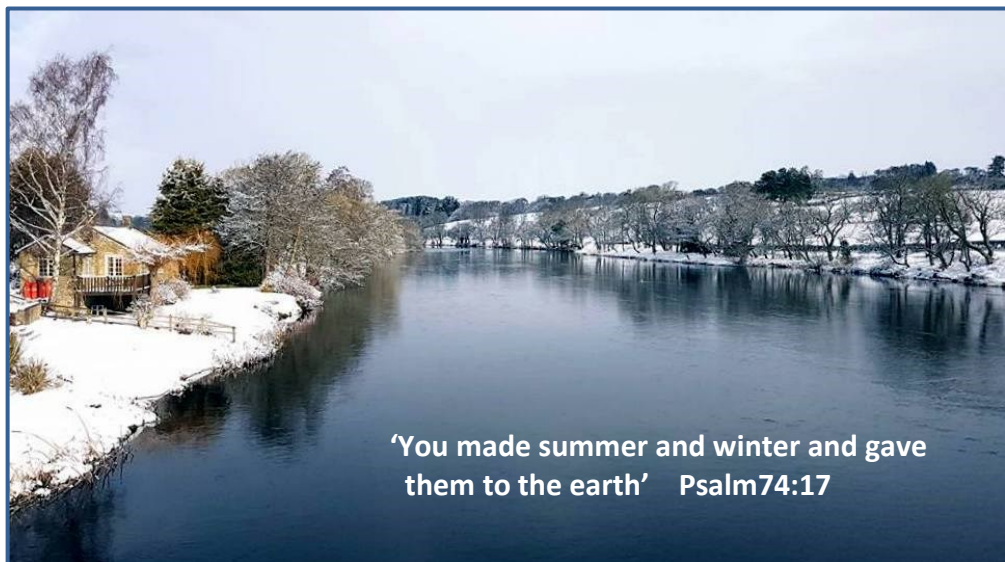


LIVING WATERS



'You made summer and winter and gave
them to the earth' Psalm74:17

River North Tyne, Wark

Encouraging Enabling Challenging
in the Tynedale Methodist Circuit

WINTER 2020/2021

Dear friends

Some midwinters are bleaker than others. Every season has its natural beauty and winter is some people's favourite, especially perhaps if there are clear blue skies over a snow-blanketed landscape. This winter may seem especially bleak, though. We shall be living with the effects of the pandemic for some time yet. Many have lost precious things - loved ones, health, or livelihoods. Tragically, some have lost hope. All of us have had to make sacrifices and to change the way we live.

There may have been benefits; perhaps you have learnt a new skill, transformed your garden, or just got round to all those jobs that needed doing. We may have learnt to appreciate some things (and some people) we took for granted. As time drags on though, most of us will need much more than the arrival of daffodils to put a spring back in our step. Not even a vaccine will restore all that has been lost to us.

Yet we believe that suffering does not go on forever. More than that, we have hope, because 'our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us' (The Bible, Romans 8:18). This is our faith. Note: it is much more than wishful thinking. It is not blind faith (the kind that has no evidence to support it). It arises not from mere optimism, but from confidence in God, who in Jesus entered our history as one of us, who banished the darkness of the tomb to rise again.

Glory – an end to all the bleakness - is what we are confidently expecting. We expect it not because we trust in ourselves, our politicians and our scientists, but because we trust in the One who overcame the darkness. As the Bible puts it, speaking of Jesus' birth, 'the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it' (John 1:5).

If you feel the darkness closing in and hope being smothered, don't give in! Help is there if you ask. Call on Jesus, who said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life' (John 8:12).

Yours, in Jesus' name

Rev Paul Dunstan

Remembering the 'forgotten army' in this anniversary year

VJ Day Commemorative Service at Limestone Brae Methodist Cemetery
Saturday 29th August 2020



As chaplain to a Royal British Legion Local Branch in the past I have used the 'Kohima Epitaph' at Remembrance Sunday services on many occasions without knowing too much about it so it was with great interest I attended a service at Limestone Brae on Saturday August 29th 2020 which, as well as marking the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, also celebrated the local link with the inscription carved on the memorial of the 2nd British Division of the 14th Army in the War Cemetery at Kohima. The battles for Kohima and Imphal in India fought between 8 March and 28 July 1944 marked a turning point in the Second World War. This, one of the most gruelling campaigns of WWII, ended with the first major defeat suffered by Japanese forces in Burma and thwarted their ambitious plans to invade India. In 2013 it was voted as the greatest battle of British history.

