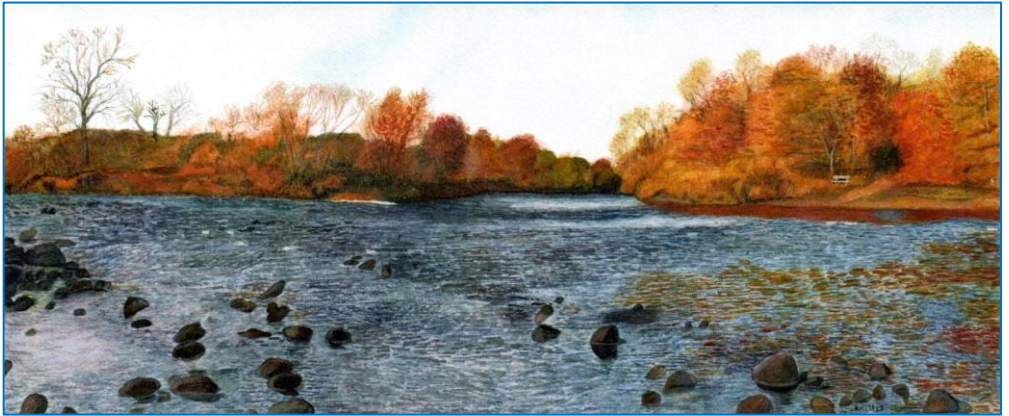


LIVING WATERS



Rivers South and North Tyne at Waters Meet

Encouraging Enabling Challenging
in the Tynedale Methodist Circuit

AUTUMN 2022

As this is the autumn addition, I guess I'm supposed to start with Happy New Year, the start of the new church year, but what is constantly on my mind is that for so many this is not likely to be a happy one.

I have been reading Luke a lot recently and one passage that hasn't left my thoughts are the two people who come to Jesus in Luke 8. Jairus who comes for the sake of his daughter and the woman who touches Jesus' cloak and is healed. Two things struck me. One, the bravery of Jairus and the woman to set aside their pride, to be helped. And two, the availability of Jesus for them to receive that help.

As we enter the autumn months and the colder weather, as we start to programme the boiler to put the heating on, we do it this year with the sound of the news ringing in our ears. Prices are skyrocketing and people are struggling. It might be that you are one of those people who this year is worried about putting the heating on, who maybe making choices between heating and eating. I want to say to you ask for help. Let people know you are struggling. Too often we have pride in the stiff upper lip, the pretending nothing's wrong and battling through.

But we see in scripture people acknowledging their struggles and asking for help, even when they risk rejection, mockery, or the thing that so many of us don't want...pity. We see when people do ask that they are helped. If you are reading this and you need help at all, please take inspiration from Jairus and from the woman and ask, don't struggle in silence. Please approach any of your church stewards, a friend that you have in the church or any of your ministers and let them know that you need help.

As I said, there are two things that struck me, the second being Jesus' availability. The next six months are going to be so difficult for so many in our villages and towns. Are we as churches showing people that we are available to help? Are we indeed available to help? You may notice Jesus' availability stretches beyond just the temple, he is out in the communities with people, noticing people and ready to stop and give his time. He also goes beyond the quick prayer which we so often fall back on. Notice he chooses to travel to Jairus' daughter. We are often not good at getting outside our temples, maybe because we don't know what to do or where to go. Well maybe this is an opportunity for us to make ourselves available. To recognise the problem and the struggle people will face, get ourselves informed and organised so that we can help. And then make ourselves available so that people can come to us and find what they need.

You see this Christian thing isn't really about us, it's about God, and it's about loving our neighbour. Jesus showed us what that looks like, being available and helping those who need it.

I pray this is a year where we, the church, affect our communities with the love of God.

Yours in Christ
Rev Gareth Sherwood

Encounter

This new series was launched earlier in the summer, inviting people to come and have an encounter with God. It is a collaborative venture between members of Hexham West End and Hexham Trinity Methodist churches.

The initiative is for all who wish to encounter God, with the hope that those who have had an encounter, invite those who haven't.

