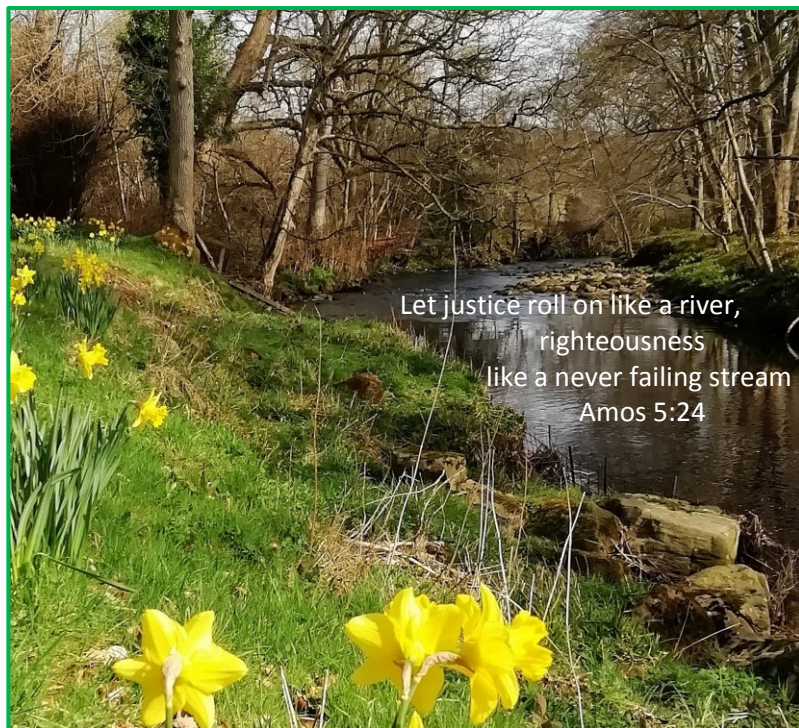


# ***LIVING WATERS***



**Rowley Burn near Dipton Mill and Dukesfield Arches**

***Encouraging    Enabling    Challenging***  
***in the Tynedale Methodist Circuit***

***SPRING 2022***

Exile and the return from it are something I have been reflecting on recently.

If you're like me, the pandemic may have had a feeling of exile to you, as life became disrupted and as we were no longer able to attend the places we feel called to attend. As more and more time went on, I began to lament what was. Psalm 137 is a song of lament over the destruction of Jerusalem during the Exile. Verse 4 says "How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" The Psalmist is struggling to worship, to praise God, because it feels like God isn't there.

I wonder if this was something you encountered, a wrestling of knowing God is ever present and, at the same time, feeling the absence of God. Maybe this is a feeling that hasn't left yet. So, as we return from exile as restrictions end, and we tentatively look to the future as to what do we do with those feelings. The book of Ezra talks about the return from exile and indicates that The Exile did not end purely by a return to the location alone, giving a sense of a fuller restoration, a spiritual one.

This happens in the rebuilding, not just of the building itself but of the Jewish peoples practice, activity, belief, and identity. Why? Well maybe it's in the hope of encountering God more often and ridding of that feeling of absence. So as we return from Exile what is the temple that we are rebuilding looking like? Not the physical building, but our practice, our activity, our belief, and our identity. Will it be built so that we alongside our communities can encounter God? Or will it simply return to the same declining, and to many in our community, irrelevant church it used to be?

Hopefully the former, but this may mean a church that looks radically different, that must let go of things of the past, and it will be painful. Ezra 3 accounts how people celebrated as the last stone was placed, but at the same time others mourned as they remembered the temple that used to be. But ultimately this was a part of that fuller restoration in which people could encounter God.

In recent times we have seen some churches in our circuit go some of the way to rebuilding with a different make up, so as we exit Exile maybe it's an opportunity for all of us to join in and look at the same things the Jews did, so we rebuild an effective church where people can encounter the living God.

I offer us all to God in prayer as we exit exile

Rev Gareth

Christmas may now seem a long way off as we approach the season of Lent – but the efforts of one community are worth recalling.

## **HAYDON BRIDGE CRIB SERVICE 24TH DECEMBER 2.30 PM**

Methodist Church member Liz Drawbridge (Angel Gabriel) writes ...

