Wesley CHAPEL HARROGATE

FOCUS

JULY/AUGUST 2026

The **Methodist** Church

WELCOME TO WESLEY CHAPEL

Our Sunday Morning Worship is at 10.30am, see p3 for details of our services.

Circuit Morning Prayer Live Monday to Friday 8am on Facebook. This is available for watching again after the live broadcast. *https://www.facebook.com/NiddValley/*

All links (and much more) can be accessed via our website *https://www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk*

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Photographs of bed race (p7) by Julie Parker via Gracious Street Facebook page).

The deadline for September/October Focus is 21 August. *Please send any notices, news, articles, photographs to Judith Yeats: 07733 064697 judithyeats0@gmail.com. Focus is also on the website. https://www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk/our-focus*

WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY IN JULY

SUNDAY 5 JULY 10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Revd. Gordon Hay. Followed by General Church Meeting. A light lunch will be served before the meeting.

MONDAY 6 JULY 1pm. The final Wesley lunchtime recital of the season. Richard Wetherall Jazz Trio. An hour of jazz favourites and new tunes. A wonderfully relaxing way to spend a Monday lunchtime

THURSDAY 9 JULY 2pm. Wesley Fellowship. 'Horizon Life Training' with Gordon Stewart.

SUNDAY 12 JULY
10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Peter Whittaker.
6pm Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

SUNDAY 19 JULY 10.30am. Morning Worship led by Mrs Sue Langley.

SUNDAY 26 JULY
10.30am Morning Worship. Local arrangement.
6pm Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

TUESDAYS. 10.30am to 1pm. Wesley Wheelie Welcome Café. Come and join us for a tea or coffee, and a chat. Cuppa soup, sausage rolls and toasted teacakes served at 12 noon.

Message from Jenny

Philip and Jenny Goodwin would like to thank everyone for their kind messages following Philip's mild heart attack. He is progressing well and has to take things easily for the moment. We hope to be back in Wesley before too long

WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY IN AUGUST

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Revd. Gordon Hay.

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST
10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Peter Lacey
6pm Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom. (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 2pm. Wesley Fellowship. Yorkshire Quiz and 'sayings' with Les Sudron.

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 10.30am. Morning Worship led by Mr Andrew Brown**.**

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 10.30am.
10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Peter Whittaker
6pm Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 10.30am. Morning Worship. Local Arrangement.

TUESDAYS. 10.30am to 1pm. Wesley Wheelie Welcome Café. Come and join us for a tea or coffee, and a chat. Cuppa soup, sausage rolls and toasted teacakes served at 12 noon.

COMING UP—MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 July 3pm at Acomb Methodist Church. Revd. Leslie Newton's Leaving Service which will be live-streamed.

Sunday 26 July 3pm at Starbeck. Circuit Farewell Service for Revd. Lesley Taylor.

Friday 28 August 7pm at Trinity. Welcome Service for the new Chair of District, Revd. Romeo Pedro.

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WESLEY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME 2026

Our meetings are on the second Thursday of the month and start at 2pm.

12 March. Welcome back with St. Peter's handbell ringers.
9 April. Stained glass windows at St. Peter's. Meeting at St. Peter's church with Michael Burlison.
14 May. 'Nooks and crannies of a big country' with Mary Ann Dimand.
11 June. 'Mental health in the Harrogate District – what would Jesus do?' with Nick Garrett.

9 July. 'Horizon Life Training' with Gordon Stewart.

13 August. Yorkshire Quiz and 'sayings' with Les Sudron.

10 September . 'Resurrection Bikes' with Roger Elliott.

8 October. 'The Frankfurt Group'. Harrogate's Festival of Music in 1929.Andrew Hitchen introduces us to the music of more composers.

12 November. 'Adventures with my camera' – with Matthew Webber.

10 December. 'Harrogate Brown Heritage Plaques' with Chris Dicken.

More dates for your diary continued

Sunday 6 September. Service to celebrate the restructuring of the Circuit is being planned, to be held at Trinity. More details to follow.

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September. Wesley will be open as part of the national Heritage Open Days. More details to follow.

Monday 5 October 1pm. 2026-27 season of concerts begins with the internationally renowned Leonore Piano Trio who'll be playing music by Haydn and Brahms.

Many thanks for your generous donations for Christian Aid in May and on 1 June 2026 (for tea and cakes after the lunchtime recital).

