



## Focus on October 2023



*Congratulations to Jenny and Philip on their Diamond Wedding*

## 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 pre-recorded worship, TED Talk style. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/NiddValley/>

Circuit Morning Prayer Live runs every morning Monday to Friday at 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  
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## WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY

### **SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 10.30AM.**

**10.30am.** Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Mark Godfrey.

**MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 1pm.** Lunchtime Recital. See p23 for details

### **SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER .**

**10.30am.** Morning Worship. Led by Andrew Brown. **6pm.** Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom. (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

**THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2pm.** Wesley Fellowship. Beetle Drive.

**SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 10.30am** Morning Worship led by Rev. Trevor Dixon.

**FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 10am. Online Coffee Morning.** (Link will be sent out, or contact Les or Judith).

### **SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 10.30am**

**10.30am** Morning Worship led by Rev. Gordon Hay. In Memory Service. **6pm** Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith)

**SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 10.30am** Morning Worship. Wesley Fellowship Service. Led by Rev. Leonora Wassall. Followed by a faith lunch. Please bring a contribution of food.

**SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 10.30am.** Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Trevor Dixon.

### **TUESDAYS**

**10.30 to 1pm.** Wesley Wheelie Welcome Café/Warm Welcome. Come and join us for a chat. Refreshments will be served.

### **NIDD VALLEY CIRCUIT OCTOBER ONLINE TALKS. 9AM**

1 Oct – Lesley Taylor; 8 Oct – Lesley Taylor; 15 Oct – Ian Pruden – Ripon and Lower Dales circuit; 22 Oct – Ian Pruden; 29 Oct – Ian Pruden



## WESLEY FELLOWSHIP



At our September meeting Andrew gave us a fascinating talk entitled *Harrogate's Forgotten Composer* about Ernest Bristow Farrar (7 July 1885 – 18 September 1918). Although he was not born in Harrogate, Farrar spent much of his life in the north of England. He was educated at Leeds Grammar School where he began organ studies. He eventually won a scholarship to study at the Royal College of Music where he studied with Sir Charles Villiers Stanford and was a friend of English composer, violist and conductor Frank Bridge. For a time he was organist at Christ Church in Harrogate. He is best-known today as a teacher of Gerald Finzi. However, he himself wrote a large number of works for orchestra, voices and organ. Andrew played us a small sample of Farrar's music and we were impressed by the variety of his output and the complexity of some of his pieces.

Farrar's career was cut short by the World War 1. He enlisted in the Grenadier Guards in 1915 and joined the regiment in August 1916. He was then commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion Devonshire Regiment. He was killed in the Somme in 1918 after being at the front for two days. His grave lies just outside the churchyard wall in Ronssoy Communal Cemetery.



Gerald Finzi, was deeply affected by Farrar's death. Frank Bridge was also deeply affected, and dedicated his Piano Sonata to the memory of Farrar. Farrar's widow Olive continued to live in Hollins Road, Harrogate. She died in 1979.

Some of Farrar's music has been recorded by the Philharmonia Orchestra on the Chandos label and can be downloaded from <https://www.chandos.net/products/catalogue/CHAN%209586>.  
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*Wesley Fellowship continued.*

For more details about the life of Ernest Farrar visit <https://www.warcomposers.co.uk/farrarbio>. Or just ask Andrew.

### **Wesley Fellowship Programme for 2023**

*11/05 Royal Quiz - led by Shelagh Outhwaite.*

*08/06 My Ancestor was a Missionary - led by Judith Yeats.*

*13/07 - Games Day - afternoon playing different games.*

*0/08 - Name that picture/photograph - led by Lynne Harvey.*

*14/09 - Harrogate's forgotten composer - led by Andrew Hitchen.*

*12/10 - Beetle Drive .*

*09/11 - Blind Man's Buff. Speaker Frank Ellis.*

*14/12 - 'Tis the Season'. A Celebration of Christmas.*

Leadership team: Shelagh, Mike, Judith, Lynne, Les, Mary and Frank.  
Happy Wanderer transport Co-ordinator: Les (797406)  
Happy Wanderer driver: Colin (07875 555807)

### **CAPTION COMPETITION**



We have received another suggestion for a caption for this picture. Barbara suggests:

*'Did they leave us an instruction manual?'*

### **Ernest Bristow Farrar Quotes**

Quote from a letter from Ralph Vaughan Williams on Farrar's appointment as organist at St. Hilda's Church, South Shields: 'I suppose I must congratulate you on your appointment – I certainly congratulate them – but it's a beastly job being organist and unless one is very careful lowers one's moral tone (not to speak of one's musical) horribly.