The Haydon Bridge Churches Together Crib Service took place on Christmas Eve - it was originally intended to be held in the Methodist Church but, because of Covid restrictions, it was moved outside to St. Cuthberts Church yard. However the British weather isn't always kind to open air events and the afternoon turned out to be more suitable for Noah's Ark rather than the Nativity Story! But the organisers rose to the occasion! - the stage was moved next to the Church Porch and a hastily erected gazebo became the stable where Deacon Anne narrated the Christmas Story. Among the cast were Eddie Taylor as Joseph, Philippa Anthony as Mary, Gerry and Silvana Green (of St.John's RC church) as Shepherds and some of Deacon Anne's family as Kings.



In spite of the heavy rain, quite a number of people turned up to see this and sing carols to join in with the angels singing.

Some of the 'congregation'.

### **Eddie Taylor (Joseph)**

Taking on the role of one of the characters gives you an insight into the wonder of this story and the enormity of the tasks the individuals were called to do. Although as stated previously, the weather was not favourable, we managed to get the gazebo up with everyone's help before it rained and I'm sure those who did come to watch, enjoyed this special time of worship and song.



Many thanks are due to those who worked behind the scenes (Kevin Moore for the sound system, Peter Davy for the extra lighting and Peter Parker for the wonderful hand printed back -drop) all of which ensured that the service went ahead despite the odds!



### **Methodist church member Peter Parker**

At a Churches Together Meeting, I volunteered to paint a background for the Nativity Stable – something my Grandfather had done many years ago at Fourstones Chapel. I was running out of time when God stepped in and I caught Covid!

This made me housebound for 10 days, giving me time to work and paint this on a very big bed sheet. For six days, the whole area of the dining room floor was taken up as I had very little energy and had to do a little at a time. On the day of the Nativity, I was so pleased that it fitted in with the rest of the work done by others.

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## **New look video services - Sixty Second Sermons and more!**

Can you tell a story in 60 seconds? It's certainly no easy task to put across all you want to say, including the key messages, in such a short space of time. This is what our Ministers have started to do. But don't worry, they haven't started shortening church services.

Instead, they are creatively coming up with short, sharp, to the point deliveries for the Circuit's new *Sixty Second Sermons* video series. Published on the Circuit's Facebook page, the brief addresses are designed to give a sneak preview of what the viewer will hear if they attend that Minister's service on that coming Sunday.

Rev Gareth Sherwood came up with the idea, having taken part in similar video projects prior to joining the Tynedale Circuit from Lincolnshire last year. The idea is that the short videos will reach people who may, or may not be thinking of attending church.

With many people seemingly pushed for time in today's world, the mini sermons offer an opportunity for a quick watch or listen, without having to sit down for half an hour, or more, for a more traditional video service. In addition, the 'to the point' nature means there's no danger of flagging concentration, while the viewer will be left with an overriding message, perhaps via a reference to a Bible reading, that God is there for them, as he is for everybody.

Rev Gareth got the series started with videos over three consecutive weeks, before Rev Alex Dunstan stepped into the virtual pulpit. Other Ministers and Local Preachers will also have the chance to get involved in the coming weeks and months.

After a successful period during 2021, the Circuit's *Worship for the Week* video services have changed from weekly to monthly. Initially created to fill the void during church closures, the videos proved popular with people in Tynedale and beyond who watched them. However, with more people now back in church, a monthly video is now sufficient, and they have been retitled simply as *Worship*.

The Circuit's Communications Co-ordinator Joseph Tulip, who edits and produces the videos, is keen to remind everyone that the videos can be made available for use during Local Arrangement services. The video services range from 20 minutes to 40 minutes long, and churches can use either the full service, or the sermon only, to go along with their own hymns and prayers.

Joseph said: "We now have an electronic archive of video services, all of which are current and can be re-used. Please do let us know if you'd like more information about using these videos and indeed if you need any help with Local Arrangements in general. We are here to help and to offer technical support."

The videos can all be found on the Circuit website, the Circuit YouTube page and the Circuit Facebook page. Often the easiest way is to type Tynedale Methodist Circuit into Google, YouTube, or Facebook.