We raised a total of £445.50- a real record for us! Our church's gift could help families in the extremely poor informal settlements of Dagoretti in Nairobi, Kenya.

Kenya is severely hit by the climate crisis and many people suffering from hunger and lack of work move from the countryside to cities like Nairobi to find a job, but again, people experience extreme hardship and hunger. With our help, Christian Aid will provide vital training and tools for "urban farmers" so that they can produce fresh vegetables and some income for additional food, health care and school fees. Thus children can be protected from malnutrition and disease and can go to school.

Many thanks Ulrike

The two young musicians at Wesley on 26 June were brilliant. Mariamna Sherling on piano and Emily Csrook played clarinet.

Christine Sudron

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Revd. Gordon joined members from Gracious Street Methodist Church when they took part in the Great Knaresborough Bed Race on 13th of June. The team had little time to get ready as they were a last-minute addition, but managed to win a commendation for their entry, Mary Poppins. They were raising money for Noah's Ark Pre school that is part of Gracious Street Methodist Church, which was rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted. Noah's Ark is thought to be the only Christian pre-school in the county.

Mike and Maureen visited Trevor in his new home in Ilkley. Maureen writes: 'He has settled in there very well and the staff are lovely.

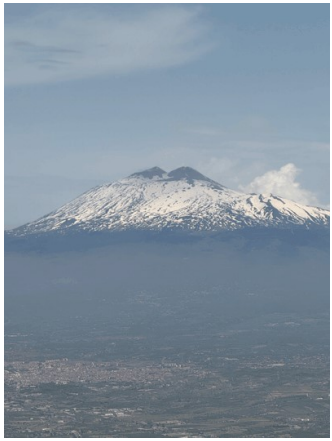
Corners of the home are arranged to create scenes – it does look as though they are in the first class compartment of a railway carriage doesn't it?' (*Photo on front cover).*

Below, Pat had a great holiday with her family in Florida

Amblers June walk. Janet writes: 'We did a circular walk from Dacre Banks, following the River Nidd part of the way.'

SICILY AND NORTHUMBERLAND

Eileen and Ian have been globe-trotting and roaming the country in the past few weeks. Below Taormina's fabulous theatre. Built by the Greeks, updated by the Romans and still used for performances today. The hairpin bends made the bus ride up to Taormina from Giardini Naxos quite exciting. And Mount Etna, all 11400 feet of it, taken from the plane as Eileen and Ian Temple landed at Catania in Sicily.



Back in the UK, Eileen and Ian were in Northumberland for a family Christening and visited some of the Percy's castles, Alnwick and Warkworth.

Alnwick Castle

Warkworth Castle

Eileen and Ian's travels continued.

Ian thought we would like this picture of Howick Hall. Howick Hall is the home Earl Grey. It has extensive grounds and a lot of history. It is also where Earl Grey tea originates from. The water lilies on the back cover are from Howick's garden.

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It's Football World Cup time and great grandma and Rowan played their own game on my Father's day present. **Les**

A sunny day at Lyme Park

At the end of May, I received a belated Mother's Day present from Martin: a day at Lyme Park in Cheshire. It is rather a long journey to reach it from Harrogate so Andrew and I were delighted to be driven there by Martin. I had never been there before and I only knew it from the 1995 BBC adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* with Colin Firth and Jennifer Ehle. In the production, the National Trust estate is used for the home of Mr. Darcy, Pemberley. For the film they only used the outside as there was restoration work going on inside. The inside scenes were filmed at another National Trust property, Sudbury Hall in Derbyshire.

It was a lovely sunny day and the grounds and the house could be seen at their best. Inside the house, they had a dressing up department with costumes and accessories from the Regency Period in all different sizes for women, men and children. For this reason, you saw a great variety of Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet walking the grounds and in the house- and of course older versions (see picture p12)!

Ulrike Hitchen

'It has been coming on so gradually, that I hardly know when it began. But I believe I must date it from my first seeing his beautiful grounds at Pemberley.' Elizabeth Bennet (Pride and Prejudice)

A sunny day at Lyme Par continued.

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Painting by David Yeats (copied from a birthday card).

HAPPY WANDERERS

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The Happy Wanderers Ambulance Organisation took delivery of their new Renault Master eleven-seater and wheel-chair adapted mini-bus on May 1st 2026.

