



The **Methodist** Church

Wesley Focus on June



*The descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and Mary at Pentecost
by Elizabeth Wang (see p4)*

Wesley Chapel Harrogate

June 2019

Welcome to Wesley Chapel

We really enjoy welcoming visitors to Wesley Chapel and we hope your time with us will be enjoyable and uplifting. If you are new to Harrogate or just new to Wesley Chapel, we would love to welcome you back and tell you a bit more about what we do here and hopefully get to know you a little more.

If you would like to remain in contact with us please speak to the minister, stewards or the person who welcomed you into the church and let us know your preferred method of contact.

Welcome again!

Wesley Chapel Contacts

Ministry Team: Rev. Ben Clowes, Rev. Ann Fox, Rev. Trevor Dixon.

Senior Steward: Les Sudron

Church Council Secretary: Jenny Goodwin

Safeguarding Officer: Christine Sudron

Focus Editor: Judith Yeats e-mail judithyeats0@gmail.com

Website: www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk

Wesley Centre Contacts:

Wesley Centre Manager: Philippa French (Pippa)

pfrench@wesleycentreharrogate.org.uk

Premises Manager: David Megginson

office@wesleycentreharrogate.org.uk

Administrator: Lynne Close

admin@wesleycentreharrogate.org.uk

Telephone: 01423 509917

Website: www.wesleycentreharrogate.org.uk

Address: Oxford Street, HG1 1PP, Harrogate

The deadline for 'Wesley Focus on July' is 24 June.

Please send any notices, news, articles, photographs to Judith Yeats: 01423 506014, judithyeats0@gmail.com. Wesley 'Focus on June' is also on the website. If you would also like to receive the monthly newsletter by e-mail please let Judith know.

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends

"Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8)

It's that time of year when we try to get out and about - that strange period called 'summer' but we know as British people we still cannot rely on the weather. How is it that when we do outdoor events you can guarantee it will rain. Then, of course, there's always 'Bank Holiday weather'! In the musical, Annie sings 'the sun will come out tomorrow, bet your bottom dollar' - she obviously wasn't British! At least she goes on to sing something quite poignant 'tomorrow, tomorrow, I love you, tomorrow, you're only a day away!'

According to James Bond, 'Tomorrow never dies' and although the filmmakers didn't mean it that way, it is a truism. Tomorrow is always tomorrow! And yet there's something about hope when we speak about tomorrow. Annie sings out of hope that tomorrow will be better than today. I wonder if as Christians our hope in tomorrow ever touches today? At the General Church Meeting I was encouraging people to begin to think about what tomorrow may bring. There were some real statements of hope and challenge. I wonder what your hope for tomorrow is? And yet, I know that we cannot live in tomorrow. As I have already said, there is always tomorrow. I wonder how many of you have ever said things like 'I'll start saving tomorrow', 'I'll begin that diet tomorrow', 'I'll read my Bible more tomorrow'. The problem with statements like that is that they are full of good intentions but will they ever come to pass. As Christians we believe in a God who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Our hopes and dreams need to rest in him. It is so easy to think we know the right way forward without God.

What will tomorrow bring for you? What are your hopes and dreams for your life, your family, your church? We can never truly know, can we. As Søren Kierkegaard, the 18th Century Danish philosopher once said, 'Life can only be understood backwards, but it has to be lived forwards'. Tomorrow doesn't make sense without our reference to yesterday! In Christian terms, this is all about vision. Christian vision looks to all that God is laying on our hearts but it has to be built on the rock of all that has gone on in our lives before it. What of your yesterdays is guiding your life as you consider your tomorrows?

Continued p4

Minister's Letter continued

And yet we need to remember Annie, tomorrow is 'only a day away'! Vision isn't just something that will guide us into the future but reminds us that there is an urgency for us to share the Good News of Jesus; we can never know what today will bring, never mind tomorrow so why do we prevaricate when we feel God is calling us to reach out? All we have is today. In fact, all we have is 'now'. To God, our now is his yesterday, today and forever. As Michael Card, an American Christian Singer-Songwriter once wrote that in Jesus 'eternity stepped into time so we could understand'.

So what is your tomorrow? And, more importantly, what is God laying on your heart to do today? All we have is now and as we seek to fulfil God's calling on our lives in the 'now' we will begin to build up a true sense of God's vision for our lives. Maybe now is the time to bring all your time before the God of eternity and allow him to show that not only is there a chance that the sun will come out tomorrow but it may also come out today!