If you don't have access to the Internet or wish to receive the videos via another format, such as We Transfer or a USB/memory stick, please contact Joseph on 07824 303 493 or email [joseph.tulip@tynedalemethcircuit.org](mailto:joseph.tulip@tynedalemethcircuit.org)

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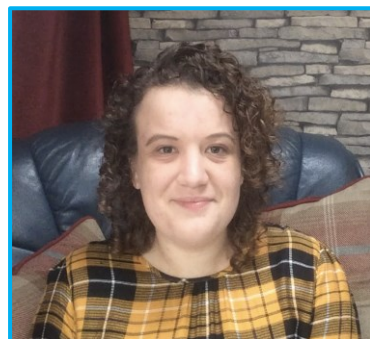
If you do see them, it would be great if you could watch them and then click the share button so more people may see it, as it's a simple way of sharing the good news and helps to get more people to engage with the Church on social media and hopefully in person.

Rev Gareth

## PROFILE

### Ruth Lindridge

Youth and Families Worker  
For Prudhoe and Stocksfield  
Methodist Churches



When I explain my line of work to those who ask about it, I often remark that I get to “play games and make a mess”. And that is what I get paid to do!

In actuality it’s a little more than simply messing around, there’s much going on behind the scenes and many people who invest their time, energies and skills into the activities, but it’s a brilliantly fun job. I get to be involved in a variety of activities and groups which means that I get to engage with so many different ages and work with amazing teams of people who run and host those activities!

People have fascinated me since I was young, there always seems to be more to learn about the simple human. Particularly while they are growing up and the dynamics and people they are surrounded by. I never imagined that this would be my line of work. I knew that I wanted to work with people but I don’t think I could have expected to have such a job that provides such variety and exciting new challenges (good challenges that is). It is true that God knows us better than anyone!

I love that I get to do a range of works. The activities themselves have changed plenty over the years I’ve been in Prudhoe and Stocksfield, and even more so with the past two years. We’re seeing exciting new opportunities at the moment for example. We’ve been hosting a toddler group and cafe we call Bairns & Brews where we get to meet so many interesting people and hear about their lives (and play with the little ones is always fun). We are in the process of having “what next” conversations which is quite exciting.

I get involved with the local Open the Book team. They’re an ecumenical group and contain members with a huge range of gifts, skills, ideas, experience and we are led by amazing, talented people. We get to go into schools to share Bible stories during assemblies. It’s a colourful and engaging way to hear those amazing stories afresh. The team have been seen, both in person and on YouTube, across First Schools in Prudhoe. For example, Prudhoe Castle, Prudhoe West, Adderlane and St Matthew’s.



At the older end of the scale, there's a fabulous group of young people that I have the privilege of working with. A small group from Stocksfield that have continued to meet weekly in spite of the multiple lockdowns etc. I know that Zoom wasn't for everyone but it was such an exciting part of each week to tune in with these young people and explore faith together. I've loved seeing them stretch their understanding, asking big bold questions and helping each other find possible answers. The fellowship they have when they are together makes us leaders stand back and "wow" at what God is doing with them. I have loved seeing them grow and I am very excited for what they might do next!

My hope in all that we do is to introduce people to God and the amazing gospel message and to help people draw closer to God and grow as a disciple of Christ. It might be that this involves some new ways of doing things, especially with the Methodist Church in Britain in such decline. How this might look, only God knows, but I'm excited to see where we might go.

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## What it's like being a youth representative in the Methodist Church

My name is Luca and I am a youth representative for the Methodist Church in Great Britain. My particular role is called Agents of Change, this means I am one of the people responsible for sharing the views of the young people in church when it comes to change. This can be to do with disabilities, LGBTQ+ issues, climate change, and making them feel that they have a place in the church where they can speak up and be listened to!

I found out about the youth rep roles through 3Generate, the Methodist children and young people's annual conference and get together for a whole weekend, usually around late October time. I attended my first one in 2018 and it was at Pontins in Southport. At the time I was only 14 so couldn't apply to become a rep as you must be at least 16. I went again in 2019 and got the opportunity to give testimony in front of around one thousand people during Sunday morning worship! This lit a fire in me, but I didn't feel like I was ready as I had a lot of exams coming up. In 2020 3Generate was cancelled because of pandemic restrictions and instead we had a lot of online events in what was called 3Gen365!



But in 2021 we were back in person at a new venue, the NEC in Birmingham.

It was huge, our church group was actually asked to help plan and organise one of the venues inside 3Gen, the Health and Well-Being Centre. We helped out all weekend and got to see our ideas become a reality!

