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Thank you.

*Jo Vernon, Editor (01937 360016)*

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And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds."  
And it was so. *Genesis 1:24*

## Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

### Holy Day or Holiday?

Holidays as we know them are quite a recent innovation. The only time off that many people used to have was when there was a Holy Day or a religious celebration like Christmas or Easter, which still survive in the popular imagination as times of rest from work to. These great 'feasts' have survived, and are widely accepted in the secular, world whilst other Holy Days have lost their popular significance and, with it, the time off work; for instance, Ascension Day and the Feast of the Transfiguration.

But we don't take our holidays on Holy Days any more anyway; we tend to pick the slack summer months to disappear for a break when work is slow, schools are out, and the sun is shining.

During the last week in May when Sue and I were away in Seahouses the place was full of tourists enjoying all the place has to offer, and indeed over the summer months the place will again be packed full of people on holiday.

But perhaps we would be better off calling holidays vacations instead; an emptying, as in academic institutions, a space, a void, to be filled with nothing in particular? After all, what is holy about them now?

Even though we no longer take time off to celebrate all the red-letter days in the Book, we still make it a habit if we can to take a decent chunk of rest at least once a year, and this I believe is holy.

Rest is good for you, the more the better, a genuinely holy opportunity to be yourself rather than to have to do what others expect of you – after all, God himself rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2:3). But all rest is holy, not just the Sabbath day; it is the chance to discover what God made you to be, free from the pressures and distractions of life. Rest is time to think and time to meet God in your prayers.

Rest is also a time to be at one with those around you and to have, to use the modern idiom, "quality time" together, delighting in the God given loving relationships and the beauty of the world around us.

So for goodness sake, don't squander such a valuable and precious commodity on work! Turn off the emails, put away your laptop, stop fretting about what happens when you get back to 'work', or how clean the house is. Holidays are far more important.

If you are off on holiday have a good break. If you are visiting us in Boston Spa or Clifford, perhaps we will see you at one of our churches, where you will receive a warm welcome!



*Steve*

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## July

Sunday 1st	10.30am	Communion Service, led by Revd Mark Stennett (week 4 of Bible Month)
Sunday 8th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Mrs Heather Shipman
Wednesday 11th	7.00pm	Sacred Space – Reflective Worship
<b>Fri 13th-Sun 15th</b>		<b>Boston Spa Festival Weekend</b> (see facing page)
Friday 13th	12 noon	Light lunches to be served prior to...
	1.00pm	Festival Lunchtime Concert
Saturday 14th	11.45am	Literary Lunch
Sunday 15th	10.30am	Songs of Praise Service, led by Worship Leaders <i>NO EVENING SERVICE</i> <i>NO EVERGREENS LUNCHEON CLUB</i>
Tuesday 17th		
Sunday 22nd	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Mr Andrew Marshall
Sunday 29th	10.30am	Café-style Worship, led by Mrs Becki Stennett
<b>August</b>		
Wednesday 1st	4.00pm	Messy Church 'Picnic'
Sunday 5th	10.30am	Communion Service (for Methodist Church Homes), led by Revd Steve Jakeman with Mrs Barbara Hudson as Worship Leader
Wednesday 8th	7.00pm	Sacred Space – Reflective Worship
Sunday 12th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Revd Gordon Shaw
Sunday 19th	10.30am	Morning Worship to include the baptism of Jett Harrison, led by Revd Steve Jakeman
	6.00pm	Evening Communion, led by Revd Steve Jakeman <i>NO EVERGREENS LUNCHEON CLUB</i>
Tuesday 21st		
Wednesday 22nd	7.00pm	Sacred Space – Reflective Worship
Sunday 26th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Mr Donald Milne

## Diary Dates

## Birthday Greetings

### Children

July: 7th Holly Harrison August: 24th Jessica Rank

### Women's Friendship Group

July: 3rd Heather Grant, 23rd Doreen Briggs, 24th Jean Henzell, 27th Marian Lord  
(No August birthdays)

## Boston Spa Festival Weekend 13th to 15th July 2018



### Festival Lunchtime Concert



The Lunchtime Concert will take place on Friday, 13th July at 1 pm. Concert admission is £5. Light lunches are served from 12 noon.