Rev Gareth Sherwood said Encounter had been well received so far and encouraged everyone to come and give it a go.

He added: "We are confident that God wants to meet every single one of you. We have created a space with music, art, and the opportunity to hear from others who have encountered God.

"Whether you are a committed Christian, an atheist, or somewhere in between, we welcome you to Encounter, a place to meet with God."

Following a successful first session in June, and a second in July, Encounter will return at Hexham West End Methodist Church on Monday 5th September, at 7.30pm.



Come to the water, all you who are thirsty, come drink deeply from the river of life.

Come to the water, all you who are weary, come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.

Come to the water, all you who long for justice, come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

Cover Picture: From an original watercolour painting by Millie Glenwright

TORN CURTAIN

The weekend of 11th. & 12th. of June eventually arrived for the choristers who had volunteered to be part of Christian Music Ministries presentation of Roger Jones' musical 'Torn Curtain'. They represented a number of Methodist chapels in the district. Stamfordham, Prudhoe, Hexham West End, Acomb, Bellingham, Fourstones, Catton and Haydon Bridge itself.

Roger arrived with one of his regular helpers on Saturday to rehearse the choir for the Sunday afternoon performance. He was very impressed with standard that had already been achieved as they had been practicing on occasional Fridays under the direction of Harold Purvis. Two two-hour sessions on Saturday and a final rehearsal on Sunday and the choir was ready to go. Not only in the choruses but also as soloists. The musical backing was provided by CD with Jayne Tulip acting as the 'techy'. Three volunteer narrators linked the 11 songs.



Torn Curtain is a worship musical, answering the call found in Psalm 100 to 'Enter His gates with thanksgiving and come into His courts with praise'. And it is through the blood of Jesus that we are now able to go through the curtain, beyond the outer courts into the Holy of Holies itself – the presence of Almighty God. There we find forgiveness healing and love.

From 'I dance and clap and sing', through 'The curtain is torn' and 'For we see Jesus' and ending with 'How good is the God we adore' the songs were joyful, evocative, moving and celebratory.

Regrettably, some of the choir who had volunteered and been in the practices were unable to take part 'on the day' because of Covid restrictions or illness. Despite missing their contribution, there was a well-balanced mix of voices who created a 'joyful sound unto the Lord'.

The event was recorded and can be seen online via the Circuit website. Under the tab 'Resources' there is a YouTube version that takes one through the whole performance. Alternatively, a number of CD's have been made which can be obtained from Deborah Bell. You can make a request through Haydon Bridge's Mr. George's Museum of Time by calling in to the clock/watch repair shop or 'phone 01434 688055.

It has been 10 years since Roger last came to present a musical in Tynedale. We hope it won't be as long when he next visits.

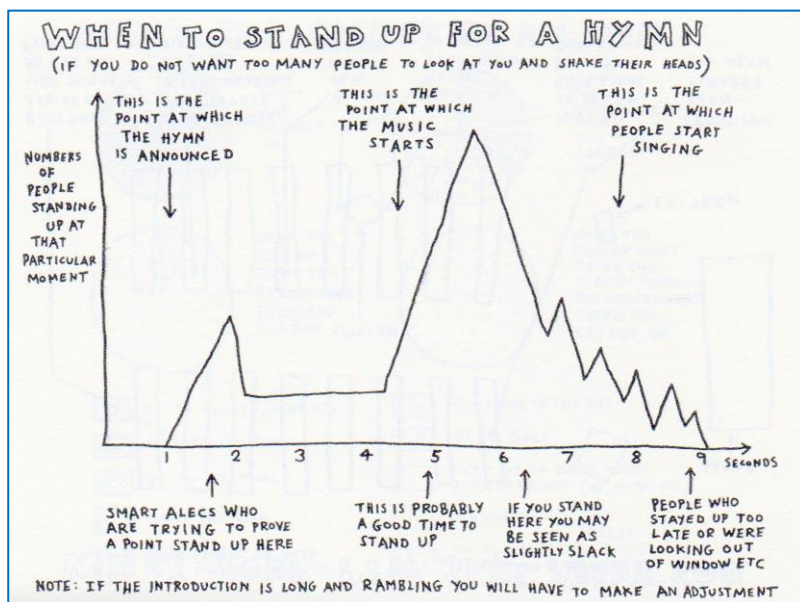
A big thank you to Deborah who coordinated the whole project.

