

The **Methodist** Church 

FOCUS

Wesley Chapel Harrogate



Summer 2016

Regular Activities

Sunday Worship 10.30 am every week

Holy Communion included in the first Sunday of the month

Methodist Women in Britain 2-30pm alternate Mondays from October to April

Bible Study at the home of Helen Evison on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2pm. Ring Helen for further details. 01423 870725

Tuesday Coffee 10.00 am—12 noon every Tuesday

Book Club every alternate month

Forward Together (includes coffee, lunch, speakers and general social fellowship) every week

Journey Group normally on the first Thursday in every month. Contact Philip Goodwin (563990) for details.

Wesley Guild monthly on Thursday afternoons during the summer months. Contact Lynne Harvey 0143 568968

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STEAMBOAT



A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 NIV

Letter from our Minister

The child's day dream was interrupted as the teacher's sharp voice cut in, 'Carter, you're not listening.'

'I am Sir,' the child replied.

'What did I say then?' asked the teacher.

'Carter, you're not listening,' he retorted.

You can perhaps imagine how the classroom conversation continued! This story reminds me that communication is a two way commitment. In that classroom the teacher had a responsibility to be as interesting as possible, but Carter also had his part to play.

As usual this magazine contains a variety of informative articles and useful information and is presented attractively on good paper. Thanks are due to all who have contributed, especially those who write regularly, and to Judith as editor. All of this work would be wasted, however, if you did not read it. So thank you for playing your part.

As Christians we are called to be communicators. In the words of the hymn, 'We have a Gospel to proclaim.' This is not just a task for particular church leaders or for Sundays, but it is something we are all called to engage in throughout our lives. Sometimes it will be done through conversation and testimony, sometimes through acts of kindness, sometimes at church and at other times in the home or at work. Our ability to communicate the Gospel will be enhanced when our lives match the words we speak.

However, we know that there will be times when however hard we try, people will not want to receive the message we offer. They may be occupied with other things and just not be willing to listen.

Jesus once sent his disciples out in twos to preach. He told them to accept the hospitality they were given but warned them that they would not always be made welcome. He instructed them on those occasions to leave the place, shaking the dust from their sandals and to move on somewhere else where people might be more receptive.

So if when we offer the Gospel message some people say no thank you, don't be discouraged, simply look for other opportunities - they will be there.

Christine Gillespie

Letter from our Senior Stewards



Tell me the Old, Old Story...

Within this copy of Focus there is information about an event being held on Friday July 1st that will enable us all to hear about what it means to become a Dementia Friendly Church; we hope you will be able to join us.



Some of the stories you will hear will inspire you, some of the stories will inform you, and some of the stories may challenge you and ourselves as a church family.

I was privileged to work at MHA with the Rev Dr Margaret Goodhall and heard her use the hymn “Tell me the Old, Old Story” as a way to help us connect with people living with dementia. I have also found that this hymn has helped me share my own faith story. Let me share some of Margaret’s teaching:

“Tell me the story simply” the hymn says. No long sermons are needed, no great exposition of the Bible. Rather tell me a short, well known, well-loved passage and follow with a short reflection, a few gentle words of assurance of God’s love and care for all.

“Tell me the story slowly” – so I can take it in. Speak more slowly and allow others to hear.

“Tell me the story often” – I forget so soon, so tell me again and again of Jesus and his love so I can reconnect with the story of God’s people.

“Tell me the story softly - with earnest tones and grave; remember I’m the sinner whom Jesus came to save”. Give me the peace that I am valued.

“Tell me the story always - if you would really be, in any time of trouble, a comforter to me”. We only really need to know that God will always uphold us, every day of our lives.

Tell me the old, old story, Christ Jesus makes us whole!

Every Blessing. Les Sudron

Letter from our Pastoral Secretary



It is a privilege to be a part of the Pastoral Visitors group at Wesley Chapel and often we are humbled when we are unconditionally welcomed into people's homes and brought into their lives.

Sharing stories can be wonderfully happy times reflecting on past joys and happiness and looking forward with anticipation to new experiences and plans. Sharing stories can also be difficult and challenging reflecting on sad times past and worrying times ahead.