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## Boston Spa Church Rotas – July

	Welcome Stewards	Flowers	Church Stewards
1st	Mike & Jean Henzell	Jackie Marsden	Val Woodhams Bob Hutchinson
8th	Sheila Anderson	Eve Goodison	Heather Grant Joan Dyer
15th	David & Anne Hovell	Judith Grimditch	Arthur Faulkner Bob Hutchinson
22nd	Ken & Judith Grimditch	Mary Ibbotson	Pauline O'Melia Heather Grant
29th	Chris & Diana Mellor	Frank Holliday	Joan Dyer Bob Hutchinson

Saturday Coffee		Sunday Coffee	
7th	Angela Coleman Barbara Hudson Wendy Wade	1st	Graham & Kathleen McGuire
14th	Heather Grant	8th	Dennis & Carmen Ashton
21st	Brian & Jackie Marsden	15th	Roger & Christine Tunnicliffe
28th	Mike & Jean Walne	22nd	Julie Thompson, Val Woodhams
		29th	Bob & Wendy Wade

Busy Bees		Cleaning	
4th	Jackie Faulkner	2nd-15th	Anne & David Hovell
11th	Judith Grimditch	16th-29th	Jo & Iain Vernon
18th	Christine Mitchell		

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## Boston Spa Church Rotas – August

	Welcome Stewards	Flowers	Church Stewards
5th	Carmen & Dennis Ashton	Flower team	Val Woodhams Heather Grant
12th	Kathleen McGuire Graham McGuire	Shirley Hurren	Bob Hutchinson Pauline O'Melia
19th	Diane Burton, Les Kellett	Val Woodhams	Joan Dyer Val Woodhams
26th	Barbara & John Hudson	Barbara Hudson	Arthur Faulkner Pauline O'Melia

Saturday Coffee		Sunday Coffee	
4th	Angela Coleman Barbara Hudson Wendy Wade	5th	David & Barbara Parrott
11th	Heather Grant	12th	Ursula Turner, Eva Mills
18th	Brian & Jackie Marsden	19th	Ken & Judith Grimditch
25th	Mike & Jean Walne	26th	John & Barbara Hudson Joy Ackroyd
		2 Sep	Sheila Anderson, Diana Burton Jackie Marsden

Cleaning	
To 5th	Arthur & Jackie Faulkner
6th-19th	Heather and Claire Grant
20th-2nd Sep	Judith & Ken Grimditch

### *Happy Wedding Anniversary*

We offer our many congratulations to two couples from Boston Spa celebrating special wedding anniversaries.

Ursula and John Turner celebrated their diamond anniversary last month, and Judith and Ken Grimditch will be celebrating their golden anniversary in August. We wish you health to enjoy many more years of happiness.



**Methodist Women in Britain – Tadcaster Circuit**

Wednesday 4th July, 7.30pm

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**Diary Dates**

1st July	10.30am	Fellowship Service
8th July	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Mr Joseph Kwallah
15th July	10.30am	Chapel Anniversary Service, with Holy Communion, led by Revd Gary Ridley
22nd July	10.30am	All Age Worship, led by Dr Alan Bell
29th July	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Revd Gordon Shaw
5th August	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Revd Steve Barlow
12th August	10.30am	Communion Service (for Methodist Church Homes), led by Revd Steve Jakeman
19th August	9.15am	Breakfast, prior to...
	10.00am	Café-style Worship, led by Mrs Linda Smith
26th August	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Mr Dennis Ashton

**July**

	Door Stewards	Flowers	Vestry
1st	Hazel Greenwood, Julie Norman	Alison Smith	David Barrow
8th	Catherine Catton	Carol Smith	David Mountain
15th	Sheila & Katy Biercamp	Margaret Suggate	Alison Smith
22nd	Ros McCall	Hazel Greenwood	Michael Whaley
29th	Carol Smith, Margaret Suggate	Mavis Rodgers	David Barrow
<b>Schoolroom cleaning</b> – Catherine Catton			

**August**

	Door Stewards	Flowers	Vestry
5th	Catherine Catton	Catherine Catton	David Mountain
12th	Sheila & Katy Biercamp	Ros McCall	Alison Smith
19th	Carol Smith, Margaret Suggate	Hazel Greenwood	David Barrow
26th	Alison Smith, Julie Norman	Alison Smith	Michael Whaley
<b>Schoolroom cleaning</b> – Kathryn Whaley			

**TABLE TOP SALE**

This event took place on Saturday 2 June when 10 "tables" were there to sell goods ranging from antiques to rhubarb, and everything in between!! Also lovely lunches and snacks were served so if you weren't there, you missed a fantastic day.

