



Methodist Post

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Cover photo: taken at last year's Christmas Tree Festival. Don't miss this year's festival to run from Wednesday 7th to Sunday 11th December. See page 13 for further details and timings of specific events.

Minister's Letter



Dear Friends,

Worth the wait?

This question caught my eye in a magazine article recently. How many things do we look forward to with eager anticipation, only to find that when the event happens, or we make that long-awaited trip, there is a sense of anti-climax? The event or place just didn't live up to our expectations.

I must admit that it was a worry of mine this year when Sue and I went to Italy, somewhere we had waited a long time to visit; would it be an anti-climax? But it wasn't we had an amazing time and we were completely blown away by the country itself and thoroughly enjoyed the company of the group of people that we travelled with. Most definitely not an anti-climax or let down.

Worth the wait? Some people will ask that question about Christmas. Time is spent searching for the perfect cards and presents, preparing wonderful food, decorating the Christmas tree; only to realise that the cards will be recycled, presents may lie broken or forgotten, the tree is abandoned outside, and there was a huge and endless pile of washing up.

'God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.'" (Luke 1: 26-33 NIV)

Worth the wait? Mary and Joseph waited 9 months for a baby. We don't know what their hopes and expectations were, but surely giving birth in a stable, with a manger for a cot, was not part of the plan; neither I expect were the visits from the shepherds and wise men!

'While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for the baby to be born, and Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.' (Luke 2: 6-7 NIV)

Worth the wait? I'm sure Mary and Joseph would have said yes. In spite of the surroundings, crying, endless feeding and all the dirty nappies. Would they still have said so even if they knew what was going to happen, including having to flee to Egypt? I expect so; definitely worth the wait for a baby that would grow up and change the world.

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Ideas and contributions for future issues of the Methodist Post always welcome.

For the January issue, please send copy to: jovernon1@gmail.com by 10th December. Thank you.



Distribution of the Methodist Post:

As I am sure you are aware, the distribution of the Methodist Post has changed slightly for our members in Boston Spa. Please can you pick up your own copy of the magazine from church in future. If you deliver to others who do not attend church on a regular basis, can you please let Sue Jakeman know who you deliver to, and take sufficient copies for your needs.

For our members at Clifford nothing has changed, and the magazines will be delivered to you as usual.

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Thank you for your on-going support.

Sue



Worth the wait? Israel had spent several hundred years waiting for the Messiah expecting a warrior who would overthrow the Roman army by power and might. Instead God did the unexpected and sent his Son as a baby who grew up to change the world in an unexpected way by saying things like 'help each other' and 'love'. Was this an anti-climax or let down? Possibly, depending on how you look at things, but life would never be the same



Worth the wait? Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, for the church; not just the run up to the celebration of the birth of a baby at Christmas but a time of looking forward to when this baby, Jesus, will return; not this time as a helpless baby but in all His power and glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Will it be worth the wait?

Worth the wait? My hope and prayer for you all this Christmastide is that the celebration of our Lord's birth is indeed worth the wait. That you wonder anew at the gift given by such a generous, loving God, and that, as we move into the New Year, you can grow more and more in faith; trusting in the God who, in the words of Ephesians 3: 20, "can do anything, far more than you can ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!"

Merry Christmas

Rev Steve

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A new figure on the world stage ...

We learned this morning that Donald Trump will be the next President of the United States of America. Hillary Clinton has conceded defeat. Trump is of course a Republican, and this means that 8 years of Democratic government will end in January 2017. Both houses of Congress have Republican majorities, so this victory gives Trump a very powerful advantage which Barack Obama did not have. Arguably he will be the most powerful leader in the world. Clearly, from the campaign rhetoric and statements of intention, a major shift in world power politics is happening. How – if at all – should we respond to it?

Surely, the answer in a word is – prayerfully.

Donald Trump is very experienced in business but he has never held elected office in the USA and has never done any military service. Yet he will become President and also Commander-in-Chief of one of the world's superpowers. He will need to rely on experienced advisers. We should pray, for him and for them, that God will guide him and them in the right way to govern America, to manage its international relations, and to help to bring about peace and justice both at home and in the world. They will need God's guidance big-time.

We should also pray for the people of America. Donald Trump said this morning that he will be President for **all** Americans, that he will unite them, whatever their racial background and financial or social standing. In a country which has long known extremes both of wealth and poverty, this is a promise that will not be easy to keep. The "American dream" is one of self-advancement through one's own efforts, and Trump is an example of that. We should pray that the presence of God will be clearly felt and will be effective in American life and society.

