

Being Church

May 2026



Dear Friends,

I trust that you had a good Easter celebration. My two very young grandchildren were enjoying an Easter Egg hunt with their parents around the manse while I was getting ready to set off for my Easter service! It was great to hear their laughter on that great day of celebration.

We are now in the Easter Season, leading up to Ascension Day and Pentecost. Our Bible stories in church are focusing on the resurrection appearances of Jesus to those first witnesses, who will go on to be the Apostles (those who are sent) to spread the Good News of Jesus.

Matthew 28: 16-20

“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

There is no better time than now to share the Good News, with an Easter message of God’s love for all. Christ’s humble self-sacrifice and resurrection opens up access to God for everyone, with hope and life everlasting.

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

It is the hope of the Church that this message of faith will reach someone who needs to know it, to feel the love of God, and want to know Jesus; among the fellowship of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

So, please join me in sharing this message of faith, hope, and love with those around you.

Easter greetings in this season,

Ann

Flourish weekend

If you weren't able to go to the weekend, or went but weren't able to go to everything, or are just interested in what it was all about, recordings of all the main sessions are now available to watch. There are over 15 hours of recordings, so like being there, you might want to be selective! I would particularly recommend Dr Ruth Valeiro and I've been told that Adrian Plass was also very good. It can all be found on the 'Yorkshire North and East Methodist'; website - look for 'News and Events – Flourish'; and then scroll down to 'Session Recordings'. Alternatively, just click on the link below and, if you're lucky, it might take you straight there! Donald

www.yorkshirenemethodist.org/flourish26/catch-up/

Clifford Property Maintenance

Clifford are seeking someone to help with their property maintenance on an ongoing basis. If anyone is able to assist, please contact Rev Abi or David Mountain.

Thank you.

Vacancies

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

- Circuit Steward (s) - **URGENT**
- Circuit Data Compliance Officer
- Foundation Safeguarding Trainer

The beautiful floral displays at Boston Spa: thanks to the very talented flower group & The Good Friday walk of witness in Boston Spa which started at St Mary's CofE Church and ended at the Methodist Church



PRAYER

Keith Hartrick 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 Keith for the Zoom log on details.*

Prayer meetings at **Wetherby** in the Quiet Room every Wednesday 10.00am, **Tadcaster** 1st & 3rd 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 visit:

www.tadcastercircuit.org.uk/our-preaching-plan



Boston Spa REQUEST

Boston Spa has offered to host a BBQ after the Circuit service 19th July. We are already looking at catering (it won't be cordon bleu, if anyone asks!) Can churches give an estimate of the numbers likely to attend, please? We need numbers by the end of June, please. Many thanks, Val Woodhams

ALPHA COURSE



We have successfully completed our first Alpha which covered twelve sessions on Thursday evenings at Clifford Methodist Church. Members included an atheist and a Catholic. All who attended enjoyed the sessions which started with a meal each evening prepared by volunteers. A video is shown for each topic followed by a discussion with support from a minister, local preacher or worship leader to answer the in-depth questions. For further details see <https://alpha.org.uk/> For other churches interested in running Alpha we are happy to offer guidance and support to those wishing to lead.

We are aiming to recruit non church attenders to the next Alpha and especially younger members in an attempt to counteract our ageing and diminishing congregation.

Alpha is superb and has been running for over 30 years. In 2024 2.1 million people in 146 countries attended 81,000 sessions. Contact Brian Marsden xantern@aol.com

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Tadcaster Circuit Diary

- 8 May** (Fri) 1pm at Boston Spa: Lunchtime Concert
- 8 May** (Fri) 7pm at Wetherby: Barn Dance – 200th anniversary event
- 6 Jun** (Sat) 10am to 12.30 at Tadcaster: Open Door Cafe
- 7 Jun** (Sun) 6.30pm at Appleton Roebuck Chapel Anniversary, founded in 1818. Led by Eileen Clarkson

Christian Aid Week in Boston Spa

Boston Spa Methodist Church is pleased to be hosting a joint service with St Mary's C of E on Sunday 17th May at 10.30am to be led by Revd Uell Kennedy. This is to mark the end of Christian Aid Week. The service on 10th May will not focus on Christian Aid Week, but will introduce it and will be led by Andrew Marshall. Anyone wishing to volunteer to deliver Christian Aid envelopes in Boston Spa should contact Jim Murison (07740 999181).

Tadcaster Fortnightly Prayer meetings April to June 2026: Due to other commitments, our four prayer group leaders are likely to be unavailable for most of the Tuesdays over the next three months and, as a consequence, we have therefore decided to temporarily suspend our prayer meetings over the coming quarter, from April onwards. Our usual 9.15 meetings, held in the Coffee Lounge on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, will commence again from Tuesday 7th July.

