



Focus on August 2022



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WELCOME TO WESLEY CHAPEL

We are open for Sunday Morning Worship, 10.30am, see p3 for details of our services.

The Nidd Valley Circuit presents a weekly service at 10.30am every Sunday. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/NiddValley/>

Circuit Morning Prayer Live runs every morning Monday to Friday at 8am on Facebook. These are 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>

or if you need more information leave a message:
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WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Trevor Dixon

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST

10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev. Trevor Dixon.

6pm. Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom. *(Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).*

THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2pm. Wesley Fellowship. See page 6.

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev. Lesley Taylor.

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST

10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev. Trevor Dixon

6pm. Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom. *(Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).*

EVERY TUESDAY 10.30 to 12 noon. Wesley Wheelie Welcome Cafe. Come and join us for tea/coffee and a chat. Pushchairs, wheelchairs, any sort of wheels are welcome. *(See p5)*

EVERY FRIDAY 10am Online Coffee Morning. *(Link will be sent out, or contact Les or Judith). (See p5)*

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 17 September. We will be open to welcome visitors as part of the Civic Society Heritage Open Day.

Sunday 18 September. Harvest Festival, and Civic Society Heritage Open Day.

Saturday 1 October. Coffee/open day with music to celebrate 160th Anniversary.

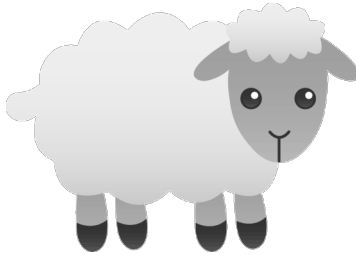
Sunday 2 October. 160th Chapel Anniversary. Service led by Rev. Leslie Newton, followed by lunch,

Sunday 16 October. Wesley Fellowship Sunday. Service led by Rev Lesley Taylor

Sunday 27 November. Memorial Service led by Rev. Lesley Taylor.

Tuesday 13 December. Christmas Shoppers Carol Service led by Rev. Lesley Taylor.

FIND THE SHEEP



REMINDER: Lesley is organising a sheep hunt in conjunction with local businesses during the period of Advent, and she needs lots of sheep to distribute to local shops. So, any kind of sheep (except for a real live one), big ones, small ones, knitted ones, pottery ones, model ones, stuffed ones. If you are away on holiday bring a model sheep home with you and pass it to Lesley. Judith has a pattern for a knitted one (courtesy of Shelagh), if you would like a copy, or there are loads of ideas on the internet for making your own. Just bring Lesley a sheep!

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



Lesley's Summer Bible Study will run for four Mondays from 1st August 2-3pm at Bilton Area.. We'll be looking at four of Jesus' parables.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Rotary have booked Saturday coffee mornings on 6th and 27th August. We are all welcome.

TUESDAY COFFEE AND FRIDAY RENDEZVOUS

Wesley 'Wheelie Welcome' café. We will re-start our weekly Tuesday morning refreshment mornings, opening from beginning of August. Wesley 'Wheelie Welcome' Café will run from 10.30 to 12 noon from August 2nd every Tuesday morning.

Our recent Tuesday Café morning went well (*see photos below*) and we had a number of Wesley folk and visitors. Please let your friends know about this exciting development whereby Wesley doors will be open every Tuesday morning to welcome everybody.

We are setting up a formal rota for each Tuesday morning that includes at least two people we know who will be available to open up and run a session. We expect that there will be a number of additional Wesley folk around on Tuesdays who can lend an extra hand if required. If you feel able to offer your support to open up and run one of the Tuesday mornings please let Shelagh or Les know.

Zoom Coffee Mornings. We will continue this activity and from August. Our Zoom coffee mornings will be held every Friday morning from 10.00am to 11.00am. Please note the earlier start time to allow some of our regulars to stay connected with us.





WESLEY FELLOWSHIP



Methodist Women
in Britain

At our July meeting we were privileged to hear Mike Greenberg share with us his life journey from being brought up as a Jew in London to becoming a Methodist – not only a Methodist but a Local Preacher too. I think his conversion may have been influenced by a lady called Maureen! Thank you Maureen. We have much to be grateful for as it is always a blessing to listen to Mike's wise words from the pulpit. Mike's ancestors came from Russia and Romania and his talk was enhanced by several old family photographs. These included a very handsome Mike as a boy and a loved-up couple sitting by the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. We were very grateful to Mike for sharing his story with us and for all the hard work in putting the presentation together. It was a pleasure to welcome Maureen to our meeting and thank you for being an efficient projectionist.