In Kohima there is a Memorial to the thousands killed who have no known grave. A leading part in the creation of the War Memorial was played by Maurice Cresswell from Hexham. His father, William Cresswell was a monumental mason in Hexham responsible for the creation of many War Memorials created after the First World War locally including one in memory of an individual soldier which is to be found in the little cemetery at Limestone Brae in West Allen. Maurice went into the firm and learnt his craft as a monumental stone mason from his father. During the Second World War he served with REME in Burma and the Far East and so became involved so far from home in using his craft to memorialise fallen colleagues.

Local historian Roger Morris, knowing the story, decided that the Limestone Brae cemetery would be a fitting place to come together. At one point in the battle only the width of a tennis court in the grounds of the District Commissioner's bungalow separated the two sides – not much larger than the Methodist burial ground where we met. The service was led by Rev Alex Dunstan with others taking part. Some attending were relatives of those who had served. Afterwards I spoke to two sisters whose father had survived the campaign.

Talking to them made me realise the human aspect of facing such difficult terrain against a formidable foe. I shall never again say the Kohima Epitaph without thinking of Maurice Cresswell and the debt we owe to those who still say to us:

*When you go home, tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow we gave our today* – the Kohima Epitaph.

We shall not break faith with you. Rev Mary Elliot

Haydon Bridge



Hand knitted poppies lovingly made and added to chapel railings by member Ethel Mason for Remembrance Sunday



When I heard our Chapel in Haydon Bridge was opening for 7 p.m. weekly Wednesday Worship from 7th October, I was overjoyed. I peered through the side window and saw the chairs in pairs neatly spaced two metres apart extending right back to the far wall of our activities room – I loved it, all opened out, uncluttered, and plenty of room for God.

Face-masked, hand sanitised, and checked in on the NHS Covid-19 app, I entered the huge worship space to the delightful hymns of praise sounding out from our organ so beautifully and flowingly played by David Kilner. After lots of double hand waving and acknowledgement of all already seated, I settled in my chair, soaking up the wonderful thrilling atmosphere amid the gathering church family, thanking God for his faithfulness and answered prayers for each and every one that God would keep us safe and none be snatched from his hand.

What an uplifting service – indeed as were all five services we fitted in before second lockdown, with attendances of 21, 20, 20, 18, 19 and those unable to be present listening later to the recording. Four hymns projected on the screen, words against glorious backgrounds of our natural world, choirs coming together via zoom to sing praises, even two of our members giving marvellous pre-recorded solos. Three, or four, passages of scripture read by our members from the front or as dramatic film clips of Jesus speaking his words recorded in Matthew, each with a succinct teaching message from Deacon Anne Taylor full of rich gems and nuggets of Bible knowledge and instruction. Fantastic prayers of intercession compiled by our own members and shared from the front. And superb personal testimony from our members at the front, of lockdown experiences of key work and isolation, of harvest time, and of modern day saints in our lives.

I, like many others at our services, buzz with excitement on returning home and even throughout the night. This time of worship is enthralling, I prefer it to any worship I have previously experienced, for it is so intimate – the lights are dimmed so the screen is brighter, and I feel I can hide behind my facemask at a social distance from others, and, unseen, just relax in to God's presence and be held and wrapped in his arms of love, no distractions, at one with God and his devoted believers around me, and give God all the glory and honour and praise.

So when we benefit from more answered prayer by all being vaccinated against Covid, and return to sitting cosied up shoulder to shoulder, singing our hymns of adoration with gusto, and socialising in fellowship over coffee which is so important for our family unity as a church; my prayer is that we will not forget this amazing time under Covid restrictions that has highlighted a return to Jesus, and nothing or no one else, being at the very heart of our worship.

Jane Dixon

Worship on Friday Bellingham MURC

As we were unable to meet for worship on a Sunday at Bellingham MURC we decided to open on a Friday morning. We chose Friday because that was the day we used to hold our coffee morning which was very popular and a few of us 4/5 used to meet for prayer before hand. Whenever I thought and prayed about what we might do the Methodist Prayer Handbook always came to mind which is what we used to use at the prayer group on a Friday morning.

