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Message from the Editor

We've wished each other happy new year. Happy new Methodist year that is. We've welcomed our new ministers to the circuit and our new superintendent has already led our worship at Wesley. The circuit stewards have been busy producing a profile for a new presbyter for Gracious Street, Kirk Hammerton and Kearby, to replace Gail and David when they leave the circuit next year. So lots going on, but still plenty to look forward to as well.

It's that time of year when, the leaves might be falling off the trees, but when things are starting to liven up again after the summer break. In this edition of Focus you will see a variety of choices for your entertainment in the coming months, and hopefully you will be interested in reading about what is going on both in our own church and in the town. There is almost too much to choose from.

I hope that you enjoy reading our Autumn Focus and a big thank you to all our contributors. Greetings from all of us at Wesley, to all our friends far and wide. Thank you for your interest and for staying in touch. God Bless.

Judith

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Message from our Minister

Judith sent me a polite reminder that I had missed the deadline for my Focus letter (she didn't add 'again!').

The thought went through my mind, 'I wonder why the magazine is called *Focus?*' Certainly knowing that I was keeping Judith waiting helped me to focus on the urgent job in hand.

The magazine gives us the opportunity to focus on the life of Wesley Chapel and the lives of its members. It can remind us too that often we focus our

attention and service away from ourselves and out into the community. Perhaps most of all we need to remember that in all things our primary focus must be on God and his Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus once said something similar in the sermon on the Mount. These are his words, 'Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well'. Matthew 6: 33, NIV

Christine Gillespie



Sunday 10 December 2017 at 3pm

Christmas Concert

Vocalis with Brackenfield School Choir

At St. Wilfrid's Church, Duchy Road, Harrogate HG1 2EY

Tickets available from enquiries@harrogatevocalis.org.uk or see Christine Bunting.

Message from our Senior Steward

With Confidence and Imagination and a little silence...

I recently attended the first Synod of the newly formed Yorkshire North and East District where the theme of the day was 'with confidence and imagination'.

We were asked to explore how we can:

- support each other in discovering fresh confidence in God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- be renewed in imagination of what God longs to do in our churches and communities.

In the storms of our lives and of our world it is sometimes difficult to have confidence in anything, but if we have an 'active faith' in God and Jesus we are seriously challenged to re-affirm our confidence in their Love and continually discover fresh ways to grow this confidence.

And with this challenge comes never ending encouragement to each one of us if we remember God's Promise to always be with us.

'In the Lord I'll be ever thankful.
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid:
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near:
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.'

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And on occasions we should let our imaginations run positively wild and allow us to be fully open to the power of God's plan for his people. Last week the bed in our bedroom was, within a short time, a train, a plane, a picnic site and of course a trampoline, in the world of our grandchildren! Maybe our own child-like imagination is not lost, we just forget it is there... let's find it and see where it takes us as we consider our response to the Love of God.

At the Synod alongside all the business we were encouraged to find time to 'keep silence'.

'Lord, you sometimes speak in silence
through our loud and noisy day:
we can know and trust you better
when we quietly wait and pray.
O Lord, you sometimes speak in silence.'

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'Silence is a rare commodity. Silence may not be the absence of God's voice, but rather, a more intimate language by which God communicates with us. Sit comfortably; perhaps light a candle, focus on a flower, a special picture or an open bible. Keep silence.'

(Methodist Church Day by day booklet.)

With God's help let us try every day to live with confidence and imagination and a little silence...

Every Blessing
Les Sudron

Message from our Pastoral Secretary

Safeguarding with a smile...

I love reading a good book and I love to read a variety of books; romance or tragedy, fact or fiction, uplifting or challenging. Books that make me sad, challenged and sometimes confused, but I really do like books that make me smile.

I have just read a 136 page 'book' entitled *Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance for the Methodist Church*. It was certainly challenging, made me a bit sad and sometimes confused and never made me smile.

I understand the need for the Methodist Church to strive to

ensure the safeguarding of everyone connected to the Methodist 'family'.

I have also reflected on the work of safeguarding within Wesley Chapel. I have reflected on the care, compassion and dedication of not only our formal pastoral visitors but also the many other folk in the church who are mindful of and ready to help those who find themselves in need.

Like some others, I sometimes feel exasperated when I am asked to attend a training refresher course or get my Disclosure (old CRB) Certificate renewed.

