



Focus on October 2025



WELCOME TO WESLEY CHAPEL

Our Sunday Morning Worship is at 10.30am, see p3 for details of our services.

Circuit Morning Prayer Live Monday to Friday 8am on Facebook. This is available for watching again after the live broadcast/ <https://www.facebook.com/NiddValley/>

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Front Cover. DaySpring Steel Band at Wesley Heritage Open Weekend by Ian Temple.

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WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 10am. Church Council Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Ron Hicks.

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 1pm Lunchtime Recital. Simon Lepper & Llŷr Williams. (Piano). music by Schubert, Debussy, Brahms and more. *See page 14 for more information.*

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER. Wesley Fellowship. *Edward Elgar and Harrogate.* Andrew Hitchen.

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Gordon Hay

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

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 10am Friday Online Coffee Morning via Zoom. (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 10.30am Morning Worship. Wesley Fellowship Service led by Rev. Shaun Swithenbank.

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER

10.30am. Morning Worship. Local Arrangement.

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

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev. Gillian Robertson.

TUESDAYS. 10.30am to 1pm. Wesley Wheelie Welcome Café. Come and join us for a tea or coffee, and a chat. Cuppa soup, sausage rolls and toasted teacakes served at 12 noon..

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 30 November 10.30am is a Local Arrangement and Rev. Paul Hooper will be preaching..

WESLEY FELLOWSHIP

Programme for 2025

All meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm at Wesley Centre.

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| 13 March | <i>Welcome back with St. Peter's Handbells</i> |
| 10 April | <i>Homeless in Harrogate with Richard Cooper, CEO HHP. Talk and walk around the Springboard project downstairs.</i> |
| 8 May | <i>Name that Tune with Barbara and Lynne.</i> |
| 12 June | <i>Back to Wesley with Rev. Shaun Swithenbank</i> |
| 10 July | <i>Fridge Magnets. Les Sudron. Bring your favourite magnet.</i> |
| 14 August | <i>Games Hour.</i> |
| 11 September | <i>Around the World in (rather more than) 80 Days. Nicholas Ross.</i> |
| 9 October | <i>Edward Elgar and Harrogate. Andrew Hitchen.</i> |
| 13 November | <i>Poetry and Prose led by Jenny, with your help.</i> |
| 11 December | <i>A Christmas Celebration. For us, by us. What can you contribute?</i> |

A Message from Shelagh

I would like to thank everyone at Wesley who supported and prayed for me during the years (six in total) I was a circuit steward. It was particularly challenging when just after 6 months of being appointed we went into the pandemic and in and out of lockdowns. I had never heard of Zoom prior to those days so it was a steep learning curve as I am not good with technology. It was also very inspirational the people I meet on Zoom hearing their stories and with two groups meeting up after the pandemic. One of the groups lived round Huddersfield and it was wonderful meeting the people who had played parts in several plays we did during the pandemic. Zoom can hide the numerous challenges some people have in life.

We are going into a period of change in this Connexional year in the Circuit lets go on this journey together we do not know what doors will open. There will be new opportunities and perhaps in ways we never dreamt. Let's go on this journey together.

Thank you everyone. God Bless, **Shelagh Outhwaite**

NETMAKERS



Those of us who were at the Local Arrangement recently were impressed to hear from Sam and Cici about the work of Netmakers with young people, and in our very own church.

On Friday evenings Wesley is a drop-in centre for young people. A safe space where young people can come in, hang about with friends, play games, charge up their phones. It is a friendly, relaxed atmosphere where they can just be.

On the first Sunday of the month during term-time, there is a worship evening, aimed at young people in school year 7-13 whether they are connected to a church or not. It is led by youth leaders from across the town and it encourages young people to lead, direct and develop the evening. There is a band which is made up of local young people and the evening normally includes live music, reflection time, chat and CHIPS! Not to be outdone, after the morning service with Sam and Cici, Les sent out to McDonalds for French fries to have with our tea and coffee after the service!.