We decided to offer a half hour service using the format in the Methodist Prayer handbook:

- A hymn which we read together - words printed out
- A psalm from the lectionary, a reading from the lectionary, a short reflection
- Listen to the singing of a hymn, introducing new hymns - words printed out
- Canticle from the back of the hymn book, read together - words printed out
- Prayers/ Intercessions from the appropriate day in the Methodist Prayer Handbook
- Prayers for Local concerns/ The Lord's Prayer
- Hymn follow the words of the hymn being played
- Blessing said to each other

This has proved to be more popular than Sunday morning. The numbers have gone up from the 4 we used to get to the Friday morning prayer group to 18 with people from the Anglican and Catholic churches joining us.

Nearly at our socially distanced capacity in the worship area we are thinking about how we might expand into the school room as we are expecting even more folks to join us around Christmas.

Any day is a good day to worship the Lord.

Deacon Anne



"with all prayer (Eph. 6:18)" All sorts of prayer- public, private, mental, vocal. Do not be diligent in one kind of prayer and negligent in others... let us use all."

**John Wesley, How to Pray:
The Best of John Wesley on Prayer**

He could not have anticipated 'virtual'! JM

We're raising £2,500 to Build Toilets in Tafi Atome, Volta Region, Ghana



Tilly, Meredith and Vita with
Yohannes the Tafi Atome headteacher

Last year our family saw first-hand how toilets are desperately needed. Villagers, young and old, male and female, and those with disabilities have to wee and poo outside. They have brilliant skills to plan, build and maintain the toilets but living hand to mouth means they cannot buy the raw materials to start.

Imagine now, needing to go to the loo, just ordinarily, maybe with a bit of urgency, maybe with an immediate need, having an upset tummy. Imagine that you have to rush outside, try to find a hidden, safe place, one where no one has already been.....imagine how you would feel.....right now.....

Our family of five had the privilege last year to spend a month in the Volta region of Ghana learning Ewe drumming, dancing and singing organised by the Tafi Atome Cultural Institute – a small music orientated organisation run by the young people of the village. We lived, ate, slept in the village around 5 hours from Accra, towards the shores of Lake Volta. We heard about this possibility quite by chance through fairly random connections on the internet!

Both children and adults alike experienced what it meant to share our humanity at a level beyond language and custom. We were shown love, without consideration or expectation, we were nurtured and cared for without demand and we were 'invited in' to know and feel the joy (and hardship and sorrow) of life (and death) with openness and trust.

We were asked for nothing and yet we were given everything. Now, we would like to give something back, in a similar way, to our friends and Christian family in Tafi Atome New Town.

The village mainly collect their drinking water from the river. Safe water can be bought in bags. This is mainly beyond the villager's means.



The people who live in the village subsist largely through farming the dry, arid land. What they grow, they eat. There is very rarely a surplus. Some are skilful Kente weavers producing stunning cloth. There is a small river that runs along the one edge. Any water for crops, drinking, washing or other functions is carried from here, on one's head, the twenty or more minutes, to home or crop – every day, multiple times.

There are no toilet facilities for the villagers, the only possibility is to use the land around one's hut or the fields nearby where the crops are growing. Disease and illness are rife. Children and vulnerable adults suffer. Around 1500 people live in Tafi Atome New Town. The need is urgent, right now, at this moment in time.

We are in the process of fundraising to build two toilet blocks (each having 2 female toilets, 2 male and 2 for people with disabilities). It has been developed in partnership with the villagers themselves. It reflects each other's skills, continents apart, specific strengths and shared hope.

It is based on mutual respect, nurture and love. Thank you.

Rowena, Angie, Meredith, Tilly and Vita Barwick-Plant, Ebchester, DH80PN.

Our family are members of Stocksfield Methodist Church; our girls attend Queen Elizabeth High School in Hexham.

It would be fantastic if, after reading this, you felt able to donate something towards the cost of a toilet.

We also hope that (through the actions of Ministers, Stewards and Church Councils) Methodist Churches in our Tynedale Circuit will also feel moved to donate the cost of a toilet – which would be just £200 each.

How amazing it will be to work as one with our fellow Christians in Tafi Atome to make this really happen. We have set up a donation page on the **JustGiving** website – just search for 'tafiatometoilets'

We would love to receive any gift, either by cheque, bank transfer or cash if that is better for you. Here is my telephone number 07984687434 and email address barwickandplant@gmail.com. Please just get in touch and we will make it work.