Les writes: 'We are absolutely thrilled with this new vehicle and it is already in high demand with many of the forty-three local charities and community groups that we support in our area. Costing just over £58,000 our mini-bus is specially adapted to enable us to transport people who have to use wheelchairs and is fitted with a fully electric lift.

The Happy Wanderers are now in their 68th year of providing transport help to older and disabled people and it is the generous support and encouragement from community group and trusts that allow us to continue our much needed and greatly valued support to so many older and disabled people.'

Les Sudron - Chair

www.happywanderersambulance.org.uk

HARROGATE HOMELESS PROJECT

The garden behind Springboard Day Centre is looking beautiful. Volunteer, Carolyn has worked wonders to create this lovely oasis. It is now a peaceful space full of colour and new beginnings to inspire both clients and staff.

Carolyn already grows a variety of vegetables and herbs to use in HHP kitchen, but she would love to create a raised bed to plant up with onions, garlic, carrots and winter greens this autumn. HHP have asked if anyone can donate the materials they we might need to build one, or if anyone can help with plants or seeds of any kind, please get in touch: volunteer@hhphostel.org

https://www.facebook.com/HarrogateHomelessPr]oject

'The lesson I have thoroughly learnt, and wish to pass on to others, is to know the enduring happiness that the love of a garden gives.'

– Gertrude Jekyll, 1843-1932,

INTRODUCING OUR NEW DISTRIICT CHAIR

The Revd Romeo Regardo Pedro will be taking up the role of District Chair from the 1st of September 2026 for a period of six years.

Romeo is currently serving as Superintendent of the Sheffield Circuit. He has served in a variety of ministerial contexts both in the UK, Nlamibia and Cape Town. He caused much laughter at Representatives Synod when he was introduced, and told us that he really did have a sister called Juliet.

A Welcome Service will be held on Friday 28 August at 7pm at Trinity Methodist Church.

Photo downloaded from https://www.facebook.com/YNEMethodists

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Revd. Ian Bryon who was received into Full Connection and Ordained at All Saints Church, Wellington on Sunday 28 June. Seen here with Revd. Leslie Newton, Revd. Ben Clowes, Revd. Ann Fox. Congratulations also to Revd. Abi Alex who we met at Wesley a few weeks ago.

https://www.facebook.com/leslie.newton.562

REPORT FROM CIRCUIT FORUM HELD AT KILLINGHALL ON 18 JUNE 2026.

35 people were present including our own representatives, Les, Pat and Mike, Janet also attended as an interested party. This was Pat's first meeting as Wesley representative and she was given a warm welcome.

The June circuit meeting consists of a short business meeting and the rest of the time is given over to individual churches to tell their good news stories. This is a shortened report of selected items of interest.

Circuit Stewards. Senior Circuit Steward Andrew Brown once again emphasised the importance of recruiting circuit stewards. Two of the present incumbents will be retiring at the end of August, which will leave only three. It was stressed that the circuit cannot operate with three circuit stewards, and that if there is no circuit, there will be no churches. This is the urgency of the situation. Members of the meeting were urged to either volunteer or nominate someone for these vacant roles. Andrew pointed out that circuit stewards were a team, and one individual was not expected to do everything, rather to carry out duties according to their strengths.

Finance. Sue Cutting from The Bridge Circuit will become Treasurer when Ed retires at the end of August. The meeting formally approved this appointment.

Property. The Emerald Close manse will become vacant when Lesley Taylor leaves at the end of July. The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) is developing a longer-term policy on manses, and the meeting agreed to delegate authority to the CLT on this matter.

Governance. The Governance Sub-Committee that was proposed as part of the circuit reconstruction has now been finalised and this was agreed at the meeting. Members will be as follows:

- A Circuit Steward. Andrew Brown will be the chair of the committee, although it may be appropriate for the Superintendent Minister to attend and chair (in accordance with Methodist practice) specific meetings of the sub-committee.

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Notes from Circuit Forum continued.

- The Circuit Treasurer (Sue Cutting).
- The Circuit Property Steward (if one is appointed in the future).
- The Circuit Safeguarding Officer (Revd. Ron Hicks).
- Three members of churches within the circuit appointed by the Circuit Meeting. (Revd. Ruth Parry, John Parry, Susan Kerr).

The Governance Sub-Committee is given the authority to co-opt up to three additional members if this is considered necessary to provide it with expertise to undertake its tasks.