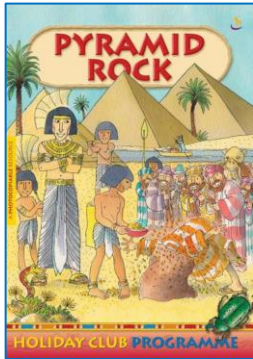
John Martin

On behalf of our members at Haydon Bridge Church, I would like to add our sincere thanks to everyone who joined in this special weekend and, of course, thanks to those who came to see the finished performance on the Sunday afternoon. Special thanks to Harold Purvis who helped prepare the choir before Roger arrived. And to all who prepared food for the choir over the weekend or helped in any way to make that weekend in June a time to remember.

Kathleen Armstrong

A Dave Walker perception of when to stand to sing





What an amazing week it was at Pyramid Rock!

During the first week of the school summer holidays Prudhoe & Stocksfield Churches met together and hosted a five day holiday club for children. Together we followed the story of Joseph, from his colourful coat and dreams to his power in Egypt and reuniting with his family. We learned about how God is many things: a planner, a helper, a provider, a forgiver and that things work out well when God is in charge.

There were silly presenters who kept us entertained, delightful museum visitors sharing their incredible testimonies, fun songs and games, fabulous crafts and who can forget our energetic leaders who kept up with our Phaerobics and with the actions for our theme song: Pyramid..... ROCK!

We have been a team of over 60 volunteers doing an array of different jobs, representing at least 5 different local churches. We have welcomed a total of 91 individual children into the main programme for 5-10s (55 aged 5-7 and 36 aged 8-10). We have had 13 Apprentice leaders and another 8 Young Adult leaders. Each day there were between 10 and 20 Pre-Schoolers along at the Parish Hall and some families came every day that week!

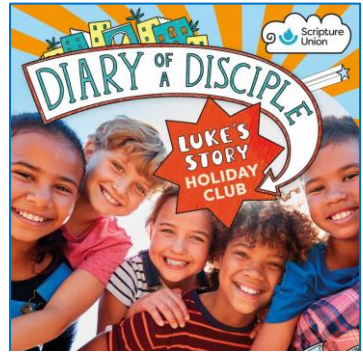
At the Friday night celebration there were approximately 80 guests (counting both adults and children) - which was a great turn out! So we thank God for the great response by families to our invitation and for the opportunity to build connections and relationships.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in Holiday Club 2022! Thank you for those working both in the "front of house" and behind the scenes. Thank you to those people who tackled the unglamorous jobs of setting up, clearing away and cleaning up messes! And a massive thank you to everyone who prayed.

We cannot wait for next year but in the meantime, make sure to look out for the Christmas Journey, care home services, Friday prayers and the Open the Book team!"

Ruth Lindridge
Youth and Families Worker
Prudhoe and Stocksfield Methodist Churches

When the sun breaks through the clouds.....



... was an appropriate refrain of Hexham Holiday Club's theme song.

During the first week of the school summer holidays the weather was somewhat inclement. It was at the team's morning devotions that Mark Dodds, the Holiday Club's techy 'made the call' as to whether we would be starting our morning at the bandstand as is tradition. There was a lot of sound and visuals equipment to set up. Most mornings did not look promising, but faith persevered. As the children and parents assembled and started singing with actions, the sun would break through.

After two years of running the club online with families coming to pick up packs from the bandstand, it was good to get back to the bandstand start 10.00 -10.30, this year fronted by Isaac and Tara, Trinity's children and youth workers, who always 'seemed' to misunderstand what the message of the day was about. Then followed by age related activities through to 12.30 in five church venues and one school.

Each group looked at some of Dr.Luke's stories over the five days. From Jesus' birth through to His death and resurrection in age appropriate ways. Dr.Luke was recording these events to a friend as to who Jesus was. The challenge to the children was 'who did they think Jesus was'?

