



# Being Church

April 2025



## Survive – Thrive – Flourish

Sounds like the beginning of a self help manual doesn't it. All it needs in front of it is a 'how to.....' label. And I guess if we were reading it as such, each of us would see ourselves, our families, our relationships, work and churches, somewhere along that line from surviving – maybe just, to flourishing – the world is waiting for us to conquer.

One of the preparation guides for preachers and leaders of worship headed up its contribution to ideas for Lent worship, 'Tools to survive and thrive'. We are also encouraged to look towards the next big District event 'Flourishing' at York University in 2026. So I put them all together and came up with Survive – Thrive – Flourish. Not much originality there? But then, there isn't any originality in the place that each of us finds ourselves along that spectrum from surviving to flourishing. I suspect we have all been somewhere along it at one time or another. So where are you along that line at this moment? If you are flourishing, wonderful. Enjoy it. Like Peter, James and John at that moment in time when they saw Jesus transfigured on the mountain top, everything looks great. But they had to come down from the mountain top and so do we, so what tools have we got in the toolbox that will help us to keep moving on and not slip back.



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Lent is a great time to be a bit introspective and wonder what sustains us through the hard times and brings us great joy in the good. We read how Jesus conquered the temptations of making life easy for himself and not following the path set before him, so our faith will be in the toolbox and following on from Jesus' teachings we have the guidelines for living a good life and flourishing as his disciples. But what when we are struggling and we see all around us people who seem to be thriving and flourishing?

As we begin to leave the wilderness story behind us and look towards Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter we have the opportunity to reprise some of those things in our tool box. Is anything missing? Are we burdening ourselves down with too much? Mothering Sunday gives us a time to think but then we are on to Palm Sunday when



we challenge ourselves to make our own decisions and not go with the crowd. The events of Holy Week and Good Friday stop us in our tracks and we are amazed that one man could go through all that for us. And then the glory of Easter Sunday and the knowledge that God loves us, forgives us and assures us of eternal life. How-

ever we travelled, we all arrive at the same place. Whatever our Lenten journey has brought this year we have survived, we have thrived and we will flourish because in the end God did all this for us. Our only job now is to invite others to know how much God loves them so that they too will survive, thrive and flourish.

Travel well, enjoy the companionship and keep the tool box under review.

Every blessing,

*Heather*

## 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.*

*Plus, prayer meetings at **Wetherby** in the Quiet Room every Wednesday 10.00am **Tadcaster** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 9.15am and at **Clifford** every Tuesday 9.40am*

## WORSHIP

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



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### Tadcaster Circuit Diary

**Knitted Bible on display until 6th April at Wetherby St Josephs Parish Hall**

**16 April: Wednesday**

7pm at Wetherby, Rev Ann Fox (Reflective Service), United with St James

**17 April: Maundy Thursday**

7pm at Wetherby, Rev Ann Fox (Holy Communion)

7pm at Boston Spa, Tenebrae – Rev Abi Alex

**18 April: Good Friday**

10am at Wetherby, Rev Ann Fox

10am service at St Mary's (Boston Spa) followed by a Walk of Witness through the village to the Methodist Church where soup will be served.

11am at Tadcaster, Churches Together in Tadcaster

*Town Parades at Wetherby and Tadcaster*

**19 April (Sat) 10am-12noon** Tadcaster MC quiet prayer with Rev Ann

Come and go as you wish

**26 April (Sat) 10am-12.30pm** at Tadcaster MC: Open door cafe

**26 April (Sat) 2-4pm** at East Keswick MC: Springtime Fun & 'Find the Fruit' trail

**3 May (Sat) 10am to 3.3pm** at Wetherby MC: Arts & Crafts Fair Book a table with Paula

**29 May (Thu) 7pm** at Clifford: Ascension Day (Circuit Service) all welcome

**21 June (Ripon)** guided walk in the footsteps of Lewis Carol

**5-6 July** Collingham Celebrates 100 years, a weekend of centenary celebrations

**24 July (Thu)** Save the date: An Afternoon of High Tea at Collingham

- For Easter Day Services please refer to the plan

### District Diary

**10 May (Sat)** at Manor Academy: District Synod, transport is being organised for reps.

**Save the date: 13-15 Feb, 2026** Flourish at University of York "Woven Threads"



**EAST KESWICK METHODIST CHURCH**

*Come and join us for*

## **Springtime Fun & 'Find the Fruit' Trail**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
2.00-4.00 pm**



*Find the Hidden Fruit*

*Story & Songs*

*Craft Activities*

*Games & Lots of Fun*

**Snack of Drinks, Fruit and Cakes provided**

No Charge (donations appreciated)

All Children (Primary age) and Adults Welcome  
Please bring your favourite soft toy!

Looking forward to a fun filled afternoon

**Hope to see you there!**

**Tadcaster Methodist Church**

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.00 am to 12.30 pm**

## **Open Door Cafe**

serving bacon butties

toasted teacakes

tea and coffee



Join us for a cuppa and a chat,  
all are welcome

### **Vacancies**

If you, or anyone you know, are interested, please speak to Rev Ann.

- Circuit Data Compliance Officer
- Circuit Steward(s) - **from September** - urgent!
- Foundation Safeguarding Trainer
- The Leaders of Worship & Preachers Meeting require a Secretary from their number (SO 562). If anyone is able to take on this role, or would like more information, would you please contact Rev Ann before the Business Meeting on 10 April. Thanks

### **News in Brief from the Circuit Meeting:**

- The meeting approved the appointment of a Circuit Lay Pastor, details to follow. As part of their role, they will take on the duties of a Circuit Safeguarding officer.
- Congratulations to Rev Abi. The Probationers Committee recommend that he continues his second year in Probation
- The meeting gave permission for Ulleskelf to cease worship and sell the building and District Synod are due to review this on the 10th May.
- Angela Foster will soon be placed 'on trial' as a Local Preacher. We have several people who have completed the Worship Leaders training (all welcome to do this)
- The sale of Boston Spa manse has now been completed and the CLT will be bringing a 5 year plan to the next Circuit Meeting
- The meeting approved a grant to Wetherby Church Council to enable a grant finder
- Joseph Kwallah will be ordained on 29 June and there will be a live stream Circuit gathering at Wetherby on the day
- The next meeting will be on the 23 September.



## Methodist Women in Britain

for women, for justice, for Christ

Would members of the Circuit group of MWiB, or those who would be interested in joining, please contact me. I would like to arrange a meeting to talk about the group, the MWiB resources, and any future plans. Thank you, Rev Ann.

I know there are a number of churches around the Circuit who have some old hymn books that are no longer in use. Would you please have a look among them and let me know if you have any MUSIC copies. There is a request out for music copies for The Music Association of The Methodist Church in Southern Africa.

Thanks, Rev Ann.



## Arts & Crafts Fair



Birches, Butterflies and Bees—Clare Dean

**Saturday 3rd May 2025**  
**10am—3.30pm**

**Wetherby Methodist Church**  
**Bank Street**  
**Refreshments available**

To book a table email Paula Tweddle  
on [Paula.Tweddle2022@outlook.com](mailto:Paula.Tweddle2022@outlook.com)

## Collingham Methodist Church Celebrates



# 100 Years!

A Weekend of  
Centenary Celebrations

5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

and

An Afternoon High Tea  
on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July '25

Please keep the dates  
– more details to follow

## 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 (1st & 3rd)	1.30-3.30pm	Craft Get Together	Church Fenton
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 (1st)	9.30am	Communion in the Box	Box Tree Ct, B Spa
Wednesday (2nd & 4th)	contact Wetherby	Gentlemen Bootbashers	contact Wetherby
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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