After 3Gen 2021 I immediately knew I wanted to be a 'rep' and I found out that applications were still open for a week afterwards so I sent one in and prayed; lo and behold I got an email asking if I was available to do a zoom call to see if I was suitable for the role, and a week or so later got contacted and found out I got the role!

Since that time, I have received my DBS, completed a couple different courses and attended rep meetings and meetings with others from the Methodist Church. I'm headed off to Cliff College in Chesterfield on 11<sup>th</sup>. February for my first rep residential! I can't wait to start planning things with the other reps and find out more about what this year has in store for the young people of the Methodist Church! Part of my personal mission is to visit the Churches in our Circuit to listen and hear what our young people have to say and want to share with the wider Methodist Connexion. I'll see you all soon!

Luca Barwick-Plant



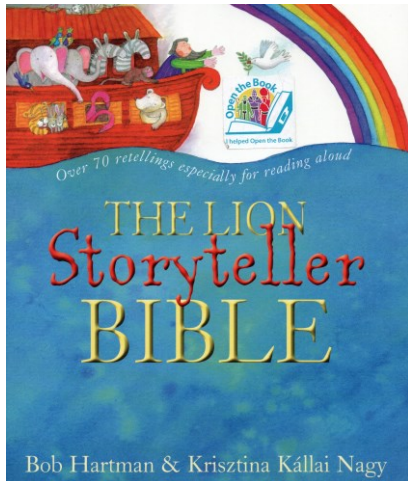
Youth Representatives of the Methodist Church of Great Britain from across the UK at their residential at Cliff College in February.

Luca is kneeling on the left. Daud Irfon, Youth President for 2021/22 on far left.

Let us run the race that is set before us in the royal road of love. Let us keep an even pace rooted in the faith of the saints. Let us be grounded in true catholic love, until we are consumed by the fire of your grace for ever. Amen

John Wesley





It was a full eighteen months that the Hexham Open the Book team could not share interactive Bible stories with pupils of the three First Schools in Hexham because of Covid restrictions. Part of that time was because schools themselves were closed.

At the start of the 2021 academic year St.Mary's asked Isaac Webb, Trinity's Children's Worker, and lead of the Open the Book Storytellers team, if we could restart OtB assemblies. If the school was happy to have us – we were happy to oblige.

Isaac asked Hexham First and The Sele whether they were ready to receive on-site visits. Hexham First were delighted to have us back. The Sele still have reservations because of the large pupil population compared to the other schools and the limited space in which the assemblies are held.

There were the normal requirements of site registration, hand sanitising and face covering while moving through the schools. Because of the children's age they had no need to wear masks. We were able to continue right up to just before Christmas when Omnicron 'struck' which closed the schools to 'outsiders'. Sadly, we were unable to 'perform' 'The First Christmas'.

We did manage to restart in the New Year, but both schools adhered to more social distancing requirements. Hexham First had two year groups only each week, so we had to repeat the same story two weeks running. St. Mary's also split to two year group classes plus reception on the same morning, requiring a 'repeat performance'. This was not a problem as we had been used to delivering the same story to three assembly groups at The Sele previously.

Isaac has a good rapport with the school's head teachers, teachers and pupils. The latter obviously look forward to Thursday mornings, as so many hands are shown when we ask the teachers for a need of some help with characters for a story.

Isaac usually manages to get enough Storytellers to be available for the key roles in each of the stories. It is an ecumenical team as we are not only from Trinity and West End, but also The Abbey and St.Mary's. It is a privilege to be part of such a team, especially when you see the enthusiasm in which children respond.

## Messy Church restarts in Bellingham

Although the Bellingham/Falstone Open the Book team have yet to restart in both Bellingham and Keilder First Schools, the monthly Messy Church at the Methodist/URC chapel started again in February.



**The Bottle Top Rainbow**

As we had to cancel the session for November which was going to fit in with COP 26, we decided to use some of the material for this session - 'Looking after Gods creation'. One of the activities was to make a rainbow out of coloured milk container tops which turned out lovely. Another activity was a banner. On one side Looking after Gods creation and on the other side - Not looking after Gods creation. There were some good ideas. The creation story Genesis 1-2 was shown on the big TV screen followed by action songs. We finished with a buffet tea for 35.



**Looking after God's creation**

**Not looking after our world**

Looking forward to the next one in March.