Hexham Holiday Club is a Churches Together activity, under the auspices of Scripture Union. The majority of the team, including Junior Team, were from Hexham churches. As there were not as many team registered with CU this year, it was 'slimmed down' from previous years and there were fears that venues might get over-subscribed. But God obviously knew how many we could cope with. Over 200 children were able to be accommodated. A good start to rebuild this annual event to where it was. A big thank you to the team who ran the registers that was able to make this happen.

And a thank you to the support team – including those that provided lunches for the rest. And a big appreciation of all the planning, coordinating, organising, motivating, encouraging from the leaders, the Mrs. Clark's, Alison and Penny.

JsM

INTRODUCING

Rev Michael and Mrs Sheila Holland are looking forward to moving to Tynedale and joining you in life and ministry in the communities of Haltwhistle and the Allen Valley and the wider circuit.

They bring their varied experience from work in Cumbria, Nepal, Togo, and Tyne and Wear.



Their world church experience informs much of their work. Michael served as the Director of the Department of Training and Theological Animation with L'Eglise Méthodiste du Togo, a role working with the local and national church in bringing to life our everyday theology and practice and engagement with Scripture. He still sees this as a key part of his pastoral ministry in his preaching, teaching and pastoral care. With a passion for the whole Bible, Michael sees it as being rich in inspiration and divine authority and the foundation of our knowledge of God's grace and the practice of our discipleship.

Sheila is a primary teacher by profession and has authored two children's books. She is also a local preacher. They have two adopted children, both now adults, - Saffron (who moves with us) and Srijana (who lives away from home).

Michael has a particular interest in food - from stories in the Bible of the goodness of God's provision towards us, to growing, cooking and sharing at the table. He finds this a useful lens through which to explore our faith and look at ministry and mission in the local church and wider society.

In spare time, they enjoy walking in the countryside. Sheila practices patience while Michael stops along the way as he's become a bit of a birdwatcher recently. He enjoys settling down with a good book, both fiction and non-fiction.



Rev Fiona Calverey

God's plans for us always starts with a step of faith and when Dave and I considered my application to transfer to the Methodist Church in Britain we knew that God would either open doors or close them.

Fiona with husband Dave

We had been in conversation with our son Christopher, his wife Roxanne and our daughter Taryn who encouraged us to rethink staying in Africa and rather move to the U.K. where we could be closer to them in Glasgow.

I have some experience living in Britain having moved here at the age of 14 and staying until the age of 24, but my husband Dave has never lived outside of South Africa, so this is a huge adjustment for him. This has been further complicated because he must wait in SA for his spousal visa to be issued before joining me here. However, the excitement about hearing that I had been stationed at Tynedale Circuit, meeting District and Circuit ministers and leadership via Zoom and finalising arrangements for the transporting of personal goods and animals has energised me in my journey thus far.

I am a “full-glass” kind of person (half water/half air) so I approach everything with a positive attitude, nothing is impossible but miracles may take a little longer.

I enjoy meeting new people, having lived and ministered in many diverse environments, so I am looking forward to this new season in my life.

Dave and I enjoy the outdoors, walking, cycling, and fishing. While I also love art and music, Dave loves cricket and soccer having been an umpire and referee. We hope to also enjoy having folk round to the manse for a fellowship Braai/BBQ.

Blessings

Rev Fiona



A service to welcome **Rev Fiona Calverey** as lead minister to Prudhoe, Wylam and Stocksfield,

and **Rev Michael Holland** as lead minister for Haltwhistle and Allen Valley.

**At Hexham Trinity Methodist Church
Sunday 4th. September 3pm**

Preacher - the Chair of District
Rev Stephen Lindridge

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served afterwards. There will also be activities for children in the hall.