Thank you to all those who brought merchandise to sell and for all who helped in any way. Thank you to those who attended a total of £240 was raised for chapel funds.



**Birthday Greetings**



**July:** Catherine Catton, Sheila Kew, Gordon Shaw, Mike Suggate, David Ainsty, Irene Haigh

**August:** Joyce Forth, Mary Ford, Stuart Haigh, Katy Biercamp, Julie Ainstey



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## Messy Church:

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Messy Church will be taking a break over the summer but returns again the last Wednesday in September when we shall be celebrating Harvest by looking at the story of the Lilies in the field then our themes will be around Remembrance, followed by Advent and then our final celebration of this year will be 'Messy Christmas' during the Christmas Tree Festival.

This past church year we looked at varied themes; we started in January learning about Simeon and Anna, then Lent followed by a Journey to Easter. Recently we have been learning about the Old Testament Heroes, David and Goliath, Joseph, and Jonah to fit in with the Circuit Bible Month Theme, sharing and learning together in crafts, song, prayer and talks relating to the theme for the month.



Why not come and join us and become part of this different church family; you don't have to come and help, just come and enjoy, although we would love more people to come and support us. Someone to help set up and take down tables or help prepare and serve food would be brilliant, equally if you wanted to be involved in helping with crafts etc you would be very welcome.

Please speak to Sue (01937 842351) if you want more information.

*The Messy Church Team*



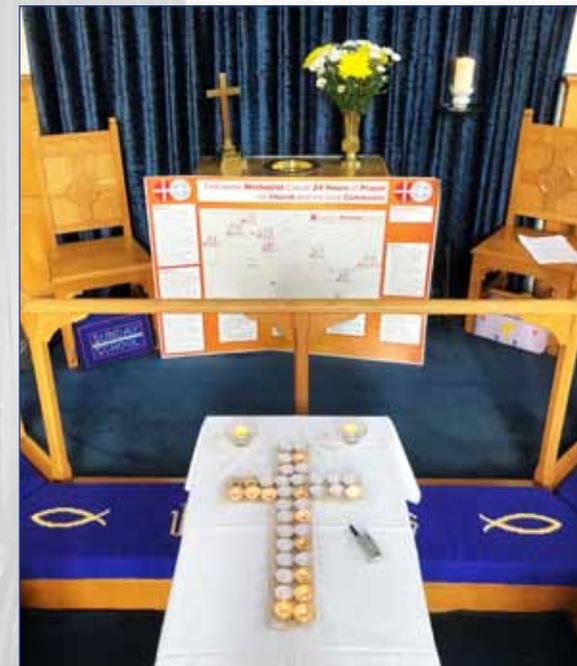
## Commissioning of our new Lay Pastoral Missioner

At a short service on the evening of Tuesday 12th June, Donald Milne was commissioned as a Lay Pastoral Missioner for Tadcaster Methodist Circuit. He is joining the Circuit Staff Team, on a part-time basis, primarily to support Revd Steve and the Churches in Boston Spa and Clifford with their pastoral and outreach work in their Church and local village communities.

Many of you will already be aware of Donald as he has been a Local Preacher for some time now and has led worship in both of our Churches. He is looking forward to this new challenge which he firmly believes God has called him to and is looking forward to getting to know people better and to coming alongside us as we work to build God's Kingdom in our part of 'God's own County'.



# Pentecost weekend in our Circuit



What a weekend – a Royal Wedding, 24/7 Day of Prayer for our Circuit and the communities we serve in, Sunday Morning Services in celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church, followed by a brilliant

afternoon of celebration in Leeds when our District, West Yorkshire and Sheffield Districts came together at the South Leeds Stadium for an afternoon of fun and worship. Stuart Townend led the time of praise and the speaker was Jill Baker,

Vice President of Conference. There were also lots of activities for the whole family with a place for retail therapy in the Market Place.

The 24/7 Day of Prayer started in Tadcaster at 10am on the Saturday morning, moving to Boston Spa and then to Clifford, then on through the other churches in the Circuit in turn; ending at Collingham at 10am on the Sunday morning. The activities, to help people to pray about the concerns and prayer requests asked for church by church, were many and varied. A large map of the Circuit was provided with a list of these concerns itemised for each church as a focal point. Walking and praying around a Labyrinth, prayer trees and creating bookmarks were just some of the activities as reflected in the these photographs.