Stanford wrote in the *Durham University Journal*: 'Farrar was one of my most loyal and devoted pupils. He was very shy, but full of poetry, and I always thought very high things of him as a composer, and lamented his loss both personally and artistically'.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear Friends,

It is wonderful to be the minister of Wesley Chapel. For a number of years I have felt a connection to the community, as my great uncle (Doug Hay) was a member of the chapel.

It was equally wonderful to preach my first service, as your new minister, on 17th September. I thank you for your warm welcome.

In this last month I have been pondering about entitlement. We have celebrated harvest and have given thanks for the abundance of food. For the Psalmist declares, 'You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly' (Psalm 65:9).

At times, it is easy to feel an entitlement to the abundance of food. We click on our online grocery shop, open the food cupboard doors and see the food waste in our bins.

Yet there are many people around the world and living in Harrogate who do not experience an abundance of food. Climate change, famine, war, inequality of wealth and unjust distribution of technological resources leaves people hungry.

I remember last Christmas an article in the Stray Ferret. The person wrote 'It surprised a lot of people we went to Resurrected Bites. On the outside, I had got a fairly good job, but all of a sudden we were hundreds of pounds down a month. We were at the point of incurring a lot of debt and struggling to fill our bellies.'

Our life circumstances can rapidly change that removes the illusion of entitlement. God has blessed our world with an abundance of food but those who have must think with grateful and humble hearts how we can all share God's gift.

Peace. Rev Gordon Hay

### NOTICE RE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meeting planned for October 9th has been postponed, new date is Wednesday 25 October at 1pm.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

We are sad to hear of the death of our dear friend Malcolm Wood, Our thoughts and prayers are with Anita and family. Malcolm's funeral is at 2pm on Wednesday 4 October at Wesley.



*Anita and Malcolm on Malcolm's 80th birthday*



### **Memories of Betty Taylor.**

My memories of Betty and her husband, David, go back many years, because they were involved in so many aspects of Wesley life. They were among the first team to help Ken Dransfield start up the Christmas Day lunch, which ran for so many years in the Lower Hall. In those days (before we had freezers at church), this meant going into Wesley on Christmas Eve and preparing the vegetables, setting out the tables, etc.

Betty was also part of the team which ran the Wednesday coffee morning for so many years and she and I were usually on duty together, when we could catch up on each other's family news.

Of course, they were both regular attenders at Sunday services and although the evening service attendance gradually dwindled, they were always to be found among the small congregation. For special events, such as Christmas coffee mornings or other outreach activities, they always made themselves available if they could and their presence and help was much appreciated.

We remember Betty, and David, with great affection and gratitude for all that they contributed to the life of Wesley.

**Jenny Goodwin**



## 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Jenny and Philip enjoyed their 60th wedding anniversary celebrations with family and friends. One highlight was a card from King Charles and Queen Camilla.

Jenny is the longest serving member of Harrogate Choral Society, and a little bird told the Chairman about the special anniversary. So, Jenny was presented with flowers at the rehearsal the night before, by Choral Director David and Chairman Paul. Philip was there too, although a little shy about coming forward.



Daughter Louise popped in after the service on the Sunday, and it was lovely for all her old Wesley friends to catch up with her.



## HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND.

On 9th and 10th we opened our doors for the National Heritage Open Days, and enjoyed a highly successful weekend. On the Saturday we were open from 11 until 4 and welcomed many visitors. We served refreshments, and visitors wandered round our lovely building and enjoyed musical interludes as well as Jenny's superb exhibition of our 161 year history. The theme of the Heritage Open Days this year was *Creativity Unwrapped*. We certainly warmed to the theme.