The plan for the next quarter is being pepared and there are a lot of gaps, meaning that churches will have to do more local arrangements. The circuit has subscribed, for a year, to *The Vine,* which produces fully written services for every week of the year. If this works well the subscription will continue.

Maltkiln. A proposal is being submitted for funding from New Places New People (NPNP) for a pioneer person to be situated at the new housing development near to Cattal train station, where 3,000 new houses are planned. *For more information about NPNP visit https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/evangelism-growth/new-places-for-new-people/*

Wesley Centre. The decision taken in 2013 for the circuit to take responsibility for Wesley Centre was reaffirmed by the meeting.

Rev. Ian Bryon. Thanks were expressed to Wesley Chapel for its hospitality at the Ordinands Testimony Service on 14 June for Revd. Ian Bryon and Revd. Abi Alex from the Tadcaster Circuit. Ian will preside in his first service as fully fledged presbyter at Harlow Hill on 5 July, and joined by Woodlands congregation..

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Local Pastor. Anna Cooley will take on a part-time (20 hours per week) voluntary role as a local pastor at Gracious Street.

Good News Stories. There are a lot of exciting things going on in the circuit, and we heard from several churches about what they are doing.

Starbeck. The worship band led a *Glastonbeck at Starbeck* and will be doing a *Glastonbeck 2* on 12 July, which will be Lesley's last service.

Woodlands.
-An Ash Wednesday Service has been held for the past 2 years. This is an opportunity to start Lent with a Circuit Service.
-Church has started offering tea and coffee before funeral services.

Gracious Street.
-Young people were baptised and gave their testimonies.
-Young people are going on a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne.
-Bed-race entry to raise funds for Noah's Ark pre-school, which is the believed to be the only Christian pre-school in the county. This was a good opportunity to show off Noah's Ark. *(see p7)*
-A grand weekend will be held at a Christian site near Leyburn, an opportunity bring young people together.

Trinity.
-Praise on Tuesday, on the first Tuesday of every month. A short service followed by tea/coffee and cake and fellowship.
-Holiday from Home. 28 July. 10-30am to 3pm, Crafts, jigsaws, sing-a-long, ice-cream, fish and chips. As good as a day at the seaside!
-Children were involved in environmental matters in the garden.
-Escape rooms for schools to encourage team building. Four groups of 20 children came along to hear the Crhistmas story, they watched films about the time of Christ's birth, did puzzles in rooms to try and find stars, angels. Factual information was taught (ie stars, census etc.)

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Bilton. Family fun-time for the 5th year running on Monday mornings during holidays. 40-60 children attend. Bible reading, challenge area for older chidren, quiet area, outdoor area, interesting visits (eg. from police). Finish with songs and story, and food supplied from local supermarkets.

Inside Out. Community stalls at Christmas, gave out goody bags with Christmas story and knitted angels. This year knitted stars will be given out. Also Ripley Show see p25.

Harlow Hill. Lego bible story.

Wesley.
-Welcome Café, Tuesdays.
-Concerts, Now in the 31st year and audiences reaching 200. Tea was served after the concert in June.
-Harrogate International Festival events taking place in the chapel.
-Netmakers on Fridays for young people—about 15-20 children now attending.
-Heritage Open weekend. 19/20 September. Music items including the circuit steel band.

Killinghall.
Connecting with local housing. Pentecost barbeque was held and a series of walks (long and short) are planned for 11 July.

Judith Yeats

FIFA WORLD CUP QUOTES

The beauty of the World Cup is that while thirty-two countries get to cheer for their respective teams, the event also affirms a global pluralism - it is as much a festival of cultural multiplicity as it is a competition featuring some of the best athletes in the world.
Clint Smith

When you go to a World Cup, the whole nation should be behind the team - and then the team have to play their part, too.
Sven-Goran Eriksson

Our friend Ros from Harlow Hill found this on Facebook and thought it was worth sharing these encouraging words. Ros remarked that Rev. Ben was in Blackpool at the time.

'To the people called Methodist,

Over the past couple of months I have found myself carrying a sense of gratitude. I have had the privilege of spending time with the Superintendents of the Methodist Church in Britain, first in Oxford and then in Blackpool, leading Bible studies and sharing in worship, conversation, prayer, laughter, and fellowship. I arrived with resources to offer. I left having received far more than I gave. What stays with me is not a particular presentation, meeting, or discussion. It is the people.