All are welcome to attend our next meeting on 11 August at 2pm when we shall be going back to Sunday School and sharing our memories as well as singing some familiar choruses we used to sing there. Please bring your inner child with you. I hope you can all remember the appropriate actions. It is many years since we held a similar afternoon when we all enjoyed a lot of fun. I have photographic evidence to prove it. If you enjoy singing then please do come along – the more the merrier!

Please make a note in your diaries that on **Sunday 16 October, 2022**, the morning service will take the form of an inaugural Wesley Fellowship Anniversary service, on the lines of the old Wesley Guild/ Ladies Network Anniversary services. Our President, Rev. Lesley, has kindly agreed to lead this service. More details to follow at a later date.

On behalf of the Fellowship I send love and best wishes to all our members who may be in special need of our prayers just now.

Hopefully see you on 11 August. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

Lynne Harvey

CHURCH FAMILY OUTING

The church family day out to Saltburn on Sea was a great success. Christine S writes: 'Didn't we have a wonderful time, the day we went to the seaside...? Sixteen of us went with Happy Wanderers to see the sea. Some of us braved the windy walk to the end of the pier although fortunately it was dry and not cold. At the Spa Hotel overlooking the bay we were treated to a fabulous afternoon tea. I think most of us agreed that the sausage rolls were the biggest and most delicious ever. We were even given boxes to take home the leftovers we could not eat!'



Some of those lucky folk who enjoyed the outing wrote to express their thanks to Les and Christine who organised the trip.

'A big and sincere thank you to Les and Christine for making this possible and for being such genial hosts. Your efforts were very much appreciated. Even the weather obeyed your command and it stopped raining at 12noon as you predicted! We so enjoyed the fun and fellowship and the delicious and plentiful meal at the Spa Hotel. God Bless you both and thank you'. **Lynne Harvey.**

'Thank you both for a very enjoyable day out, everything went to plan. It was good of Michael and Maureen to take us in their car. I think we all enjoyed the walk on the pier, and actually saw the sea with children playing on the sand. The hotel gave us a wonderful meal with the leftovers quickly stored in goody bags for us to eat later. Many thanks again'. **Keith and Katharine.**

More photographs over the page

.....the day we went to Saltburn



*Pier end but they had forgotten their fishing rods
Below Jenny and Philip with their doggie bag.*



The day we went to Saltburn continued



What a view.....

Below: Ladies who lunch



OUT AND ABOUT IN LOVELY BRITAIN WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The Lakes. Rev. Lesley spent a few days at Bowness with her sister in mid June. She sent us some pictures of the views around Bowness and a picture of herself and her sister on the Ambleside ferry. She challenged us to guess which was her.



Derbyshire. Lesley also spent some time in Derbyshire on a quilting weekend. Below one small sampler ready for binding. .



Spofforth. Ian writes: 'We decided to walk from Spofforth to Wetherby along the old railway line. The walk is fine but once you get into the trees and the embankments there isn't a lot to see. Luckily, we had called in to Spofforth Castle so there are some pictures for you. If you're in Wetherby we can recommend Pomfret's for a snack, great coffee and homemade scones'.



Bath. Andrew and Ulrike had a recent visit to Bath. They write: 'We saw John and Vera Brown in Bath on our way to Cornwall at the end of June 2022. They and their children Janice, Judith, Niall and Esther were members at Wesley Chapel about 25 years ago after which John and Vera moved to France. They are now back in England and live in Combe Down just outside Bath. We had a lovely time exploring Bath with them and catching up on news! Among other interesting places, they introduced us to St. Michael's Without, an Anglican church which is open to the public every day for refreshments and meals as well as for a crèche and concerts during the week, and also offering services of worship on a Sunday. John and Vera send their regards and best wishes to the Wesley folk!' **Ulrike and Andrew.**



Market Deeping. Ian and Eileen broke their journey south at Ian's brother's house in Market Deeping and went to Burghley House to walk around the grounds - 'this was before the temperature moved into the 30s. We really enjoyed the views of the house and the walk around the lake and the Sculpture Park'.