All our lives contain highs and lows; how we respond to these depends on who we are, our values, our beliefs, our experiences and who we meet and accompany along our life's journey.

As Christians we believe the Church should be a living testimony that God cares and in this issue of Focus you will read about an opportunity for us all to consider as individuals and together, how we may respond to the growing needs of people living with dementia – is there something we can and should be doing?

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks
with compassion on the world.

Yours are the feet with
which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands, with which
he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes; you are his body”.

St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Every Blessing Christine Sudron

Church Family

“Great” family news...

a number of our members have become “Great” grand-parents again and so congratulations to:

Sheila Callow on the birth of her great grand-daughter **Niamh**.

Betty Bratley on the birth of her great grand-son **Ted**.

Alan and Margaret Stangroom on the birth
of their great grand-son **Rowan**.

It is lovely to share family news so please do let our Focus Editor Judith know of any of your family happenings i.e births, birthdays, achievements, special occasions etc. etc.

Les Sudron

(See photographs of some of our new great grandchildren (and grandchildren) on pages 12 and 13.)

A prayer in words of a hymn:

Mid all the traffic of the ways, turmoils without, within,
Make in my heart a quiet place and come and dwell therein
A little shrine of quietness, all sacred to thyself,
Where thou shalt all my soul possess and I may find myself.
A little place of mystic grace, of self and sin swept bare,
Where I may look into thy face and talk with thee in prayer
Come, occupy my silent place and make thy dwelling there,
More grace is wrought in quietness than any is aware

*Dawn Harris – Chaplain at Rowanberries, Bradford
From News and Prayers from MHA*



Wesley's Very Own Gracie Fields and Winifred Atwell

Written by Wesley's Very Own Poet Laureate

The ladies of Wesley Fellowship
Were full of bonhomie
When celebrating end of term
With cakes and cups of tea.

Mavis, as Vice President
Welcomed all—then prayed
And thanked the willing volunteers
For tempting tables laid.

'Words of Wit and Wisdom'
Were the first to entertain us
From the mouth of a famous Yorkshireman
Known as the character 'Old Amos'

A coloratura had been booked
We'd heard her oft' before
She enthralled us all with 'Walter'
And 'My Little Bottom Drawer'

She brought her own accompanist
And both were quite at ease
While Gracie gaily chortled
Winnie tickled the keys

Next came Rosemary's 'Weekend Break'
And O what luggage she took
Trust me it was copious
And filled a Pickford's truck

A singalong then followed
'Til all our throats were dry
Some of the songs sure made us laugh
But some brought a tear to the eye

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Jean then read us all a poem
Which she'd chosen carefully
Because it really set the scene
For a scrumptious 'Afternoon Tea'

Cakes there were of every kind
Gluten-free for those not allowed
Those talented lady bakers
Would make Mary Berry proud.

All washed down with pots of tea
Amidst much fun and laughter
There was little thought of waistlines
Or clearing tables after

The fellowship was joyous
And for that very reason
We all went home with happy hearts
Looking forward to our next season.

Lynne Harvey



Gracie and Winifred (alias Betty and Judith)



Wesley Guild

Our 2016 season went off to a joyous start on 10th March when we sang no fewer than twelve hymns including O Praise Him (Song of Caedmon) which was apparently a great favourite of the late Rev. Philip Blackburn. Philip was our Minister at Wesley from 1982 – 1988. All the hymns had a connection with Yorkshire and the afternoon was led by Mr. David Wilberforce who gave an interesting and often amusing discourse about each hymn which allowed the members to gather their breath! David also played the piano for us for which we were very grateful.

Our April meeting was led by Rev. Gillian Robertson. This was another very interesting afternoon when Rev. Gillian told us about her late calling to the Ministry and how she had re-kindled her interest in pottery (as therapy) during a much needed sabbatical. Circumstances had seen her as a Superintendent Minister to a large number of chapels with all the stress entailed. Rev. Gillian brought along many samples of her fine work and a lot of us enjoyed purchasing some of it at the end – reminders of a very pleasant afternoon.