Glen (Julian's son), wowed us with his guitar playing. He was joined for an impromptu performance of *Summertime* by a lady visitor who asked Glen if she could sing with him.



Philip gave us a short recital on the organ and in the afternoon The Silver Keys quartet delighted us with an hour long performance.



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*Heritage Weekend continued.*

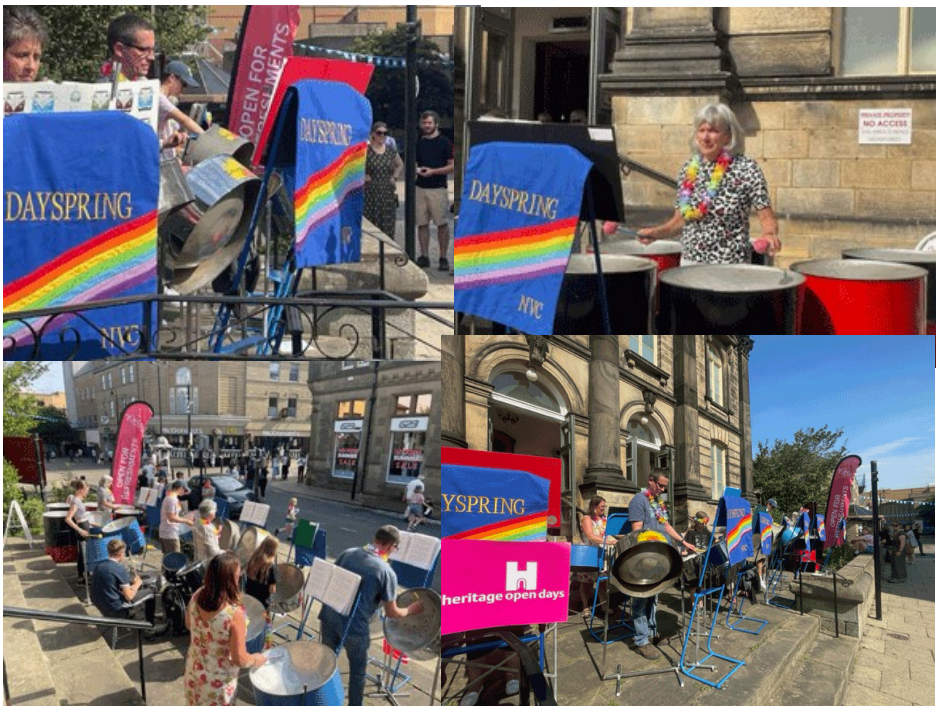
The second of our open days was also our Harvest Festival, and we offered a warm welcome to any visitors who wished to join us. Sue Langley led the service and talked about the harvest of faithfulness, peace, patience, gentleness, self-control, love and goodness.



In the afternoon we were joined by Dayspring, the Circuit Steel Band. The weather forecast was for wind and rain, so the steel drums were set up inside. Then the sun came out, so with plenty of willing helpers around, the steel drums were carried back outside, where we attracted lots of attention from passers by, some of them dancing in the street as they passed by. And the rain stayed away until much later in the evening.

**Methodist Homes Sunday.** Sincere thanks to all Wesley folk who helped raise £200 for the work of MHA alongside older people. **Les.**

*Heritage weekend continued.*



## SUNDAY SHARE



We welcomed Pastor Rev. Joseph Nelson to our latest Sunday Share. Joseph is Pastor at MHA's Martin Grange. He preached at Wesley a few weeks ago. We invited him back to tell us more about the Lutheran Church and we spent a very interesting half hour—we could have gone on much longer—, learning about the history of Lutheranism, and the work of the Lutheran church today. It was fascinating and we have made him promise to come back and continue the conversation.

*Message in our Visitors book after the MHA Anniversary Service*

*Thank you for the most amazing  
hospitality + help for our  
80th Anniversary Service*



## MHA 80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

What a wonderful afternoon at Wesley on Saturday 23 September. Nearly a 100 guests listened to an address by Revd. Gill Newton, President of The Methodist Conference and enjoyed some wonderful music and song by a group of MHA Music Therapists.



