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## Christmas 2017

### Message from the Editor

We were very sad to learn of the death of Ken Dransfield just as we were going to press. His funeral will be on Thursday 14 December at 1-15pm at Wesley, and there will be more in the next Focus about the life of our dear beloved friend.

I cannot get out of my mind the last time I saw Ken. It was earlier this year when he read the poem by Rudyard Kipling *If* at the funeral of Norman Lowe. No, he didn't read it, he recited it so beautifully, and addressed it specifically to the children who were present. I was moved to tears. I am sure others were too. Rest in Peace Ken. We will miss you dearly.

I hope you have enjoyed Focus and a big thank you to everyone who has contributed. I am always looking for new items to make it interesting. If you would like to write something, have something to say, or share your family news I would be very grateful.

**Judith Yeats**

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# Message from our Minister

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What makes a painting that sold for £45 in the 1950s fetch \$450m in 2017? In part, the fact that it has been restored and experts have decided that it was painted by Leonardo da Vinci himself – an excellent marketing campaign helped too!

A further question: Is the painting worth \$450m or is that simply the amount it fetched at auction? There is an old saying, 'he knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.'

What do you value most? When people are given a few hours' warning prior to a flood they often save photos, personal memorabilia and insurance papers. When people flee for safety as refugees they are more likely to carry food and blankets along with money or small valuables if they have

them. Ultimately most of us value people over possessions. Jesus was once asked to name the most important commandment. His answer was:

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength' and, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. (Mark 12: 30-31)

He also said:

'The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.' (Matthew 13: 45)

Have you found the pearl?

**Christine Gillespie**

**Front Cover:** Painting by Lorenzo Monaco (circa 1370-1425). Lorenzo was a leading painter in Florence in the early fifteenth century. He was active as a painter of illuminated manuscripts, frescos and panel paintings. This panel is in the Church of St. Mary of the Angels in Florence.

**P20:** Digital image of Woodlands Garden, by Judith Yeats.

# Message from our Senior Steward

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## Whispers of Love...

We live in a noisy world and every day can be full of sound! Have you ever walked down the street, sat on a bus or train and had someone near you speaking on their mobile phone? Do you ever listen to discussions on the television or radio where individuals are trying to get their point of view over to others or listened to some of the debates in Parliament?

Have you sat in a car alongside another at the traffic lights and heard their music playing? Have you walked through Harrogate late on an evening? If you have you may feel, like me, that you just want to turn the volume down.

As well as our loud and noisy days, people's conversations, newspaper stories and populist opinions are so often harsh, unfeeling and confrontational.

And yet as we hear the Christmas story once again we may begin to hear the 'whispers of love' that resound above all the noise of human conflicts.

*'Lord, you sometimes speak in  
whispers,  
Still, and small and scarcely  
heard;  
Only those who want to listen  
Catch the all-important word.  
O Lord, you sometimes speak in  
whispers.'*

*Christopher Idle (Singing the Faith 158)*

Reflect for a while on all the stories of love, care, compassion and concern you have heard and witnessed throughout your life. Stories when a quiet greeting, a simple act of kindness or an acknowledgement of another's need has made a real difference.

This Christmas we can again hear the new mother whisper to her new-born son 'I love you' and rejoice that we can hear that baby say to each of us 'I will be with you always...'

And with the hope this promise brings let us offer our own 'whispers of love' to those we meet in our noisy world.

Every blessing this Christmas time.

**Les Sudron, Senior Steward**

# Message from our Pastoral Secretary

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## Look at the stars...

I really love standing outside on a clear winter evening looking up at the stars. I never fail to be moved by the amazing tapestry of our universe and I am always in awe of what I see.

It is not a surprise that the stars have always held a fascination for people since the beginning of time and I find it wonderful that our ever-increasing knowledge of the stars has not diminished our sense of wonderment in any way.

I also love the thought of the wise men having the wisdom to recognise the star of the baby Jesus and being determined to follow it to find the stable. (Matthew: 2:2).