The message that stayed with me after the service was when Sam suggested that instead of us bemoaning that we don't have young people in our services—why don't we pop in to Wesley on a Friday evening and see what the young people are doing? **Judith**

HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September

Didn't we have a lovely time at our Heritage Open Weekend? Thank you to everybody who contributed to make this, now annual event, another huge success. The chapel looked lovely, all ready for harvest, thanks to our flower ladies. The cakes surpassed any you could find in town, thanks to everyone who made cakes. Sandwiches were made to order! Thanks to our sandwich makers whose work was never-ending. The exhibition elicited a lot of interest (thank you Jenny), as did the slide show, and we enjoyed music from the Day Spring Steel Band, organist Philip, pianists Barbara and Jean, saxophonist Robert. Thanks to them. We had lots of visitors, thanks also to those who welcomed and talked with our visitors, and to those who just came to be part of our wonderful weekend. The Harvest service on Sunday morning, led by Rev. Ruth Parry, was special and an enjoyable and important part of the weekend.

Stella and Geoff the organisers of Harrogate Open Days in our area e-mailed to say the 'team did a fantastic job, please pass on our thanks and congratulations to everyone involved.'



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Reading Abbey

Eileen and Ian have been on their travels this summer. They visited Reading and whilst that were there they saw a lot of signs to the Abbey and were surprised by how extensive the ruins are and by how vast the completed structure must have been. Ian writes:

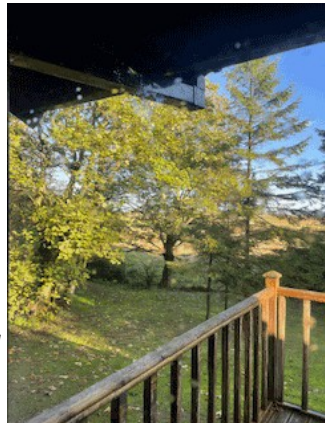


Until very recently I didn't know that there was a copy of the Bayeux Tapestry in England. In fact it is in Reading Museum. The replica was sewn by 35 seamstresses from Leek in Staffordshire in 1886. I also didn't realise that the original tapestry is also believed to be the work of English seamstresses. We spent a couple of hours looking at the Tapestry which is really quite amazing - and we were surprised by just how much of the Latin we remembered.

North York Moors

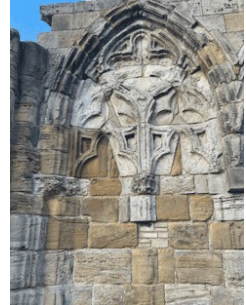
Judith spent a lovely few days with family in the North York Moors. We stayed in a large, beautifully appointed (wooden) cottage on a farm near Ugthorpe village in the most idyllic setting. We were surrounded by wildlife, and spent a happy half hour one evening on the veranda listening to the owl in a tree just nearby. There was a hot tub and a sauna to add to the experience.

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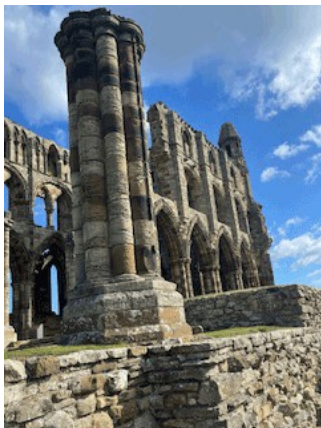
Whitby Abbey

For the first time ever Judith went into Whitby Abbey and saw it close up. It was fascinating, the remains speak for themselves.



In the 7th Century there would have been an Anglo Saxon Monastery, famed for it being a place of learning. The abbey has been rebuilt several times. The present remains are from the 13th century. Not only did the abbey suffer from Henry VIII's *Dissolution of the Monastries*, but it was also shelled in December 1914 by a German battlecruiser whose crew was aiming for the Coastguard Station on the end of the headland. It is now subject to wear and tear from the weather.