Please check the regular events page is up to date for your church

District Diary (please hold these in your prayers)

- 5 May:** District Leadership Team (Rev Ann).
- 9 May:** District Synod - at Manor Academy, York. Representatives: Rev Ann, Rev Abi, Circuit Stewards Janet Griffin and Barbara Hudson, Keith Hartrick, Helen Crowther, Alan Bell (Sub)
- 10 May:** Start of Christian Aid Week
- 22 May:** Connexion Memorials Committee, Zoom (Rev Ann) – all day
- 14 June:** District Ordinands Testimony Service at 3pm, Wesley Chapel, Harrogate
- 28 June:** Reception into Full Connexion and Ordination of Revd Abi Alex (subject to Conference).

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Bible Study

A Bible Study for Local Preachers: come and join our study group on Tuesday, 19 May, 7pm at Wetherby. We'll be looking at some of the lectionary readings together and sharing ideas. Contact Rev Ann.

Collingham are in the process of arranging a Bible Study. Future dates will be made available. Contact David Layock.

Tadcaster Bible Study: This is ongoing and open to the whole Circuit. We have been studying Philippians (Bible Month) and have the last chapter to focus on. You are welcome to join us on Friday 26 June 1.30pm (no meeting in May). Contact Rev Ann.

Ulleskelf Bible Study: First Monday of every month, 2pm. The group meets at Ulleskelf Village Hall and all are welcome. Contact Rev Abi.

Circuit Reflection – Moving Forward in Faith

Thank you to those who completed the leaflet written by Revd Ruth Gilson-Webb, Assistant Chair – Church Development. As previously advertised, Rev Ruth will be leading our next vision gathering (What's your Treasure?) on 29 April 7pm at Tadcaster. Everyone across the Circuit is invited to attend. We look forward to you joining us.

Circuit Ascension Day Service

This will be held on 14 May at Appleton Roebuck, 7pm, led by Revs Ann and Abi. All are welcome.

200 Years Celebration Diary

- **May:** Wetherby: 8 May (Fri) Barn Dance at 7pm Tickets £5, under 15s free
- **June:** Clifford: 7 Jun (Sun) at 5pm musical concert: The Shiremen
- **July:** Boston Spa: Circuit Celebration Service on Sunday, 19 July 2026, preacher Revd Leslie Newton, Chair of District, with a BBQ after
- **August:** **Need an event**
- **September:** Church Fenton: 19 Sep (Sat) at 2.30pm: Afternoon Tea £10 per person which will need to be booked in advance.
- **October:** Wetherby: 17 Oct (Sat) Elysiian singers
- **November:** **Need an event**
- **December:** East Keswick: 4 Dec (Fri) Circuit Advent Quiz



Boston Spa Methodist Church

Lunchtime Concert

Friday 8th May 2026, at 1pm



James Gaughan, Baritone
with David Hammond, Piano

TICKETS £6

Light lunches served from 12 noon

ENQUIRIES: 0113 268 2041

Tadcaster Methodist Circuit
200th Celebration Event

Barn Dance

at Wetherby Methodist Church



Friday

8th May 2026

7pm

Tickets £5, Under 15s Free
including Light Refreshments

Tickets available from

Andrew Marshall Tel. 01937 573167,
hilandmars8674@btinternet.com

or Fiona Wilson 07896241577,
fionawilson1967@gmail.com

Tadcaster Methodist Church

Saturday, 6th June

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

Clifford Methodist Church

Concert by
'The Shiremen'
at 5pm



followed by tea & biscuits
and Church Anniversary
Service at 6.30pm



Sunday

7th JUNE 2026

Tadcaster Methodist Church

Come along to a
Community Lunch

At 12 noon on the second
Thursday of the month



Soup and roll, dessert, tea or coffee
£5 (suggested donation)

All are welcome



LOWER WHARFE METHODIST CHURCH
TADCASTER METHODIST CIRCUIT

EXPLORE THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Join us for a friendly Bible study over
Coffee and Cake.

FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH | 2 PM

Ulleskelf Village Hall
Main St, Ulleskelf, Tadcaster
LS24 9DU

For information, contact Revd Abi Alex
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Lower Wharfe Methodist Church in Church Fenton



All are welcome to
the café church held

on the 3rd Sunday
of every month

led by Anita Metcalfe

(currently listed as LA on the plan)

Leaving Service for Revd Leslie Newton

You are invited to join the service on
**19th July at 3pm at Acomb Methodist
Church**

To thank God for the ministry that Leslie
has offered the Yorkshire North and East
District, and send him to his new
appointment.

If you are planning to join, please
respond by completing the form on the
link below.

Many thanks.

[RSVP](#)

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 (1st)	2pm	Bible Study & cake	Ulleskelf village hall
Monday (1st & 3rd)	2.00-4.00pm	Friends & Fellowship	East Keswick
Monday (2nd)	10.30am-12noon	Bacon Brunch	Collingham
Monday (4th)	10.30am-12noon	Coffee & Chat	Collingham
Tuesday (weekly)	9.30-10.00am	Circuit Prayer Gathering	Zoom
Tuesday (weekly)	10.00-11.30am	Coffee Stop	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)	2.00-4.00pm	Craft Get Together	Church Fenton
Tuesday (2nd)	2.00-4.00pm	Friends & Fellowship	Ulleskelf
Tues (3rd) not Aug/Sep	7.00pm	Tuesday Speakers	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)	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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