On 12th May Ms. Helen Watkinson gave us an insight into her life as a Social Worker, mainly telling us about her path to becoming one. She also cited a few examples of the types of cases she had dealt with and told us of her involvement with NCH. She was interviewed for a job there by no other than a certain Mr. Peter Blades! I guess once a social worker always a social worker as, in retirement, Helen is now looking forward to visiting Malawi for three months later in the year. What a lot of experience she will have to share with those people there. Helen is no stranger to our Guild as she has attended one of our meetings in the past.

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Hot on this meeting it was our Guild Anniversary Sunday on 15th May when Mike Greenberg did us proud. Mike is to be congratulated on packing so much into the service – yet still managed to finish it within the hour!!!!!! Not only did he lead a wonderful “Guild orientated” service, after doing lots of research into the Guild and its history, but he also managed to pay homage to Pentecost Sunday and the work of Christian Aid! I am sure Mike was well ready for his lunch afterwards and we were delighted that he and Maureen could join us at Ascot House where we enjoyed further fellowship. We all got so much out of the service and enjoyed singing some lovely hymns, including our Guild one. Thank you again Mike for making our anniversary so special.

We have been missing Gordon and Barbara Lister at our meetings as both have been indisposed. We have not just missed Barbara for her piano playing but we have missed her company – Gordon's too of course! We send them both our love and best wishes with the message “come back soon”. We are very grateful to both Graham Bunting and Philip Goodwin for stepping into the breach and playing for us at our April and May meetings. Sheila Callow has recently been hospitalised and we send our love to her as she recovers at home. Our love to all other members who may be indisposed.

Hopefully summer will soon be here – watch this space! We pray for clement weather for our 11th visit to Molly's garden on 14th July. All are welcome at our meetings. **Lynne Harvey**

‘The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.’

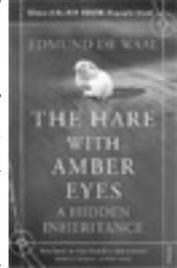
– Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl



Wesley Book Club

Our latest book was *The Hare with the Amber Eyes* written by Edmund de Waal.

This is not a novel but a personal memoir of the author that introduces the reader to many generations of his family and through nearly two centuries of social history.



Edmund de Waal inherits a collection of two hundred and sixty four Japanese wood and ivory carvings none bigger than a small matchbox. These carvings are called netsukes and the book is an account of Edmund's journey of discovery about the netsukes, his family and the changing times that provide the background for his findings.

It becomes a fascinating account not only of the netsuke and ever changing social history, but also an architectural delight as Edmund traces his family history lived out in their many palatial homes throughout Europe.

Today Edmund is a celebrated British ceramicist.

Although members of the Book Club had significantly various opinions and reaction to this book, most agreed that family histories were important and one member of our group had felt inspired to find and continue her family history story that had been put aside.

Christine Sudron

“You just hope, if you make things as I do, that they can make their way in the world and have some longevity.”

– Edmund de Waal, *The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance*

Wesley Book Club

Coming up next

14 June 2016 *Common Ground* by Rob Cowen.

Over the course of one year, the author discovered a common - though extraordinary - square mile of wood, meadow, hedge and river on the edge of Harrogate.

24 August 2016 *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini. A poignant story of love, separation and friendship, against a backdrop of the troubled history of Afghanistan, spanning three continents and sixty years.

18 October 2016 *Hidden Lives : A Family Memoir* by Margaret Forster. A search for answers which took Margaret on a journey into her family's past, examining not only her grandmother's life, but also her mother's and her own. The result is both a moving, evocative memoir and a fascinating commentary on how women's lives have changed over the past century.

29 November 2016 *Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont* by Elizabeth Taylor. Mrs Palfrey goes to live at the Claremont Hotel where she raises a few eyebrows with the other residents.

Meetings are at 2pm usually on a Tuesday and generally last about an hour and a half.