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Then I reflect on the stories of those who are so grateful to have been helped, supported and loved in times of real stress. I am aware of many stories of people helped by others and in many cases the open, warm and heartfelt telling of these stories make me smile.

'Let love be real, in giving and receiving,
without the need to manage and to own;
a haven free from posing and pretending, where every weakness may be safely known.
Give me your hand, along the desert pathway,
give me your love wherever we may go.
As God loves us, so let us love each other:

with no demands, just open hands and space to grow.'

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I pray that as we continue to strive to make Wesley Chapel a place that provides an unconditional welcome, safety and security, care and compassion, friendship and concern, people can see that our 'safeguarding' is indeed with a smile.

**Every Blessing.
Christine Sudron**

Come and Sing or listen to

Nidderdale Messiah

Holy Trinity Church, Knaresborough

26 November 2017

Singers' rehearsal at 1.00pm, performance at 3.30pm.

For further details or for an entry form please see Judith Yeats

Or visit bookings@nidderdalemessiah.org.uk.

Proceeds to Harrogate Easier Living Project.

Church Family News

Do you remember Marianne? She used come to church with her 'granny', Lynne Harvey and was a very active member of our Junior Church. Marianne is now living in Spain, but she hasn't forgotten us and has very fond memories of Wesley. Lynne spent a lovely holiday with Marianne earlier this year and Marianne has sent us this message.

Fun in the Sun

Greetings to all my friends at Wesley. It was fun to introduce my granny to Vilanova in June. I am living here and working nearby. She even coped well with intense heat and the 45 steps up to our flat—bless her cotton socks.

We spent quite a few hours on our sun roof playing Scrabble and we did a lot of reminiscing. This includes my happy memories of times spent at Wesley. I often think of the great group of mates I made in Sunday School and remember preparing for concerts, nativity plays etc. and singing with Rev. and Mrs Lister. I wonder what happened to the tea towels? Maybe they are hard at work in the Wesley kitchen now?

I also remember on one occasion that we joined the congregation for a communion service and Rev. Shaun Swithenbank asked us what we had been doing in Sunday School. We said 'we've been to McDonalds for ice cream'. It was a special treat and kindly given to us by Eileen and Ian (Temple). I don't think it was what Shaun was expecting to hear though! Happy memories of times spent with lovely people which meant, and still means, a lot to me.

Sending my love and best wishes to all who remember me. I remember you all fondly!

Marianne Newton.



Marianne and Lynne having fun in the sun.

Anita and Malcolm Woods became very proud great grandparents in February, when Oscar Frederick James Forsey was born. Here are some pictures of him.



Oscar Frederick James (was he laughing at one of his great grandfather's jokes I wonder?)



...and more recently



Margaret Stangroom celebrated a very special birthday in August. She celebrated in style, over the period of at least a week. We always celebrate special birthdays at the book club, and here are some pictures taken at the festive tea—after we had discussed the book of course!



Congratulations

Helen Evison is delighted to announce the arrival of her new grandson, Alexander Stephen Gibson who was born at 2.26am on 27 August. Mother and baby are both very well. Congratulations to the new parents, Cathy and Ken.

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!

Wesley Guild



We were delighted to welcome our minister, Rev. Christine Gillespie, to our June meeting. As always she gave us something to think about. The reading, read to us by Vi Davill, was Luke 15, verses 11-32 about the parable of The Lost Coin. One of Christine's chosen hymns was from *Singing the Faith No. 641*,

'When circumstances make my life too hard to understand'.

She reiterated the words of the hymn by saying that when we are feeling lost and unloved help is always there and our Father is always there to receive us. Like the lost son we should all learn by our mistakes even though going back required courage. Thank you Christine for sharing time with us. We hope you will come along to the Guild next year and share more words of wisdom with us.

In June we spent a happy and comfortable afternoon in the lounge at Oak Tree Lodge, the home of Joy, Sheila, Ruth and Ken. After a brief AGM we enjoyed a happy afternoon just chatting together and

enjoying tea and cakes. A big thank you to Joy for hosting this event and to Sheila for once more sitting at the front door and acting as bouncer! A special thank you to Joy for all her physical efforts in setting up the room in spite of being in the throes of a nasty attack of shingles. Thank you Sis! You are a real stoic.