Yours in Christ
Ben

Cover picture

The descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and Mary at Pentecost by Elizabeth Wang

Elizabeth Wang was a UK based Catholic artist and writer, born in 1942 and died in 2016. She became disillusioned with Anglicanism when a teenager and stopped going to church. At the age of 21 she became a practising Christian and converted to Catholicism at the age of 25. She was a prolific artist who is perhaps most famous for her religious paintings and her writings about prayer. She founded Radiant Light, which is a movement within the Catholic Church that seeks to encourage people to grow in holiness by believing and living the Catholic faith in its fullness. Jesus Christ Himself is 'the radiant light of God's glory' (Hebr. 1:3).

Continued p6

FROM OUR PASTORAL SECRETARY

What good are gloves without hands?

I recently had a meeting with Rev. Ben and Rev. Ann to review our pastoral visiting scheme at Wesley Chapel. It was an excellent and uplifting time of sharing and during this I reflected on some words from Jennifer Rees Larcombe's book *No hands but ours*.

'The list was daunting. Most of those items on the list were my problems, not just other people's. Thankfully I realised it was time to go and meet the children from school and I pulled on my coat and woolly hat. There on the washing machine lay my gloves, limp and lifeless – no use to anyone: but as I put my hands inside them, suddenly they took on a new life.

'Don't worry about your limitations', God seemed to say. I'm not asking you to love people in your own strength. All I want is for you to be like those limp gloves. I have no human body now so let me put myself into you, just as you put your hands into these gloves. Then I can work for people through you. Even if you feel inadequate, I can still use you'.

I bless the assurance of these words and the affirmation of just how important our pastoral support is to so many within Wesley Chapel and beyond.

God bless.

Christine Sudron – Pastoral Secretary.

Please note: our next Pastoral team meeting is on Thursday 29 August at 1.30pm please do try and be with us as we welcome Rev Ben and Rev Ann for the first time.

The memorial service for the late Michael Crosby (former headmaster of Ashville) is to take place at Ashville College on Sunday, 7 July at 3 pm. Some in Wesley will remember Michael and his family when they were part of our congregation in the 1980s and 1990s, and Helen and Peter were in the Junior Church.

The descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and Mary at Pentecost by Elizabeth Wang continued.

She exhibited at the Royal Academy and the Royal Institute of Painters and held solo exhibitions at Westminster Cathedral, the Bar Convent Museum in York and the Oxford University Catholic Chaplaincy, as well as various schools and parishes around the country. Before turning to religious painting Wang painted flowers, landscapes and occasionally portraits. She admired artists such as Modigliani and Singer Sargent. When prayer became her main theme she began painting in oils and her inspiration became the Swiss painter Johannes Itten.

The painting depicts the scene at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. The seventh Sunday after Easter when we celebrate Whitsuntide, is traditionally associated with baptisms and weddings. The white garments worn on these occasions give the day its name. However, Elizabeth Wang's painting is ablaze with colour, and even though the standing figures are still, the painting is alive with movement. As the Holy Spirit descends with dramatic energy, the figures of Mary and the apostles when touched with the flame, become alight themselves and their flames flow heavenwards. Light is the common factor in all Wang's paintings.

Some of you may be familiar with the blogs of the Catholic Priest Father Stephen Wang, who is Elizabeth Wang's son.

For further reading visit: <https://www.independent.ie/entertainment/what-lies-beneath-the-descent-of-the-holy-spirit-on-the-apostles-and-mary-at-pentecost-by-elizabeth-wang-35783127.html> and

<https://radiantlight.org.uk/elizabeth-wang>.

Quote of the month

There is nothing so important to me that I can not bear to lose it, and that's why I find I have no reason to fear. But the most important point is that this lust for life is actually connected to my faith. I am a Christian and I see life as a gift that should be enjoyed sensibly. *Jurgen Klopp. Manager of Liverpool Football Club.*

WESLEY CENTRE MALTON

A few weeks ago members from Wesley Centre Malton visited Wesley Centre Harrogate to give us the benefit of their experiences. Malton's newly re-branded Wesley Centre is a Grade II*listed Methodist chapel of national significance. The chapel has dodged closure several times, particularly after its roof collapsed in 2015. A £1m Appeal is underway to transform the building into a community hub to feature a fine concert hall. A central part of its planned refurbishment is the restoration of a historic pipe organ as its centrepiece.

