

Being Church

September 2026



Dear Friends,

A Season of New Beginnings

September always feels to me like a month of new beginnings.

The long, lighter days of summer start to give way to crisp mornings and darker evenings. Children head back to school, new routines begin to take shape, and diaries slowly start to fill again with all the things that make up our shared life together. For some, September brings real excitement and anticipation; for others, perhaps a little uncertainty or even apprehension about what lies ahead.

There is something quite special about the changing of the seasons. It gently reminds us that change is not something to be feared, but something that is simply part of life. The trees, in their own quiet way, let go of what they no longer need, making space for what is to come.

As we begin another Methodist Connexional year together, I find myself wondering what God might be inviting us to let go of, and what new things He might be encouraging us to step into.

The Bible reminds us that God is always at work, doing something new: *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"* (Isaiah 43:19).

Perhaps this September we can try to approach the year ahead with open hearts and open minds. There will, of course, be challenges, changes, and things we cannot yet see. But there will also be opportunities — to grow in faith, to serve one another, to encourage each other, and to discover fresh ways of sharing God's love in our communities.

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

For those returning to school, starting university, beginning a new job, facing a change in circumstances, or simply settling back into familiar routines, may we hold onto the truth that none of us begins this new season alone.

God goes before us, walks alongside us, and remains with us through every season of our lives.

So, as the leaves begin to turn and a new chapter unfolds, let us step into September with hope, courage, and expectation — trusting in the God who makes all things new.

With every blessing for the year ahead.

Paula

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning - and you are invited

Let's do whatever it takes to make cancer care better

**Collingham Methodist Church
25th Sept. 2026
10am - 2pm**



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

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

WORSHIP

For Sunday service see the Circuit Plan, copies are available in our buildings or visit:

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



ALPHA COURSE

Volunteers from Boston Spa Methodist Church led the Alpha Course earlier this year. If other churches in the Circuit would like to try running a course, please contact Brian Marsden for support and more information: xantern@aol.com. For further details about the course: alpha.org.uk



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
- Circuit Property Secretary
- Circuit Safeguarding Officer

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Diary dates – please hold these in your prayers

Tadcaster Circuit Diary

- 2 Sep** (Wed) 2.30pm at Wetherby: U3A History of Wetherby – Almost Forgotten
- 3 Sep** (Thu) 7pm at East Keswick: Safeguarding Foundation Module
- 11 Sep** (Fri) 12noon at Boston Spa: Lunch & Concert at 1pm
- 12 Sep** (Sat) 10am to 12.30pm at Tadcaster: Harvest Festival & Open Door Cafe
- 15 Sep** (Tue) Circuit Leadership Team Meeting.
- 16 Sep** (Wed) 6.45pm for 7pm at Wetherby: Leaders of Worship & Preachers meeting including rededication service.
- 18 Sep** (Thu) 10am at Tadcaster: Safeguarding Foundation Module - this is the last opportunity to attend, so if you need training and haven't managed to attend the other three sessions, then please come to this one.
- 19 Sep** (Sat) 2.30pm at Church Fenton: Afternoon Tea
- 25 Sep** (Fri) 10am to 2pm at Collingham: MacMillan coffee morning
- 26 Sep** (Sat) 10.30am-2.30pm at Church Fenton: Circuit Quiet Day with Rev Ann (see poster)
- 29 Sep** (Tue) 7pm for 7.15 at Boston Spa: Circuit Meeting
- 4 Oct** (Sun) 6.30pm at Appleton Roebuck Chapel: Harvest Thanksgiving
- 24 Oct** (Sat) 2.30pm at Collingham: Musical Afternoon with the Wesley Singers followed by afternoon tea

200 Years Celebration Diary

- **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) Elysian singers
- **December:** East Keswick: 4 Dec (Fri) Circuit Advent Quiz

Please check the regular events page is up to date for your church & see poster about Foundation Safeguarding training dates.

District Diary

- 8 Sep** District Leadership Team (Ann)
- 12 Sep** District Synod at Huntingdon Methodist Church

Circuit News September 2026

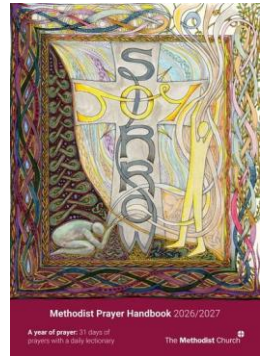
Happy New Methodist Connexional Year!!

Methodist Prayer Handbook

Note that a new Prayer Handbook has been issued.

This is a good resource for individual prayer and for prayer/Bible study/house groups. The theme this year from the President and Vice-President is ***Sorrow~Joy***. You can read about it on the Methodist Church website with a link to order copies for yourself or your church:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/methodist-prayer-handbook/>



Bible Study

A Bible Study for Local Preachers:

Tuesday, 15 September at 7pm at Wetherby, contact Rev Ann.

Collingham Bible Study:

Contact David Layock

Tadcaster Bible Study:

This is ongoing and open to the whole Circuit. We have been studying the book of Esther and have the second half of the book to focus on. You are welcome to join us on Friday, 4 September 1.30pm. 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.