Thank you, *Rowena*

N.B. A number of churches and chapels in the circuit have 'twinned' their toilets through Tearfund's Toilet Twinning initiative. This provides communities in third world countries with clean water and sanitation where there is none. Ghana is not one of the countries in which 'Toilet Twinning' operates. JM

FOCUS on STOCKSFIELD CHAPEL



I joined Stocksfield Methodist Church as their minister in 2013 and it's a lovely place to minister and worship. When I started, Stocksfield had worked tirelessly to bring about a fantastic refurb of their building which was completed just before I arrived. Since then, they have worked just as hard to use their building as a place in which to enable everyone to encounter God's love and hear his Good News.

One of the things I love most about Stocksfield is the welcome people receive; it's first and foremost a friendly place to be. That's not all that happens though. Local charities are encouraged to use our regular coffee morning slot as a fund raiser and many locals enjoy popping in to the film club for company and a thought provoking film. Our Messy Church has been popular over the years and the church have worked very hard to sustain their Youth Group and support the ecumenical holiday club.

Since lockdown we have been able to continue midweek Bible Study and Youth group online and Sunday worship via phone in services and online. We also had services in our buildings for several weeks between lockdowns. I'm very grateful to everyone who has helped make this possible and I look forward to moving into 'the new normal' and whatever God calls us to be in that space.

Rev Jenny Porterpryde

What happened to the organ?
The chapel, Christmas 2012





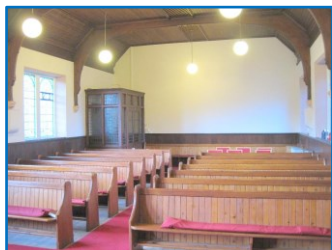
The organ was in need of restoration and we were told it would be between £35-45,000 to do. This seemed a very big expense in an era when organists are rare. We got in touch with a man named John Hart who came to view the organ. When he played it, it sounded amazing. He researched it and then advertised it and discovered it was a 1890 Hunter and Son (London) organ. It was first in a private home of J.Arthur Brown in Paisley and was moved to Stocksfield in 1921.

A Catholic Church in La Tranche-sur-Mer, near Nantes, France, expressed interest. A team from France came to Stocksfield, dismantled the organ, transported it to France, carried out the restoration work and installed it in its new home. The Church in France were so happy to get it they donated £1000 to Stocksfield's Vision 21 project.

Once the church council finally agreed to remove the organ and fixed pulpit, as well as make a new entrance with disabled access, level the floors and update the toilets etc. it was just a matter to raise the funds to undertake Project 21; a statement of vision to make the chapel equipped for the 21st. Century. It took a few years to get all the plans and finance in place, ready to start in 2012.

We gave up the solid and familiar to strive for the flexible and useful

- We said goodbye to the organ and pews and hello to the projector and loads more space
- We said goodbye to the freezing toilets and hello to hot running water
- Goodbye to floorboards and hello carpet
- Hello to a new kitchen and modern equipment
- Goodbye to trapped fingers putting down the access ramp and hello to a beautiful new entrance.



Before ...and after main worship area and with screens open
Jacqui Cameron

ACORN

In the last Living Waters, Millie Robinson described the Ignite 2020 'virtual mission' to Kibblesworth village during the summer. As we have kept in touch and prayed, we were invited to join a series of four zoom sessions about "A.C.O.R.N." – joining Dr Michael Harvey (Back to Church Sunday etc) whose idea it had been.



Mighty oaks from little acorns grow. Michael calls his 'template' for growth '**ACORN**':

A - for Ask – Ask God every day 'is there somebody I'm being 'nudged' to connect with – to reach out to – today?

C - for Call – God's call is for us to respond to the call and make that call!

O - for Obey – We must obey God and use whatever means we have available – a phone call, Skype, Facetime, WhatsApp. Conversations should be more than 'checking in' but really focus on peoples hurts, needs, desires and feelings to ascertain need and a level of response to even being open to pray if appropriate.


R - for Report – Share with a Christian friend (or group) what God has done in this situation – even if it seems to be a very small step. Share what happened – like the disciples reported back to Jesus when sent on mission.

N - for Notice – Notice what God is doing – reflect on what God has done in and through us. In the past we may have been too busy to listen to God's voice and respond. But now, with God having our full attention, we are able to notice that God has used us and helped us grow in obedience and faith.