For those unable to attend, the service will be filmed to be watched afterwards

SOME MESSY ACTIVITIES OVER THIS LAST QUARTER

MESSY CHURCH BELLINGHAM



Celebrating Jubilee (June)



Feeding of the 5,000
(not quite) July

MESSY VINTAGE FOURSTONES WITH WARDEN



The picnic on a beach (May)



Celebrating Jubilee (June)

Lord when it is so easy to criticise, help me to encourage;
when it is so easy to grumble, help me to be thankful;
when it is so easy to hold back, help me to volunteer;
when it is so easy to complain, help me to appreciate;
when it is so easy to hold a grudge, help me to forgive;
when it is so easy to put down, help me to build up;
when it is so easy to be negative, help me to be positive;
when it is easy to be despondent, help me to be hopeful;
and give me the will and strength to do all these things. Amen

Dick Arnold. Local Preacher, Crewkerne and South Petherton Circuit
From a 'Place for All', the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021/2022

ROBIN CHARLTON SHARES AN ITEM FROM HIS METHODIST PREACHING PORTFOLIO AS HE TRAINS AS A LOCAL PREACHER.

Exploring different Styles of Worship

Hello, here are some questions for you to think about:

- What is Worship?
- What is Worship in the Methodist Church?
- What does Worship mean to you?

When it comes to 'worship' it is one of those words that perhaps we think we have a clear definition and understanding. However, what does it really mean and more importantly what does it mean to you today in your own personal faith journey?

The Oxford dictionary defines 'Worship' as:

- "the act of worshipping God, often through praying or singing"
- "to have or show a strong feeling of respect and admiration for God."

BBC Bitesize definition (if you want revision help for your GCSE in RE) - tells us that: "There are many different ways in which Christians worship God. Worship is any act that shows devotion or love for God, ranging from praying at home to attending a church service.

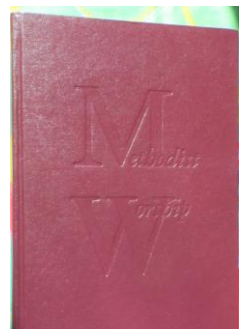
Forms of worship:

There are four main types of worship that Christians can engage in:

- Liturgical worship
- Non-liturgical worship
- Informal worship
- Private worship

Does the BBC content get the thumbs up and a 'top' grade from you?!

The Methodist Worship Book (MWB) – it's the maroon coloured handback book found somewhere at church; it 'may or may not' be familiar to you. All of our Methodist churches and chapels will have lots of copies - even if they are not used very often – they are probably even less likely to be used when a church has a screen and projector. The current version of the book was published in 1999. It is available to buy online from Amazon for £20 – although Methodist Publishing want to charge you £30 per copy!



The MWB tells us that: "Worship is a gracious encounter between God and the Church. God speaks to us, especially through scripture read and proclaimed and through symbols and sacraments. We respond, chiefly through hymns and prayers and acts of dedication."

Is this what worship looks like to you in 2022?

Importantly the MWB goes on to say that: “Worship is the work of the whole people of God: a congregation is not an audience or a group of spectators. Those who lead worship are called to encourage and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to enable the whole Body of Christ to participate fully.”

When I first attended Hexham Trinity (about 15 years ago), I remember that we used the actual book for Communion services. Now, as an ‘On Trial’ Local Preacher; I personally haven’t used the actual books in any of the services that I have led – however I have used some of the content and I have used some of the liturgy for the basis and outline for services I lead as a Prison Chaplain at HMP Northumberland.

I recently asked the Tynedale Circuit Ministers and Local Preachers if they used The Methodist Worship Book – it wasn’t a ‘test’ it was for research!

Some of the Ministers said: They used the MWB regularly for Communion services. They also used the books or content for Baptisms and Funerals. Also for Holy Days such as Christmas and Easter.

Some of the Local preachers said: They use parts of the MWB for prayers of adoration, confession or intercession. And also for parts of a Communion service. Parts of The MWB is also used for admission of New Members, Covenant Sunday and for services for the Admission of Local Preachers.

Despite the fact that The MWB provides liturgy and guidance for congregational worship – it encourages worship leaders to not be bound or fixed by structure; and of course, in the Methodist Church we value creative worship and creative freedom and personal expression in our acts of worship. There are some real gems in the MWB, however for all of us as followers of Christ, worship must surely be more than just a service on a Sunday morning. So what else is ‘worship’? And what else can we do personally to worship God?

