster Circuit Diary

- 15 Oct** (Tue) "Tales of an Auctioneer" guest speaker at Church Fenton at 7pm
£3 including refreshments
- 24 Oct** (Thu) Autumn Afternoon Tea at Collingham
2-3.30pm - quiz, bingo, raffle - tickets £5 via Eileen
- 24 Oct** (Thu) Celebration Praise & Prayer Service at Clifford
Faith tea at 6pm, Service at 7pm (Speaker Rebekah Watkins)
- 28 Oct** (Mon) Love in a Box - Christmas Shoebox Coffee Morning at Collingham
From 10am to 12noon
- 19 Nov** (Tue) Are we a welcoming church? - 7pm by Zoom contact Alan Bell

Save the date - 2025

11, 18 & 25 Feb Revive us again - 7pm by Zoom (via Alan Bell) - Mondays

19 Mar (Wed) Songs of Praise - 7:30pm at Wetherby MC (via Alan Bell)

21 Jun (Sat) Midsummers day guided walk at Ripon (Hilary & Andrew Marshall)

District Diary

19 Oct (Sat) Joined Up Conference at Haxby & Wiggington Methodist Church. A day of affirmation & encouragement. Workshops on all age & inclusive worship, family faith at home, practical ideas, lunch and an opportunity for new friendships. To book:
www.tickettailor.com/events/theunitedreformedchurchyorkshireprovincetrustltd/1183268

Save the date - 2026

13-15 Feb Flourish at University of York "Woven Threads"

MWiB Events

5 Dec (Thu) Advent event at Lidgett, York



Bible Study

Paul's Missionary Journeys

with Revd Ann Fox
and John Kimmer

at Tadcaster Methodist Church

Wednesday 9 October 2pm

Wednesday 6 November 10am

Wednesday 11 November 10am

more dates to follow

All are welcome



Café Prayer

A time of prayer in church
for 10 minutes
alongside the usual
coffee morning
11am

Tuesdays 24 September,
22 October, 19 November,
17 December (Christmas carols)

The Methodist Church

East Keswick Methodist Church

Something New for You

'Friends & Fellowship'

Hobbies,
Quizzes and Crafts,



Reflective Thoughts & Prayer

Tea/Coffee & Chat

Monday 14th October

and then EVERY 2nd and 4th Monday
2 – 4 pm

East Keswick Methodist Hall

Come along and meet friends
and make new ones
Everyone welcome

Further details contact Local Pastor Eileen 07494 050940

Collingham Methodist Church

Autumn Afternoon Tea



Thursday 24th
October '24
2pm -3.30pm

For all the Community
Light Afternoon Tea and Cakes
Lots of fun with
Quiz, Game of Bingo and Raffle

Tickets £5

From Denny on 07741 477150
Or Pastor Eileen 07494 050940

Hope to see you there!



**Boston Spa
Methodist Church**

Community Christmas Tree Festival

We are delighted to announce that we will be running our ever-popular Community Christmas Tree Festival once again this year. The dates are:

Friday 13th December, 10am – 5pm

Saturday 14th December, 10am – 5pm

Sunday 15th December, 12 noon – 6pm

As well as the stunning display of beautifully decorated trees, there will be visits from Santa, donkey rides, entertainment, and lots more.

Plus, of course, refreshments will be available throughout.

Note the dates now.

Please see our website for further details:
www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk



Collingham Methodist Church *LOVE IN A BOX*

**Christmas Shoebox
Coffee Morning
Monday 28th October
10am – 12noon**



Don't think you can fill a shoebox yourself?
Don't miss out!

Here's an opportunity to bring any contributions to be included in the Shoeboxes
Suggested items include:

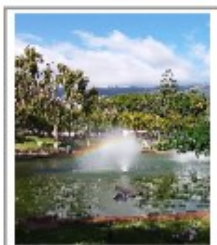
Soap, Flannel and Toothbrush and Paste,
Hat, Scarf, Gloves, Soft toys, Sweets,
Crayons, Felt pens, Colouring books, Pens,
Pencils, Erasers, Sharpeners, Paper,
Toys, Cars, Trucks, Tennis balls, Playing cards, Jigsaws,
Jewellery, Hair accessories, Balloons,
£2 towards transportation.

Empty Shoeboxes & wrapping paper needed!

Why not come along and help fill some boxes?
Chat, have a cuppa and be a part of this worthwhile cause
Further details from Local Pastor Eileen 07494 050940

Celebration Praise and Prayer Service

**Thurs. 24th
October 2024**



Clifford Methodist Chapel

led by Rev Ann and Pastor Eileen

Faith Tea at 6pm

Service at 7pm

Speaker Miss Rebekah Watkins

Miss England Ethical Queen (Goole)

Singing, Testimonies, Reflection
and an opportunity for

Prayer for Blessing and Healing

Want to meet God? What to be touched by God?