Today I believe some people still come to know Jesus through the awesomeness of our creation by looking at the stars, the beauty of nature and the power of human love and sacrifice. Personally, I will always be grateful for the direction offered to me by my parents, teachers, friends and strangers; all, in a way, stars pointing me in the right direction.

*'Thanks for friends who keep on loving,  
Finding ways to help and grow,  
Celebrating our achievements,  
Sharing in our pain and woe.  
God is glimpsed where love is faithful:  
Mirrored here in time and space.  
Thanks to God for friends who love us:  
Christ revealed in every face.'*

*Gary Hopkins (Singing the Faith 619)*

So this Christmas stop and look up at the night sky and reflect on God's Creation and like the wise men look at the stars and seek to find the baby again.

Every blessing.

**Christine Sudron  
Pastoral Secretary**



# Church Family News

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## **In Memory of Betty Wilkinson 18 June 1932–24 October 2017.**



Betty was only seven when war broke out and that to some extent shaped Betty's character: stoic, uncomplaining and tolerant.

Born in Sheffield, she was frugal, careful with her money but generous to a fault, a typical Yorkshire woman.

She was of the 'mend and make do' mentality and loved a bargain. She made many of her clothes, picking up remnants whenever she spotted a good buy.

Betty would often tell how her family survived the blitz: after emerging from the family cellar shelter one night, she found the family across the road had

suffered because a bomb had fractured a gas main. 'That could have been us' she often mused.

Betty's love of chocolate was well known. She claimed in all sincerity that it was because it was scarce during the war years and she had to queue for it. She has made up for it since.

Betty was a great cat lover and her two Siamese cats, Susie and Yoli, were ever present.

Betty never had any children of her own, but her nephews and nieces were always in her thoughts and she loved visiting them.

During her career Betty was involved in the emergence of computing: programming in COBOL, and then working as a systems analyst for ICL, now part of Fujitsu. She travelled throughout the UK and Europe. She later switched careers and went into the care system, managing homes in Harrogate, Bury St. Edmunds and Scarborough. She eventually managed both Tate House and Berwick Grange. She also completed an OU degree.

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Betty was a great supporter of Wesley Chapel, and gained much spiritual support from her church. When she retired she said she would come and take advantage of the Thursday lunch club (Forward Together). Little did she realise that on arrival she would be roped into cooking and serving rather than sitting and eating. For many years she helped serve lunch on Christmas Day.

She also volunteered at the Cancer Research shop and true to her wartime roots many of her bargains were charity shop sourced.

Betty faced life with a stoicism that she kept to the end. After her retirement she started to suffer sight loss, but nevertheless continued living independently until quite

recently. In spite of her memory loss she still kept that old spark. Betty Wilkinson lived a long and happy life. She made the most of her talents: computer pioneer, cook, seamstress, pet lover, party host, carer. She travelled widely, Canada, the Arctic Circle, Europe, Australia and Tasmania. She remained to the end the gentle polite lady she always was. Everyone will have their own special memories of this lovely lady and we should not be sad but celebrate her life which has made us richer for having known her.

*Extracted from the tribute at her funeral service on 7 November 2017, by her nephew, Peter Bullivant.*

Betty will be greatly missed by all her friends at Wesley.



### **A Clever Ploy?**

William the Conqueror was crowned on Christmas Day 1066. Christmas is a clever time to inaugurate a reign: you can nod to the classical imagery of an emperor's triumphal entry into the city, his *adventus*. And since midwinter is too cold for battles, you can be, like Jesus, a prince of peace. Just as the kingdom of God entered the world in the infant Jesus, so too your reign could be born at Christmas.

*Dr Matthew Champion from St Catharine's College Cambridge.*

<http://www.historyextra.com/feature/medieval/medieval-christmas-how-was-it-celebrated>.