Broadcaster Selina Scott is supporting the Appeal to create a sustainable and multiuse venue for the community. Selina Scott said: 'Malton, and its Methodist church, is dear to my heart. My grandfather who was born in the middle of the 19th century was a well-known Wesleyan lay preacher. So often, we've seen beautiful buildings like this wrecked, often completely gutted and turned into pubs or supermarkets.'

An evening with Julian Lloyd Webber is planned for 15 June 2019 and tickets are now on sale for a very special evening. The world famous musician will take audiences on a musical journey featuring clips from his extraordinary life with luminaries such as Cleo Lane and Yehudi Menuhin, as well as music with his brother, Andrew. Julian Lloyd Webber's wife, the acclaimed cellist Jiaxin Lloyd Webber, and pianist Pam Chowhan will perform music closely associated with Lloyd Webber's life. Julian Lloyd Webber said: 'It will be a fun evening. There will be a Q&A session where people are free to ask me anything they want – well yes, pretty much!'

Paul Emberley, Wesley Centre Development Lead, said: 'We're delighted to host Julian Lloyd Webber in what we hope will kick start an exciting programme of live events, something we plan to build on once the Centre refurbishment is complete.'

To book tickets for An Evening with Julian Lloyd Webber, go to <https://www.maltonwesleycentre.org/Event/an-evening-with-julian-lloyd-webber>

There are a great deal of similarities between our two Wesley Centres, in particular our own music activities and our aspiration to become a community hub in Harrogate town centre. We wish Wesley Centre Malton every success in its refurbishment project, and hopefully we can learn from each other.

Judith Yeats

Wesley Chapel Regular Activities

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

Network 2pm for 2.30pm fourth Monday in the month from October to April.

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

Tuesday Coffee 10am-12noon every Tuesday in the foyer.

Prayer Meeting every third Tuesday of the month at about 11am in the Green Room.

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

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

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

Wesley Guild monthly on Thursday afternoons from March to December. Contact Lynne Harvey for more details, 01423 568968.

Wesley Welcome Café fortnightly on Fridays from 1pm to 3pm in the Lower Hall. Contact Les Sudron for more details, 01423 797406
See pages 10 and 11 for more details of our activities this month.

Also visit www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk

The next Wesley Chapel steward's meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 July. If you have any comments, concerns or general items you would like us to consider please let any of the stewards know as soon as possible. Thank-you.

Rotas

Sunday Morning Porch Duty

02 Jun Sue & Shirley
09 Jun Shelagh
(Please check on list in porch for further information)

Sunday Worship Stewards

02 Jun Christine B&Shelagh
09 Jun Maureen and Mike
16 Jun Christine S & Les
23 Jun Jenny & Philip
30 Jun Ulrike & Andrew
07 Jul Christine B & Judith

Communion Stewards

02 Jun Anita & Jenny
07 Jul Katharine & Judith

Organist/Piano Accompanist

02 Jun Graham
09 Jun Barbara
16 Jun Judith
23 Jun Philip
30 Jun Barbara
07 Jul Graham

Sunday Morning Coffee

02 Jun Sue & Margaret
09 Jun Ulrike
16 Jun Jenny
23 Jun
30 Jun Anita
07 Jul Sue & Margaret

Tuesday Coffee

04 June Judith & Shirley
11 June Jean & Wendy
18 June Judith & Keith
25 June Jean & Wendy

Forward Together

06 June

10.30am-1pm Jenny & Freda
11.50am-1.15pm Janet & E.Clayton
12pm-2pm Eileen

13 June

10.30am—1pm Jenny & Pat
11.50am-1.15pm Philip
12pm-2pm Hannah & Ann

20 June

10.30am-1pm Christine D & Judith D.
11.50am-1.15pm Ros & Jenny
12pm-2pm Eileen

27 June

10.30am-1pm Christine B & Pat
11.50am-1.15pm Nancy
12pm-2pm Hannah

04 July

10.30am-1pm Jenny & Freda
11.50am-1.15pm Janet & E Clayton
12pm-2pm Eileen

Wesley Activities

Worship

We warmly welcome any visitors to our services and invite you to stay behind afterwards for tea or coffee and a chat.

9 June 10.30am. Local Arrangement. Guild Sunday. Service led by Led Sudron.

The Guild will also celebrate its special weekend with a lunch at Ascot House. Please see Lynne Harvey if you would like to join the Guild on this occasion.

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

23 June 10.30am. Morning Worship led by Mr Martin Lightfoot.

30 June 10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev. Keith Page.

07 July 10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Ben Clowes

Lunchtime Recitals

Refreshments will be available in the Lower Hall from 12 noon.