Deacon Anne

Father, we pray that the agreements reached at COP26 will translate into effective action to reduce carbon emissions, stop damage to the environment, deal with pollution and take all other necessary steps to meet the urgent challenges facing our fragile world. For Jesus' sake. Amen

A CARE prayer

## Local Arrangements? – help is at hand

One of the great joys of being part of a Circuit is that we can share resources.

The Circuit Plan enables Ministers and Local Preachers to travel between our churches, bringing variation and a different voice to services on Sundays and at other times of the week. Every so often, however, there's an occasional week when members are asked to come up with their own creative ideas.

Yes, the Local Arrangement is nothing new, but it has an important role in ensuring effective worship on those particular days.

But it doesn't have to be a struggle — there are many options and much support is available.

The Circuit's Communications Co-ordinator Joseph Tulip is on a mission to help. He appreciates that coming up with ideas isn't always easy, while the use of technology is another challenge.

Below is a summary of some of the options available, but don't be deterred by any of it. Joseph is only a phone call or an email away. He is more than happy to speak to you or arrange to visit your church to help.

### Local Arrangement? No Problem!!!!

#### Have you tried...?



- **Video Service** use a flat screen TV and enjoy services tailor made for Tynedale Circuit. Use the whole service or just the sermon and choose your own hymns and prayers



- **Roots Material** ([www.rootsontheweb.com](http://www.rootsontheweb.com))



- **The Vine Material** ([www.theworshipcloud.com](http://www.theworshipcloud.com))



- **Methodist Church Website** ([www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk))  
video and audio resources for churches to reuse



- **Tynedale Circuit Resources**  
([tynedalemethcircuit.org.uk](http://tynedalemethcircuit.org.uk)) devotional resources... loads of services and videos!



- **Do it yourself!**
  - Bring your favourite Bible reading and share with others
  - Bring your favourite hymn and share with others
  - Read a Bible story and act it out then discuss together
  - Use published small group Bible discussion material... there is loads!
  - Try a Newspaper Prayer Service



- **Join with others!**
  - Go to a neighbouring church and join another congregation for worship, Methodist or other denomination

## Video Services

These have become a regular part of worship during the pandemic. The Circuit now produces a monthly video service which is published on our website and social media platforms. However, the pre-recorded services (which had been produced weekly until December 2021) are for the most part designed to be re-used. A full service lasts from anywhere between 20 and 40 minutes, and includes a welcome and conclusion, prayers, hymns and songs, sermons and blessings. They are currently available online, but can be obtained from the Circuit office for use during Local Arrangement services.

Churches can play the whole video service as a means of fulfilling their Local Arrangement, or even just the sermon if they wish to choose their own hymns and prayers. Get in touch with Joseph if you want to know more.

## Online resources

There are many worship and learning resources online at the Methodist Church official website ([www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)) as well as other websites, such as Roots Material ([www.rootsontheweb.com](http://www.rootsontheweb.com)) and The Vine Material ([www.theworshipcloud.com](http://www.theworshipcloud.com)).

Anyone with internet access can explore these as well as our own resources at the Circuit website ([www.tynedalemethcircuit.org](http://www.tynedalemethcircuit.org)), where there is a wealth of services and videos (including our new 60 Second Sermon series), under the Devotional Resources and Latest News sections.

## Do it Yourself

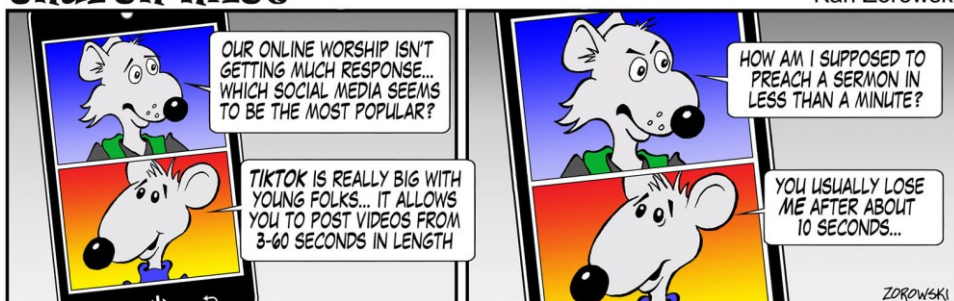
Please see the poster above for a few inspirational DIY ideas. It also encourages churches to join together for worship.