And of course we should pray for the world in this new situation. We want peace and justice because we believe that God wants peace and justice throughout his world – between nations, between races and between his people in their everyday lives. He wants his Kingdom to be a reality and to grow. Donald Trump clearly has a leading part to play in that on the world stage; but so do we in our own personal sphere of influence, through our daily living and our witness, and in the wider world of need through our praying and our giving.

Dennis



Christmas Day Dinner



Churches Together in Wetherby will be serving a traditional Christmas Dinner at St James' Church Centre, Wetherby on Christmas Day from 12 noon till 3pm

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Boston Spa Church Rotas December

December Diary Dates

Thursday 1st	2.00pm	Methodist Women in Britain – Advent Service – Clifford Methodist Church
Sunday 4th	10.30am	Revd Don Tuttell, Lantern Room, Village Hall
Wednesday 7th	2.30pm	Opening of the Third Christmas Tree Festival at Boston Spa Methodist Church (<i>see p. 13</i>)
through to Sunday 11th		
Friday 9th	12 noon	Light lunches to be served prior to
	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert (<i>see p. 12</i>)
Sunday 11th	10.30am	Messy Christmas – Revd Steve Jakeman with Sue Jakeman as Worship Leader
	6.30pm	Festival Community Carol Service – Revd Steve Jakeman
Tuesday 13th	12 for 12.30pm	WFG: Christmas lunch
	2.30pm	Carols at Orchard House – everyone welcome
Wednesday 14th	9.30-11am	Busy Bees Christmas party
Thursday 15th	6.15 for 7pm	Men's Group Christmas Dinner (<i>see opposite</i>)
Sunday 18th	10.30am	Revd Steve Barlow – Holy Communion
Tuesday 20th	10.30-1.15	Evergreens Luncheon Club – Christmas meal
Saturday 24th	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Service – Revd Steve Jakeman Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	11.00am	Christmas Day Service – Revd Steve Jakeman

Other Regular Groups

Monday	5.00pm	Senior Table Tennis – Jubilee Room, Village Hall
Tuesday	Evening	Brownies – St Mary's
Wednesday	9.30-11.00	Busy Bees (Mums & Toddlers) – Clifford Methodist Church Hall
	Afternoon	Upholstery Class – Lantern Room, Village Hall
Thursday	Morning	Pilates – Lantern Room, Village Hall
	Afternoon	Upholstery Class – Lantern Room, Village Hall
Saturday	10am-Noon	'Drop In' for Tea or Coffee – Village Hall Café

	Door Stewards	Flowers	Church Stewards
4th	Ken & Judith Grimditch	Frank Holliday	Sheila Humphreys Joan Dyer
11th	Chris & Diana Mellor	Kath Mountain	Barbara Hudson Bob Hutchinson
18th	Ina Smart	Kath Mountain	Heather Grant Barbara Hudson
25th	Carmen Ashton Dennis Ashton		Joan Dyer Pauline O'Melia

Saturday Coffee		Sunday Coffee	
3rd	Brian & Jackie Marsden	4th	David Bull, Sheila Humphries
10th	Mike & Jean Walne	11th	Graham & Kathleen McGuire
17th	Angela Coleman Barbara Hudson	18th	Dennis & Carmen Ashton

Busy Bees	
7th	Carmen Ashton
14th	Jackie Faulkner (All team welcome)

Birthday Greetings

Women's Friendship Group

6th: Hazel Greenwood 7th: Ina Smart
17th: Molly Stares 18th: Joan Dyer

Boston Spa Methodist Church Men's Group

Christmas Dinner to be held on Thursday 15th December
6.15pm for 7pm at Wetherby Golf Club
Guest Speaker – Trevor Moody: 'Comedians of our Good Old Days'



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December

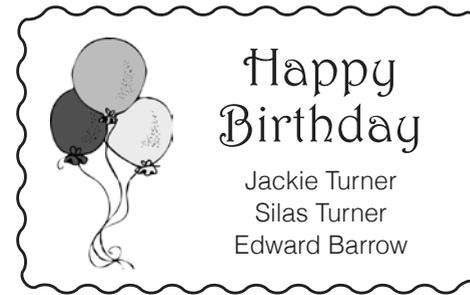
Sunday 4th 10.30am Revd Brian Tibbetts
 Sunday 11th 10.30am Revd Stanley Jackson
 Sunday 18th 10.30am Mr Dennis Ashton
 6.00pm Carol Service – Revd Steve Jakeman
 Saturday 24th 10.00pm Revd Steve Jakeman – Holy Communion
 Sunday 25th 10.00am Revd Steve Jakeman