*Sam Monaghan (CEO MHA). Rev. Gill Newton, President of Methodist Conference, James Reilly (Chair MHA),*



Pam Rhodes (BBC Songs of Praise presenter) has been a Patron of Methodist Homes (MHA) for over 30 years and was a guest. Pam Rhodes had heard about the Wesley 'mafia' ladies and quickly felt at home with them; Ulrike was there to make sure they all behaved. **Les.**

## INDIAN FOOD APPRECIATION SOCIETY



Inaugural Wesley 'Indian Food' Appreciation Society met for the first time at Jinnah's on Friday 22nd Sept. Present were Keith, Mike, John, Les, Andrew, Trevor, Julian and his lady Ann.

We had a lovely evening with lots of conversation and the food was great. As the manager knew both Trevor and Julian he gave us a 10% discount...which we obviously gave back as our tip, but still a nice gesture! So if you go to Jinnah's tell them you are from Wesley and they may give you a reduction too...but tell them it was Trevor and Julian that told you, not me. **Les.**



### A CHRISTENING AT WESLEY

Recently Jennifer and Jean have been part of the Wesley congregation. A few weeks again Jennifer brought in a photograph of her daughter's Christening from 38 years ago that took place in Wesley Chapel. Many of you will be thrilled to see baby Jaymie Anne being held by our beloved and well remembered minister Rev Philip Blackburn. Thank-you Jennifer. **Les**

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Philip and Jenny would like to thank everyone who so kindly sent cards and good wishes to us on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding celebrations. We had a wonderful family party at the home of Anna and Gareth, and it was lovely to see so many there (over 40!) including some who had come some considerable distance - from France, Faroe Islands, Germany, as well as Kent and Hertfordshire. We even got a card from the King and Queen!





# MORE PICTURES FROM OUR HERITAGE WEEKEND



## Desert Island Discs

*This month Ian Giethoorn is our castaway, and here are his 8 choices.*

*Bad Moon Rising by Creedence Clearwater Revival.* A good song which reminds me of the late 1960s– early 1970s.

*Daddy Cool/The Girl Can't Help It by Darts.* A good rock n roll revival record..

*Hotel California by the Eagles.* A classic West Coast US rock track.

*Sweet Dreams Are Made Of This by The Eurythmics.* 80s rock. Very pleasant to listen to.

*Go Your Own Way by Fleetwood Mac.* West Coast US rock track is good and better than the band's earlier 1960s blues-based stuff.

*I'm Stone In Love With You by Johnny Mathis* my favourite 1950s-60s singer.

*West End Girls by The Pet Shop Boys.* I tipped this for number 1 on the days it was released. It was released twice (1984 and 1985).

*Maggie May//Reason to Believe by Rod Stewart.* Both sides of this record are among my favourites by Rod.

*Great choices Ian. I saw Fleetwood Mac live at the Wembley Arena in 1980 on its Tusk tour. They were all brilliant, but especially Lindsey Buckingham.* Judith.

*Next month Joy will be sharing her Desert Island Discs.*



Something I saw in Reader's Digest years ago, really amused me. It went something like this:

'50% of the things we worry about won't happen. 50% of the things we don't worry about will happen. So all in all, we do the right amount of worrying.' It still amuses me today. Judith

## WELCOME SERVICE

The Circuit welcomed new staff member Deacon Gary Hoare and his wife Angie (Rev. Angela Hoare) on 1 September at Trinity.