On the day the family walked to the Mallyan Spout Waterfall at Goathland, Judith wisely stayed behind to wander around the village, enjoying refreshment in the local cafes and walking to the station where she was lucky enough to see the local steam train coming in.



A Tour of North East Castles

During their trip to Northumbria Eileen and Ian Temple spent an enjoyable morning at Warkworth Castle. They also visited Bamburgh Castle on a stunningly sunny day.



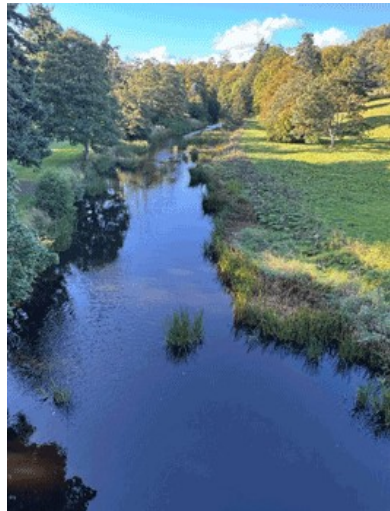
Warkworth Castle



Bamburgh Castle on a stunningly sunny day.



Alnwick Castle in the late afternoon



The River Aln flowing through

A Trip to Richmond

Les, Christine and Margaret spent a few days near Richmond staying in a newly converted stable block on a working sheep farm. We visited Richmond and its castle, finding the cobble stones quite challenging. Finished the day by going to the cinema at The Station, to see the latest Downton Abbey film.

The following day we really enjoyed our visit to Raby Castle. While walking in the deer park we were so close to them we could hear them crunching acorns as they ate. The walled garden and afternoon tea were a real treat.

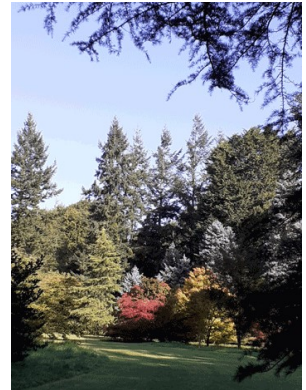
On the drive home we called in at Thorpe Perrow, one of Margaret's favourite places to visit. Les and I couldn't keep up with her on the extra turbo scooter we had hired !!



Richmond Castle



We thought that we could get mum to the first floor on the cherry picker.



Amazing colours at Thorpe Perrow.



Afternoon tea in the Vinery



Up close and personal.



DESERT ISLAND DISCS

This month Richard Cooper, Chief Executive of Harrogate Homeless Project shares his desert island discs.

My taste in music is quite wide probably a product of coming from a very musical family. The ability to play musical instruments sadly did not extend to me despite my parents' best efforts. I also had much exposure to disco and pop culture in the '80s and '90s.

The theme though seems to be music that lifts me and music which is an easy listen. Music is an occasional background for me while I focus on something rather than the thing that occupies my attention. So I'll start with an obscure bit of classical music.

Alexander Glazunov 5th Symphony, Most are unlikely to have heard of a composer called Alexander Glazunov but I heartily recommend listening to the last movement of his fifth symphony. It's got pace, pride, tension, optimistic highs crashing to dramatic lows and is packed with energy. It seems always to be in a rush to finish having to slow down to catch its breath. I can't pretend it has any special meaning for me – it's just a good piece of music.

Winner Takes It All. Abba. You can't beat a bit of ABBA and it's difficult to beat *'The winner takes it all'*. For me, it's a song that improves when listened to alongside its video. It's about loss, marginalisation, loneliness and despair. It relates well to my current role. Many of our clients have lost almost everything through addiction, poor health, unemployment and family breakdown. There seems no way out. What next, what to do? The song leaves the question hanging. It's the same for our clients and it is a question our team seek to answer with them.