New Chair of District

We welcomed Revd Romeo Pedro, as Chair of Yorkshire North & East District at a special service in Harrogate on 28 August.



Circuit Mission Group

Meets on Wednesday 28 October 7pm, contact Rev Ann.

Tearfund – Zimbabwe

Please pray for Rev Ann and Dr Alan Bell, as they prepare to join Tearfund in Zimbabwe 4-11 October, meeting their church partners and learning about their work and mission in the city of Bulawayo and surrounding rural areas.

Circuit Charity 2026-27

Please note that from September, our Circuit Charity is 'Wetherby & District Foodbank' for a term of one year, as agreed by the Circuit Meeting in March. If you would like a speaker at one of your services or meetings, then I am sure we can ask and arrange one.



**At Lower Wharfe Methodist Church
at Church Fenton**

Saturday, 26 September 2026
10.30am – 2.30pm
with **Revd Ann Fox**



artwork by Mary Fleeson, Lindisfarne Scriptorium

Based on the President and Vice-President's theme
for 2026-27

Bring your lunch ~ light refreshments served

Circuit Archives - Last Chance for Archiving!!

There are a number of documents around the Circuit that require archiving. Before any documents are handed over, I would like you to carefully consider whether they do in fact need archiving:

- First, please consult the ‘**Retention Schedule for Managing Trustees**’ which can be found by clicking on the link below and scrolling down to ‘Under other useful documents’. www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/office-holders/archivists
- If you are not the official holder of Minutes etc (e.g. not the secretary of a committee) then we will not need your copies. As is mentioned in the Retention Schedule, weed out any documents that do not need to be kept or archived.
- If you are holding any historical items/photos, consider keeping them on your church premises (possibly in a locked cabinet/cupboard) if you will be needing them in the near future, e.g. for a special church anniversary (we have a few coming up).
- For any Safeguarding records, please consult the Retention Schedule and speak to Paula, Circuit Safeguarding Officer.
- For any Financial records, please consult the Retention Schedule and speak to Sue, Circuit Treasurer.
- If you do have items that need archiving, please contact me by email and I will send you a form for you to schedule the documents. I do not want your documents at this stage. You need to consult the Retention Schedule first as stated above and weed out your documents. **Please let me know and complete a form of schedule by the end of September. (Ann)**
- I will then make enquiries of the County Archives Office. Once I have their confirmation that they will take the items, then I will arrange for collection.

Thank you, Rev Ann ann.fox@methodist.org.uk



TADCASTER METHODIST CIRCUIT

SAFEGUARDING FOUNDATION MODULE

TRAINING DATES

Calling new office holders and those who completed the Foundation Module 4 years ago

Two training dates have already been held for those who need to undertake the Foundation Module.

If you missed them, we are pleased to say that two additional dates are available.

Please book onto the course asap.

These are the last dates for the foreseeable future.

Thursday 3 September 7-9pm

at East Keswick

- or -

Saturday 19 September 10am-12n

at Tadcaster Methodist Church

Please register on one of these dates with

Paula Tweddle

Circuit Safeguarding Trainer

Paula.Tweddle2022@outlook.com

Please pass on this information around your church

Thank you

Tadcaster Circuit – Creating a Safer Space for All



Boston Spa Methodist Church

Lunchtime Concert

1pm, Friday 11th September 2026



Adele Bracegirdle
Flute



Ben Attfield, Piano

TICKETS £6
Light lunches served from 12 noon

ENQUIRIES: 0113 268 2041

Tadcaster Methodist Church

Harvest Festival

Join us on

Saturday 12th September

10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Open Door Cafe

serving bacon rolls, coffee and tea
as we prepare the Harvest table

Any produce welcome



Sunday 13th September

10.15 am for Harvest Praise

Led by the Worship Leaders

Afternoon Tea

AT
**CHURCH FENTON
METHODIST CHURCH**

☕ **SAT 19 SEP**

🕒 **2.30PM**

🎫 **TICKETS £10**

AVAILABLE THROUGH
Margaret Miles
07384706479

Appleton Roebuck Chapel
invites you to their

Harvest Thanksgiving

Led by Eileen Clarkson.

On Sunday, 4th October
At 6:30 pm

**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)

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



HISTORY u3a
learn, laugh, live

OF WETHERBY

Wednesday 2nd September

Almost Forgotten

*Victorian & Edwardian Movers & Shakers in
Wetherby*

Lesley Newnham

**All at Wetherby Methodist
Church at 2.30pm – free entry**

Limited Seating – so get there early

Followed by refreshments

Collingham Methodist Church



Musical Afternoon

With The Wesley Singers

Saturday

24 October

2.30 pm



Followed by afternoon tea

Proceeds will be donated to:

**Wetherby Foodbank
& St Gemma's Hospice**

Tickets £10, can be purchased on the door,
or in advance from Denny on 01937 520497



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
Tel: 01937 364489
Email: abi.alex@methodist.org.uk



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)	2pm	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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