I encountered leaders carrying significant responsibility with humility, honesty, and deep commitment. I encountered people wrestling with the realities of ministry, yet still captivated by the living gospel of Jesus Christ. Beneath the weight of leadership, I found wisdom, compassion, courage, and a genuine desire to serve God's people well.

As I listened and learned, I was led to give thanks not only for the Superintendents, but for the people who make their ministry possible. The people called Methodist. Those who open church doors on cold mornings, prepare worship, lead prayers, visit the lonely, count the money, make tea, stack chairs, serve on committees, offer lifts, maintain buildings, support ministers, nurture children and young people, challenge injustice, and quietly keep the flame of faith burning in their communities.

The Church is often spoken about through its structures, the Methodist strategies, reports, and statistics. Yet once again I was reminded that the Church is, and always has been, people. People who carry joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments. People who continue to trust that the gospel matters and that the love of God can still transform lives, communities, and the world.

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To the people called Methodist continued.

As I looked around the room, I was encouraged by who was present. There were women serving as Superintendents. There were Black and Brown women serving as Superintendents. For someone who has spent much of her ministry navigating spaces where leadership did not always look like me, that mattered more than I can easily express. Their presence was not important because it ticked a box. It was important because it spoke of gifts recognised, callings affirmed, and a Church that, however imperfectly, continues to make room for voices that have not always been heard.

What gave me particular hope was the depth of commitment I encountered to the mission of God and to the flourishing of God's people. In conversations, worship, prayer, Bible study, and fellowship, I saw a Church seeking to live more faithfully into its calling. I encountered people who care deeply about their communities, who are attentive to those who are too often overlooked, and who long to see the Church become an ever more welcoming and generous place. That spirit was evident throughout our time together.

In Oxford and Blackpool, I encountered people who continue to believe that the gospel is worth giving their lives to. I encountered honesty about the challenges facing the Church, but also a refusal to surrender to cynicism. I encountered leaders who pray, laugh, wrestle, listen, and keep showing up because they remain convinced that God is not finished with the Methodist people.

For all of this, I am grateful. With gratitude, Revd Charity Tozivepi-Nzegwu"

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Charity Tozivepi-Nzegwu is a presbyter in the Cambridge Circuit and Chair of the Connexional Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Committee. See more by visiting her Facebook page: *https://www.facebook.com/cnzegwu/* and the Methodist Church website: *https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/our-stories/a-letter-to-the-church-i-love-serve-and-the-church-i-hope-for/*

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Bilton Mehodist Amblers.

All walks start on the car park of Bilton Area Methodist Church where we meet to arrange transport at 9.30. Summer walks generally about 5- 6 miles. We bring a packed lunch or go on to a pub or cafe at the end. All welcome. If interested please contact Janet Allen, T: 524634
E: janetallen09@btinternet.com

The next walks are: Saturday 11 July. Saturday 8 August.

Future walks: Saturday 12 September, Saturday10 October.

Gracious Street.

Mon, July 20, 1-3pm, Digitally Connected Knaresborough: Free digital training and help with any questions or issues. This month's briefing is a deep dive on Facebook including many security and privacy features.

Sat, July 25, 10am-12pm, Coffee Morning: In support of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf

Harlow Hill
Coffee Morning. Every Monday from 10am to 11.30am. Everybody welcome.

Little Beans Playgroup. Parents and toddlers playgroup. Every Wednesday Morning. Drop in between 10am and 11.30am for play, coffee and a chat. £3 per family.

In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer, quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day

Robert Louis Stevenson from A Child's Garden of Verses.

KILLINGHALL. Saturday 11 July. KMC Free Guided Walks.

Long Walk (6 mile), Ripley & Jampsthwaite Loop. Leaving at 10am.
Short Walk (3 mile) Cragg Hill Loop (Suitable for prams). Leaving at 11am.

Walking KMC

Come and meet each other. Guided walks leave from Killinghall Methodist Church.

Coffee and cakes provided after the walks (gluton free options). Bring your own pack-up. Well behaved dogs welcome. Both walks fully risk assessed.

Booking via e-mail: *killinghallmethodistchurch@outlook.com.*
Please state how many people and which walk (short or long).

Trinity.

Methodist Women in Britain

For women, for justice, for Christ

Live Web Seminar with guest speaker. 23 July 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Batchelor Room, Trinity Church. Refreshments provided.