This horse was about 3 metres high - no wonder our Red Cross first aiders were kept so busy at the Horse Trials



'I think it's the background of clouds that makes this picture from Westerham so effective. The name is visible on the plinth but I wonder who knows the name of this famous military man? I suspect we all learnt about his exploits during our history lessons a 'few' years ago! (And, for those struggling with the writing on the plinth, it is Major General James Wolfe - Wolfe of Quebec.)



Ian Temple

CHURCHES IN NORWAY

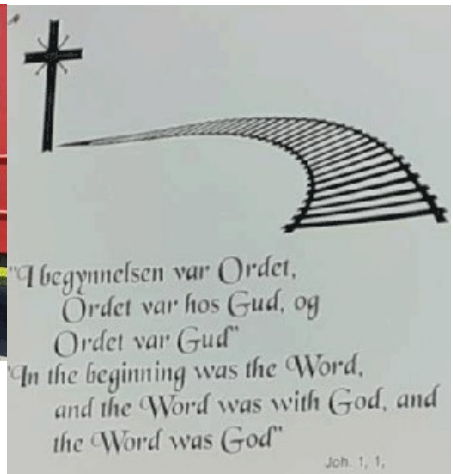


Christine has written about some interesting and unusual churches visited on a recent holiday to Norway.

We were in Bergen on a rainy day and hoped to take refuge in the cathedral only to find it was closed, as were other churches in the city. Also closed was a 'train' chapel in Andalsnes



Right. Message on side of the train carriage



We did however get into two lovely churches in Eidford. In the old church we could glimpse the wooden interior through a grilled doorway. I was particularly taken by the

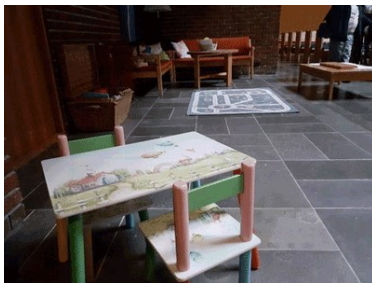
old boiler that reminded me of Stephenson's 'Rocket' train'.



The more modern church was a haven of peace and quiet, with tapestries, a ceramic depiction of the life of Christ behind the altar and Hardanger embroidery table runners. We loved the children's corner - an inviting area of seating, playmat and a drawing table with coloured pencils all lined up ready for use. A small and beautiful stained -glass window, we think designed by the children, overlooked the area (See next page).



Eidford Parish Church altar



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In Olden the old church had been built in 1759 to replace a 14th Century "stave" church using the original timbers for pew doors and posts.



Women and men were segregated. On the men's side were antlers on the door posts for them to hang their hats on.

At the back a window looked out to majestic mountains and glaciers



*Top Left :Eidford Old Church. Top right: Eidford Parish Church
Above Olden Church.*

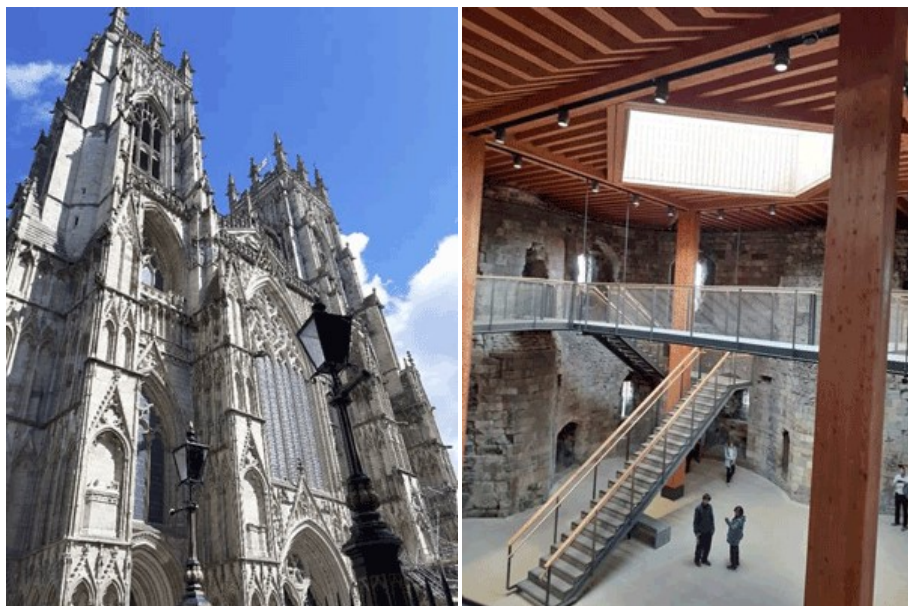


*At the back of the Olden Church a
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Churches in Norway continued.