If you are organising a Local Arrangement and are looking for assistance, contact Joseph Tulip, the Circuit's Communications Co-ordinator, who is happy to help, on 01434 601 055, or 07824 303 493. You can also email Joseph

[joseph.tulip@tynedalemethcircuit.org](mailto:joseph.tulip@tynedalemethcircuit.org)

## Church Mice

Karl Zorowski





## Methodist Homes Sunday

12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Methodism has often been at the forefront in the ministry of care from the formation of the National Children's Homes and the social work of the city centre mission churches and central halls of Victorian days to the care of the elderly by the formation of Methodist Homes for the Aged just after the Second World War. This organisation has grown in the intervening years and today MHA is the largest of charity care provider in the UK. However the fact that it is a charity means that it is still largely dependent on voluntary giving.

Methodist Homes Sunday on 12th June is an opportunity to give our support to the work of this organisation. Some churches in our Circuit give a donations from their funds whilst others give their members an opportunity to support MHA by distributing the special gift envelopes for members to show financial support. As we live longer, more people become in need of care and support and so the work of MHA and others like them become more in demand.

Throughout Great Britain MHA operates 90 care homes looking after 4,400 residents and employs 7,500 staff. In addition it operated 3 retirement villages (at Lesmahagow in Lanarkshire, Pickering in North Yorkshire and Chippenham in Wiltshire) as well as 69 housing developments accommodating 3000 people, some with flats or properties to rent (the nearest one is in Jesmond, Newcastle) and some to buy. All are of a high standard and the developments will have the services of a chaplain as well as care and administrative staff. MHA also operates 'Live at Home' in 45 areas which, as the name implies, offers support to 11,000 people who are able to continue living in their own homes but only by receiving support. Over 4,000 volunteers also support the work of MHA by doing a variety of tasks such as befriending, running coffee mornings or craft groups amongst other things.

Please continue to remember the work of MHA in your prayers. Staff and residents have again had a most difficult year due to Covid19, with visiting by relatives and friends not being possible but care homes have coped magnificently and made the best of trying circumstances. To find out more about the work of MHA visit their website [www.mha.org.uk](http://www.mha.org.uk).

If you are one of the preachers planned on that day, or a Worship Leader assisting in a service, you will find useful material from MHA's website (MHA). Whatever you include in your service, please remember the work of MHA, its staff and the residents who enjoy a high standard of care in a Christian atmosphere.

Brian Elstob

Methodist Homes contact for the Tynedale Circuit



## Summary of December Circuit Meeting

Despite meeting in person previously in September, the December Circuit Meeting returned to Zoom amid national concerns over the Omicron variant of Covid-19.

Rev Paul welcomed everyone, including Chair of District Rev Stephen Lindridge. Rev Alex led devotions with the reading of Psalm 95v1-7.

- Rev Stephen read a statement following direction from the President of the Methodist Conference, Rev Sonia Hicks, accepting the resignations of Rev Paul and Rev Alex from 31 August 2022, before prayers were said.
- Staffing in the Circuit was discussed, following an earlier commitment by the Circuit, in March 2021, to review the number of ministers in the Circuit, to ensure future financial viability. CLT was set to consider this and bring recommendations to the March Circuit Meeting.
- There was a discussion about stationing (now superseded by news that Rev Jenny Porterpryde will move to Hexham and become Superintendent, and Rev Fiona Calverey will be her successor in Prudhoe, Stocksfield and Wylam).
- The new Safer Recruitment procedures and guidance document of the Methodist Church was brought to the meeting for consideration. It will be used when appointing people to roles in church.
- An application for funding from Prudhoe and Stocksfield churches, for Ruth Lindridge to continue her good work as Youth & Family worker, was approved. District will match the funding provided by the Circuit.
- **Property Report.** All mansees were reported as fitting the current criteria for manse standards, except for the currently redundant Haltwhistle manse. Circuit agreed to delegate power and authority to CLT to purchase a suitable manse and sell the Haltwhistle manse and find a suitable alternative for the section, in the Haltwhistle, Haydon Bridge or Allen Valley area.
- Ebenezer Methodist Chapel, at West Wylam was almost sold. The loss of some roof slates during stormy weather needed to be addressed. The sale of Spartylea Chapel was ongoing.
- Following the resignation of Diane Wylie as Local Preacher and Secretary of the Local Preachers' Meeting, Tom Dodds had been appointed as the new Secretary.
- Laura Wolfe reported on the Work of the Enabling Services Team. Joseph Tulip detailed the support available to help churches with Local Arrangements, encouraging church stewards to contact him for help with technology and other resources.