Make Your Own Kind of Music. Mama Cass. Next up - the rather wonderful Mama Cass. Again there are a smorgasbord of classics to choose from and I was hard put to choose. In the end I plumped for *'Make your own kind of music'* as I felt it had the most personal meaning. It's a sort of 'coming of age' song for me reminding me that we are as we are but that we make choices too. Mama Cass is perhaps better known for hits like *California dreaming* and *Dream a little dream* both of which would also be welcome additions to my desert island catalogue.

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Richard's Desert Island Discs continued.

Eroica Symphony. Beethoven. Beethoven is a composer I love and for the sheer whirlwind of it I would probably choose the first movement of his third symphony – *Eroica*. Rather like Glazunov, the theme races along bursting with optimism. It's the type of classical music that absolutely pushes my buttons.

Healing Hands, Elton John. Elton John's career and my life have broadly coincided with him having his early hits when I was a teenager. His is an extraordinary talent and the partnership with Bernie Taupin multiplying that talent. One of his tracks I like the most is slightly obscure – *Healing Hands*. It was the B-side to *Sacrifice* in the days when we had 45s and so was rather overshadowed by that track's fame. It's about reaching out for support, trusting in others and not managing life's burdens alone.

Another Love by Tom Odell. Reflecting on the article so far I note that most of my choices are upbeat, fast and/or 'pop-py' but life ain't necessarily like that so I've searched my playlists for things I listen to often of a different nature. One track that pops up often is *Another Love* by Tom Odell. It's an angst-laden track about someone who has been hurt so much that they are scared to let their guard down again. It portrays that position so perfectly that those of us who have been lucky in our lives and – by and large - our relationships can absolutely understand the trauma.

'I wouldn't normally do this kind of thing' by the Pet Shop Boys. Back to the 1980s pop theme I can't really overlook the Pet Shop Boys – synonymous with the disco classics of the time. I quite like *'I wouldn't normally do this kind of thing'* among their lesser known songs. In essence it's a pretty standard kind of tune but the lyrics are about someone whose just decided they are going to have a great time doing harmless but slightly crazy out-of character things. It just appeals to my love of the unpredictable and of the eccentricity of human nature. It's a proper toe-tapper.

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"Harrogate is the queerest place with the strangest people leading the oddest lives of dancing, newspaper-reading and dining"

Quote by Charles Dickens.

My faith it is an oaken staff' . My Christian family heritage is strongly Wesleyan so it seems fitting to choose a hymn to remind me of that heritage. I still remember that *'My faith it is an oaken staff'* was number 55 in the hymn book at my junior school. Clearly it made a lasting impression. Written by Thomas Toke Lynch in the mid-1800s the words always seemed to me about determination in the face of adversity alongside the importance of support on life's journey. Although this is a hymn from my school days it resonates so closely with what the team I work with do day-in day-out providing support for people on a journey from hopelessness to independence.

I have deliberately chosen very different types of music. As mentioned my tastes are wide. I guess were I marooned on a desert island with a limited number of discs to take with me then I would have some tough choices to make.

Richard Cooper

Thank you for your interesting choices Richard. I, for one, am looking forward to listening to them. Our castaway next month will be Malcolm Evison.

Desert Island Discs and HRH The Duchess of Kent

It was sad to hear of the death of Katharine Worsley, HRH The Duchess of Kent last month and I am sure a lot of us will remember her getting married at York Minster, and what a lovely occasion it was. She lived a remarkable life and music played a large part in it. One of the remarkable things she did was to withdraw from royal life and take a job as a music teacher at a primary school in Hull, where she was simply known to the children as Mrs Kent.

HRH featured in Desert Island Discs with Sue Lawley in 1989. She chose mostly classical music by Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Bach, Puccini, Elgar, and The Tuba Tune by Francis Jackson from the Great Cathedral Organ Series. Her only choice of pop music was Maxwell's Silver Hammer by the Beatles. Her favourite piece of music was Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus. Her book choice was a Do-It-Yourself Manual (so she could learn how to make a raft!), and her luxury item was a lamp with solar batteries. Seems sensible!