While inviting someone to church is problematic with covid restrictions, ACORN is ideally suited for 'lockdown'. In 'normal' times we often feel uneasy or embarrassed in talking about our faith, but it's encouraging to recall the many people, especially in the Old Testament, who backed off or lacked confidence – e.g. Jonah, Moses.

In March, when we had the first lockdown, I wrote to numerous friends and family who might have problems because of health issues, loneliness etc, and offering prayer. It was a very rewarding experience, and ACORN seemed to me (and others I've spoken to about it) to be just carrying on with what I was already doing – but I was wrong! ACORN moves prayer up another level to be an intentional, affirming new relationship with our Lord, asking the Holy Spirit to make contact and call us in a specific way.

I think the key is the reporting back, and the sharing, and discerning what God is doing in me and other people. Think of how early Methodists grew through being accountable at class meetings! It is deeply honouring to think that God has someone in mind for me to connect with just as He is trying to connect with them too, and He invites me to partner with Him, responding to His call.

Michael Harvey has produced some videos on YouTube about Acorn groups and you may want to look at the short video.  **YouTube** Michael Harvey Acorn

Would you consider being part of an acorn group in the New Year? Just let me know.

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No need to guess this story

Open the Book storytellers at Newbrough Primary School, December 2019

'The Shepherds' Story'



PROFILE

Chris Horton

**Circuit Steward and
District Treasurer**

For those of you with long memories will remember that when I was first appointed as a circuit steward, I wrote a fairly comprehensive profile for Living Waters and it seems unnecessary to repeat that article.

I thought a reflection over my 6 years as a circuit steward coupled with being a District Treasurer might be of more interest.

Firstly, I have thoroughly enjoyed (yes enjoyed is the right word) my 6+ years working with the Circuit Leadership Team and everyone else in the circuit. It has been an experience I will treasure. We have seen many changes over this time with the ceasing to meet of several chapels, however most have been sold but one constant has remained namely we have still not sold Wall Chapel; this is ongoing from when I started stewarding in 2014. It just shows not all things happen in time scales we expect! However, we have as a circuit started to change. I have seen joint church councils come into being, old chapels being sold, and the proceeds (God's money) being used fruitfully.

With some of the funds we have been able to make grants for lay workers in key areas of the circuit. This helps to spread the word and keep our faith alive. These grants have helped chapels such as Wylam, Prudhoe, Hexham Trinity, Hexham West End and Haltwhistle to employ lay workers without which our presence would have undoubtedly been less vibrant and prominent.

Making grants is not the only responsibility of a steward but much of the enjoyment and sense of service comes in meeting you at church councils and hearing how church life is progressing throughout the circuit. To list what we all do would be quite lengthy but suffice to say it is the people, you lot, who make the job worthwhile and as a bank manager boss of mine quoted many years ago "people are interesting, paperwork is boring" this is very true today.

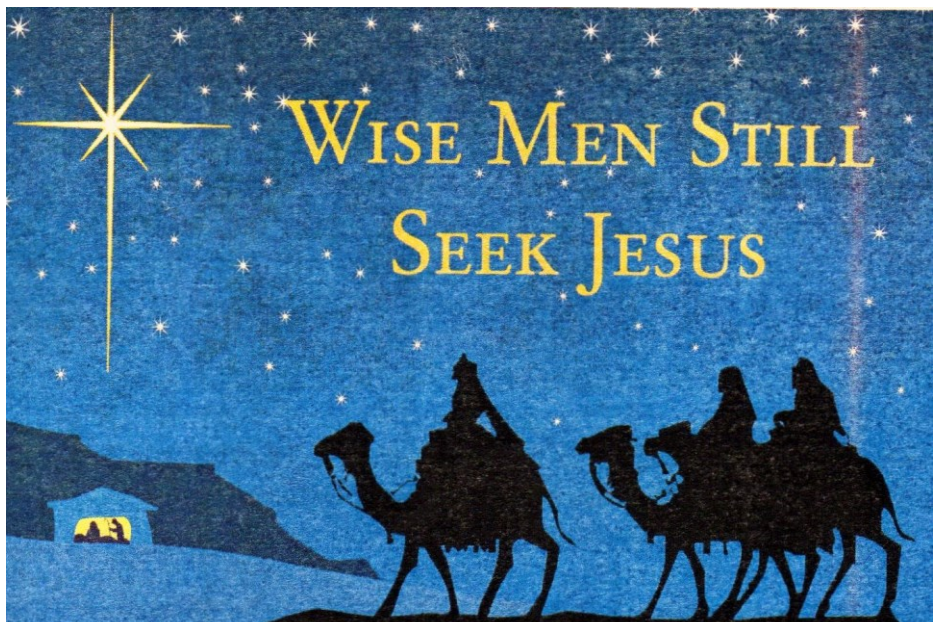
Since taking over most of the role of District Treasurer, Peter Willey still compiles the annual accounts, it has opened my eyes as to how much work goes on unnoticed and this is just to keep our district going. I personally have to attend various meeting in Newcastle and London and pre-lockdown I would expect to clock up 3,000+ miles a year in church related work. The one thing I do take from this involvement is how much we all rely on each other from the Chapel Member right through to the Methodist Council in London. It is truly remarkable how this machine called Methodism functions and without this connexion-ability it would fall apart. We all have a part to play and a responsibility to each other and this is what makes us special.