Tuesday 28 July 2026. 10.30am to 3pm. Holiday at Home 2026. Come and join us for a seaside themed day of fun. Play gentle seaside themed games, join seaside crafts, read the papers, enjoy a seaside sing-a-long. Ticket price includes fish and chips lunch, a Mr Whippy Ice Cream, drinks and biscuits. Tickets £10, available from the Church.

Trinity now livestream the Sunday service on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10.30am on their YouTube channel
https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityMethodistHarrogate

Woodlands.

Woodlands Community Gardens Come and discover our wonderful community garden behind Woodlands Church.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Harlow Hill. 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, at the church.
Every week during Advent and Lent.
Kearby. Approximately every 3 weeks with Colin Lake at Gracious street Priory Room.
Trinity. Once a month on Wednesday evening. House Group.at member's home.
Park Grove. 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 10 to 11.30am. At the church.
Woodlands.
Women of Woodlands. 1st Monday of the month at 7,30pm
Bible Study at members' homes. Thursday mornings.

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INSIDE OUT

Sharing Church, Outside Church

A day out doing Inside Out.

It is Summer and since being in the Circuit I have been promoting the Ripley Show as an event for everyone to come and get involved. The show brings visitors from around the area and the last two years we have given out goody bags with free gifts in and tried to engage people we meet in conversation hopefully about Jesus.

You are invited to come and help...this will be on Sunday 9 August anytime from 10am to 3.30pm (the show begins to slow down and finish after this).

Would you like to be part of the team this year? Please contact me, Deacon Gary Hoare as soon as you can to let me know. I could also do with people in the churches to remind their church from mid-July about the Ripley Show and on the day to make sure our churches actually pray for it!. Pray for setting up, helpers and volunteers, for people we meet and for us to have a great day being with people showing people how much Jesus loves us and them.

I look forward to hearing from you. From Gary Hoare.

Christians in Sport

New research commissioned by Christians in Sport has revealed that the landscape of faith in elite football has changed completely in recent years. It is the case now that three in four professional football clubs in England and Wales have Christian players in their first-team squads.

Key findings include: 75% of clubs reported Christian players in their first-team squad; 40% of clubs regularly host Christian activities such as Bible studies and prayer meetings; half of Premier League clubs reported regular Christian gatherings; more than a third of these activities are led by players.
https://www.christiansinsport.org.uk/news/footballs-association-with-faith

KNARESBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY

Sat, July 4, 2:30pm, Concert: celebrating 40 years with 'pay as you feel concert"' Tickets are free and not required, but helpful for planning purposes. Pick yours up in Gracious Street office or from a KCS member.

HAROGATE PHILHAMONIC ORCHESTRA

Saturday 11 July 7.30pm St. Mark's Church. Summer Concert. A colourful and elegant orchestral programme featuring: Emmanuel Chabrier – Suite Pastorale, Claude Debussy – Petite Suite. Louise Farrenc – Symphony No. 1. Conductor: Tim Gillies.

From pastoral charm to impressionistic beauty and symphonic brilliance, this concert highlights some of France's most distinctive musical voices.

Tickets available via the HPO website (£15, free entry for under 18s) https://www.harrogatephilharmonicorchestra.org.uk/

VOCALIS

Sunday 12 July 4pm St. Wilfrid's Church, Deep River. American Spirituals, Folk Songs and Songbook Favourites. Tickets: Adults £15; Students £7. Christine Bunting has tickets, or book online at *harrogatevocalis.co.uk..*

FURNESS MUSIC CHOIR

Saturday 18 July 7.30pm at The. **Cairn Hotel.** An Evening of Contemporary and Classical Music. Free tickets. Families welcome. Raffle and prizes. For tickets please email *Harrogate.fundraising@samaritans.org*

Thank you, O God, for the time that is now,
for all the newness your minutes allow,
make us alert with your presence of mind
to fears and longings that move humankind.