"He that loveth a book will never want a faithful friend, a wholesome counsellor, a cheerful companion, an effectual comforter."
--Isaac Barrow (1683)

Great Grand Portrait Gallery



Eileen and Ian Temple's granddaughter, Georgia



Freddie (Cool Customer) Ritchie Sue Hesketh's grandson and Margaret Fletcher's gt grandson



Rowan Matthew Sudron and Rowan with Mum Kate and big sister Elsa Margaret and Alan Stangroom's great grandchildren Christine and Les Sudron's grandchildren



*Sheila Callow's new great granddaughter, surrounded by her cousins
From the left Georgia , Isabella , Isla , Finn and new baby Niamh -3 days old*



*Great Grandma Molly, with Jude and Joel (now aged 6 and 2, and Molly's
granddaughter Caroline. The family now live in Leicestershire..*



Notes from the Annual Church Meeting held on 24th April, 2016

31 members attended the Annual Church Meeting held after a light lunch on Sunday, 24th April. The meeting was chaired by Rev. Trevor Dixon and also attended by Rev. Christine Gillespie.

Apologies were received from Betty Bratley, Joy Blakey, Lynne Harvey, Priscilla and Gordon Yates.

The Chairman said that none of the present stewards had indicated they wished to stand down, so therefore he asked for approval for their re-election. **This was given unanimously.** Les Sudron reported that Lynne Harvey wished to stand down as an occasional steward. He said he was very grateful to those who acted as occasional stewards, without whom it would be difficult to fulfil the Sunday rota, and we need another person to take Lynne's place. However there were no volunteers from the meeting.

The stewards from May 1st will be as follows: Les Sudron and Christine Bunting (joint senior stewards), Mike Greenberg and Ulrike Hitchen. Occasional Stewards: Christine Sudron, Jenny Goodwin, Eileen Temple, Katharine Carmichael, Judith Yeats, Maureen Greenberg, Philip Goodwin

The following people were elected to represent the congregation on the Church Council:

Graham Bunting and Margaret Bird (to retire 2017)

Helen Evison (to retire 2018)

Ken Selkirk (2019)

Trevor reported that a monthly Bible Study was now taking place under the leadership of Helen Evison.

The Stewards had considered the matter of Wesley becoming a dementia friendly church, and to this end Les Sudron had produced a report, which was circulated. He stressed particularly two upcoming dates – the afternoon of Friday, July 1st, an event with speakers, to help us all understand more about dementia; and Sunday 16th October, when our morning worship will be led by Rev. Albert Jewell and Rev. Gaynor Hammond.

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An extra Church Council will take place on Thursday, 23rd June. This will be a meeting open to all to look at the life and mission of Wesley and is intended to cover those matters previously overseen by the Church Life and Mission Team which no longer meets.

Trevor Dixon reported that the intended scheme to refurbish the toilets is now out to tender and it is hoped this will take place through August – this being the quietest month for meetings, etc. No lettings will be booked for this period and other meetings e.g. Forward Together, will not happen. Sunday services will still take place and the work will be phased so that one or two toilets are available on Sundays. A generous bequest from Gladys Cook is making this possible. The ladies toilets will be modified to include a unisex baby-changing facility.

Mike Greenberg reported that at the moment Wesley Chapel is holding its own financially, and that the Wesley Centre has managed to break even after only two years in operation (the condition set by the Circuit was to reach this position by the end of three years).

Les Sudron reported that Katharine Carmichael has agreed to take the place of Molly Blades as our representative on the Berwick Grange support group. He expressed the thanks of the meeting to Katharine, and also to Molly.

Mention was made of the amount of litter surrounding the premises. This comes from various sources e.g. takeaways from McDonalds, the number of people who congregate around the building, our proximity to Springboard, etc. McDonalds are willing to come and clear their rubbish if told about it, but it is a daily problem and does not look good when people attend our Sunday services. Wesley Centre Management team will be asked to look at the possibility of providing a bin at the front. We have to recognize that the UK as a whole has a problem with litter and drinking in city and town centres and we are a town centre church, which is part of our community and outreach mission.

This year's Chapel Anniversary will take place on Sunday, 9th October, when our preacher at the morning service will be Rev. Tim Hurren, who is the Chair of our Wesley Centre Management team.