## Food for thought!

There was plenty of choice for everyone as the 'Breakfast Service' at Clifford got under way. Fruit juice and cereal, bacon rolls, toast and marmalade were all on the menu along with copious cups of tea and coffee to wash it all down. The 'breakfast' then merged into a lively and thought-provoking Pentecost service led by Rev. Steve Barlow. Whilst our physical needs were met with the breakfast the words spoken by Rev. Steve B. left us with much 'food for thought'!

## Boston Spa Spring Fayre



Saturday 2nd June, which was when Boston Spa Methodist Church held their Spring Fayre in Wetherby Town Hall, was a rainy day, which possibly deterred visitors. Nevertheless, an impressive £480.94 was raised for the building fund.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who manned the stalls and served refreshments.



## Nepal comes to Clifford

On Friday 8th June, Clifford Methodist church held a Nepal evening to raise funds for the Circuit Charity.

Our evening began with an authentic Indian meal, cooked by Revd Gordon Shaw, who lived in southern India for many years and is a fantastic curry chef. Rumour has it he spent four days in his kitchen cooking food for the forty people attending. The results of his hard labour was a wonderful assault on our senses and a wide variety of curry dishes with accompaniments. Whether vegetable or meat curries, hot or mild dishes were your preference, Gordon provided it all. Guests came back for second and third helpings which says it all, not to mention taking home freezer bags for curry on another day.



Our guests from Wetherby, Heather, Katherine and Alan showed slides and talked to us about their trip to Nepal last October. They spoke of working alongside Tearfund in bringing help to remote Nepalese village people post earthquakes, and with the Nepalese problem of people trafficking. Since Hinduism and Buddhism are Nepal's recognised religions, Christian communities there struggle to be accepted and evangelism is illegal. They spoke of the happiness and humility of the Nepalese people who have nothing materially but are always willing to share. A short film, made by Louisa Barlow, one of the younger members of the team from Wetherby, brought the evening to a close.

The evening was a resounding success and made, on the night, £496.50.

Kathryn Whaley



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**Acts 4:35**  
*... and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need*



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## ..... and you'll never walk alone

We're just back from our annual weekend visit to Liverpool for the Ladies' Night of the Liverpool Marine Engineers' and Naval Architects' Guild. The Guild – a charity – was set up in the 1890's to give financial help to marine engineers, naval architects, and their dependants in need; nowadays it has a much wider charitable remit. Our dear late friend Bob was much involved in shipping in Liverpool and was a member of the Guild; on his death his widow, also a dear friend of many years, succeeded to his membership. So we still go. In many ways it was like going home. We were remembered and greeted warmly.

That's typical of Liverpool. The city has been through many difficult times; it has seen the decline of the docks, unemployment and social deprivation, disasters like Hillsborough. It's also seen significant redevelopment and the growth of tourist attractions like the Albert Dock with Tate North and the Maritime and Slavery Museums.

There's a spirit, an attitude, in Liverpool that shines through it all. It's a spirit of welcoming, good humour, treating everyone as equal, helping, being uninhibited in giving oneself, acceptance of others. Liverpool absorbed a large Chinese community and a much larger Irish refugee population long before immigration became an issue. Its Anglican Cathedral was designed by a Catholic architect, its Catholic cathedral by a Protestant architect; they are at opposite ends of Hope Street.

Other places may be like that too – but there's something special about Liverpool that's very recognisable yet hard to define. It's about relationships. It's a kind of secular version, a lesser street version, of the fellowship and acceptance that we should be creating and offering and experiencing in church. We are privileged and blessed to experience it there and to know the One who makes it possible by giving himself to us and for us.

In the meantime, "Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart".

*Dennis*

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## WHAT'S MY LINE?

In this series of articles, Arthur chats with various members of our church family about their working life.

This month we feature... Colin Kemp

### 'Hornsea, Hull and Here'

Colin hails from Hull where he spent the first six years of his life before moving in 1933 to Hornsea. After successfully completing his School Certificate at Beverley Grammar School and as the war was over, he studied for a London University External Degree at Hull Technical College. This was generally regarded as the most difficult means by which to qualify as all Universities set their exams internally. He was duly awarded a B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering four years later in 1949 at the age of 22 years.

Duty called in the form of National Service and Colin joined the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (R.E.M.E.) where, after 6 months of 'square bashing', he received training in telecommunications especially in new systems not then available to Post Office Telephones. After one year he was sent to Libya on the troopship "Empire Windrush" (the same boat that had brought the Jamaicans to England,) and moved into splendid premises in Benghazi, previously built by the defeated Italians. It was here that he discovered that technically, the army was more than 10 years ahead of the Post Office in that the training included the newly invented 'Telex', by which written messages could be transmitted along phone lines.