	Door Stewards	Flowers	Vestry
4th	Hazel Greenwood/Julie Norman	Carol Smith	David Mountain
11th	Sheila and Katy Biercamp	Margaret Suggate	Carol Smith
18th (eve)	Carol Smith/Margaret Suggate Sheila and Katy Biercamp	Mavis Rodgers	Alison Smith Michael Whaley
24th	Catherine Catton		David Mountain
25th	Catherine Catton	Catherine Catton	Jason Turner
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Christmas Party and Carol Service

On Sunday 18 December at 3pm we will be holding our annual Christmas Party. There will be games, music and lots of fun. Please bring along a plate/dish of food to share as usual.

Following the party at 6pm will be our Carol Service led by Rev Steve Jakeman. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards and everyone is welcome at both events.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems we face.”

Ronald Reagan

Murder Mystery Evening



On Friday 11 November over 50 people had the pleasure of seeing the Lidgett Park Drama Group perform a fantastic Murder Mystery for us. They very cleverly interwove two stories – a rehearsal for a Murder Mystery play and also as ordinary people. There were some hilarious moments and some great character acting. Who Dun it? Well the idea was that we all drew our own conclusions and a runner-up and a winner were chosen by the group, along with two ‘Red Herring’ prizes for the most outrageous



conclusions. A fantastic 2-course meal was served so many thanks to all those who made any of the food and served it on the night. A raffle was also held but at the time of writing the amount raised on the night was unknown – this will be in next month’s magazine.

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Frank Peake

1925 – 2016



As one of our most regular attenders at Worship, Frank always sat in the same pew and was frequently to be seen chatting with his friends over a cup of coffee on a Saturday morning.

Frank was born in Bolton as one of nine children. His father delivered coal whilst his mother, a strong determined woman, ran the home. The family had a small-holding and allotment and as he grew up, Frank was required to help his father with the cultivation of vegetables for the family. From his early days Frank always enjoyed sport and he played both football and cricket according to the season. Taught and encouraged by his father, who loved boxing, Frank was paid to fight and became quite proficient until, one day, he arrived home with a blooded nose and his mother banned any further involvement, even though he had won the fight!

Having been stopped from enjoying the danger of the ring, Frank turned to an alternative – motorcycling! But happily, as crash hats were unheard of at that time, he took to a more constructive interest and started repairing and rebuilding the machines. During the war Frank served in the RAF in Egypt, frequently doing office work despite his technical abilities. After the war he worked as a repair technician for Hoover and later for Horton & Hollander in Wetherby.

Frank and his wife, Joan, had been pen friends for many years before they arranged to meet for the first time and Leeds City Bus Station was the chosen venue. Joan worked at the telephone exchange and lived in Boston Spa where she attended the Methodist Chapel at which she had been a member of the Youth Fellowship. Following their marriage in 1961, the couple moved to Chapel Allerton and later they took up residence in Heathfield Lane in Boston Spa where Joan looked after her ailing mother. Both loved children and though, sadly, they had none of their own, they were always popular with other people's offspring.

Frank had a caring and helpful nature which was to prove invaluable as it manifested itself in his devotion to Joan as he nursed her through the trials of a muscle wasting disease.

Frank enjoyed a long and healthy life until he reached the age of 91. It was only in the March of this year that, following a stroke, he became weak and felt that he was ready to die and to be reunited with his beloved Joan. Following his wish, a poem entitled "Don't grieve for me..." was read at his funeral; the words lending a particular poignancy to the occasion as the congregation gave thanks for the loving, friendly and smiling man who was, Frank Peake. He will be greatly missed.

Jackie Faulkner



There will be special Lunchtime Concert on Friday, December 9th at 1pm to celebrate our Christmas Tree Festival and also the fact that we shall be back in our own church at last!! It has been a long wait but very well worthwhile. Light lunches will be served from noon.

The new lift will not be in place but is expected that we shall have it in time for the January concert.

Emma James, the vivacious and talented singer, will give us a lovely Christmas concert to get the Christmas season off to a good start. If it's cold outside it will be warm and welcoming within. Don't miss it!!!