Christine continues: 'Back on board the ship there was an afternoon worship service led by the 'entertainments manager'. Perhaps not quite his forte but at least he tried. There were around thirty of us present from around twelve hundred passengers. We did giggle when the last hymn we sang was 'For those in peril on the sea...' well he was the entertainments manager! There were many moments of awe and wonder for us all as we immersed ourselves in the wonders of this world around us and I know we all felt many occasions when we were aware of the creative power and presence of God, especially when the church doors were open! Thanks be to God. Every blessing Christine'.

Still on the subject of churches: Christine and Les took a trip to York recently to go to a concert by Ronan Keating. They took the opportunity to walk past York Minster and also up to the top of Clifford Tower. A new internal walkway structure and new open roof had just been completed this year and it was very impressive.





DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Christine Bunting shares her Desert Island Discs.

Well as everyone before me has said, this was a mammoth task! I have left out so much that I wanted to include, but they will have to wait for another occasion. Here is my final list that I hope people will enjoy.

1) Georges Bizet: L'Arlesienne Suite 2, in particular the Farandole.

This is a work I have known and loved from when I was in the Sixth Form at school. I became piano accompanist to the school orchestra and this is one of the pieces we played. It was my job, in part, to replicate the percussion, as we had no percussion section and along with the conductor I had to keep everyone together. The drum roll just after the first section of the Farandole meant I had to play fast octaves in my left hand for what felt like an age. I defy anyone not to want to get up and dance to this exuberant music.

2) Ralph Vaughan Williams: The Lark Ascending.

I had to have a piece of British music and who better than Vaughan Williams than in his 150th Anniversary year. This piece is so calming and evocative of the English countryside with its soaring flute melody to represent the lark. This brings back memories of lying in green meadows or upland pastures and listening to the birdsong. It will take me back to many happy places and times and I can paint a picture in my mind of the lush green pastures that I love so much.

3) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: The Magic Flute.

A change of mood again, though still vaguely on the theme of birds, I have chosen this piece because the Opera is light and funny and Mozart is my favourite opera composer. We have seen this performed twice, I think, though I cannot remember exactly where and when, but one occasion was probably after we had moved to Harrogate, so I guess it must have been at Leeds Grand. It never fails to make me leave the theatre feeling uplifted and with the tunes going round in my head. Our daughter Liz also played the flute so I often heard her playing, though not this work!

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4) *Charles Marie Widor: Toccata from the 5th Symphony.*

As the wife of an organist, I simply must have a piece of organ music that Graham has played. I always think of this as his party piece which he has played many times at Wesley, often on Easter Sunday. So this will also evoke memories of Easter services and Wesley as well as of Graham's playing. Some of you may remember that he also played it for Sarah Greenberg's Wedding.

5) *Morten Lauridsen: O Nata Lux.*

As a lifelong choral singer, I must have a piece of choral music, I wish I could have picked dozens more. I have chosen this because we have performed it with Vocalis and it is simply sublime. The harmonies are wonderful and it is a calming and reflective piece. The words are anonymous and date from the 10th century and translate as follows.

'O Light born, of Light,
Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
mercifully receive the prayer
and praises of your suppliants."

So this piece is part of the Christmas repertoire as well as speaking of my faith. I love the theme of light bringing hope for the future.

6) *Igor Stravinsky: The Firebird Suite.*

This is a ballet piece which was composed for Diaghilev's Russian Ballet Troupe in 1910. The story is based on a Russian folk legend of mythical and human characters and is a tale of good versus evil. The final scene where the Prince breaks the spell, the ogre dies and the Prince marries his princess is particularly joyful. I first worked out a spoken libretto for this when I was teaching in Buckinghamshire in 1975 and my class performed it at the end of year concert. It was seen as a very radical choice at the time, as though the school had a recording of it, it had never been played before. When I started teaching at Follifoot in the late 1990's I revived the piece again and one of the girls who learnt ballet danced the part of the Firebird. It was a great success. So this reminds me of the years I spent teaching music in primary schools.

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Christine's Desert Island Discs continued.

7) Bob Dylan: *Blowin' in the Wind*.