*Sharon Wright, Senior Circuit Steward. Deacon Gary Hoare, Rev. Ben Clowes, Superintendent Minister, Rev. Leslie Newton, Chair of Yorkshire North and East District.*

## SELECTED NOTES FROM CIRCUIT MEETING HELD TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT WOODLANDS METHODIST CHURCH

- Two new Circuit Stewards, Graham Taylor (Gracious Street, and David Woodward (Harlow Hill).were welcomed.
- There have been no volunteers to take on the role of Circuit Safeguarding Officer. Ron Hicks has agreed to hold the fort for one more year. This role is a vital function of circuit life and one which needs to be filled.
- Synod Reps are: Sharon Wright, Ed Walton, Mark Wheatley, Les Sudron, Judith Yeats.
- Elliot Crippen (Starbeck), who is the District Communications Enabler gave an interesting presentation about a podcast that he and his wife have developed in conjunction with Methodist Church Kairos Movement, entitled *Don't Wake the Baby*, which is aimed at connecting parents. For more information visit [www.kairosmovement.org.uk/dontwakethebaby](http://www.kairosmovement.org.uk/dontwakethebaby).

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- **Moses replacement.** The decision has been made by the Circuit Invitation Committee (CIC) to go into stationing for a probationer, to replace Moses. We will know by the beginning of October whether or not we are 'in the reckoning'. If successful there will be a match at the beginning of January.
- **26 Woodlands Drive.** The manse needs a lot of work including a new roof. It has an uneconomical EPC which is not up to the standard expected for a manse. Therefore permission was granted to the Circuit Leadership Team to sell Woodlands Drive and buy new. a Manse, which needs to be ready by April. The new house will be situated on one of the new housing developments, eg. Bluecoat Wood (near Horticap.)  
**Staffing.** There have not been any suitable applicants for the position of Local Pastor at Gracious Street.
- **Vision & Strategy** Deacon Gary Hoare's support group has met and work has begun on the way forward for Gary's mission, in particular with new housing developments.
- **2026** will be a key year in the circuit: If we get a probationer it will be the year they are ordained; subject to Lesley's reinvasion she will sit down in that year; the gap is getting bigger between the availability of presbyters and requirements and there is no guarantee that Lesley would be replaced; it will be the end of Ron (Killinghall) and Diane (Park Grove) Hicks's three years. Churches are asked to consider what it will mean for them, and to pray for the future life of the circuit.
- It will be Scotton's 200th birthday. Woodlands will be 60 next year.
- **Circuit Youth.** Lesley is gathering information about the youth in the circuit and has asked that where there are young people aged 11 plus in the churches to let her know.
- **Local Preachers Report.** Kim John and Kath Jones are 'on trial' and are both well on the way to becoming accredited local preachers.
- **Finance.** There is a £38k surplus, mainly because of a delay in appointing the Wesley Centre Manager, and Gracious Street Pastor. However, big expenditure on properties is expected.
- **Connexional Funds.** Giving to this fund has gone down and churches are asked to put this on their church councils' agenda.



*Circuit Meeting Notes continued.*

- **Property.** Following the recent safety issues regarding potentially dangerous concrete, the Methodist Property Department will be sending out information, particularly for those churches that were built or modified between 1960s and 90s.
- **Next steps for the circuit.** In order to be proactive, an Away Day is being planned to enable discussion on how to take the circuit forward. It will be at a venue outside the circuit. Watch out for details later this quarter.
- **John Batchelor Award.** This was given to Lucy Morris from Trinity who received £50 for her exceptional contributions to her church. The process for 2024 has begun. Nominations forms are available from Ben, or Mary Briggs-Dennison at Trinity, for nominations for pupils in years 7-11 (1-5 at senior school).
- **Ben's Sabbatical.** Lesley will chair the June Circuit Meeting.
- **Methodist Conference 2024** is in Leeds and anyone can be a visitor at the Open session.
- **Dates of future meetings.** 21 March 2024, 7.30pm at Trinity.  
18 June 2024, 7.30pm at tbc (FORUM)

Please pray for the Circuit Team, and they will pray for you.  
**Judith Yeats.**

## PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH



Georgia loves cycling.

Ice Cream at Ripley Castle.

Happy Birthday Margaret..