Judith England

Emma James



We wish all our readers a peaceful and blessed Christmas

Boston Spa Methodist Church present our 3rd Annual
Community
**Christmas Tree
Festival
2016**

Wednesday 7th December: 2.30pm - 8pm
3.00pm: St Mary's C^{of}E School Choir opens the Festival

Thursday 8th December: 10am - 5.30pm
2.30pm: Rex Stott with his Wetherby U3A Ukulele Band

Friday 9th December: 10am - 7.00pm
1pm: Lunchtime Concert (*Christmas with Emma James*) Tickets **£5** (available on the door)
3pm: John Townend entertains on our fabulous 'Harrison' organ
5pm: Collingham Training Band

Saturday 10th December: 10am - 5.30pm
10.30am: Collingham Band 3pm: Wetherby Chorale

Sunday 11th December: 12 noon - 5.00pm
10.30am: *A 'Messy Christmas'* - an interactive Christmas experience for all
3pm: Festival Raffle Draw.
6.00pm: **Festival Carol Service**

further attractions to be announced!

ENTRY to the FESTIVAL is FREE (except for the Friday Lunchtime Concert)

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Access to the church is via Spa Lane
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The crib scene – one of the excellent
displays in the Knitted Bible Exhibition
held at St Mary's Church in November



Bah Humbug

The Christmas lights adorn the tree
I throw the switch in ecstasy,
but the lights refuse to work
and leave me in the dark and murk.

The fairy is sitting in all her glitz
in lacy dress and sparkly bits.
Alas she sits there in the dark
amid tinsel and lights that have no spark.

But to the occasion I must rise
so decide to make a dozen mince pies,
and while I'm in the mood to bake
I manage to burn the Christmas cake.

I fear the oven is on the blink
as I gaze at the turkey uncooked and pink.
Now the posties on a go slow
at this time of year, "what a blow".

I've put my iron through my party dress
what a disaster, what a mess.
The face pack I bought caused a terrible rash
so I won't be going to the Christmas bash.

Besides my hair has turned out blue
and now I'm coming down with the flu.
So it doesn't matter there's no mistletoe
'cause I'm not in the mood for ho-ho-ho.

We would like to wish all our friends
at Boston Spa and Clifford
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy new year
Irene and Stuart Haigh

Building Project Update

The Chapel has now been handed back to us by the contractors, which is great news. However, there is still much work for us to do. Lots to think about and do when we get full possession of the building. Will we want kneelers? Will we want a trolley for the hymn books? Will we want a table in the new entrance? Yes, we shall have the chapel back, but we may wish to add our own touches to it.

And what a transformation in our chapel. You feel welcomed as soon as you step inside. The warm colours, the beautiful chairs, the wonderful lighting, the new Communion dais which extends out to you. Original pews alongside contemporary elements blending together to give a traditional Methodist Chapel with an up-to-date, modern appeal. Even the stained glass windows seem to have taken on a new radiance of their own and you feel welcomed into this 'new' chapel. It takes your breath away!

I am reminded of the verses of Hymn 409 – “Let us build a house together.... where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone”.... each verse with a message for us. For now we have a new building, where all are welcome and where Kingdom values will be at the centre of all we do as we seek to share our faith and our gifts with our village community.

Everything is gradually coming back together. The Stewards will lead the “moving in” and by the time you read this update, much will have been done! Indeed we shall then be looking forward to the Christmas Tree Festival beginning on Wednesday 7 December 2016. I know our chapel will look awe-inspiring!

There will still be some work to be done – areas to be painted, toilets to be refurbished. But, we have done so well to have raised a fantastic £693,318 towards this project and have only a shortfall of approximately £15,000 to be raised to cover the remaining building costs. However, as you will see from the finance update which appears later, we still have a substantial sum to raise to cover the cottage refurbishment, the car park, as well as items we would like to purchase.

As always, the Fundraising Team are continuing their excellent work in raising funds. We are most grateful to them for all the work they are doing.



The list of events planned so far is printed below.

- ❖ Wednesday 7 – Sunday 11 December 2016 – Christmas Tree Festival
- ❖ Friday 20 January 2017 7:30pm – An Evening with Rick Wakeman
- ❖ Saturday 28 January 2017 7:30pm – Burns Supper
- ❖ Saturday 25 February 2017 7:30pm Evening Concert – Knottingley Concert Brass Band
- ❖ March 2017 – Concert with Stuart Townend
- ❖ Saturday 3 June 2017 – Spring Fair Wetherby Town Hall

Ongoing:

Pauline O'Melia's Church feature cards

Further details for each event will be available nearer the time. If you would like to organise a fundraising event – or would like help from the fundraising team to carry out your idea – do get in touch. If you can help at any of the events, please let the team know.

As always we ask you continue to support our building project with your prayers. Your ongoing support and prayers are invaluable as we look ahead with eagerness to the completion of our project.