Our August meeting was a very entertaining one when Mr G. Brian Greenwood gave us a talk entitled *A Brief History of Retailing*. He went back over many centuries to the day when the first man sat crossed legged by the roadside selling his wares; how this single man would be joined by others; they then stood up and exhibited their goods on tables leading on to markets, shops, supermarkets, chains etc. He told us all about the world's largest stores, the largest employers etc. But I had better refrain from naming names although some of you will recognise Brian's name from that of a famous gentlemen's

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outfitters, hence his interest in retailing and his association with the trade. He told us a very interesting account of the first escalator to be installed in one of London's leading stores when a nurse was employed to stand at the top/bottom to offer brandy to the faint hearted. He also told us a most amusing story of an enterprising salesman who successfully managed to persuade a gullible customer that he would find use for two left boots.

Brian has kindly agreed to come along next year and talk to us again. We look forward to that. This was a special meeting when we celebrated the fact that both Brian and Margaret Stangroom were about to become nonagenarians. Congratulations to you both with our love and every good wish for the future.

At our September meeting we appreciated the sensible advice

offered by Mrs Helen Watkinson from Age UK who talked about falls prevention. Her proper title is Postural Stability Instructor. Helen offered simple but sound advice about the correct choice of footwear, posture, activity etc. and we all participated in simple exercises, from the comfort of our chairs, designed to improve our muscles, joints and balance. Those movements were simple and I don't think any of our members would feel the need to go home and do nothing and then rest afterwards! We enjoyed a very pleasant and light-hearted afternoon although a meaningful one. Thank you Helen for making the session such fun.

We welcome Val, a new face to our meeting. Why don't you come too?

Lynne Harvey

Harrogate Choral Society

A Gala Night of Opera at the Royal Hall

Sarah Fox Soprano, John Cunningham Bass-Baritone
and the Amici Ensemble.

Conducted by Andrew Padmore.

14 October 2017, 7.30pm.

To include

Bridal Chorus (Lohengrin), Anvil Chorus (II Trovatore), Bell Chorus (Pagliacci), Humming Chorus (Madam Butterfly), Chorus of Hebrew Slaves (Nabucco), Triumphal Scene from Aida.



Network

Our women's meeting began life at Wesley about 90 years ago when it was called the Sisterhood and met regularly on Monday afternoons. We now call it Network and it comes under the umbrella organisation of Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB).

Over the last 2-3 years we have averaged 15-20 people attending our meetings which have been held on alternate Mondays from October to April. It has been a struggle to find suitable speakers and we are indebted to Betty Bratley who has organised the meetings as

our secretary for the last 3 years. However, she has now retired from the position of secretary and no-one else was prepared to take on the job. Margaret Rodham, one of our Trinity members, offered to put a programme together on the basis that we meet once a month, so we shall be meeting on the 4th Monday of the month, starting on 25 September, which will be a fairly informal meeting over tea and cakes and contributions from members.

Rosemary Green

See Network programme on p15.

Harrogate District of Sanctuary

Harrogate District of Sanctuary comes under the auspices of City of Sanctuary and is a movement committed to building a culture of hospitality and welcome, especially for refugees seeking sanctuary from war and persecution. The network of local groups includes boroughs, towns and cities across the UK and Ireland, all committed to building this culture of welcome across every sphere of society.

Harrogate District has been very active and now hosts between 70 and 80 refugees and asylum seekers, mainly from Syria but also some of those fleeing persecution in Iraq, Sudan and Egypt. With the support of Harrogate Lions and Harrogate Borough Council and in collaboration with many other local organisations and groups, activities this summer have included a day in the country and a weekly get-together with Bilton Area Methodist Church for unaccompanied boys who have come to Harrogate mainly from Egypt and Sudan.

For more information visit www.cityofsanctuary.org and look for Harrogate and District under 'Groups'.