## SELECTED NOTES FROM WESLEY CENTRE MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING HELD 11 SEPTEMBER.

- **Repairs and installations.** A Government grant has been applied for to restore broken railings, to install gates on the steps and the ramp and for the installation of more cameras round the building. The broken windows will be repaired.
- New stair-treads are on order for the stairs leading up to the gallery.
- **Cleaning Contract.** A new cleaner, from the same company, has started and is doing a good job. A deep clean took place before the MHA Anniversary Service.
- Debris outside the church. Despite continued support from HHP there is still much debris outside on a daily basis. Some is due to McDonald's, who are being asked to come across and tidy up..
- **Roof repairs Jinnahs and HIF.** The roof on this building requires attention and damage to the timbers is worse than first thought. The dormer windows at the back of Jinnahs are faulty. Quotes have been requested for carrying out this work, and for the scaffolding that will be required.
- **Finance.** There is a deficit of £17-18k. Maintenance is the big item. However, there will be no circuit assessment next year and rentals and bookings are up, so the situation is not quite as bad as it seems.
- **Speakers.** These need to be replaced. The speakers we have at the present time are on loan. New speakers will cost in the region of £1,150 each.
- **Meeting with HHP.** Ben, Les and Ed continue to have regular meetings with the CEO and Chair of HHP.
- **Ben's sabbatical.** Ben will be on sabbatical in June, July and August next year. During this time Gordon will chair the Wesley Centre Trustees meeting and someone (yet to be nominated) will chair the Management Team.

**Judith Yeats**



## WESLEY CENTRE CONCERTS. SEASON 2023-2024 LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Mondays 1 - 2pm . Admission £10.00 unless otherwise specified



**2 October 2023** ELISABETH BRAUSS (piano). Franz Schubert. : Piano Sonata in A major D.664. Robert Schumann Carnaval, Op. 9

**6 November 2023** Leeds Lieder Recital HELEN CHARLSTON (mezzo-soprano), JOSEPH MIDDLETON (piano). Music by Fanny Hensel, John Ireland, Mahler, Britten and Frank Bridge. Helen Charlston (3 New Generation Artist), was a soloist in a performance of *Elijah* at the 2023 BBC Proms. This will be our Leeds Lieder recital, which we hope will become an annual event in the Wesley Centre recital programme. The recital will also form part of the programme of events commemorating the centenary of the Harrogate war memorial. (See page 22).

**4th December 2023** CHARLOTTE SALUSTE-BRIDOUX (violin) JOSEPH HAVLAT (piano). Programme: Fantasy in C, D934 - Schubert. Rondo Brilliant in B minor, D895 - Schubert.

**8th January 2024** MITHRAS TRIO (Current BBC Radio 3 NGAs) Programme will include Beethoven Trio in B flat major, Op.97 'Archduke'.

**5th February 2024** JONATHAN LEIBOVITZ (clarinet) MACIEJ KULAKOWSKI (cello) ARIEL LANYI (piano). Beethoven & Brahms.

**12th February 2024** JEAN—EFFLAM BAVOUZET (piano) Debussy, Massenet & Liszt.

**4th March 2024** JEAN—PAUL GASPARIAN (piano) Programme to be confirmed.

**13th May 2024** Artist to be confirmed

**3rd June 2024** NICHOLAS DANIEL (oboe) HUGH WATKINS (piano) Programme to be confirmed.

**1st July 2024** JAZZ CONCERT RICHARD WETHERALL TRIO

*Wesley Concerts continued*

## EVENING CONCERTS

Saturdays 7.30pm. Tickets £18.00 (age 26 and under £8)



**10th February 2024.** SIR STEPHEN HOUGH (piano).  
Programme Chaminade, Liszt, Chopin.

**13th April 2024** ANGELA HEWITT (piano). Programme:  
Bach, Mendelssohn. Shostakovich, Samuel Barber.



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## AROUND AND ABOUT

**Harrogate Choral Society.** The next concert will be held at St. Wilfrid's Church at 3pm on Saturday 28 October Voices and Organ. Music from Britain and France. Tickets £15. From Harrogate Box Office 01423 502116, or online [www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk), or on the door, or see Judith..

**Nidderdale Messiah.** A charity event for all who would like to sing or listen to Handel's Messiah. **Sunday 26 November.** Singers rehearsal at 1pm and performance at 4pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Knaresborough. This year's charity is Resurrected Bites.