Monday 1 July. 1pm. Jazz Concert by Richard Wetherall Trio. Tickets £8, on the door.

Evening Concerts

Wednesday 19 June 7.30pm. Fitzwilliam String Quartet. At Wesley. Music by Bach, Beethoven, Shostakovich and Haydn. Tickets £15. £8 for age 26 and under, available from Wesley Centre.

Saturday 6 July. The Nidd Valley will host *The Call* tour at Wesley Centre. An evening of music and celebration led by musician, composer and worship leader, Matt Beckingham. See back cover and page 12 for more details.

Network

Network will recommence in September,

Bible Study Group

Monday 17 June 2pm. At the home of Helen Evison. Please contact Helen for more details. Tel. 01423 870725.

Book Club

Monday 10 June 2pm. In the Foyer. The Citadel by A.J.Cronin.

Tuesday Coffee

Every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon. Come and join us for a tea or coffee and a chat. **18 June.** There will be a prayer meeting in the Green Room at 11am. Also Barbara will be playing the piano between 10.45pm and 11.15pm.

Forward Together

Thursdays. Coffee served from 10.45am in the Lower Hall Lunch at 12 noon. **Please note that there will be no Forward Together on 27 June, 4 July and 11 July.**

Journey Group

Journey Group will recommence in September.

Wesley Guild

Thursday 13 June. 2pm in the Lower Hall. Speaker Rev. Brian Hunt. *The role of the Lord Lieutenant and his deputies.*

Wesley Welcome Café

Our next session is Friday 21 June, and then 5 July and 19 July. We are open from 1pm until 3pm, just pop in any time and stay for as long as you wish. We serve tea, coffee, home baked cakes and biscuits. Come and join us for a chat or maybe join in a game of dominoes, do a jigsaw, read a book of poems, try a simple craft or just have a rest and a chat. Everything is informal and all are welcome especially people living with dementia and their families/carers. For more information ring Les on 797406 or just come along; you will be VERY WELCOME!

More events coming soon

Charity Coffee Mornings at Wesley From 10am.

Saturday 15 June (No coffee morning due to Upper Hall in use).

Saturday 22 June Save the Children Centenary Coffee Morning. Save the Children was founded 100 years ago. Come and join us for refreshments as we celebrate the pioneering programmes that make lasting changes and saves children's lives around the world, including here in the UK. There will be various stalls including greeting cards, home-made cakes and bargain buys! For more information contact Jeanette Mowat 01423 867511.

Saturday 29 June No coffee morning booked, but check nearer the time just in case of a late booking.

Saturday 15 June Happy Wanderers Ambulance Organisation is having a Knaresborough Street Collection. We are always in need of collectors willing to spare an hour. If not, if you find yourself in Knaresborough look out for us and maybe put a coin in our bucket please! More information from Les Sudron (797406).

Saturday 22 June Berwick Grange Strawberry Fayre
2:30pm till 4:00pm. There will be a tombola any gifts gratefully received, cake stall, cards will be on sale. Also strawberry scones with cream and cups of tea. Please do come and help to make this a really happy day.

Friday 28 June 7.30pm at Boston Spa Methodist Church. Graham Kendrick in concert , - Graham Kendrick has been described as a 'father of modern worship music' in the UK having written and recorded hundreds of songs, many of which are well known around the world, including Shine Jesus Shine, Knowing You, The Servant King and Amazing Love.

Saturday 6 July at Wesley. The Call. See page 13 for full details.

Saturday 6 July. Vocalis. *The Blue Bird. A Choral Celebration of Nature.* All Saints Church Ripley. Adults £12, Students £5. Under 19s and carers accompanying people with disabilities, free.

More events on p13

Saturday 13 July. Bilton Amblers. All walks start at 9.30 am on Bilton Methodist Church car park where we meet to arrange transport. Summer walks usually about 5-7 miles. Please bring a packed lunch. Contact Janet Allen, 01423 524634, e-mail, janetallen09@btinternet.com or turn up on the day.

THE CALL

Circuit Celebration Saturday 6 July, 7.30pm. Wesley Centre, £7.50

The Call is part concert, part service, but all worship. It's a celebration of Methodism as we explore *Our Calling* with worship leader Matt Beckingham and the *Call Choir*. It features new accessible songs, some hidden gems and new arrangements of all time favourite hymns. With songs stories and film, it's a wonderevent, bringing the community together in worship and celebration.