Most definitely many of us can and do undertake times of personal individual worship and also worship in small groups (such as prayer groups, Bible studies, house groups or other fellowship groups). It is at these times and places that we can grow in our faith and develop our personal relationship with God.

One website I came across listed 25 ways to worship God, and I’m sure there are many more that we can do. Their suggestions included:

- Worship through meditating on the Bible
- Worship through prayer
- Worship through music
- Worship through your testimony

- Worship through serving others
- Worship through marvelling at God's Creation
- Worship through journaling
- Worship through fellowship and community in the Church
- Worship by sharing your faith
- Worship through art

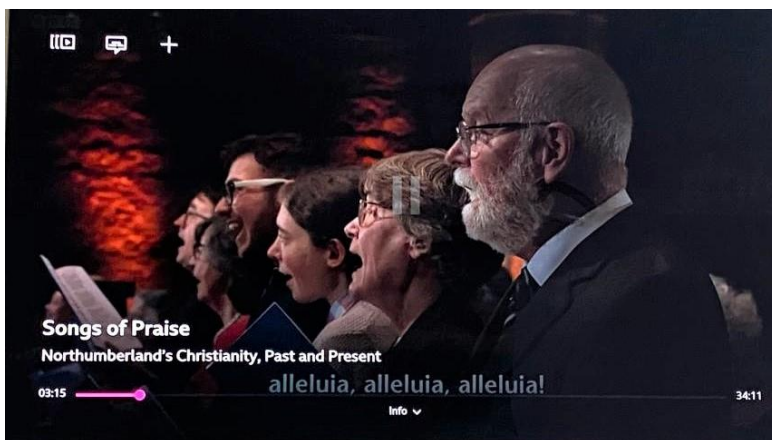
Finally; in our Tynedale Circuit, Laura and Joseph and individual churches, have been working hard to promote the worship activities that are happening locally. The Circuit website has had a revamp and the calendar section will be listing worship events and activities. So if you have something happening in your area – let Laura and Joseph know so that they can list it. There are a range of uplifting, encouraging and reflective worship events regularly happening which are open to all.

Including monthly; Tea and Talk at Catton, Encounter at Hexham West End and regular prayer meetings. And the twice yearly 'Now is the Time' at the Hexham Mart (which is a Churches Together Event). The Roger Jones Musical Weekend of praise and fellowship at Haydon Bridge was enjoyed by many.

We may not be able to attend some events, and others may be out of our comfort zone; but God wants us to come and worship him in many ways – and I'm sure that we will find that we are blessed and nourished when we do!

²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

(John: Chapter 4 verses 23-24)



Anybody you recognise? James & Hannah Bell, (Haydon Bridge). Deacon Anne & Eddie Taylor. BBC Songs of Praise from St. Andrew's, Corbridge 22nd. May.

Summary of Circuit Meeting 16th June 2022

There were 26 people in attendance as Rev Jenny Porterpryde opened the June Circuit Meeting at Fourstones with Warden Methodist Church, before leading devotions, based on 1 Peter 5.

Get well cards: It was arranged for get well cards to be sent to John Watson, of Stocksfield, as well as John Wardle and Pamela Thompson, both of Haydon Bridge. The Circuit continues to wish them well.

Circuit staffing: Rev Jenny thanked everyone for the cards and gifts she had received as she left Prudhoe, Stocksfield and Wylam, moving to Hexham and taking on the Superintendency.

- A statement was sent off to the District Policy Committee (DPC) seeking approval of Circuit plans to reduce the establishment of ministerial staff from six to four, from September 2023.
- The meeting heard that the re-invitation of Rev Marie Beard was in the process of receiving feedback from churches.
- A plan for the summer months was outlined, with Rev Tony Buglass set to look after Prudhoe, Wylam and Stocksfield churches, one day a week during July and August.
- A joint welcome service for our new ministers, Rev Fiona Calverey and Rev Michael Holland, will take place at Hexham Trinity on Sunday 4th September, at 3pm. The Chair of the District, Rev Stephen Lindridge, will be in attendance.