- Rev Marie Beard provided an update on the status of Corbridge Methodist Church, where low attendance since reopening last summer has been coupled with difficulty in finding people to take on roles. An option to close and become a church without a building was being considered. As members of the church seek a way forward, a formal request will be brought to the March 2022 Circuit Meeting.

Next Meeting: **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. March**

## **Statement on ministerial staffing**

Many of you will know that the Tynedale Circuit has already gone through several rounds of the Stationing Matching process and not been successful in finding a suitable match, thus far, for the Superintendent/Trinity Hexham appointment. In exploring the possible ways forward, and after lengthy conversations, the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) took the unanimous decision to re-work appointment in Stationing and seek to apply for a Minister transferring into the British Methodist Church from another Methodist Conference or Church denomination (MOCC).

The CLT agreed the proposal that Revd Jenny Porterpryde would become the Superintendent for the coming year (2022/23) and move into the manse at Hexham for this year, taking up most of Revd Paul Dunstan's previous responsibilities. Jenny's current section of Prudhoe, Stocksfield and Wylam then becomes the appointment in stationing, seeking MOCC profile for this September.

This application was prepared, submitted and accepted by the Initial Stationing Sub Committee (30th January). The matching process took place on the 8th February and I am delighted to announce a match has been made with the Revd Fiona Calverey and Prudhoe, Stocksfield and Wylam. This is Direct Stationing and we very much look forward to welcoming Rev Fiona with members of her family on a visit in the not too distant future.

The CLT also discussed the staffing situation for 2023 and the way ahead for the Circuit was considerably helped by the steps above.

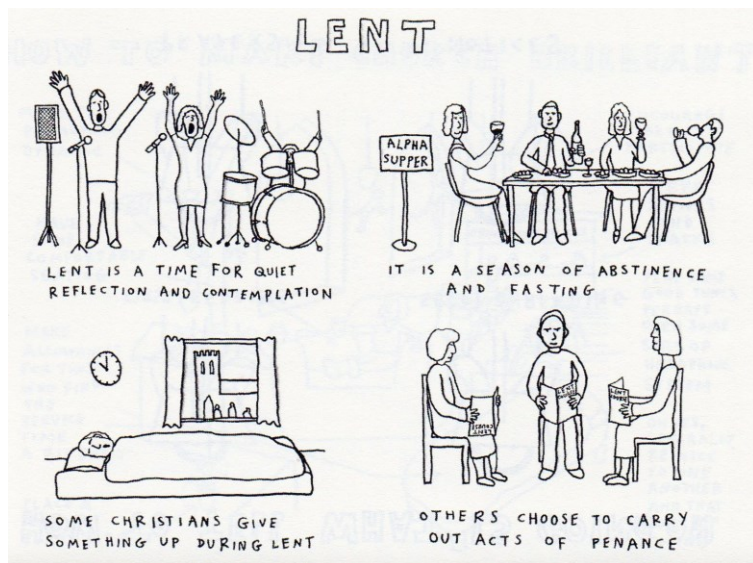
With peace and blessing,

Stephen

Revd Stephen Lindridge

District Chair, The Methodist Church

Newcastle upon Tyne District



### A Dave Walker Perception of Lent



### Corbridge Chapel Final Service

"On Easter Sunday Corbridge Methodist Church will be holding its final service in the building on Princes Street. As well as celebrating the resurrection we would like to mark the day as one of thanksgiving for 157 years of witness in Corbridge, though the first Methodist building was opened in 1820 in St Helens Street. The service will be led by Rev Marie Beard at 10.45am and the members extend a cordial invitation to anyone who has had associations with Methodism in Corbridge in the past to join us on this sad but special occasion.

However the Methodist work in the village is not ending as we are exploring possibilities of continuing to worship on another day and in other premises - more information and a report on the final service will appear in Living Waters next edition. Please remember the Methodist people and work in Corbridge in your prayers."

Brian Elstob

## **Roger Jones musical weekend at Haydon Bridge – come and get involved!**

Preparations for a very special weekend of praise and fellowship are gathering pace. As revealed in the winter edition of Living Waters, seasoned composer Roger Jones will lead a two day musical workshop at Haydon Bridge Methodist Church, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of June, with his team from Christian Music Ministries.