2017-2018 Network Programme

Mon. 25 Sept.	Tea and Cakes Stall: Gladys and Muriel.	
Mon. 23 Oct.	Merle Clayton. Stall.	<i>Angels</i>
Mon. 27 Nov.	Members.	Biblical Baskets
Wed. 29 Nov.	Christmas lunch at Ascot House.	
Thu. 07 Dec.	Christmas Lunch and Carols with Forward Together.	
Mon. 22 Jan.	Members.	<i>Happy New Year</i>
Mon. 26 Feb.	Dorothy Rodham. Stall.	Yorkshire Abbeys
Mon. 26 Mar.	Annual General Meeting.	
Sun. 22 Apr.	Women's Sunday. <i>To be arranged.</i>	
Mon. 23 Apr.	Members.	<i>Tea and Cakes</i>

Twitter feed

Our new Chair of District, Rev. Leslie Newton, likes to Tweet. However, unlike President Donald Trump, Rev. Newton uses Twitter in a very positive and enlightening way. In a recent tweet he quoted American motivational speaker Simon Sinek:

'Responsibility of leadership isn't to come up with all the ideas. It is to create an environment in which great ideas can thrive.'

Wesley Book Club Reviews



The Captain's Daughter by Leah Fleming

The Titanic was a luxury passenger liner which struck an iceberg near Newfoundland on its maiden voyage to America from England on the night of 14-15 April 1912.

The novel we have read was written to mark the centenary year of this disaster to make us aware of certain issues which came to light afterwards.

1513 people lost their lives.

The Titanic was thought to be unsinkable. Because of this it only had enough lifeboats for half the passengers. Following the disaster, new safety rules for ships at sea were drawn up:

- 1) The International Convention for safety of life at sea (1913).
- 2) The International Ice Patrol.

Questions were asked about the Captain's post in the disaster:

1. Was he travelling too fast?
2. What was his part in the rescue?
3. Was it true that the first class passengers were saved and that a rope was put across the possible exit for third class passengers who were therefore left to drown?

The wreck was located in 1985 and subsequently salvaged. What evidence came from the wreck?

Some of the group said that this was a lightweight novel, easy to read.

It did raise issues about the survivors, their mental damage, their guilt at being a survivor, their fear of water.

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It was thought that this book had a similar form of storyline to the last book we read *The Kashmir Shawl*. It was also thought that *The Captain's Daughter* was a misleading title for the book, as the captain's daughter was a minor character in it. Perhaps there were too many characters, too many story lines, and the book was therefore too long. Someone suggested it was an extended Mills and Boon! Oh dear! Perhaps we are ready for more serious literature again. (Tolstoy?)

To conclude I leave you with two quotations. The first is

Coffin Road by Peter May

For our summer read, we chose a novel from the thriller genre.

Peter May, the author, is a multi-award winning writer with a career that spans journalism, television script-writing, creating and producing, as well as writing novels. His output is prolific, but this is not at the expense of his research of the locations and topics. He only writes about settings and locations he has personally visited.

Coffin Road is set on the Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides, a wild and lonely place, full of great natural beauty. Peter May vividly describes the setting and uses it to its full advantage

from the author's note in the book:

'It is a rash man indeed, who would set himself up as a final arbiter on all that happened on the incredible night the Titanic went down.' Walter Lord, *A Night to Remember*.

The second is Sir Walter Scott, but often wrongly attributed to Shakespeare:

'Oh what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive.'

Barbara Lister

to create a riveting and chilling mystery.

At its heart the novel deals with the plight of bees, the effect of the loss of bees on agriculture and on our food supply. He investigates the role that neonicotinoids may play in this.

If this sounds rather dry and academic and a weighty subject for a novel, then do not be put off, because Peter May is a master story-teller. From the very first page, he draws you in with his description of a half-drowned man struggling to get to his feet and make sense of his surroundings and how he came to be there. He draws

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you into the world of this man and we all became so hooked that we didn't want to put the book down. The plot is full of twists and turns so that the reader is kept guessing to the very end as the plot steadily builds to a tense climax.

We all enjoyed reading this book without exception, even if one member did find the man's amnesia a bit of a credibility stretch. It is strongly

recommended to anyone who enjoys a good thriller; indeed, some of us are going on to read more of Peter May's books. If the setting of the Outer Hebrides does not appeal to you, you could choose a book set in China or south-west France to become immersed in another clever, twisty plot. Happy reading!

Christine Bunting

Wesley Book Club
Coming next:

Tuesday 17 October 2pm *Baking Cakes in Kigali*
by Gaile Parkin.

Tuesday 12 December 2pm *Voyage Around my Mother* by
by Eleanor Stewart.

The historic first General Assembly was held in London.