Judith Yeats



LUNCHTIME RECITALS 2025/2026 season

Monday 6th October 2025 1pm. Simon Lepper & Llŷr Williams. The two official pianists for Cardiff Singer of the World join forces to play pieces written or arranged for four hands at one piano by Bach, Schubert, Debussy, Chaminade, Fauré and Brahms. Simon Lepper (a frequent performer at Wesley Concerts) and Llŷr Williams will be in Harrogate in advance of their Wigmore Hall recital later in October, providing us with a thrilling start to our 31st season.

A note regarding seating. Over the years we've been accommodating the needs of some audience members by reserving seats. Unfortunately because of the numbers of requests now involved this has become unworkable. As you probably know, the Centre offers a range of seating options. In future, if you would like to ensure that you sit in a particular seat, then we would advise that you get to the hall in good time. Doors open at 12.15. Our friendly front of house team will of course endeavour to make sure that everyone's needs are met.

Andrew Hitchen and Sarah Devonald.

Future recital programme

Monday 3rd November 2025 1pm. Jung Eun Séverine Kim (Piano).in a programme called 'A Frenchman in Vienna'.

Monday 1st December 2025 1pm. Julian Bliss (Clarinet) &James Baillieu (Piano). Music by Weber, Poulenc and Schumann.

Monday 5th January 2026 1pm. Leon McCawley (Piano). Music by Haydn, Scriabin and Chopin.

Monday 2nd February 2026 1pm. Laura van der Heijden (Cello) & Jâms Coleman (Piano). Music from Mél Bonis to Beethoven.

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Lunchtime recitals continued.

Monday 2nd March 2026 1pm. PETER HIRSCHMANN MEMORIAL CONCERT . Hugh Cutting (Voice) & Joseph Middleton (Piano). Music from across the centuries.

Monday 13th April 2026 1pm. Hana Chang (Violin) & Jonathan Ware (Piano). Including pieces by Takemitsu and Saint-Saëns

Monday 11th May 2026 1pm. Elizaveta Ivanova (Flute) & Sanja Bizjak (Piano).

Monday 1st June 2026 1pm. Giovanni Bertolazzi (Piano).

Monday 6th July 2026 1pm. Richard Wetherall Trio. Jazz Concert.

*For more information about these concerts visit
<https://wesleyconcerts.org/whats-on>*

Evening Recital

Saturday 25th April 7pm. Following the very successful visit by the wind principals of Opera North earlier this year, pianist and Head of Music at the company David Cowan will return with four string principals to play chamber music by Haydn, Ravel and a favourite by Dvorak - his piano quintet. Tickets (£20, free to 26 and under).

Laziness kills ambition

Anger kill wisdom

Fear kill dreams

Ego kills growth

Jealousy kills peace

Doubt kills confidence

Now read that right to left.

Unknown



AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Bilton Methodist Amblers. The next walk is Saturday 11 October. .

All walks start on the car park of Bilton Area Methodist Church where we meet to arrange transport at 9.30. Summer walks generally about 5- 6 miles. We bring a packed lunch or go on to a pub or cafe at the end. All welcome. If interested please contact Janet Allen, T: 524634

E: janetallen09@btinternet.com.

Harlow Hill

Coffee Morning. Every Monday from 10am to 11.30am. Everybody welcome.

Little Beans Playgroup. Parents and toddlers playgroup. Every Wednesday Morning. Drop in between 10am and 11.30am for play, coffee and a chat. £3 per family.

Kearby will be holding a Circuit Harvest Festival service at 3pm on Sunday 5th October 2025, Ben will be officiating – Followed by refreshments. The fruit and veg and cakes etc will be sold after the service with donations being shared with 'Save the Children'.

Starbeck

Knaresboroughs' Knot Another Choir will perform an afternoon concert on Sunday 12 October 2.30pm. Knot Another Choir is a large mixed community choir who sing rock, pop and gospel and they can promise you a joyful, uplifting afternoon of song.