My time as a circuit steward is drawing to a close and I thank you all for your support during the last 6 years.

However, we have changes and exciting challenges ahead not least caused by this "Pesky Virus". I feel that our efforts must be channelled to try to discern God's will in all the clamour that is around us - and to take the appropriate action.

Thanks again for your support and
Keep well, Stay safe and trust in your faith.

Chris Horton



Summary of Autumn Circuit Meeting 2020

The autumn meeting which was held on Zoom took place on Thursday 17th September. Superintendent Paul welcomed everyone and a special welcome was given to Chair of the District Rev. Stephen Lindridge.

Devotions were led by Rev. Marie Beard based on Job Chp 38
'The Greatness of God' followed by prayer

Loss of two Supernumerary Ministers

Since the last meeting two of our Supernumerary Ministers had passed away, Rev. John Howard and Rev. Alan Dawson. A time of prayer followed to remember their lives and the valuable contributions they had both made to the life of our Circuit.

Circuit Stewards on trial

Martyn and Ruth Johnson were presented to the meeting for consideration as Circuit Stewards on trial which was agreed.

Re-invitation of Rev. Paul Dunstan and Rev. Alex Dunstan

Chair of the District Rev. Stephen Lindridge took the chair for this part of the meeting. Paul and Alex had expressed a wish to remain in the Tynedale Circuit for a further three years, there had been no objections raised and their request was therefore unanimously accepted. Several positive comments followed and the Chair of the District led prayers for Paul and Alex as they continue to serve the Tynedale Circuit.

The items that followed, which had been circulated earlier, were agreed 'en bloc'

- The continued provision at Slaley, of a preacher once per month.
- Adopting the up to date Safeguarding Policy and continuing the appointment of Anne Lambert and Anne Bowman as Circuit Safeguarding Officers.
- Adopting the Manse Committee terms of reference
- Receiving February's Family Fun Day Report
- Receiving Haltwhistle's Community Worker's Report

Candidate for Presbyteral Ministry - Richard Porter

Richard gave a moving testimony of his faith journey following which members were asked to place their vote. Results were: 39 in favour, none against and no abstentions

The meeting prayed for Richard as he goes forward in faith.

Finance - Circuit Treasurer, David Kilner

To help churches cope with reduced income during the pandemic, the Circuit Meeting agreed to ask churches to meet the budget with figures based on income during 2019-2020, rather than the previous year as would normally happen. The shortfall will be met from Circuit reserves. However, David asked churches to consider giving more than they are asked for, drawing on their own reserves if they could.

David reminded the meeting that there is also a need to address Circuit finances long term. The assessment method is due for review. Also, churches have not met the commitment they made to pay for 6 ministers and have only been paying for 4, the shortfall being met from reserves and rental income. This means the Circuit needs to review how it can resource its vision, either by increasing income or reducing expenditure. The only realistic way of reducing expenditure is to reduce the number of ministers. The Meeting agreed there would be a staffing review with a proposal brought next spring, as to how the Circuit can balance its vision with its resources.

Matters from Conference

Rev. David Goodall informed the meeting that it is likely the Methodist Church's status with the Charity Commission will change in 2021, a probable outcome would be for churches to 'federate' under joint Church Councils. The Conference is also reviewing the minimum size for a church to continue. Currently it has to have 6 members but this number is likely to be increased.