## A Christmas Pudding Quiz



*The following are used to make a Christmas Pudding:*

1. They bloom in the spring, tra la la.
2. Made from the staff of life.
3. A legal proceeding.
4. Found in the oceans.
5. Consorts of foreign rulers.
6. A famous British Prime Minister.
7. A type of eyes.
8. Vegetation, and to sift out.
9. Don't tell your grandmother to suck them.
10. Most people carry them.
11. A red-head.
12. Slang for an easy victory.
13. Impudence.
14. A pale colour.
15. Makes the pill easier to take.
16. The best things of life.
17. An old sailor.
18. Fruit of a tree and a girl's name.

*Answers on p22*

*Thank you to Rosemary Green for providing this quiz.*

# Notes extracted from minutes of Church Council Meeting held 10 October 2017

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Present: Rev. Christine Gillespie (Chair), Jenny Goodwin (Secretary), Don Rolls (Circuit Steward) and 11 members.

## **Membership of the Church Council and appointments**

The role of Rev. Trevor Dixon has changed as from 1 September. He is no longer appointed by the Circuit as a minister for Wesley, however has taken up the role of Circuit Steward with responsibility for Manses.

Trevor was unanimously elected to Church Council under the clause stating that up to 15 additional persons may be appointed by the Council.

Jenny Goodwin was elected as Church Council representative to the circuit meeting and Christine Bunting is to be the reserve.

Ulrike Hitchen will take over the post of Envelope Secretary from Margaret Bird. Thanks are expressed to Margaret for fulfilling this post over the past few years.

It was confirmed that Christine Bunting is to continue as a Worship Leader.

## **Communion Services**

It has been noticed that several people are finding it difficult to walk to the communion rail during services of holy communion. In November and December, as an experiment, the elements will be distributed to people in their seats. During January and February communion services will be conducted in the usual way. Comments will then be heard from the congregation and a decision made at the next Church Council meeting as to how we continue.

Stewards and occasional stewards, door stewards and communion stewards were all thanked for their service.

## **Finance**

The accounts are in the process of being independently examined. We are more than holding our own. Proceeds of £1,000 from Gift Aid have recently been added to the account.

Since the creation of Wesley Centre, Wesley Chapel has been paying a rent of £5,000 per year. It was agreed that this amount be raised to £5,500 per year.

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Ken Selkirk, who had done such a lot of day-to-day work, looking after our finances, has now retired from that job and the Secretary was asked to write a letter of thanks to Ken.

### **Retiring Collection**

This year there will be a retiring collection at the Christmas Day service on behalf of the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal for Sub-Saharan Africa.

### **Property**

The painting of the outside of the building is in progress and the hot water problem had been sorted.

The plaque noting the legacy of Gladys Cook towards the cost of the toilet refurbishment is to be displayed shortly.

### **Dementia Friendly Initiative**

Regarding the Dementia Friendly Initiative, there are two local programmes in place in Knaresborough and at Christ Church as well as those in Hampsthwaite and Bilton Area churches, and Pateley Bridge.

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding officers from Woodlands, Wesley and Harlow Hill had met to discuss the new policy issued by the Methodist Church. A summary of the new policy was read out and adopted. The main challenge for Wesley Chapel concerns transport and in particular those who give lifts in their cars to other people where the arrangements are made by the

church: e.g. the Sunday driving rota and the Christmas Day lunch. Drivers will be asked to check with their insurance companies to make sure that they are covered for such activities. It is also incumbent on drivers to inform the church if there is any change to their driving record.

Thanks were expressed to those who had participated in Safeguarding training over the last year

### **Risk Assessment**

Regarding risk assessment for our kitchens: copies based on a document which Woodlands has compiled were circulated. It was noted that all the appropriate practices and checks are in place. A risk assessment for groups such as Network and the Guild was also adopted.

### **Nidd Valley Circuit**

Don Rolls asked for our prayers for the Circuit Stewards as they consider the profiles for the choice of ministers to replace those leaving in 2018.

Circuit staff and stewards wish to encourage churches to consider themselves as units of the circuit, looking towards the centre, and not just individual congregations.

### **Future Dates for your Diary**

see p16.