Also Coming up. Saturday 8 November 7.30pm. Tewit Well Silver Band.

These events are part of the ongoing winter programme of concerts at Starbeck Methodist Church

Entry is by pay at the door. Adult entry is £10, teenagers £5, <12 free. Refreshments will be served during the interval. For further information please email starbeckfff@gmail.com or see *Continued*

Around the Circuit continued.

Trinity.

Each Thursday in the hall from 10am for one hour. Prayer Space - A time of peace and connection with God.



Live Web Seminars with guest speakers about either their specialist area or personal experiences. On the 3rd Thursday each month 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Batchelor Room, Trinity Church Refreshments provided.

October 23rd – Intimacy
November 27th – FBM
January 22nd – Mental Health
February 26th – Domestic Abuse
March 26th – Social Justice
May 28th – Immigration
June 25th – Gender & Sexuality
July 23rd – Faith & Politics



<https://www.yorkshiremethodist.org/info-and-qu>

HARROGATE CHORAL SOCIETY

Saturday 15 November 3pm at St. Wilfrid's. Pacem. A Concert for Peace. *A blend of timeless classics and contemporary masterpieces.* Bernstein. Chichester Psalms
Marsh. A Psalm for Chichester
Elgar. Serenade for Strings. National Festival Orchestra
Vaughn Williams. Donna Nobis Pacem.
See Jenny or Philip or Judith for more details.

Saturday 13 December 4pm at St. Wilfrid's. Handel Messiah by Candlelight. National Festival Orchestra. Conducted by David Lawrence.

Tickets for both above £18. Students and Under 16s £5. Box Office 01423 502116, also on the door, or book online at www.harrogate theatre.co.uk. Or ask Judith to get a ticket for you.

VOCALIS

Saturday 8 November 7pm at Wesley Centre.

- Requiem by Gabriel Fauré . With the Dales Ensemble and Tim Harper Assistant Musical Director of Ripon Cathedral.
- Mass for Double Choir by Frank Martin
- 1st Movement of Antonin Dvořák's Piano Quintet in A Major Op.81.

Musical Director James Savage-Hanford.

Adults £15. Students £8. Under 19's and essential companions/ carers are free. Book online <https://harrogatevocalis.org.uk>

HARROGATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MISSION

15th November 2025, Revd Guy Donegan-Cross will be speaking about discipleship. (former vicar at St. Mark's). He will also be introducing two books he has published this year on the theme of discipleship.

Venue: St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate (& Zoom option)

Tickets: £10 (including breakfast and refreshments) Students: £7; Under 18s free. Zoom live-stream: £5 per person, must be purchased online in advance.

ALL OUR WELCOME

With tensions rising in communities across the UK, the Methodist Church has released a new recording of the hymn 'Let us build a house where love can dwell', known to many as 'All Are Welcome'. More than 140 Methodist churches contributed their voices to the project.

The hymn is intended as a response to the recent protests in London, the disorder outside the accommodation of those seeking asylum and the 'Raise the Colours' campaign that have all led to a growing sense of intimidation. Crosses and other Christian symbols have even been seen at some demonstrations where they have been used to communicate hate rather than love.

Ben Lawrence, Digital Content Producer at the Methodist Church, who wrote the arrangement and produced the recording, commented, "Many people have been made to feel, not just unwelcome, but frightened and intimidated by what is happening. We want this to be a song of reassurance, friendship and understanding."

"When we posted the invitation for churches to record their contribution we were staggered by the response," continued Ben. "Within 48 hours of making the ask, over 100 church groups had sent in their recordings, illustrating the strength of feeling held by many when faced with intimidation in their communities."

"The Methodist Church proclaims itself to be inclusive and justice-seeking," said the Revd Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Methodist Conference. "We believe that the Church has been called into being to proclaim that God's love is indiscriminate and unbounded, and which seeks to become a sign of God's reign from which no one is excluded and in which no one is devalued."

