



Dear Friends

I hope that you had a very good Christmas and some time to rest in between the festivities and the church services that we held.

I felt that we had a lovely time of worship, reflection, and fellowship over the Christmas period, with a number of different styles of services including a children's nativity service that people are still talking about (well done Junior Church!)

[and the interactive 'A Christmas Carol' at East Keswick which received rave reviews! - ed.]



As we take our first steps into 2024, I am sure that you will be wondering what the year will bring. I'm not one for making New Year resolutions, although I do think of my own 'targets' for the year ahead, that is my aims and dreams. I will be lighting a candle as I sit and reflect on the past year and note what is to come, and what I would like to do in my ministry and in my private life. I am continuing to have guitar lessons, which I am enjoying very much, and love being around our 5 grandchildren (with another on the way). I am hoping that the price of fuel starts to go down a bit more, and when it does, I will be visiting family more often than I have been doing since the start of Covid. I thank God for the gift of family and friends and feel blessed that I am surrounded by some wonderful people in this Circuit.



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And of course, our Rev Steve will be reflecting on his ministry here with us and taking steps to move forward into the next stage of his ministry and discipleship. We wish him and Sue all the best as they make their own plans. In the meantime, we continue to benefit from and appreciate Steve's pastoral care in his churches and across the Circuit. Please be gracious and help Steve and Sue to make their transition, over the next few months, one filled with happy memories to take away with them.

At the time of writing, I am wondering what the next steps will be for the Circuit, as we are waiting to hear whether a Probationer Presbyterian or Ordained Presbyterian will be stationed with us; or none at all. There will be plenty of conversations and planning to be made over the next few months, ready for 1 September.



One resolution that we all make together is our Annual Covenant, and our Covenant services commence on Sunday 7 January and continue throughout the month. The Covenant service is about sustaining our relationship with God, which he freely gives to us. As we say our Covenant Prayer, we note the challenges that there are, just as we have challenges in any other special relationships in our lives. The Holy Spirit works alongside us

and through us, to help us live out our discipleship, and in faith we can trust in the love of our Father God, as individuals and together as a body of God's people. As we participate in the Covenant service, let us think very carefully what it means to us as individuals and as a Church and Circuit, and especially considering prayerfully our plans as mentioned above.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

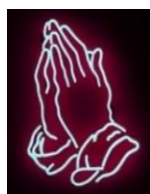
Jeremiah 29:11-13

Whatever the New Year brings for you, and whatever your personal plans will be, I pray that you will be blessed with good health, the love of family and friends, and the love of God.

Every blessing,

Revd Ann Fox, Superintendent Minister

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 10.00^{am}
Tadcaster 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 9.15^{am} and at **Clifford** every Tuesday 9.40^{am}

WORSHIP



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

Boston Spa
Methodist Church
Lunchtime Concerts

present

Chestra

flute/piccolo, clarinet & pianoforte

Friday 12th January 2024 - 1pm

Tickets £6 on the door

pre-concert lunches available from 12 noon

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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER
Boston Spa - Clifford - Thorp Arch - Bramham - Walton

“AN EVENING
OF FUN AND LAUGHTER”

WITH PAUL
KERENSA

The 'Stand-Up - Kneel-Down' Comedian
BBC Radio 2 'Pause for Thought'
'100 Years of the BBC' - 'Spring Harvest' - 'Flourish'
Writer/Contributor to:
- 'Not Going Out' - 'Miranda' -
- 'Spitting Image' -
- 'The Now Show' -
- 'Dead Ringers' ...

Bramham Village Hall
Saturday 17th February at 7:30pm

TICKETS £15 TO INCLUDE A BUFFET SUPPER
available from the Boston Spa Parish Office
01937 844402 - bramhambenefice@outlook.com - 9.30-12.30 Mon-Thurs
or your local CHRISTIANS TOGETHER member church

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LWPT songs of PRAISE - an open Circuit event

Our Leaders of Worship and Preachers have another **Songs of Praise** evening on **Tuesday 9th January 7.30pm**, at **Tadcaster Methodist Church**. This is a chance to learn some new hymns/songs from Singing the Faith and, if time allows, we will sing some favourites.