Matt Beckingham has been involved in leading worship for Greenbelt communion services, New Wine, Connecting Disciples as well as at his home church in South Yorkshire. Away from leading worship, Matt spends most of his working life as a Chorus Master, working with organisations including London Philharmonic Choir, London Symphony Orchestra, Opera North.

Join the Call Choir

Whether you are an experienced choral singer, or you save most of your singing for the shower, you are invited to join *The Call* Choir. Working with Matt, you will have an inspiring workshop exploring wonderful new arrangements. To help you prepare for taking part in *The Call*, you'll receive a rehearsal CD and music book to take away with you.

A Choral Workshop will be held on Wednesday 26 June at 6.30 to 9.30pm at Wesley. £10, including music and rehearsal CD.

Please get your tickets for the event from Shelagh Outhwaite. To register for the choral workshop contact with Sharon Wright, tel. 01423 869588 or at www.thecalltour.com.

CIRCUIT SERVICES

Saturday 22 June. Rev. Grace Caudwell's Testimony Service will be held on at Wesley. Afternoon tea will be served from 4pm and the service is at 5pm.

Grace's Ordination will be in Coventry Central Hall on 30 June. Bilton Area has arranged transport to this event. If you are interested see Judith Yeats who will find out more details for you.

Sunday 7 July. 'Welcome back to the circuit' service for Rev. Grace Cauldwell at Hamphthwaite at 7.30pm.

Sunday 14 July. Farewell service for Rev. Gillian Houghton. Tea and scones at 4pm followed by a songs of praise service at 5pm.

Saturday 31 August 6.30pm Welcome Service for Rev. Moses John, at Woodlands. Do put this in your diaries and come along and welcome Moses to our circuit.



District Event: Flourish. Scarborough

Friday 18 Oct 7.30pm to Sunday 20 October 1pm at Scarborough Spa YO11 2HD. 'To inspire and encourage local ministry and mission, developing the District Vision of growing 'Flourishing Missional Communities'

Tickets are free but you will need to book your own accommodation and organise your own transport. It is important that you book so that the organisers know how many people to expect. You can now make bookings for Flourish tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/flourish-the-yorkshire-north-east-district-weekend-tickets-55019533907>.

Oberammeragu Passion Play

Tadcaster Methodist Circuit are organising a trip to next year's Oberammergau Passion Play which only takes place every tenth year. If you are interested please log on to the website below. https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/tadcastermethodistcircuit_lakegarda_230620

CIRCUIT NEWS

Student Minister



Over the next few months the Nidd Valley Circuit is pleased to be hosting a student minister, Stephen Spain. Stephen is currently completing his first part-time year of Ministerial Formation at Queen's in Birmingham and is seconded to us as a circuit from now until the end of July. Stephen will be doing active work in the circuit alongside the staff team but also being sent out to do work by himself. His placement only covers 60 hours and so not everyone will encounter him but if

you meet him, please make him welcome and support him in his training experience with us. The staff team are putting together a programme of activities for him and he is preaching on our summer plan. Do pray for him as he works alongside us.

Lay Pastor

Further to our vision for the future of the Nidd Valley Circuit we are now seeking to appoint a Lay Pastor to report to and work alongside the Circuit Superintendent Minister at Trinity and Pannal. The role will involve three main areas of duty; pastoral duties, worship leading and projects and initiatives.

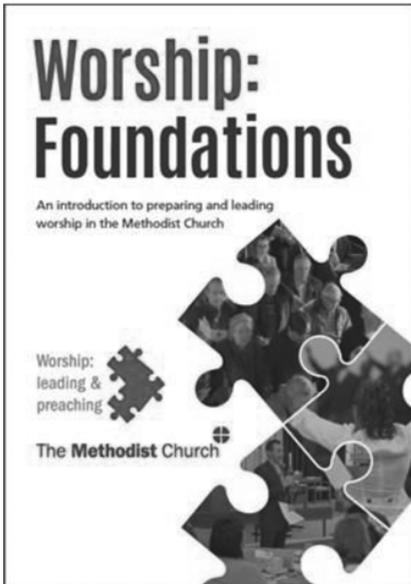
The pastoral duties will include home and hospital visits and attendance at pastoral meetings.

This is the start of the 20Plus team initiative to have a lay pastor in every church by 2025. If you would like to learn more about the work of the 20Plus team please talk to Les Sudron or Judith Yeats.