Jenny Goodwin, Church Council Secretary

Dementia Friendly Churches

“As individuals and a church as a whole, how could we offer a Christian response to the needs, within our local community, of people living with dementia?”

Friday 1st July 2016 - afternoon (1.00pm to 4.00pm) at Wesley Centre, Oxford Street, Harrogate.

An afternoon event to help us understand more about dementia and consider the opportunities, benefits and challenges of seeking to respond to the needs of individuals and their families, directly or indirectly, affected by dementia.

Our speakers will share their experiences, primarily from a spiritual and worship focus including some of the wider associated issues such as pastoral visiting and the ways a church group could respond in a positive way.

Guest speakers:

Revd Dr Albert Jewell – retired but still active Methodist Minister. Served as pastoral director and senior chaplain at Methodist Homes from 1994 to 2001 where he developed resources on the spirituality of ageing. Currently secretary of the dementia network of Christian Council on Ageing and a longstanding member of Faith in Elderly People’s committee. Albert and his wife Gill are well known in the Leeds Methodist District.

Revd Gaynor Hammond – Gaynor is a Baptist Minister. Her background is in nursing and for seven years she was in post as the Dementia Project Worker for ‘Faith in Elderly People’ Leeds’ working with churches and health care organisations looking at the spiritual needs of people with dementia and how those needs could be met. She has worked closely with Christian Council on Ageing and Methodist Homes.

Gaynor has produced a booklet titled ‘Help! We have dementia.’ written for friends and family who take on a caring role with their loved ones who have dementia.

There is no charge for this event – retiring collection to cover costs and support music therapy activity at Berwick Grange Methodist Home.

For further information please contact Les Sudron – tel: 797406. Email: l.sudron@btinternet.com

THANK YOU

Thank You from me on behalf of Dementia Forward and Book Aid charities for all the stamps and books brought in to the office over the last few months.

Lynne Close

Note from Editor: Lynne is still collecting stamps and books—it's an ongoing process.

EXTRA CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

On **Thursday, June 23rd at 7.30 p.m. in the Lower Hall**, there will be an extra Church Council meeting to which all are invited. We shall be considering the worship, life and mission of Wesley. There is no agenda, but if there is any matter you particularly wish to raise, you are invited to contact Christine Gillespie in advance (tel: 819663). You can of course also mention other matters at the meeting.



We are once again running short of helpers on the FT rota, due to some people having to give up for various reasons. If you feel you could help with any of the following duties once a month, please could you speak to Jenny Goodwin.

- Serving coffee/tea; 9-30—12 noon
- Serving lunch 11-50am to 1-30pm
- Washing up 12 noon to 2pm

A Family History

Anyone who has every studied their family history will know how addictive it can be. I began researching mine in 1998. I made huge progress until other things took over and I found myself short of time to devote to genealogy. The last book we read for the book club changed all that and I regained my enthusiasm for the subject.

I had always known that my Nan's cousin, Myra Platt, and her husband had been missionaries in China and that she had lost her life returning home during the war. I decided to find out more and was amazed by what I discovered.

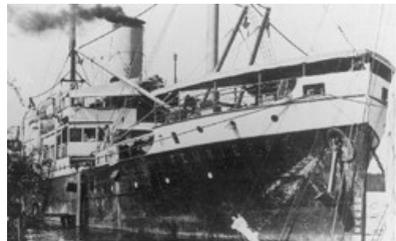
Myra married Elijah Wilkinson in 1923. Both had been born in Chesterton, a mining village in North Staffordshire. By the time they were married he was a Major in the Salvation Army, stationed in Scotland, and she was a Lieutenant in Chesterton. Myra and Elijah spend the next ten years moving from place to place in England and Scotland before going to be missionaries in China.

The couple came home on leave in April 1939. I knew this because their names were on the passenger list of the HMS Rampura which sailed from Japan to London. They stayed with Elijah's widowed mother in Chesterton. I knew this because of the 1939 Register. This was not a census as such, but a list of 41 million people collected in one day just before the outbreak of World War II – now available to the public.

The war had started when Myra and Elijah returned to China in October 1939 via Canada on the Canadian Pacific liner the Duchess of Richmond – the passenger list makes interesting reading – the majority of passengers were travelling to China, and there were many Salvation Army Officers among them.