Please let Andrew Marshall have any new hymns/songs to learn and any favourites to sing.
Email hilandmars8674@btinternet.com

If you have something you wish to highlight in the **February '24** issue of **Being Church** please send to **Rev Steve** by **Saturday, 27th January**. Thank you.

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To add items to the **Circuit Diary** list please contact the **Circuit Administrator**
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Tadcaster Circuit Diary January 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday 7 th	10:15am	Covenant Service	Tadcaster
Sunday 7 th	10:30am	Covenant Service	Boston Spa
Sunday 7 th	6:30pm	Covenant Service	LW Appleton R
Tuesday 9 th	7:30pm	LWPT Songs ^{of} Praise – Open Circuit Event - All Welcome	Tadcaster
Friday 12 th	12 noon	Pre-Concert Lunches	Boston Spa
Friday 12 th	1:00pm	Lunchtime Concert – Chestra Trio	Boston Spa
Sunday 14 th	10:30am	Covenant Service	Clifford
18 th to 25 th	-	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	-
Sunday 21 st	10:00am	Covenant Service	Wetherby
Sunday 21 st	10:30am	Covenant Service	Collingham
Sunday 21 st	3:00pm	Covenant Service	LW Ulleskelf
Sunday 28 th	10:30pm	Covenant Service	East Keswick
Sun 4 th Feb	10:30am	Covenant Service	LW Church F'ton

Regular Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday (weekly)	10.45am	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Monday (weekly)	2.30pm	Ping-Pong	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	5pm	Senior Table Tennis	Boston Spa
Monday (weekly)	7.30pm	Badminton	Wetherby
Monday (2 nd)	10.30am – 12 noon	Bacon Brunch	Collingham
Monday (4 th)	10.30am – 12 noon	Coffee and Chat	Collingham
Tuesday (weekly)	9.30am – 10am	Circuit Prayer Gathering	Zoom (Eileen)
Tuesday (weekly)	9.40am – 10am	Prayer Gathering	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10am – 11.30am	Coffee Shop	Tadcaster
Tuesday (weekly)	10am – 11.30am	Tuesday Coffee	Clifford
Tuesday (weekly)	10am	Flower Club	Boston Spa
Tuesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Flowers and Friends	Collingham
Tuesday (1 st and 3 rd)	9.15am – 10am	Prayer Group	Tadcaster
Tuesday (2 nd)	1.30pm	Flower Guild	Wetherby
Tuesday (2 nd)	2pm – 4pm	Friends and Fellowship	Ulleskelf
Tuesday (4 th)	1pm	Community Soup Lunch	Ulleskelf
Wednesday (weekly)	10am – 12 noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	10.30am – 12 noon	Chapel Coffee Pot	Appleton Roebuck
Wednesday (weekly)	10am – 10.30am	Prayer Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (weekly)	11.15am – 12.15pm	Coffee at t'Crown	Crown Hotel Boston Spa
Wednesday (weekly)	7pm	Table Tennis	Wetherby
Wednesday (irregular)	contact Wetherby	House-Group	contact Wetherby
Wednesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Knit and Natter	Tadcaster
Wednesday (1 st)	2pm – 4pm	Women's Group	Wetherby
Wednesday (2 nd)	10am	Communion in the Box	Box Tree Court, B Spa
Wednesday (2 nd and 4 th)	Contact Wetherby	Gentlemen Bootbashers	Contact Wetherby
Wednesday (3 rd)	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Whist Afternoon	Collingham
Wednesday (last)	1pm – 3pm	Coffee, Click 'n' Connect	Appleton Roebuck
Thursday (1 st)	12 noon	Community Soup Lunch	Church Fenton
Thursday (2 nd)	12 noon	Community Soup Lunch	Tadcaster
Thursday (last)	12 noon	Souper Thursday	East Keswick
Friday (1 st)	10.00am – 11.30am	Teddy Praise	Collingham
Saturday (weekly)	10am – 12 noon	Coffee Shop	Wetherby
Saturday (2 nd)	2pm – 3.30pm	Charity Coffee Afternoon	Church Fenton