NIDD VALLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT

presents



Are you thinking about becoming a Worship Leader, or do you need help leading local arrangement services? Join us at Bilton Area Methodist Church, 7.30-9pm on....

27 June
11 July
18 July

We will go through 'Worship: Foundations', of the Worship: Leading and Preaching Course, in three sessions – ideally, you need to come to all three!

Led by

Mr Andrew Brown
Rev Ann Fox

*To register: email
ann.fox@methodist.org.uk*

KNITTED BIBLE STORIES EXHIBITION

This will be showing from 2pm – 8pm on Tuesday 2 July and 10am – 4pm on Wednesday 3 to Saturday 6 July at Gracious Street Methodist Church Centre. and is definitely a must see.....

This free exhibition consists of 33 knitted table-top displays of the best-known and best-loved scenes and stories from the Bible for people of all ages to enjoy. This exhibition now travels round the country and will attract local people and visitors from further afield as well as school groups, uniformed organisations and community groups – everyone will be very welcome.

The Bridge Coffee Bar will be open throughout the exhibition selling hot and cold drinks, homemade cakes and scones, teacakes, and freshly made sandwiches. More information from Joyce Hoare joycehoare@sky.com

CALLING ALL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Are you a member of the church council? Are you aware of your responsibilities as a Managing Trustee of Wesley Chapel Harrogate? Would you like to learn more?

There is an event to be held on Wednesday 10 July 2019 from 2pm to 5.30pm at Central Methodist Church, St. Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ. Training will be provided on the responsibilities of charity trustees. The session will include a summary of the main legal requirements and challenges of being a charity trustee and will provide tips on how to discharge those duties in the context of a sale transaction avoiding common pitfalls.

If you would like to attend the event then you can email robert.dale@sintons.co.uk directly to confirm your place.

Please note that this event is free of charge.



THE HARROGATE HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ IS FINALLY OPEN! MONDAY – THURSDAY 10-2.30PM

Run by a team of volunteers who love community, the cafe is all about bringing people together to build authentic friendship, enjoy wholesome food and share life together. It is designed to feel like home, a place where you can connect, feel safe and be yourself. It's for everyone – the whole community.

Menu and price. We want to ensure no one goes hungry in our town and that's why there is no price tag on our food. Being a pay as you feel cafe, means that our delicious dishes are created from scratch with food given by local retailers which would normally be destined for landfill. It's always great fun to see what food we have given and what we can create which also means our menu changes every week. Our aim is not only to feed bellies not bins but to bring people together through chatting and sharing your story, providing activities for you to get involved in, helping you find support if needed and sharing life together.

Volunteers. We are looking to expand our team so if you would like to find out more about how you could get involved, please pop in and speak to Sam or Julia or email julia@harrogatehub.org for an application pack.

DAZZLED DILEMMA

Looking towards the sun

**I almost failed to see
The ditch in front of me**

Startled

**I turned away
Trusted my shadow
To show me**

The direction home

**Without the light
I would be lost**

Malcolm Evison

Baptise us with your Spirit
to careful, patient, thought,
and habit-forming virtues
aspired to, copied, taught

till clothed with new creation,
self-critical, reformed,
we demonstrate the gospel, to
you alone conformed.

Brian Wren Singing the Faith 369 v2.

Focus on Prayer

O thou by whom we come to God
The Life, the Truth, the Way
The path of prayer thyself hast trod
Lord, teach us how to pray

James Montgomery StF 529

Prayer for Pentecost

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

Copyright © Malcolm Guite (1957 -) an English poet, singer-songwriter, Anglican priest, and academic.

Lord, forgive our hesitations in life. Give us courage
to walk through open doors and to step over new
thresholds into the unknown. Help us to embrace
new experiences.

Thank you that, when we walk in step with you, our
anxieties are shed, our trust deepens and our world
is transformed.

Thank you for your loving grace. Amen.

Julia Cutting, Brandesburton Community Church, Yorkshire

MATT BECKINGHAM

the call

A CIRCUIT CELEBRATION

Exploring Our Calling in worship and story

The Call Circuit Celebration

Saturday 06/07/19 | 19:30 | £7.50

A celebration in song & story of the heart of Methodism.
Wesley Centre, Oxford Street, Hemgate, HG1 1PP

Join the Call Choir and sing on the night

Choir workshop on Wednesday 26/06/19 | 18:30 - 21:30

£10 incl. music & rehearsal CD, Wesley Centre, Hemgate, HG1 1PP

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE



thecalltour

thecalltour.com