**Notes extracted from  
Minutes taken by Jenny  
Goodwin**

## Wesley Guild

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*Esse quam videri* (to be rather than to appear) is the Ashville College motto. We were so grateful that Rev. David J Barker was able to reschedule his planned lessons in order to come along and speak to us in October about 'Life at Ashville'.

The College, founded in 1877, is one of 14 Methodist independent schools in the UK, providing education in accordance with the ethos and values of the Methodist Church. It welcomes students of all faiths and none and works hard to cater for the needs of all students regardless of their religion: each student is valued as an individual.

David's talk was very interesting. He told us of an occasion at Circuit Synod at Ashville when each minister was asked to state how many young people they were working within their respective Churches. The numbers varied from 7, 12, 22 etc. but David was proud to say he had 850 young people in his care indicating that a school chaplain, like himself, sees more young people in one day

than most ministers do in the whole of their career!

We so enjoyed hearing about Ashville and David has kindly said that he may be able to return next year and bring along some of his music students to entertain us. We shall look forward to that. We were especially pleased to hear that the college enjoys coming to Wesley every December for its annual service of carols as much as Wesley enjoys it coming.

On a sad note, we were able to offer David our sincere condolences on the recent death of his wife.

Our November meeting was equally interesting when Mr Mike Bevington came along and spoke to us about the sterling work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance which is an independently run charity.

The YAA started in 2000 with a second-hand helicopter. The service currently operates two helicopters, one based at Nostell Air Support Service near Wakefield and the other

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at RAF Topcliffe, near Thirsk.

Both can be airborne in just two minutes, flying at speeds of up to 160mph.

They currently attend well over 1,000 missions a year, an average of six incidents every single day. It costs the charity £12,000 every day to keep both helicopters maintained and in the air. Our donation of £160.40 was gratefully received by Mike. This resulted from a generous collection of £100 and sale of Christmas cards and other memorabilia.

At the time of writing this report we have not held our December

meeting, scheduled for 7 December. I would like to thank, in advance, those splendid ladies and gentlemen in the Wesley kitchen who will once again be providing us with another delicious Christmas lunch prior to us holding our Carol Service in the chapel at 2pm. All our welcome to join us.

I would like to conclude by thanking all the Guild officers and members for their continued loyal support and to wish them, and all at Wesley, every blessing for Christmas and 2018.

**Lynne Harvey**

## **Wesley Guild and Ladies Fellowship**



On 29 November 26 members of Wesley Ladies Fellowship and Wesley Guild enjoyed another delightful Christmas meal at Ascot House Hotel. This was our first joint venture and I think it safe to say all the members had a good time, especially Alan Stangroom dare I say? How he beamed at the sight of his ice-cream sundae with blueberries, cranberries, mincemeat and meringue. Good for you Alan - hope you enjoyed your 'diabetic' treat?

The gathering was a good opportunity for the Wesley Ladies Fellowship to say a sincere 'thank you' to Margaret Rodham. When the Fellowship looked like coming to an end, Margaret kindly agreed to step into the breach and find us a speaker and/or an activity on a monthly basis. We are, therefore, able to continue to meet and enjoy fellowship and are very grateful for this.

**Lynne Harvey**

*A photograph of Alan enjoying his ice-cream sundae is on p19*

## Wesley Book Club Reviews



***Baking Cakes in Kigali*** by  
Gaile Parkin.

This novel was set in Rwanda in the aftermath of the civil war which tore the country apart between April and June 1994. This war killed 800,000 people in 100 days. Most of the dead were Tutsis and most of those who perpetrated the violence were Hutus. Militias were set up and in the space of a few hours recruits were sent all over the country to carry out slaughter. Ordinary citizens were encouraged to take part and in some cases Hutu civilians were encouraged to murder their Tutsi neighbours. The scale and spread of the slaughter left people reeling. Rebuilding the country after the war was a massive task and involved many different agencies.