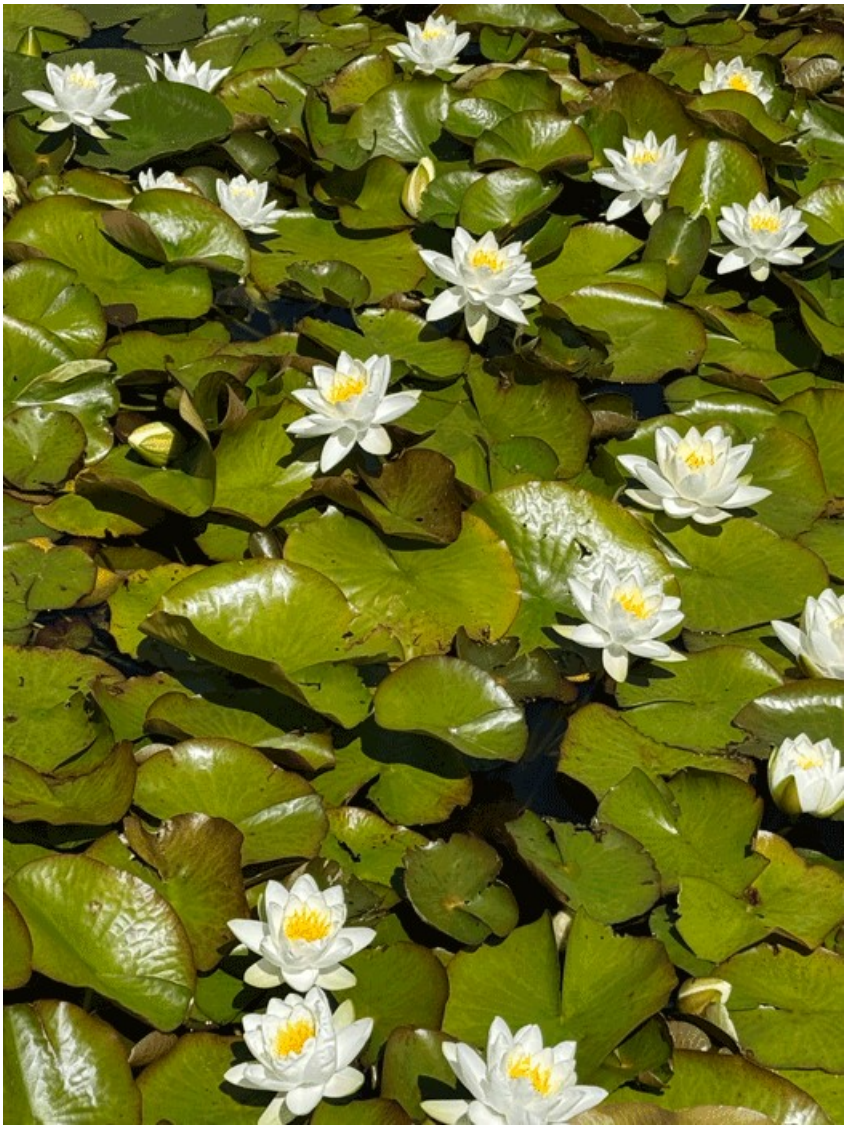
Singing the Faith 476 v1

PRAYER CORNER

We praise you, living God, that you are a God who delights in diversity.
You love us all just as we are, whatever our race, gender, or sexuality.
Whatever our level of ability or our personality type.
Whatever our gifting may be, and whatever our history or background.
You love us and weave us into your great plan to save the world through your Son Jesus Christ.
You can use our situation, our history, our personality, our gifting to advance your kingdom and to bring glory to your name.
Thank you, Lord, for your love and your great power which works everything together for the good of all.
Draw us closer to yourself. Help us to give all we have and are to you, to be used to your service and to the glory of your name. Amen.

Sovereign Lord, who rules over the heavens and the earth and loves everything and everyone you have made.
Forgive us that we have not always loved each other as we should
Forgive us when we have disrespected and despised people who were different from us.
Forgive us when we have ignored people who are not like us, or part of our group.
Forgive us when we have sought to dominate or set the agenda
Forgive us when we have sought to claim the kudos and the glory for ourselves, instead of giving it to you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus who gave up his life and submitted to the humiliation of death on a cross to reconcile us all together to God. Amen.

A Prayer for peace. Creator God. Today in a fractured world we pray for peace and justice,
Your peace, not built on our broken promises and failing courage,
But your deep peace, through your creative power and embodied in the service and sacrifice of Jesus.
May we follow Christ, seeking your justice, acting in solidarity and hope,
Even when the way seems unclear and the powers of our world don't reflect your Kingdom, Your Peace, Your Justice, Your Kingdom, Your world, *https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/prayer/israel-palestine/*



Water lilies at Howick House, by Ian Temple.