Myra (nee Platt) and Elijah Wilkinson



HMS Giang Bee

When the war escalated in the Far East missionaries in China were transferred to Malaysia. However, Singapore was invaded on 13 February 1942., a day which became known as Black Friday. Women and children were ordered to leave the island on whatever ships were available. Myra was among them and when I discovered her death certificate I found that she had been a passenger on the *Giang Bee*, which had suffered a very tragic end. Not long after it had left Singapore harbour the ship was overtaken by a squadron of Japanese warships. Passengers were given an hour to abandon ship before the vessel was bombarded and sunk. Myra was presumed lost at sea. Elijah was detained at first in Changi gaol and then in Simi for the duration of the war.

During a recent three-week period I found out an amazing amount of information. Career details of Myra and Elijah from the Salvation Army which also included several photographs – a genealogist's delight! I discovered a book written by a fellow detainee in Changi and Simi, which gave me all the details I needed about what life would have been like for Elijah. I found detailed eye-witness reports of how the *Giang Bee* went down. I found newspaper reports of Elijah returning to Scotland after the war to talk about his experiences, these same reports told me that Elijah was still waiting for news of his wife Myra. I even found a photograph of Elijah's gravestone near Wolverhampton.

Contrary to a family rumour that Elijah had returned home from Singapore to die, I found that he had remarried. Yes, he had returned a broken man, and had retired early from his career in the Salvation Army, but he had lived another 15 years and presumably found happiness with another woman. He was also a prolific writer of poetry.

Though I have much meat to put on the bones, there are still many questions and answers to find about these extraordinary lives of my ancestors. This exciting forage into my family history has indeed awakened my enthusiasm, thanks to our book club and *The Hare with the Amber Eyes*. Perhaps I will have to follow Edmund De Waal's example and travel to Singapore to see if I can find any diaries that Elijah left at Changi.

Judith Yeats

This is a project run by primary school children to The scheme began in 1999 of school children have during assemblies and many of our children miss stories from the Bible , Noah, Daniel and the life of Jesus could be closed chapters if youngsters don't get an opportunity to engage with the Bible.



the Bible Society to enable hear stories from the bible. and since then thousands discovered Bible stories collective worship. Today, out on the great classic stories from the Bible , Noah, Daniel and the life of Jesus could be closed chapters if youngsters don't get an opportunity to engage with the Bible.

For some time now several of our members from Hampsthwaite and Killinghall, together with friends from the Anglican churches in the Hampsthwaite and Birstwith areas have been involved in the project. The volunteers go into each school in the area twice a term. Presentations last for about 10 minutes and the children themselves participate, learning the bible stories through drama, mime, props and costumes.

The volunteers are very enthusiastic about sharing these wonderful stories with the children. Well done to our friends at Hampsthwaite and Killinghall for taking part in this initiative.

To learn more about Open the Book visit <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>

Bookshop in a Box at Wesley: Help Required

Would anyone be able to help in running Bookshop in a Box for a couple of hours—usual time 10—12 on the following dates:

- Thurs June 30
- Sat July 2
- Tues July 5
- Thurs July 7
- Sat July 9
- Tues July 12
- Thurs July 14
- Sat July 16

Please contact Gillian Parkin if you can help
gillian.parkin1@gmail.com telephone 01423 874768

A Psalm of Life

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Find us farther than to-day.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of Life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act,— act in the living Present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

At Wesley Centre: Dates for your Diary

Saturday 2 July 7-30pm

Harrogate Philharmonic Orchestra:

Ravel *Mother Goose Suite*

Mozart *Piano Concerto 25* (with William Green as soloist)

Beethoven *4th Symphony*.