Sunday services: With most churches requiring ministers on Sunday mornings, it is becoming a challenge to fulfil all appointments on the plan. Rev Jenny asked churches to take some time to consider the possibility of holding services at different times on a Sunday, freeing up ministers and local preachers to attend churches at other times of the day.

The difficulty in fulfilling this quarter's plan has been due to the shortage of ministers as the circuit awaits the arrival of Revs Fiona and Michael. However, from September 2023, the Circuit will be reduced from six to four ministers and the current situation will become the norm. It was noted during the discussion that some local preachers are only available to preach on a morning. Catton holds café church on a Sunday afternoon, and some people can only offer appointments on an afternoon.

Safer Recruitment: There will be a focus on Safer Recruitment in the coming year. This is about looking after church members and their involvement in church life, making sure people are doing roles they are called to, rather than those they aren't suited for or don't want to do.

The Circuit Safeguarding Officer ran a Creating Safer Space Foundation Module training course held at Hexham Trinity in May. Another Foundation Module course was set to take place at The Gate Church, Prudhoe, in July.

It was reported that there was a vacancy for a Circuit Safeguarding Officer for Adults, with anyone interested asked to contact Anne Lambert or Rev Jenny.

Manse report: Millie Robinson provided an update on Manses. With Rev Jenny having moved into the Westfield Manse at Hexham, the Prudhoe Manse was being renovated in time for Rev Fiona's arrival. The works included a new en-suite, decorating and some new windows.

The purchase of the Catton Manse was progressing and contracts had been received for signing, with completion of the purchase close, leaving time for work to be carried out before Rev Michael's arrival.

The Circuit was awaiting permission to sell the Haltwhistle Manse. Surveyors' reports were being organised to be sent to the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) in Manchester.

Local Preachers' business: An update was given following the April Local Preachers' meeting. There was a reminder for preachers to ensure their safeguarding training was up-to-date. A report was given on Robin Charlton's progress with Local Preacher Training. Rev Marie carried out his interview.

Church service times were also discussed.

GDPR: Laura Wolfe was supporting churches through the annual GDPR return checklist for TMCP, ahead of the June deadline. The checklist for 2021 was simplified following feedback to TMCP.

Contributions: A question was raised about the pension fund reserve contributions and if this would be likely to be asked of churches and circuits again this year – Rev Jenny said she would find out more about this at Conference and report back. Rev Jenny thanked all churches and the Circuit for their support with contributions towards this appeal from Conference 2021.

Unconscious bias training: Circuit Stewards and Ministers have attended Unconscious Bias Training. This training encourages people to think about and recognise prejudices and biases they may not be aware they have.

Dates of future meetings: Thursday, 15 September 2022, at Fourstones with Warden Methodist Church. Thursday, 8 December 2022, venue to be confirmed.

Always wise to check spelling

A practice for the newly formed choir was held on Tuesday.

Anyone who enjoys sinning is welcome to join the choir.

Video services and Local Arrangements

Many of you will be aware that video services have been part of Circuit life since lockdown, when watching live streams and experiencing church via Zoom were the only way to join together for worship.

Now with churches fully functioning once again, the offering in terms of video worship has changed – but it remains important and is continuing to evolve.

The Circuit continues to produce a monthly video service, which is published on the Circuit website and YouTube channel, as well as on our social media platforms, Facebook and Twitter. These offer a full service from start to finish – including hymns with words on screen – and are a great way to worship at home if you are unable to attend church in person – or indeed as something extra to build into your schedule at home.

The video services are all led by familiar faces – our own Ministers and Local Preachers who have thoroughly enjoyed filming and production. This year, the videos have been screened in several of our churches during Local Arrangements.

Part of my job is to enable congregations to make use of this offering themselves – ensuring they have the skills and the tools necessary to screen a video service in their church. Using one of our videos takes the pressure off Local Arrangements, especially at times of the year when people are away and numbers are down.