The author, Gaile Parkin, has spent her life in Africa and was one of the volunteers who counselled women and girls who were survivors of the genocide. The storylines in the book are based on the

true stories of the people she counselled and so she has a unique insight into the difficulties and traumas they faced.

The book is set six years after the genocide and centres on the character of Angel, a Tanzanian woman, who has recently moved to Kigali with her husband Pius, a special consultant at the new university established there. Angel bakes and ices celebration cakes for her friends and neighbours, but as she does so, she learns about the shadows of the past that haunt the people that order them. Angel has a listening ear and over tea and her brightly iced cakes she chats and offers advice to the people she meets. She says repeatedly that she is not 'an educated somebody' but seems able to dispense common sense and practical advice to friends and strangers alike. On one level the book is like a cosy chat

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with Angel, but it is about much more than this, it is about the problems and issues faced by ordinary Rwandans.

The themes of the book are many and all-encompassing. For me, the theme that ran through the book and drew the different stories together was the education and empowerment of women. Many of the characters Parkin creates are heavily based on people she met. She explores their access to education, their experiences of sexual violence, HIV Aids, and how education can liberate them to play a full role in society. The plight of orphaned children is also emphasised and the sad truth that it is the next generation that bear the burden of their parents' actions and misfortunes.

I found some of the stories in the book deeply moving and one which ultimately gave hope of a better future whilst not shying away from the deeply disturbing stories of the past. The use of Angel and her cakes

to weave the narrative around worked for me, I could readily imagine Angel dispensing her wisdom in her living room. Others in the group strongly disagreed. Some found it bitty: 'A collection of short stories strung together by cakes' was one verdict. Some found the mixture of cakes and humour with weighty subjects did not work. Another found it difficult to get into. One member said she did not get anything from the book at all, in spite of the fact that she had lived in Africa and understood with the issues involved.

This was Gaile Parkin's first novel and there was certainly enough material here for more than one book. It may have been better to explore the themes more fully over several books.

Why not see what you think and read the book for yourselves? Or join us at our book group to look at other many and varied novels and biographies.

**Christine Bunting**

*A book club meeting about baking cakes would not be right somehow without a cake. As we like to do things properly Lynne Harvey saw to it that we had a cake 'Made in Kigali'.*

What are we reading next? See p18.

# Dates for your Diary

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## SPECIAL SERVICES

### **Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December 2017.**

**10.30am** Morning Worship.

**6.30pm** Communion Service.

### **Christmas Day, Monday 25 December 2017.**

**11am** Christmas Day Service led by Deacon David Hunt.  
Christmas lunch will be served in the Lower Hall.  
See p17 for details.

**Sunday 7 January 2018 10-30am.** Covenant Service led by Rev. Christine Gillespie.

**Good Friday, 30 March 10am.** Short service of Meditation at Wesley followed by March of Witness to the Cenotaph .

**Easter Sunday, 1 April 10.30am** Morning service with Holy Communion.

**Remembrance Sunday, 11 November 2018.** Civic Service at Wesley. More details to follow.

## MEETINGS

Church Council. Tuesday, 13 February, 2018.

Annual Church Meeting. Sunday, 22 April, 2018.

## LUNCHTIME RECITALS Mondays 1-2pm

**8 January 2018.** Sarah-Jane Lewis, soprano with Simon Lepper, piano.

**5 February 2018.** Lara Melda, piano. Winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year 2010. Music by Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms.

**5 March 2018.** Sofya Gulyak, piano. Winner of the Leeds International Piano Competition 2009.

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Christmas Day Lunch  
\*\*\* 2017 \*\*\*



**WESLEY CHAPEL**

Our Christmas Day lunch is becoming legendary and is now in its 33rd year. Once again Philip Goodwin and his hard-working family and team of volunteers will be providing Christmas lunch for anyone who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day.

If you know anyone who would like to attend our Christmas Day lunch please pass this invitation on. To book a place, just phone Philip on 01423 563990. Transport to and from Wesley Chapel can be arranged if needed. You are also most welcome to come first to our Family Christmas Service at 11am then downstairs for lunch.