Come and sing, or come and listen to the performance. <https://www.facebook.com/NidderdaleMessiah/>

**Harrogate School of Theology and Mission. 7 October 10am—12 noon. St. Mark's Church.** Rescheduled lecture by Prof Paul Foster *Meet the Apostolic Fathers: Christianity in the first half of the Second Century*. Prof Foster will explain the impact of these early Christian thinkers not only on the development of theology in the second century, but how we understand and explain our faith now.

### **Commemorating the Centenary of Harrogate's War Memorial.**

A project to match the 1163 names of those lost in 2 world wars with their stories. Our own Donald Simpson Bell is among them. There is an exhibition in West Park URC from 1 September to 12 November (Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm, and Sundays from 1pm to 5pm. Also there will be illustrated talks and film screenings at various locations.

For the full programme visit <https://thecenotaphcentenary.info/>

## WHAT'S ON AT OUR OTHER CHURCHES

**Bilton Methodist Amblers.** The next walk is **Saturday 14 October.** All walks start on the car park of Bilton Area Methodist Church where we meet to arrange transport at 9.30am. Summer walks generally about 5- 6 miles. Please bring a packed lunch but we normally go on to a pub or cafe at the end.. All welcome. If interested please contact Janet Allen, T: 524634 E: janetallen09@btinternet.com

**Bilton.** We have available places for people to join Bilton Area Methodist lunch club on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month (or just one of the dates). The meal is a balanced 3 course meal consisting of mains, dessert then followed by cheese and biscuits and tea or coffee. Cost £5.50 or £6 if you need a lift. Contact Julie Dekanski 07713 822832 or Ann Ellis 01423 503840 if interested.

**Gracious Street** Monthly coffee morning, in The Bridge on the 4th Saturday of the month, 10am-12 noon - Each month will support a different charity/good cause so please come and have a drink, cake and a chat.

### **Harlow Hill.**

Mondays 10am-11.30am, Coffee Morning.

Friday mornings from September 10.30am—12 noon. Little Beans baby and toddler sessions. Coffee/tea/squash and biscuits, £3.00 per family. Parents, grandparents, nannies, carers all welcome.

### **Killinghall**

Every Thursday, 11:30 - 14:00, Resurrected Bites

Last Saturday in the month 10.30 to 12 noon. Coffee Morning.

### **Starbeck.** Concert Programme:

Saturday 7 October, 7.30pm. . York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir.

Saturday 11 November 7.30pm. Tewit Silver Band.

Saturday 2 December. 7.30pm. Northern Voices. Christmas carols, songs and readings

Entry £9 on the door. Refreshments served during the interval.

**Trinity.** Sunday 29th October, 4.30pm – Service of Memories

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*What's on at our other churches continued.*

## **Woodlands**

Every Friday morning 8.45-10.00. (Term time only)

Toast Community Café - Welcomes anyone from the community, whether you have just dropped off children at school or are just passing by. We offer tea, coffee and toast and a place to sit and chat.

Woodlands Lunch Club - Come and join us for a home-made 3 course lunch every Friday at 12.15pm. (Term time only)

The club operates on a Pay as you Can basis. Transport may be available. If you would like to come along, please email [revannebrown@gmail.com](mailto:revannebrown@gmail.com).

Woodlands Community Garden - Our community garden is open to everyone and it can be found

behind our church building on Wetherby Road.

It was the idea of one of our church members who, with a regular group of volunteer gardeners,

have created this amazing garden from what was just a field! We now have a beautiful sitting area, vegetable plots, a fruit orchard and, our latest addition, a large pond. We are very proud of the fact that it has been entered into various competitions such as Harrogate in Bloom. You are very welcome to come and enjoy our lovely space.

**Better Connect.** Better Connect would love to tell more people about what they do, to ensure that the support is reaching those people that need it across our communities: 'Better Connect' is a not-for-profit organisation based in Knaresborough that manages partnership programmes across Yorkshire, working with hundreds of organisations they offer life changing support to individuals that need it. RISE (Reducing Inequalities Supporting Employment) is a project that offers 1-2-1 coaching and mentoring for individuals that need guidance on how to move forward with their lives.