Tickets £10, Students £5, 16 and under free : available at the door and from P & C Music www.pomp-and-circumstance.co.uk

Castlegate Books, Knaresborough—[www/castlegatebooks.com](http://www.castlegatebooks.com)

<http://www.harrogatephilharmonicorchestra.org.uk/>

Monday 4 July 1pm

Jazz Concert Richard Wetherall Trio

Saturday 9 July at 3pm

Music for Piano Duet : The Elwin/Maxwell Piano Duo

David Elwin and Dorothy Maxwell:

Schubert *Allegro in A minor (Lebensstürme) D 947*

Schubert *Rondo in A. D951*

Bizet *Jeux d'enfants*

Brahms *Variations on a theme by Schumann op 23*

Dvorak *Slavonic Dances op 72*

Tickets £10 at the door or phone 01423 881834

All proceeds for Alzheimer's Society

Friday 22 July 3pm

A Masterclass led by Sir Willard White

Sir Willard shares his expertise with three singers, in differing stages in their careers, mentoring them through their performance in a musical Masterclass. Tickets £12

Saturday 23 July 12pm Young Musicians

Benedict Nelson, baritone, with Graham Johnson, Piano

Music by Schubert, Zemlinsky, Robert Schumann, Diepenbrock and Fauré Tickets £10

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**Friday 29 July 12pm Young Musician: Anna Hashimoto
Clarinetist with Mark Viner Piano**

Music by Burgmüller, R. Schumann, Ornstein, Richard Bullen, Hindemith. Tickets £10

Tickets for Harrogate International Festival from the Harrogate International Festivals Box Office in Cheltenham Parade, or Telephone 01423 562303, or harrogateinternationalfestivals.com

District and Circuit Services : Dates for your Diary



**Sunday 19 June at 3pm Rededication
Service Preacher Rev. Peter Whitaker**

Come and admire Bilton Area's wonderful new building and stay after the service for a strawberry tea.

**Sunday 24 July at 3pm Circuit
Farewell Service**

for Rev. Nick Witham, Tim Sims and John Schofield, and an acknowledgement of Margaret Grant's retirement as Circuit Secretary. Tea and Biscuits will be served after the service. Come and say 'bye to Nick; wish Tim and John every success in their new ministries and say thanks to Margaret for her services to the circuit.



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**Saturday 20 August at
3pm**

**Welcome service for the new Chair of the Leeds District
of the Methodist Church, Revd Anne Brown, at Trinity
Methodist Church, Harrogate**

The service will be led by the Secretary of the Conference, Revd Gareth Powell and the preacher will be the President of the Conference, Revd Dr Roger Walton. If you wish to attend it is essential that you book a ticket. Please reply to leedsmethodist@icloud.com if you wish to attend.

Christian Thoughts Expressed by Other Religions

- Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment. - *Buddha*
- Love is the strongest force the world possesses, and yet it is the humblest imaginable. - *Mohandas K. Gandhi*
- All humanity is one undivided and indivisible family, and each one of us is responsible for the misdeeds of all the others. - *Mahatma Gandhi*
- Anger and intolerance are the twin enemies of correct understanding. - *Mahatma Gandhi*
- You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist. - *Indira Gandhi*
- Happiness is not something readymade. It comes from your own actions. - *Dalai Lama*
- If you want to be happy, practice compassion. - *Dalai Lama*
- All major religious traditions carry basically the same message, that is love, compassion and forgiveness the important thing is they should be part of our daily lives. - *Dalai Lama*
- He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything. - *Arabian Proverb*
- To know what is right and not do it is the worst cowardice. - *Confucius*

“Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.”
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Epilogue



I hope that you have enjoyed your quarterly magazine and that there was something in there for everyone. Thank you to all our contributors, Les and Christine Sudron, our minister Christine, and to our talented in-house poet, Lynne Harvey, who burned the midnight oil to produce her epic rhyme.

It has been wonderful to receive the photographs from our proud grandparents and great grandparents, and a special thank you to them for so enthusiastically sending me the pictures and giving me permission to publish them. The children are all so lovely and make this edition especially special. Did you wonder why the cover was in monochrome instead of colour? Well I thought I would reserve the colour pictures for the children—I hope you have enjoyed something a bit different.

Do please keep sending me information and photographs—it makes for a nice friendly church family magazine if we get lots of news of what you have all been doing.

Have a very happy summer everyone and we'll be back with another Focus in the autumn . God Bless.

Judith

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