In Benghazi, the troops were required to do square bashing on Saturday mornings followed by 'Education'. However the interviewing sergeant, on seeing that Colin had a degree, offered him the job of teaching 'English'. Although he would have preferred to teach arithmetic, he gladly accepted the alternative thereby avoiding the heat and rigour of the 'square'.

National Service had served Colin well. His time in Libya was both enjoyable and informative and this was to put him in good stead for his future career. In 1950, there were few troopships calling at Benghazi so in order to avoid him having to 'overstay his welcome', it was arranged for him to join a ship somewhat earlier than he had expected. Duty completed, Colin arrived back in Liverpool where he was sent straight to Aldershot. Here the army 'demobbed' him within a few minutes of his arrival. He had served for only 18 months!

As his chosen professional body, the Institution of Electrical Engineers called for a further two years of industrial training in order to qualify for membership, so Colin applied to the YEB and was accepted as a trainee. This involved working and studying in a wide variety of departments within the organisation. Following this, he was employed as a Junior Engineer for the YEB in Hull where he stayed for six years. It was during this time that he met Brenda, who had moved to Hornsea to escape the battering inflicted on Hull by the Luftwaffe during the war. The couple were married in 1953 and later Stephanie, their first child, was born.

It was whilst in Hull that he attended a talk given by the YEB's Chief Engineer, from the head office at Scarcroft, who strongly advised, " MOVE! – if you want to GET ON." Although comfortably settled in Hull, Colin persuaded the rather reluctant Brenda that they had to uproot and move to West Yorkshire where he had been offered a job as 3rd Assistant Engineer at the Chief Engineer's Department, based in the delightful Scarcroft mansion. After a short period in 'digs', Brenda and Stephanie came over and they set up home in a new house in Wetherby overlooking the railway.

Colin enjoyed working in High Voltage Distribution and within the Chief Engineer's Department he was directly responsible for the development of the 33 & 66 kV system throughout Yorkshire. He also worked on the design of substations, transformers, switchgear and electrical protection systems.

During their time in Wetherby Brenda was invited by a friend to go to Bank Street Methodist Church and mother and daughter came to attend regularly. Their second child, Penny, was born in 1959 and as Colin had been promoted, they felt that they could afford a larger four bed-roomed house. Westwood Way in Boston Spa offered just what they were seeking and the family moved there in 1971. Brenda joined the Methodist Church and later Colin accompanied her and was so impressed by the preacher, Rev'd Brian Mavers, that he has continued to go attend regularly ever since.

Colin continued to work with the YEB until, in 1984, as Deputy Chief Engineer, he retired. During retirement, Colin took an interest in railways and made many sound recordings of steam engines hauling heavy trains up steep inclines. He became a 'friend' at the newly-established Railway Museum in York where, as a volunteer, he did various jobs, including organising monthly lectures. Whilst doing this, he met a keen photographer whose excellence in the art enabled him to sell his work to railway magazines. Colin and he became great friends with Colin as note taker and volunteer car driver.

Colin's quiet and gentle nature hides a man of great experience in the world of high voltage engineering and we wish him well in this his 91st year.

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## Jean Taylor: 1929–2018

On Thursday 24th May, following her death on Tuesday 10th May, members of the church family and friends joined together with Jean's family to celebrate her life in a Thanksgiving Service led by Revd Steve Jakeman.

Jean was born in Leeds on 11th November 1929 (Armistice Day), and lived in Beeston with her parents Norah and Jack, and her brother Jack. She trained at Leeds College of Commerce as a shorthand typist, and met her husband, Stan, on the bus; they married in 1952

In 1968, after four moves and two daughters (Elizabeth and Deborah) later, Stan and Jean came to live in Boston Spa where Jean became an active member of both St Mary's Church and the wider village community; Mothers Union, WI and Yorkshire Country Women's Association. She was a keen needlewoman and created many beautiful tapestries needlework and patchwork, she belonged to a group called 'the Quilters' for 35 years and as Jenny Goldthorpe, a member of the group, said, this is a testament to friendship, support and needlework!

Jean's love of children led her to be Superintendent of the Sunday School at St Mary's, this together with her keenness to develop interdenominational links led her to join with the Methodist Church, and Arthur Faulkner and John Townend, in the setting up of the 'Wednesday Ones'. A youth group designed as a weekday get together for the Sunday School children aged 7 to 11, there was always an adventure/activity and the meeting always ended with a snack and a Bible Story & Prayer.