To help churches get started, I am happy to come along and put a video service on during a Local Arrangement date. While I'm there, I will show you how to do it and will also review your equipment, so I can offer appropriate advice. Some churches already have ideal equipment in place, either a large TV or a suitable projector and screen. For those that don't, my recommendation is to consider investing in a large screen TV which can be brought out when needed and stood on a table at the front of the church.

There's only one of me, so I can't come to every church during every Local Arrangement – but after one or two visits I'm sure that I can not only introduce you to video services, but help your church to be able to facilitate such services when they are needed. For the initial visit, or two, I will speak to you in advance and will bring with me any equipment which may be needed, including a large TV, so you won't need to worry about anything. You also don't need to worry internet access. For churches well blessed with technological skills and resources, I can simply send you a video via WeTransfer or USB.

People worshipping at home

Unfortunately, not everyone is able to attend church, and some of those people don't have the internet at home. Please let me know if you have anyone in that situation. Arrangements can be made for them to watch a video at home.

60 Second Sermons

These are slightly different videos which have been appearing on social media – find them by searching for Tynedale Methodist Circuit on both Facebook and Twitter. Instigated by Rev Gareth Sherwood, the mini sermons last about a minute, and aim to get a significant message across quickly. They are not only reaching out to Christians, but to people of all ages who currently do not go to church. It gives them a chance to sample a sermon without taking up much of their time. Other Ministers and Local Preachers are starting to get involved with our 60 second sermons, so please watch out for them.

For more information about any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me via the details below.

God bless,

Joseph Tulip

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An Amendment

In the summer edition concerning the final service of Corbridge Methodist Church on Easter Sunday, not only did the print copy get mis-aligned but there were also pictures of Revs Marion Olsen and Jane Cook. These were from Jane's leaving service in 2016.

It should have read "At the Easter Day service, conducted by Rev Marie Beard, it was a great pleasure to see so many people presentbut inevitably there is a sadness at the closing of the church building, there was also cause for rejoicing.

First of all it was Easter Day and we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord. Secondly we received two new members into the fellowship of the congregation – something of a rarity for a church to welcome new members on the day the building closes.

New church members Margaret Watkins and James Matthie with the celebration cake.



News from Japan

Greetings from Tokyo. My family are healthy and well.

Although this year has been quite a difficult year. I lost my job which I had been working for 13 years. The English school suddenly closed down. I am currently unemployed but have quite a few private English students. We are looking at starting our own company in the near future. In the meantime we trust in psalm 23 verse one the Lord is our shepherd we shall not lack.

My wife's country of Ukraine has been devastated this year. So many people have died. Svetlana's parents are safe in Dnipro. So far the fighting has not reached there. Please keep them in your prayers. Please keep the Ukraine in your prayers.

We continue to minister to Japanese people. We now have a new building we can use which is very close to the station. We are praying that God will help us to reach more and more people through different means. We pray and we ask you to pray also that we would become the light and shine in the city and in this country in Jesus name. Amen.



Love from Michael, Svetlana, Abigail, Hannah, Zoe, and Victoria.

Michael is the son of David and Kathleen Armstrong of Haydon Bridge. He and Svetlana felt called by God to share the Gospel with the Japanese 16 years ago. If anyone wishes to contact Michael direct, his e mail is love4risingsun@hotmail.com

HAVE OUR CHAPELS GOT NEW CONTRACTS WITH ROYAL MAIL?



These red bins are post boxes – of sorts. They have been supplied by the West Northumberland Food Bank as Donation Points. Notices have been given in Acomb's and Fourstones/Newbrough village news of these locations, encouraging members of the community to contribute toward West Northumberland's Food Bank larder, as more people are starting to make use of its service....and with news of energy and other cost of living rises, they are going to get a lot more customers.

As Rev Gareth has pointed out in his leader, as churches, are we seen as being available to help?

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

Methodist Circuit

Bellingham

Falstone

Wark

Fourstones with Warden,

Haydon Bridge

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Hexham Trinity

Rev Jenny Porterpryde

Hexham West End

Acomb

Rev Gareth Sherwood

Riding Mill

Corbridge

Slaley

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