The United Nations came into being on 24 October 1945 when the Charter of the United Nations was ratified by the five country members of the Security Council. It was not until the following year on 10 January 1946 that the General Assembly of the United Nations representing 51 nations met for the first time as a working organisation at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.

The Great Hall was specially decorated in blue and gold, and flags of all the participating nations lined the walls. The large organ and choir seating at one end of the hall was screened with a deep blue pleated curtain, the UN symbol, and some of the seating removed or reupholstered.

How many of you life-long Methodists knew that?

http://www.historyhouse.co.uk/articles/first_meeting_of_the_united_nations.html

*The following appeared in the magazine of the Cadet Services Bible Society magazine with the suggestion that we read it through carefully and then **read it again from the bottom up**. It may impact your life and may help you to share your faith with anyone who says they are an atheist.*

An Atheist's View on Life

I will live my life according to these beliefs
God does not exist
It is just foolish to think
That there is a God with a cosmic plan
That an all-powerful God brings redemption and healing
Is a comforting thought, however
It
Is only wishful thinking
People can do as they please without eternal consequences
The idea that
I am deserving of hell
Because of sin
Is a lie meant to make me a slave to those in power
'The more you have the happier you will be'
Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose
In a world with no God
There is freedom to be who I want to be
But with God
Everything is fine
It is ridiculous to think
I am lost and in need of saving.

A Christian view on life

Thank you to Trevor for sending this

Our Senior Steward, Les Sudron, would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in helping to set up a group (not just Wesley folk) to offer support to people living with dementia. We will be helped with this by Dementia Forward and an existing group providing similar support in Knaresborough.

Events: Wesley and Circuit

Wesley Lunchtime Recitals Mondays 1-2pm

2 October. Clare Hammond (piano). Music by Haydn, Unsuk Chin, Schubert, Bartok, Scriabin.

6 November. Verity Wingate (soprano), Alisdair Hogarth (piano).

4 December. Susan Tomes (piano).

Wesley Evening Concert

Saturday 28 October, 7.30pm. Jean-Efflam Bavouzet. Music by Beethoven, Schumann, Ravel, Debussy.

Wesley Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 25 November, 10am—2pm. Put it in your diaries. We are also looking for volunteers and contributions of cakes and gifts of good quality bric-a-brac for the stalls. Any offers of help please see Christine Bunting.

Circuit Service

Sunday 29 October, 3.30pm at Gracious Street. Marking the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The service will be led by the Rev. Gail Hunt and the preacher will be the Rev. Colin Lake. Preacher to be appointed.

Events Taking Place at Wesley

Friday 20 October, 7.30pm. Collavoce Choir, *The Sound of Cinema IV*. In aid of Open Arms Malawi. Refreshments. Tickets £10, under 16s free.

Saturday 18 November, 10am—4.30pm. Harrogate Vintage Fair. Live vintage music, tea room, fashion, vinyl, beauty, furniture and homewares. Visit www.yorkshirevintagefairs.com.

We were very pleased to welcome Pippa French, our new Wesley Centre Manager, at the beginning of September. Pippa introduces herself to you below.



Dear Focus readers,

Without wishing to repeat myself after Judith kindly introduced me in the *Nidd Valley News*, I just wanted to say 'Hello' from Wesley Centre. I have been in the job now for 2 weeks and it's been a busy and interesting start. I would like to thank everyone for my very warm welcome and for the prayers I know have been said for me. Lynne, David and Trevor have taken to my invasion of their office very graciously!

I had no idea of all the activities that go on both inside and outside of the Centre and it has been very encouraging to know how much goodwill and

enthusiasm engulfs our wonderful building. It is important that we take every opportunity to promote what goes on here and also to take part in activities that go on in the wider Harrogate community.

My aim in fulfilling my job description is to promote the Wesley Centre as a place for prayer and quiet reflection as well as a place for hire. Money is always an issue so we need to make sure our facilities are here for generations to come and that will mean keeping up with the competition and inventing even more ways to generate income. That will need people. We already have a fantastic and dedicated group of volunteers here but there is always room for more, so if any of you ever know of anyone with a few hours here and there to spare, please send them my way!

We are very lucky in Nidd Valley Circuit to have this large, town centre presence and the kind of profile that other organisations could only dream of. The work we could do from Wesley Centre to spread God's love across the town with other groups like the Harrogate Hub, St Peter's and the Harrogate Homeless Project is enormous. I hope you will all support me and my team in that task.