Future Attendance of Circuit Meetings

Churches were asked to review at their Church Councils the number of members who currently attend Circuit Meetings, it was stated that apart from Senior Steward and Treasurer there should be one member appointed for up to 50 church members. Four members are to be added as Vision Champions to this list, concentrating respectively on worship, small groups, evangelism and prayer. This document takes effect from September 2021.

Ebenezer Church, West Wylam

Members were informed that a way forward has been found to remove the long-standing covenant which had been originally placed on the building by the Coal Board. The Circuit Leadership Team were given authority to act on behalf of the Circuit Meeting and report back in due course.

The meeting was adjourned until Thursday 24th September when an extra shorter meeting took place, breaking into smaller groups to consider three points:-

1. What we have learnt during lockdown and what we want to build into the 'new normal'
2. What unfruitful things were encumbering us before and what ungodly things were entangling us and how do we leave them behind
3. How do we take into the future what is Godly about the past and the present

Shared thoughts were discussed when the group came back together and these will be prayerfully considered and where thought appropriate, taken forward.

Date of next meeting 10th December 2020 - 7pm on Zoom

Tynedale Methodist Circuit

Our commitment across Tynedale is to see

vibrant Christian communities

**which introduce people to life in the Kingdom of God and
help people to live as followers of Jesus Christ.**

Vibrant Christian communities are groups of Christian disciples who, led by the Spirit and working together, show the following characteristics, based on Acts 2: 42-47.

1. A sense of awe and wonder, expressed in passionate worship.
2. Faithful and creative engagement with 'the apostles' teaching' (i.e., Scripture) which helps people to live and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.
3. Loving relationships: a community practising hospitality (Romans 12:13) and Christ's acceptance of all (Romans 15:7), in which people are able to share their lives freely with one another (1 Thessalonians 2: 8).
4. Openness to and dependence on God, expressed through taking part in heartfelt and life-giving prayer, worship, baptism and communion.
5. Active in mission and evangelism in local communities on a regular basis; sharing with others about Jesus and inviting them to be part of the Good News.
6. Being generous – with time, money, love, forgiveness, etc.
7. Being outward looking, with a willingness to take faith-risks in mission and service.
8. Members knowing and using their gifts and ministries.

9. Being discerning about what works well for the purposes of God within their community, and willing to let go of things which have fulfilled their purpose.

We will:

1. Pray, together and alone, as the foundation to all that follows (Psalm 127: 1).
2. Expect renewal and growth: in personal faith, in community impact, and in the number of followers of Jesus Christ.
3. Consistently present a vision for joined-up mission across the Circuit.
4. Value things that relate to mission.
5. Give people confidence to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and talk about their faith with others.

We will build **vibrant Christian communities** by:

6. Identifying strategic centres, both those with a Methodist presence and those without.
7. Building up and resourcing **vibrant Christian communities** in those strategic centres, recognising & training lay leaders in them.
8. Recognising which non-strategic Methodist societies are viable and contributing to the work of God's Kingdom, with the purpose of continuing to support those societies.
9. Recognising current societies where closure is the only realistic future and work with those societies to end well and to hear God say 'well done good and faithful servants'.
10. Consulting and working ecumenically where appropriate.

Church Mice

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Loving and forgiving God

Loving and forgiving God,
help me to let go of the hurts
which others have caused me.
Help me lose my grip on anger,
resentment and pain.
Let me give,
give freely and openly,
the liberating gift of forgiveness
to any who have wronged me,
or humanity,



in any way.
And in doing so,
may I too know the ease,
relief and peace
of the forgiveness
that you, amazing God,
afford us all;
the forgiveness that
Jesus endured so much pain
to give to us all. **Amen.**

Deacon Janet Thomas

From the Methodist 'A Gift of Prayer' booklet

Tynedale Circuit Prayer

*Loving and eternal God,
We give you thanks for Tynedale Circuit.*

*Grant that we may become
An increasingly vibrant, Spirit filled, Christ centred people;
Faithful to Scripture, deeply rooted in prayer;
And with a heart to follow your vision for mission and growth,
As we catch and share glimpses of your glory in our lives.*

*Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be
glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for
ever and ever!*

Amen.



Tynedale

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Falstone/Kielder, Wark
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Haydon Bridge

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Hexham Trinity
with Slaley

Rev. David Goodall

Hexham West End
Acomb

Rev. Paul Dunstan

Riding Mill, Corbridge

Rev. Marie Beard

Allendale, Catton
Haltwhistle

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