'Let us build a house where love can dwell' was written by the American Lutheran composer Marty Haugen for the opening of a church building. Published in 1997, it has become widely used as a hymn of gathering.

It is hoped that Methodist Churches and those Christian groups will play and share the hymn in the coming weeks to reassure everyone in their communities that all truly are welcome.

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All Are Welcome. Continued.

At a recent Harvest service at Scotton, Ron Hicks took a video of the congregation recording their message All Our Welcome. See if you can spot Scotton whilst watching the updated version of All Our Welcome by visiting

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/all-are-welcome/>



THE BIG 2025 HARROGATE SLEEP OUT

Thursday 2nd October, 2025
Harrogate Rugby Club, Ridding Lane

Scan the QR code for more details

in association with:

HARROGATE SPRING WATER HARROGATE HOMELESS PROJECT JUST 'B' YOUR Harrogate

HARROGATE HOMELESS PROJECT

Harrogate Homeless Project are taking part in The Big Harrogate Sleepout on Thursday 2 October, together with local business Harrogate Spring Water and another charity *Just Be*. This is the second year that the event will take place and will raise money for those facing homelessness and bereavement in Harrogate and across North Yorkshire.

By spending one night under the stars at Harrogate Rugby Club, businesses and individuals will help raise vital funds to support services like HHP's Springboard Day Centre, No Second Night Out programme and Just 'B's emotional wellbeing work with children, young people and adults – including those facing or at risk of homelessness.



**Killinghall Village Voices Concert
&
4-course Harvest Supper
Saturday 11th October 2025; 3-5:30pm
Bilton Area Methodist Church, Bar Place, HG1 2BA**

We are pleased to present the Killinghall Village Voices singing a range of songs and hymns on Saturday 11th October from 3-4pm followed by a 4-course Harvest Supper at 4.15pm.

Both events: £12.50 adult, £7.50 children, £35 family.

Concert only: £8 adult, £4 children, £20 family

4-course Harvest Supper only: £7.50 adult, £3.50 children, £20 family

Please email idekanski@yahoo.co.uk or Tel 07713 822832 stating name, Tel no, number of tickets required, for which event and any dietary requirements. Book early to avoid disappointment.





OOPS PRAYER!

October Outreach Prayer Support

Hello Friends

October is coming very soon and my Support Group and I felt that we need your help with prayer—in particular with the New Estate aspect of my work.

We need a breakthrough and signs we are going in the right directions. We ask that during this month you would pray for the work and for me.

- Please pray for new contacts on these estates to emerge.
- For us to find places where we can invite people to meet and share conversations with
- For something to develop on one of these new places for Christmas that we can help with or organise.
- For Harlow Hill Methodist Church as they find new places for Christmas Carol Singing in the community this year.

If you would like any more information about any of this please ask me or one of the support group for information:

Sue Colvill
Shelagh Outhwaite
David Woodward
Jane McGrail
Charlotte South
Jackie Strover
Peter Lacey
Rev. Lesley Taylor

I hope to keep you up to date with any developments/ Thank you for your prayers. Yours sincerely **Deacon Gary Hoare.**

PRAYER CORNER



New every morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life, and power, and thought.

Singing the Faith No 137 v.1

A Morning Prayer

Gracious God,
Thank you for the gift of today.
Refresh me. Invite me to discover your presence
In each person that I meet
And every event that I encounter.
Teach me when to speak and when to listen
When to ponder and when to share.
In moments of challenge and decision
Attune my heart to the whisperings of your Wisdom.
As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks,
Gift me with simple joy.
When my day goes well, may I rejoice.
When it grows difficult, surprise me with
New possibilities.
When life is overwhelming, call me to
Sabbath moments
To restore your Peace and Harmony.
May my living today reveal your Goodness.

Pat Bergen, C.S.J.

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/morning-and->