Jackie Marsden

Fund Raising

Of the total raised to date, over £600,000 has come from the sale of land and grants with about £70,000 from our local efforts including the very successful gift day. However our fund raising requirements still remain considerable:-

- 1) We still need £15,000 to complete the building project.
- 2) We will also need to spend further sums for furnishings and fittings in the entrance.
- 3) The cottage will have to be refurbished in order to re-let it.
- 4) The car park requires improvement.
- 5) The Treasurer's report indicates £9,000 is needed to cover our expected deficit in the coming year and our reserves are exhausted.

This means we should be looking to raise a further £50,000 over the next 2 years or so which is in line with the decision we took at the March Church Council when we agreed to proceed with the building project.

Ken Grimditch



Topping out!! – 27th October

A bible, a tandem and a rusty nail

~ *Recollections of a Local Preacher 12* ~

In a more serious vein...

Despite all the anecdotes which have been a memorable part of my life as a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church, the real purpose of being a preacher must not be overlooked. Preaching is a calling from God; it is neither the highest nor is it the only response to God's call to serve him. Most callings go unseen and as Paul says none is more important than the other, they each make up the whole which is the world-wide family of Christian folk, the church. Getting the church ready for worship, greeting individuals as they enter, sharing a cup of coffee with each other and all else that goes to support the work of the Church must be regarded as being of equal importance.

I have spoken of the Bible and the tandem, whilst the part played by the rusty nail is still to be revealed. There have been many other facets which have contributed to the whole picture. Not least amongst these is the part played by fellow LPs often through the Preacher's Meeting. This takes place on a monthly basis which includes a quarterly 'business' session. Along with the speakers and discussions it is the happy prayerful supportive camaraderie which is so valuable and the knowledge that although a preacher's preaching days are over, he or she is still a Local Preacher in full communion with all of those leading worship.

Taking a service is far more than delivering a sermon and I would consider the prayers to be of paramount importance. Given my time again this is the area into which I would put far more effort in preparation. I have resorted to shortcuts like praying my way round the world to include all nurses and doctors, all teachers, all workers, all children, all sick, etc etc. I wish that I had studied more of the great prayers written by our forefathers and used them with less 'churchy' and more contemporary wording. I sometimes use the Lord's Prayer as a pattern for private prayer but more often than not, I recall the mnemonic P.A.C.T.S. which was told to the 'Questors' Youth Club to which Jackie and I both belonged – Praise, Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication.

Sometimes preachers, having prepared diligently, will find themselves veering off the point as if guided by some unknown force and just occasionally a member of the congregation will say that they found that just the right words had been spoken to meet their specific need, "almost as if God had spoken directly". I cannot recall having knowingly felt that God has indeed spoken directly to me although I'm sure that he must have done on a number of occasions.

Many years ago, following an evening service at Church Fenton, I was driving back through Ulleskelf when I suddenly felt compelled to turn off the road to Tadcaster and divert into the village. Arriving at the Methodist Church I left the car and entered the vestry. My first words were, "I don't know why I'm here, I just felt that I had to come". "It's a good job you did" replied the steward, "we were just wondering how we were going to get this preacher back to Tadcaster so that he can catch a bus

to Leeds". Joining me in the car, the young man revealed that he was training for the ministry at the then Methodist College at Headingley. On enquiring his name he informed me that it was Parsons whereupon I asked if Rev Norman C Parsons was his Father. It transpired that he had grown up at our former Church of Beckminster in Wolverhampton and that he had been in my Sunday School Class. Thus the young man got safely back to Headingley and I was left thinking, "did God steer me off the road?" If He did, and I am almost certain that it was so, then it shows that He really is aware of our needs and that raises a lot more questions which I cannot answer.

Ulleskelf played an important role in my preaching life. Frank Varey was an elderly gentleman and long life senior steward who was always in the vestry waiting and praying for the preacher. Frank had been a platelayer on the railway and his great joy was to discuss some aspect of the scriptures. This was fine, but whatever was being talked about, he would invariably refer back to Abraham and then progress through the patriarchs and prophets until the relevant chapter was reached. I learned to stick to the 'flood' or perhaps Moses or Isaiah for a word from one of Paul's letters would have taken all day!

Finally, I have only touched upon the joys of preaching for there is so much more that one could recount, but suffice it to say, thank you God for allowing me the privilege of being 'one of Mr Wesley's Preachers'.

Arthur

.....and the Rusty Nail? I'll keep that for another issue!

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