Their adventures included indoor fun in winter and outdoor activities in summer, and two particular events during those sessions have gone down into the annals of history! The first was that of a member of the public who, having seen Jean up on the church roof, rang the police – apparently the Vicar was not amused about the police being called as Jean had been given permission to take the children up the church tower. On another occasion they made sturdy poles and went to the river at Newton Kyme. Here they pole-vaulted across to an island in the middle of the river. Needless to say, as so very often happened apparently, several children went home somewhat wetter than when they arrived!

In the early 70's Jean went back to work as a secretary at Thorp Arch prison and later became a personal assistant to John Thackeray (CE of Thackeray Surgical Instrument Manufacturers), a role she was very proud of.

The premature death of Stan, in 1994, was a huge blow to Jean, as it was to all the family, but she was sustained throughout that period by her family, two new granddaughters and friends locally in Boston Spa and the Methodist Church where she became a regular attender.

Jean's daughters and her granddaughters shared their memories during the service, reminding people of her great skill of baking cakes, her love of family and friends 'get togethers'. The joy of times shared together; picnics, games, walking, Ceilidhs, 'Malteser' football, and board-games such as Monopoly. They spoke about the people, both in the church and beyond, whose lives she had touched with her kindness and thoughtfulness. Her community building activities in church, Sunday School, youth group, scouts and guides, clearing the church yard, fund raising, baking and many

more. She was a brilliant grandma to her own grandchildren, and to lots of others

But most importantly beyond all of that her most important legacy (and that of Stan, too) is family; a strong and supportive family with the most wonderful set of grandchildren whose lives were enriched by the love Jean lavished on them, and the very special bond they had with her.

It was with a mixture of sadness for having lost a friend, but with gladness for her that she is now at peace, that we joined together to say goodbye to Jean - a much-loved, wife, mother, grandma, sister and friend; giving thanks for her inspiration and help throughout the life that we have shared with her.

## Knit a Poppy – Help us to Remember

To commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War, Boston Spa plans to create a wall of poppies close to the War Memorial. Can you help please by knitting or crocheting a poppy, 4cm in size, following your own pattern or using the following.

Cast on 40 stitches in red wool, knit 4 rows.

Change to black wool and knit 2 rows.

Knit 8 stitches, pass 7 over last stitch.

Repeat to end until 5 stitches remain.

Thread wool through these stitches and sew up.



Please hand in your poppies to the WiSE Café in the Village Hall.

*Kathleen McGuire*

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## Harvest Flower Festival

*September 28th, 29th and 30th*

We plan to hold a flower Festival this year on the subject of Harvest, which will coincide with our normal Harvest activities.

The weekend will start with a concert "The Turning of the Year", by Wetherby Folk Chorale, on the Friday evening and will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, with a Communion service on the Sunday morning at 10.30am in aid of the Methodist Church's 'Let Your Light Shine' Harvest Appeal. We are delighted that Susan Howdle, from the Methodist Relief and Development charity 'All We Can' will be our speaker.

Refreshments will be served throughout the weekend and there will be a raffle and a cake stall.

We would be grateful for any offers of help, particularly, at this stage, from flower arrangers or those who can help with the general decoration of the church. Perhaps you know a person who would be willing to help with the themed arrangements.

Also, donations of money towards the flowers would be much appreciated.

We are well aware that there have been several events this year, requiring a lot of hard work from many people and we are very grateful for your efforts.

*Judith Grimditch*



By the time this is in print Christian Aid week will seem a distant memory in May. But, despite being a challenging year, the good news is that we raised a total of £4,633! At the joint Service, Katherine Hogg from the regional CA office in Leeds, told us movingly about the earthquakes and hurricanes in Haiti, with excellent visual material, and the collection was £518.

The coffee morning/Big Brekkie at the end of the week raised just over £400, with Kate and Mike Kennedy serving butties in a tent outside and the BBC keeping us up to date on 'The Windsor Wedding' on the screen inside! The rest, a great sum of £3662 was collected by a stalwart team tramping the streets house-to-house, delivering and collecting envelopes.

It was so good, once again, to have help from two Beavers Groups, who really enjoyed it. So the people of Haiti and people worldwide in areas where Christian Aid provides support to local partner agencies will be incredibly grateful to those who helped so much and those who gave so generously.

*Terry and Emily Gausson*



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