For more information about our regular activities please visit our website: [www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk](http://www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk).

**LUNCHTIME RECITALS Mondays 1-2pm continued**

**9 April 2018.** Graham Barber. Organ Recital.

**14 May 2018.** Jacquelyn Stucker (USA), soprano. Jette Parker Young Artist, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, with Emma Abbate (Italy), piano.

**4 June 2018.** Stephen Loges (Germany), bass-baritone, with Eugene Asti (USA), piano.

**2 July 2018.** Richard Wetherall Trio, Jazz Concert.

*For lunchtime recitals light refreshments are served in the Lower Hall from 12 noon.*

**Wesley Book Club  
Coming next:**

February: *The Old Wives' Tale* by Arnold Bennett

April: *The Tailor of Inverness* by Matthew Zajac

Dates to be announced.

**Harrogate Homeless Project**

As always Harrogate Homeless Project would be really grateful for your donations.

Useful items:

- Sauces (in jars)
- Tinned meats i.e. stews, curries etc
- Biscuits
- Breakfast cereals
- Tinned fruit
- Custard
- Sugar
- Coffee and long life milk
- Cooking oil
- Herbs, spices and seasonings

**And also toiletries:**

- Disposable razors
- Shaving gel and shower gel
- Toilet paper

We also constantly need cleaning materials and washing powders etc.

**Anything you need in your home, residents need too!**

Answers to Christmas Pudding Quiz on p9.  
1) Flour. 2) Crumbs. 3) Suet. 4) Currents. 5) Sultanas. 6) Peel.  
7) Almonds. 8) Treacle. 9) Eggs. 10) Coins. 11) Ginger. 12) Soda.  
13) Sauce. 14) Lemon. 15) Sugar. 16) Spice. 17) Salt.  
18) Nutmeg.

## **Harrogate Choral Society**

Mendelssohn Elijah

Saturday 10 March 2018, 7.30pm

Royal Hall Harrogate.

**Samantha Hay** *Soprano*  
**Gaynor Keeble** *Mezzo Soprano*  
**Luke Sinclair** *Tenor*  
**Alex Ashworth** *Bass Baritone*  
**Amici Ensemble**  
**Andrew Padmore** *Conductor*

**Tickets are priced at £15 and £20 with £5 tickets available for students, under 16s and the unwaged.**

Tickets from The Harrogate Box Office: Tel 01423 502116  
(opening hours 10am to 5pm Mon to Sat)

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach!

**Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol**



*Alan enjoying his ice-cream sundae with blueberries, cranberries, mincemeat and meringue.*

*(photograph courtesy of Lynne Harvey)*

### **New Minister for the Nidd Valley Circuit**

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Gordon Hay will be joining our Circuit from 1 September 2018, subject to Conference.

He will come with his wife, Becky, his 5 year old daughter Zoe and son Joseph (born at the end of November). Please do pray for Gordon and his family at this time.

Gordon will be taking over from Rev. Gail Hunt looking after Gracious Street, Kirk Hammerton and Kearby. Gail will be going to look after Totley Rise and Dore churches in the Sheffield Circuit.

At the time of writing Deacon David Hunt and Matthew Lunn were still waiting on their stationing processes to conclude.

### **Bring the outdoors into worship**

Woodlands Methodist Church is holding an event on Sunday 24 June 2018, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, in its wonderful community garden. Put the date in your diary now, and come and join Woodlands in an all-age nature-based worship.



# Request from Centre of English Studies

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The Centre of English Studies has sent out a request for people to host foreign students in their home during the spring/summer of 2018. There are various short term placement dates available, from one week to six weeks, to suit you. You could host adult or junior students. Single and shared rooms are needed.

The practical requirements for all students are:

- A reasonably sized single or twin room with bed, storage and study space (twin rooms are used as shared rooms for junior students).
- Reasonable access to the bathroom/hot water and laundry facilities.
- Breakfast and an evening meal (breakfast can be self-served, evening meals are to be taken with you as often as possible so that the

students can practise their English).