Pippa



Churches Together in Harrogate (CTH)

Churches Together in Harrogate have met to discuss the way forward. Here is a summary of discussions held in July. If you are interested in reading the minutes in full, I will supply you with a copy. Judith.

Some initiatives from the past years are still working actively at particular seasons of the year, such as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

There is a plan underway to establish a 'town trail' for schools and visitors as an introduction to our churches.

Harrogate Hub: working together in an area of need locally, there is an interest in continuing and widening this vision, whilst still maintaining our Christian awareness and sense of identity.

The essential focus on unity remains. Other aims articulated were:

Providing credibility to ecumenical activity through links with the national body, Churches Together in Britain & Ireland (CTBI)

- Facilitating public discussion on wider issues such as political or interfaith dialogue.
- Organising joint prayer initiatives such as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity or highlighting existing ones.
- Organising a Good Friday event.

October 2017 will see the 500 year anniversary of the German protestant Reformation. This, with

its focus on personal faith and the bible, changed the shape of religion and the world forever. But what does this mean for us today? Our contexts have changed, and the focus on difference, diversity and unity needs to be addressed again in our ecumenical and global age. It is eye-opening to realise that constructive and reconciliatory ecumenical dialogue has only been taking place for about 50 years !

One way to bring it all to our attention would be to take part in a project to write our own 95 Missional Theses, based on the five marks of mission, and paste these on our church doors on the nearest Sunday to the anniversary on 31 October 2017. Dr. Anne Richards is posting some of these on Twitter in conjunction with CTE. Do have a look.

There was discussion about engaging more closely with issues surrounding the Environment, and 'Taking Creation Seriously'. Climate change has become an issue of major importance in the media and across the political spectrum. It is perhaps the one issue that touches us all internationally, globally, ecumenically, and as churches we can no longer ignore this call for creation care.

The website will be re-energised and updated.

The 'Co-ordinating Committee' comprises: The President, the Revd. Trevor Dixon, Methodist minister (retired) serving from Wesley Chapel in the town centre; Ms. Christine Jack, Anglican Reader serving at Christ Church, High Harrogate and Mrs Angela Sansam, Quaker, who worships at the Friends' Meeting House.

Spring Harvest Harrogate 3-7 April 2018 Only the Brave

Shelagh Outhwaite has attended Spring Harvest on several occasions and has been a volunteer. She is very passionate about it, and went along to the recent meeting at Mowbray Church to hear more about Spring Harvest coming to Harrogate. She summarises below.

This is a new venture as in the past the events were held at Butlins Skegness and Minehead; these will continue with Harrogate added which will make it more accessible to people from Scotland and the North of England. Everyone booking will have to make their own accommodation arrangements; there will be indoor camping available.

Spring Harvest has linked up and supports Mercy Ships. Mercy Ships are floating hospitals and there are around 400 volunteers who give their expertise for free and pay for their on-board costs. The team treat dental and eye problems, C sections, cleft lips and palates, club feet and many more conditions. We watched a CD with Fifalina's story how orthopaedic surgeons corrected her twisted legs by rotating her bones more than 200 degrees, followed by months of physiotherapy to learn how to walk again. It was very moving. You may remember the Rev. Hilary Cheng and her husband Leo who was both a dentist, surgeon and a local preacher. They have spent time on the Mercy Ships.

Rev. Chris Rogers spoke about the programme *Only the Brave*, about determined discipleship. Chris took three main items: These three points were all linked to the passage in Matthew 28 (*The Great Commission*) and also to Deuteronomy 5 and the Ten Commandments.

At Spring Harvest the bible study will be from the book of James, led by bible teacher Malcolm Duncan, Pastor of Gold Hill Baptist Church, London, also a writer and broadcaster. He will explore determined discipleship. Lisa Holmes will be a host and speaker and is a local Baptist Minister based in Skipton. Pete James will be the Worship Leader. He is based on the south coast. Days will be very full from morning to night, including: workshops for all ages; all age celebration; evening entertainment.

There are leaflets in church. Day visitor tickets will be available from January.

You are probably thinking 'there is nothing I can do'. But there is! You can pray for the event, the team leading, the volunteers and children's workers to mention a few.

This will be a big Christian, interdenominational event for the town.

Shelagh Outhwaite

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**.

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