

NIDD VALLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT
WELCOME SERVICE FOR REV LESLEY TAYLOR
WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH AND LIVESTREAMED
FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2020, 7.00pm

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

BC to Welcome everyone

Call to Worship – Psalm 117

“Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

For great is his love towards us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Praise the LORD.”

SINGING THE FAITH 340 Ye Servants of God (YouTube video)

Opening Prayers (REV GRACE CAULDWELL)

We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

READINGS John 21:15-19 (DON ROLLS)
 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (ED WALTON)

SERMON Rev Leslie Newton, Chair of the Yorkshire North and East District

SINGING THE FAITH 552 Here am I Lord (Video from Gracious Street)

THE PRESENTATION, PROMISES AND WELCOME

The Chair of District says to the people:

Sisters and brothers, I present to you Lesley, whom the Conference has appointed to serve in this Circuit.

The Chair of District says to the newly-appointed presbyter:

Lesley,

will you hold before us

the story of God's love and mercy,

above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and will you be among us

as one who preaches the word of God,
administers Baptism,
presides at the Lord's Supper,
teaches the faith,
and cares for the flock?

Answer: I will.
I ask God to help me,
and I invite you all to join with me
in proclaiming the Gospel of life and hope.

Ben: Through Christ, we have Good News to share.

Will you hold before us
God's call to holy living
and be among us
as one who awakens the careless
and strengthens the faithful?

Answer: I will.
I ask God to help me,
and I invite you all to join with me
in commitment to the way of Christ.

Ben: May we reveal Christ's way through our words and example.

Will you hold before us
God's commitment to human community,
to our neighbourhoods
and all who live within them,
and to the world that God has made?

Answer: I will.
I ask God to help me,
and I invite you all to join with me
in sharing God's all-embracing love.

Ben: May we respond to Christ in all we meet.

A Circuit Steward says to the people:

Sisters and brothers,
will you welcome Lesley
and will you offer her
your friendship, support and prayers
as we join together in the work
to which God has called us?

Ben: With God's help, we will.

Welcomes may then be given by circuit and ecumenical representatives, civic leaders, and other appropriate persons.

In order:

Rev Leslie Newton (Chair of District) on behalf of the District
Rev Ben Clowes (Superintendent) on behalf of the Staff Team
Mr Don Rolls (Senior Circuit Steward) on behalf of the Circuit
Mrs Kath Jones (Steward – Bilton Area)
Mrs Chris Robson (Steward – Starbeck)

Mr Les Sudron (Steward – Wesley Chapel)

Rev Trevor Dixon (Wesley/Chair Harrogate Churches Together) on behalf of Wesley and Ecumenical

The newly-appointed presbyter may reply briefly in her own words and/or as follows:

I thank you for your welcome.

I will work with you and pray for you.

Prayers for Others (Rev Gordon Hay and Rev Moses John)

SINGING THE FAITH 662 Have you heard God's voice

Blessing led by Lesley

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