- Lunch at weekends (lunch during the week is provided at school).
- A welcoming home environment in which they can practise their English and learn about British culture.

For a single room you would be paid £142.94 per student per week, for a twin (shared) £128.94 per student per week.

If you are interested or would like more information and to arrange a home visit please contact: Vicky Fulcher, Accommodation and Welfare Officer, Centre of English Studies, Harrogate. E-mail HarrogateAccomm@ces-schools.com. Telephone 01423 531969. Or pop in to Centre of English Studies, 8a Royal Parade, Harrogate, HG1 2SZ.

*A very happy Christmas to all our readers near and far, and all good wishes for a happy and peaceful 2018.*

## **Spring Harvest Harrogate 3-7 April 2018**

Spring Harvest is coming to the Convention Centre in Harrogate in April, and already 700 have booked to attend. Below are some details of what is going to be happening.

The theme is *Determined Discipleship – Only the Brave*, from the book of James.

There will be full day programmes, or you can dip in and out as you wish.

One special guest will be Archbishop of York, the Rt. Rev. Dr. John Sentamu.

**Worship Leader. Pete James.** Based on the south coast, Pete is a songwriter, worship leader and speaker. He is part of 10,000 Fathers, a training school raising bible-based, skilful worship leaders. Pete writes songs for all ages, including God Suit, King Forevermore and Jesus Loves Me. In his spare time he loves board sports.

### **Speakers:**

**Malcolm Duncan:** Member of Spring Harvest Planning Group and lead pastor at Gold Hill Baptist Church.

**Anthony Delaney:** Former police officer, Leader of Ivy Manchester and church-planting pioneer.

**Lisa Holmes:** Lead Minister at Skipton Baptist Church.

**Brian More:** Lead Pastor at Newton Mearns Baptist Church, Glasgow.

**Ruth Walker:** Chair of Scottish Public Leaders and LICC's ambassador for Transforming Work.

**Andy Bannister:** Director of Solas Centre for Public Christianity and adjunct speaker for RZIM.

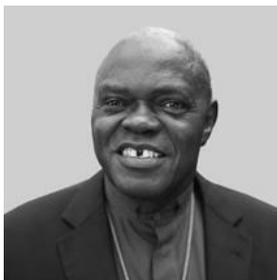
**Elaine Duncan:** Chief Executive of Scottish Bible Society.

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**John Harding:** Senior Pastor of Frontline Church in Liverpool.

**Andy Frost:** Representing Care for the Family with the Parenting Course.

**Archbishop John Sentamu:** Archbishop of York.



**Roger Simpson:** Archbishop's Evangelist for the northern province.

**Nick and Becky Drake**

Worship for Everyone, St Luke's Gas Street, Worship Central, St Mellitus.

**Don Stephens**

President and Founder of Mercy Ships.

**Rev. Dr John Weaver**

Chair of the John Ray Initiative, connecting environment, science and Christianity.

**Andrew Roberts**

Author of Holy Habits.

There are posters on the notice boards with more information, or visit <https://www.springharvest.org/>

For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself.

**Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol**

## **Wesley Chapel Regular Activities**

**Sunday Worship** 10.30 am every week.  
Holy Communion included in the first Sunday of the month.

**Network** 2.30pm Fourth Monday in the month from October to April.

**Bible Study** at the home of Helen Evison, usually on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2 pm. Check with Helen to confirm and for further details, 01423 870725.

**Tuesday Coffee** 10.00 am-12 noon every Tuesday in the foyer.

**Book Club** every alternate month. Contact Judith Yeats for details, 01423 506014.

**Forward Together.** Coffee served from 10.45 am, lunch at 12 noon.

**Journey Group** usually on the first Thursday in every month. Contact Philip Goodwin for details, 01423 563990.

**Wesley Guild** monthly on Thursday afternoons during the summer months. Contact Lynne Harvey for more details, 01423 568968.

For more details of our activities see our weekly news-sheet or visit **[www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk](http://www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk)**.

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