See Its website RISE page <https://betterconnect.org.uk/our-projects/rise/>

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather. **John Ruskin.**

## MY WISH FOR YOU

This is my wish for you;  
Comfort on difficult days,  
smiles when sadness intrudes,  
rainbows to follow the clouds,  
laughter to kiss your lips.  
Sunsets to warm your heart,  
hugs when spirits sag,  
beauty for your eyes to see,  
friendships to brighten your being.  
Faith so that you can believe,  
confidence for when you doubt,  
courage to know yourself,  
patience to accept the truth,  
Love to complete your life.  
*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## ROYAL VISIT TO HARROGATE

Ian took this picture of The King's Flight helicopter, on the Stray, as he walked into town on 21 September. It was a visit by the Princes Royal.



She is patron of the UK's two Police Treatment Centres and visited the new clinical services wing at St Andrews PTC on Harlow Moor Road..

She then visited the Starbeck charity Claro Enterprises, , whose commercial workshops enable people with long-term mental health conditions to function in a real work environment.

Finally, she headed up Station Parade and dropped in on Woods Fine Linen, the long-established family business which has supplied royal households since it was founded in 1895.

<https://thestrayerferret.co.uk/>

**Saturday 28 October 2023 at 2.30 pm**

The Wesley Centre  
28 Oxford St, Harrogate HG1 1PP

## **An Afternoon of Bliss**

**The *Arthur Bliss Society* presents a Talk and Recital by Professor Philip Wilby  
on Bliss' Unfinished Viola Concerto followed by a Recital by Carlton Main  
Frickley Colliery Band**

### **2.30pm Bliss' Unfinished Viola Concerto**

A lecture recital by Professor Philip Wilby accompanied by David Aspin  
(Principal Viola Opera North Orchestra) on the orchestration of the Viola  
Sonata to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sir Arthur Bliss' death in 2025

### **3.15pm Interval**

Drinks available for purchase

### **3.30pm Recital**

**Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band conducted by David Purkiss**

#### **Recital Programme**

Welcome the Queen (1956) Bliss arr Halstenson  
Downland Suite (1932) John Ireland  
Astralis (2023) Philip Wilby (English Premiere)  
Kenilworth (1936) Bliss



**Tickets £10 (Society members £7, Students free) available on the door  
or in advance from [secretary@arthurbliss.org](mailto:secretary@arthurbliss.org)**



## PRAYER CORNER



Please remember in your prayers our Circuit Leadership Team, who does an amazing job of making our circuit one of the best.

From falsehood, lead us to Truth. From darkness lead us to Light.  
From death lead us to Immortality.

*Indian, Brihadaranyka Upanishad (c. 600 BCE)*

I lift my eyes to the trees. Majestic canopy in city square, flourishing in a field hedge, thorn on a rocky outcrop. I shuffle leaves, pick fruit and plant acorns. But I like wood floors, beams in cathedrals and old ships. Forests are fought over and industrial logging endangers all life. Yet as biblical people met God under landmark trees, all creation meets heaven on the Cross. That tree of life, love, death and hope. Forever attractive to artists, trees yield new truths to science every day; their rings tell secrets of the long past; their roots talk along a web. Home to diverse creatures and, best of all, they capture carbon. Creator God, turn my awe for trees into respectful living.

*Helen Caine, supernumerary presbyter, North Cheshire Circuit*

Faithful God, when you call, may we respond; when we falter, be our guide. When you speak, may we hear; when we question, be our wisdom. When you ask, may we answer; when we hesitate, be our resolve. When you show, may we see; when we disregard, be our conscience. When you lead, may we follow; when we stray, be our shepherd. When you send, may we go; when we fear, be our courage. When you challenge, may we listen; when we fail, be our rock. When you give, may we receive; and may we love, as you first loved us. *(Paul Martin, Methodist Church Prayer Handbook 2019/2020)*

Power of God, be our protection; Wisdom of God, be our guide;  
Word of God, be our inspiration; Shield of God, be our defence;  
Son of God, be our salvation; now and always.

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## *More pictures from Heritage Weekend and MHA 80th Anniversary*