I do enjoy other styles of music besides classical, but sadly have room for just this one piece. I particularly like folk music and songs written in that tradition and this is a protest song from the 1960s which has that feel. Bob Dylan was a prolific composer and although he performed his songs himself I prefer the version recorded by Peter Paul and Mary. Their harmonies are wonderful to my ears and their voices very different from Dylan's singing voice. The words are as pertinent now as they were back in the 1960s. I bought an LP of Peter Paul and Mary as a teenager and then when I went to Manchester as a student and met Graham, I discovered he had exactly the same recording. So this reminds me of teenage and student years and friends in Manchester Meth Soc.

8) Ludwig Van Beethoven: *Symphony no. 9 (Choral)*.

I think Beethoven is my favourite composer and this is certainly one of his great works. What better way to end my choices than with the Ode to Joy? It is sure to lift me up if I am feeling down. As a singer in mainly small choirs, I have never had the opportunity to sing the final movement of this work as it is on a colossal scale, though I would have loved to have done so. So if the editor permits, could I please take with me to this desert Island, as my luxury item, a copy of the vocal score so I can learn the alto line and sing along? That would complete my happiness and give me a goal to aim for that I have not yet achieved.

You certainly may take the vocal score Christine, Enjoy!

So there you have it! No piano music, sadly, and no Bach or Handel or Northern or Eastern European composers, with the exception of Stravinsky who migrated to France and then America, no hymns, no Beatles. But what can you do when there is such a huge wealth of music out there and you only have eight choices? Happy listening!

Christine Bunting.

Next month Mike will share his Desert Island Discs.

MUSIC IS THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF MANKIND.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Judith attended two concerts in consecutive days. She explains:

They were two totally contrasting events. Friday: Radio Ga Ga Tribute Band. A thrilling evening of Queen's best songs. The Royal Hall was packed to the rafters and the age group ranged from 10 years to 90 years, the older rockers making up at least a third of the audience. There was much audience participation. My son Robert came with me and we both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



Saturday: Harrogate Choral Society. Voices, Organ and Brass. An altogether different experience and just as exciting. I should have been singing with the choir, but pulled out when Dave was taken ill, so I took his ticket. Fabulous music including Parry's 'I Was

Glad' and John Rutter's 'Gloria', as well as another contemporary piece called Seascape by Christopher Brown, who was present at the concert. Wonderful choral singing, amazing organ playing by our very own accompanist Tom Moore, and fabulous brass and percussion from Cobalt Brass and Northern Percussion Ensemble played to a large and appreciative audience in St. Wilfrid's Church.

How lucky are we in Harrogate to be able to participate in such diverse, professional and exciting musical events?"

Music continued

It gets better, we can enjoy wonderful, professional music in our own church. Sofya Gulyak gave an amazing recital 4th July at Wesley. Sofya won the Leeds International Piano Competition in 2009, and she thrilled a large and appreciative audience when she played some lovely music: Clara Schumann's Variations on a Theme by Robert Schumann op.20; Rondo-capriccioso op.14 by Mendelssohn; - Rachmaninov's Five Morceaux de Fantaisie op.3: Elegie, Prelude, Melody, Polichinelle, Serenade and the very popular Pictures at an Exhibition by Mussorgsky. It was a particularly special day for me as my grandson Dan had flown in the day before, on holiday from Australia, and he came to the concert. Ulrike insisted on taking a photograph to mark the occasion!



Judith



Judith and family with Sofya Gulyak



Flourish 2023

Tickets are now available for Flourish 2023. There is a small charge for tickets this time. Adults £10 for the whole weekend, Friday,

Saturday, Sunday. Les writes: 'A few of us from Wesley went to the last Flourish and it was a very uplifting, interesting and enjoyable event. You do not have to go for the whole weekend if that would be difficult! Speak with Shelagh or Les after looking at the website if you would like to know more'.

www.yorkshirenemethodist.org/flourish23



NIDD VALLEY We said an official farewell to Grace on Sunday 24th July, at Killinghall when we enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea interspersed with acts of worship and finished with a presentation to Grace from the Circuit Leadership Team, and from her churches. Grace has been with us for 5 years, and has been a huge asset to our circuit. She is leaving Nidd Valley to become superintendent in the beautiful South Lakes Circuit. Methodist Circuit We wish her every success and happiness.