Come along and be blessed!

Lower Wharfe
CHURCH FENTON METHODIST CHURCH
Tuesday Meeting
with Special Guest Speaker

Ralph Ward
'Tales of an Auctioneer'

Church Fenton Methodist Hall

Main Street, Church Fenton, LS24 9RF



**Tuesday 15th
October
7pm**

Come and share in an interesting evening
with friends (everyone welcome)
£3 including Refreshments

More details from
Chris on 077123 32204

Fairtrade

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Fairtrade mark. More than ever we are encouraging people to spread the word about Fairtrade and shop ethically this Christmas.

Our first Real Advent Calendar was launched in 2013. Eleven years on it is still the only one which is Fairtrade, which includes a 24 page copy of the Christmas story and which supports the charitable work in the UK and abroad. Each year we approach leading artists to illustrate the Christmas story books. Eleven years on, with your support, we have sold more than 1 million calendars with more than million people experiencing the Christmas story through a Real Advent Calendar.

Supermarkets are not stocking our goods so our online shop is the only place where you can buy our full range. Click the links below to view products or go straight to our [shop here](#).

A chocolate orange with meaning... We have created the world's first Fairtrade Meaningful Chocolate Orange boxed in the style of a Christingle. It's great as a gift or for services. It has Christingle symbols on the box along with an explanation of their meaning. The box also doubles as charity collection box with a slot for coins so you can encourage donations to a charity. Everything is plastic free and can be recycled.

Chocolate Christingle



The Methodist Church

New venue: **UNIVERSITY OF YORK**

Flourish

13/02/26 – 15/02/26

WOVEN THREADS

**REDISCOVERING OUR PLACE
TOGETHER IN GOD'S BIG TAPESTRY**

Come to York in 2026 for this all-age festival of inspiration, celebration, worship and renewal. A Methodist District gathering and Christian Conference. A diverse programme across a 3-day event to help us grow as Flourishing Missional Communities.

Receive email updates
Rediscover how you can flourish in your faith: Speakers | Workshops | Worship | Activities
www.yorkshiremethodist.org/flourish26

Yorksire North & East Methodist District



SCAN ME

Regular Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday (weekly)	10.45am	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Monday (weekly)	2.30pm	Ping-Pong	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	5.00pm	Senior Table Tennis	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	7.30pm	Badminton	Wetherby
Monday (2nd)	10.30am-12noon	Bacon Brunch	Collingham
Monday (2nd & 4th)	2.00-4.00pm	Friends & Fellowship	East Keswick
Monday (4th)	10.30am-12noon	Coffee & Chat	Collingham
Tuesday (weekly)	9.30-10.00am	Circuit Prayer Gathering	Zoom (Eileen)
Tuesday (weekly)	9.40-10.00am	Prayer Gathering	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10.00-11.30am	Coffee Shop	Tadcaster
Tuesday (weekly)	10.00-11.30am	Tuesday Coffee	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10.00am	Flower Club	Boston Spa
Tuesday (1st)	2.00-4.00pm	Flowers & Friends	Collingham
Tuesday (1st & 3rd)	9.15-10.00am	Prayer Group	Tadcaster
Tuesday (2nd)	2.00-4.00pm	Friends & Fellowship	Ulleskelf
Tues (3rd) not Aug/Sep	7.00pm	Tuesday Meeting	Church Fenton
Tuesday (4th)	1.00pm	Community Soup Lunch	Ulleskelf
Wednesday (weekly)	10.00am-12noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	10.30am-12noon	Chapel Coffee Pot	Appleton Roebuck
Wednesday (weekly)	10.00-10.30am	Prayer Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	11.15am-12.15pm	Coffee at t' Crown	Crown Hotel Boston Spa
Wednesday (weekly)	7.00pm	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Wednesday (irregular)	contact Wetherby	House-Group	contact Wetherby
Wednesday (1st)	2.00-4.00pm	Knit & Natter	Tadcaster
Wednesday (1st)	2.00-4.00pm	Women's Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (2nd)	10.00am	Communion in the Box	Box Tree Ct, B Spa
Wednesday (2nd & 4th)	contact Wetherby	Gentlemen Bootbashers	contact Wetherby
Wednesday (3rd)	2.00-4.00pm	Whist Afternoon	Collingham
Wednesday (last)	1.00-3.00pm	Coffee, Click 'n' Connect	Appleton Roebuck
Thursday (1st)	12noon	Community Soup Lunch	Church Fenton
Thursday (2nd)	12noon	Community Soup Lunch	Tadcaster
Thursday (last)	12noon	Souper Thursday	East Keswick
Friday (1st)	10.00-11.30am	Teddy Praise	Collingham
Saturday (weekly)	10.00-12noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby
Saturday (2nd)	2.00-3.30pm	Charity Coffee Afternoon	Church Fenton



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