It will be based on one of Roger's newest musicals, 'Torn Curtain' - a series of eleven songs with narration in-between, focusing on the torn curtain in the temple when Jesus died and how, because of Jesus' sacrifice, we can now come to God freely without any barrier.

The organisation team has invited people from across the Circuit to get involved, with a call for choir members, soloists and narrators. One of the organisers, Deborah Bell, is pleased to report that there has been some interest. More volunteers are still required, however, and it is hoped that the choir will involve up to 30 people. Both men and women are being encouraged to get involved.

Following an initial meeting at Haydon Bridge, and another which was set to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> February, practice sessions are set to begin in March. Attending the practice sessions is not essential, but is advised if possible. All participants will also be given a CD of their part, for practise at home.

A pianist has gratefully stepped forward to play during the sessions and Deborah said anyone who would like to sing, help with narration, or conducting the choir, should get in touch.

The weekend itself will end with a performance of the musical on the Sunday afternoon in front of an audience. The choir will be performing to a backing track supplied by Roger.

Over the past forty years Roger has written over twenty Christian musicals which have been performed across the UK.

A video premiere of the musical can be viewed on YouTube, if you search for 'Torn Curtain Roger Jones'. Of course, the Haydon Bridge version will look different, but it gives a good idea of the music.

Regardless of your singing ability or whether you're a churchgoer or not, come and join the choir, help out with narration, conduct the choir or even join the organising team. For more information contact Deborah Bell on 07990928976 or by email at [clocktowerbells@hotmail.com](mailto:clocktowerbells@hotmail.com)

## A contribution compiled by Brenda Sykes of Corbridge

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6. Second Book of the OT
8. Central
10. Miss
12. Movement
13. Definitive Article
14. Son of Amoz
17. Not off
18. To demand food
20. .... is a green hill
21. Shepherd of Tekoa – a prophet

### Down

1. An apostle of Jesus Christ
2. Sixth book of the NT
3. A brother of James
4. Like
5. Son of Hannah
7. Past tense of to do
9. Dear Lord and .....of mankind
11. Excessively proud
15. Fifth book of New Testament
16. Cain's brother
17. Many eggs
19. of the earth
22. Old Testament



## Lord, open my **spiritual lungs**

Lord, open my spiritual lungs to breathe your  
Spirit-breathed grace.

Give me the willingness to breathe out unforgiveness,  
arrogance and pride.

Give me the openness to breathe in forgiveness, humility  
and grace.

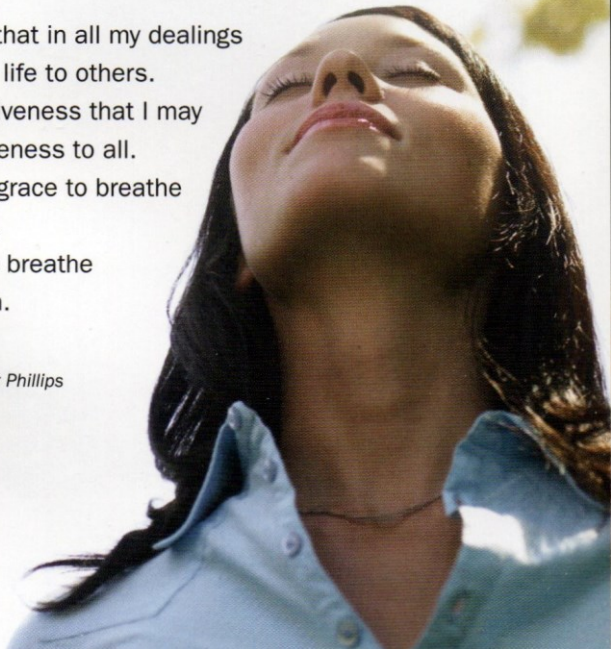
Give me life that in all my dealings  
I may offer life to others.

Give me forgiveness that I may  
offer forgiveness to all.

Give me the grace to breathe  
your grace,  
the breath to breathe  
your breath.

**Amen.**

*The Revd Dr Peter Phillips*



### The Tynedale Circuit Prayer

Loving and eternal God, we give you thanks for the 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 in us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! **Amen**



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