We also sadly said goodbye to Juliana, who as well as her role as circuit secretary, has been assisting Pippa with administrative work for Wesley Centre. We will miss her wonderful input and wish her every happiness and success. Juliana wrote in the circuit newsletter:

Dear all, What do you really say after six years at an organization that has given you so many gifts? Many things compel us to move on from job experiences that have truly fulfilled our hearts and values. At Nidd Valley Circuit, I got a chance to do meaningful work, an opportunity to forge and test my resilience, passion and dedication to the values I care about and hone my leadership skills. In reflecting, I will miss most the incredible colleagues that walked alongside me, challenging me, inspiring me, troubleshooting and celebrating with me. I am leaving a better person and professional than I arrived. Thank you to everyone I had an opportunity to work with and thank you for your impact in my professional journey. Thank you for my lovely flowers. The good news is that I will continue to be bookings secretary for Starbeck Methodist Church, so I am still part of the circuit in the peripherals. You can contact me at starbeckmc@gmail.com. Juliana

POETRY CORNER

Christine Sudron read this piece to us at one of our Sunday Shares.

'Where there is righteousness in the heart, there is beauty in the character. When there is beauty in the character, there is harmony in the home. When there is harmony in the home, there is the order in the nation. When there is the order in the nation, there is peace in the world.' – A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

I Opened A Book

I opened a book and in I strode
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.

I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.

I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after.

I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a book inside me.

Julia Donaldson

From Crazy Mayonnaisy Mum, first published 2004 by Macmillan Children's Books, an imprint of Macmillan Publishers International Limited. Text copyright © Julia Donaldson 2004

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.

Brian O'Driscoll

I Thank Thee God That I Have Lived
by 18th Century Poet Elizabeth Craven.

I thank thee God, that I have lived
In this great world and known its many joys:
The songs of birds, the strongest sweet scent of hay,
And cooling breezes in the secret dusk;
The flaming sunsets at the close of day,
Hills and the lovely, heather-covered moors;
Music at night, and the moonlight on the sea,
The beat of waves upon the rocky shore
And wild white spray, flung high in ecstasy;
The faithful eyes of dogs, and treasured books,
The love of Kin and fellowship of friends
And all that makes life dear and beautiful.

I thank Thee too, that there has come to me
A little sorrow and sometimes defeat,
A little heartache and the loneliness
That comes with parting and the words 'Good-bye';
Dawn breaking after weary hours of pain,
When I discovered that night's gloom must yield
And morning light break through to me again.
Because of these and other blessings poured
Unasked upon my wondering head,
Because I know that there is yet to come
An even richer and more glorious life,
And most of all, because Thine only Son
Once sacrificed life's loveliness for me,
I thank Thee, God, that I have lived.

'Today is only one day in all the days that will ever be. But what will happen in all the other days that ever come can depend on what you do today.'

--Ernest Hemingway

'What is harder than rock, or softer than water? Yet soft water hollows out hard rock. Persevere'

--Ovid

A METHODIST WAY OF LIFE

The twelve core practices of a Methodist Way of Life are represented by stations. See www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/a-methodist-way-of-life/ •

		
Pray We pray daily	Worship We worship with others regularly	Notice We notice God in Scripture and the world
		
Care We care for ourselves and those around us	Learn We learn more about our faith	Open We practise hospitality and generosity
		
Serve We help people in our communities and beyond	Flourish We care for creation and all God's gifts	Challenge We challenge injustice
		
Tell We tell of the love of God	Live We live in a way that draws others to Jesus	Share We share our faith



Prayer Corner

Weekly Prayer email. The Harrogate Hub: have recently started a weekly Prayer email - Harrogate House of Prayer. Here's the link for you to register. <http://eepurl.com/h09E6j>

Day by day, dear Lord,
of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly,
to love thee more dearly,
to follow thee more nearly,
day by day. (StF 444)

Eternal God, 'your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.'

We pray for a fresh vision of the life of heaven

that renews our passion to see your kingdom here on earth.

May we be captivated anew by heaven's breathtaking beauty:

beauty revealed in glorious worship;

worship flowing from a great multitude;

a multitude united in celebration of rich diversity;

a diversity that embraces all nations, tribes, people and tongues.*

And so then may our lives re-shape this world.

In the name of Christ. Amen. **Leslie Newton, Yorkshire North and East District Chair**

A Prayer to Love the Life You Have. God, help me love the life I live right now. Show me the good things I often overlook and help me be content with what I have. Forgive me when I compare myself to others, forgive me for longing for things outside of you and your kingdom. Thank you for loving me right where I am, right as I am. Help me keep my eyes on you. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Nicki Koziarz. <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/10-morning-prayers-to-use-daily.html>

