

# CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER



JULY 2026



## *Dear Friends...*

As I prepare to retire from active Circuit ministry I have inevitably been thinking back over those 32 years. My journey has taken me to five Circuit appointments: in suburbia, the inner city, outer London, the Yorkshire moors and finally the East Yorkshire country and seaside. All very different physical contexts! However, two common strands stand out for me: hospitality both offered and received and building community in many different forms; reflecting something of my call as a deacon 'to gather in the outcast; welcome the stranger; and seek the lost.'

Those things are, of course, not just for me to do but for each of us to be prepared to offer hospitality to all. As we so enthusiastically sing from time to time 'All are welcome' (STF 409) I have had to ask myself are **all** welcome in our churches and worship? Or is it tempting to find it easier and more comfortable to welcome those who are like us and who fit into our ways naturally and don't cause us to be much disturbed in our ways.

True hospitality is, I think, more than greeting people at the door as important as that is – it's simply the first step. If we are serious in our welcoming of newcomers and each other, then it is about creating a genuine sense of belonging for individuals from diverse backgrounds and requires sensitivity and humility. Another essential quality is the building of meaningful relationships so that all can together know that sense of belonging whatever their previous experience. In it all we are called to reflect that extravagant hospitality of God which Jesus so clearly demonstrated in his earthly ministry as he spent time with and welcomed all whatever their background.

What an exciting challenge for us as to how we will welcome, how we will enable folk to belong; how we will walk together in discovering what is for now; it is all too easy to look back with a golden nostalgia; things are not as we think they once were and never will be again. We must, I think, be careful in all of this to not mould people to fit in with all our ways but to be prepared to accept any change that is happening; to willingly join in with what God's Spirit is already doing.

Every blessing

*Jackie*

Deacon Jackie Fowler

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## Special Events and Notices

### **Farewell service for Deacon Jackie Fowler**

The circuit service for this quarter will be held at **Hornsea** on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 3 pm**. This will be a time of informal worship followed by light refreshments. It will be an opportunity to give thanks for Jackie's work in this circuit, and throughout her ministry as she "sits down" from active ministry.

### **Welcome service for Rev Graham Morgan**

Graham's welcome service will be held at **Hornsea** on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm**. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

Graham will be joining the circuit from September and will be taking pastoral charge of Aldbrough, Brandesburton with New Ellerby, and Hornsea churches. He is currently serving as the Superintendent Minister of the North Yorkshire Coast Circuit.

### **Circuit Office closure**

The Circuit Office will be closed from **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, and also on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, due to Thomas's annual leave. Thomas will not be contactable during these times, but will receive any messages when he returns to work.

### **Correction to June – August Preaching Plan**

Worship on Wednesdays at Driffield does not meet during August. Printed plans incorrectly show it continuing during August. The version of the plan distributed by email is correct.

### **Farewell service for Rev Leslie Newton, outgoing Chair of the Yorkshire North & East District**

Leslie's farewell service will be held at **Acomb Methodist Church, York** on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 3 pm**. The service is expected to be very busy and will be streamed into another room at the church. The livestream will also be available for people to join at home. If you intend to attend the service in person, the district would like you to RSVP so that they know how many people they are expecting. Please contact the Circuit Office giving the details below so Thomas (Circuit Administrator) can pass on your information:

1. Name
2. Email address (if applicable)
3. Whether you wish to stay after the service for tea and cake
4. If so, whether you have any dietary requirements

### **Welcome service for Rev Romeo Pedro, new Chair of the Yorkshire North & East District**

Romeo's welcome service will be held at **Trinity Methodist Church, Harrogate** on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7 pm**. The service will also be livestreamed. As for Leslie's farewell service, the district have asked people to RSVP if they would like to attend in person. Please contact the Circuit Office with your name and email address (if applicable) so that your details can be passed on to the district.

As publicised in the June Newsletter, Romeo will be taking up his appointment as Chair of the Yorkshire North & East District from 1<sup>st</sup> September for 6 years, moving from his current appointment as the Superintendent of the Sheffield Circuit.

### **Hornsea – Sundays at 6 pm**

This monthly evening service offers a variety of worship. Details for the coming months are:

**5<sup>th</sup> July:** Quiet Reflection

**2<sup>nd</sup> August:** Summer Puddings and Praise

### **Driffeld Open Gardens Day**

On **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July between 10 am and 4 pm**, various gardens around the town will be open on a trail starting at the church. Admission to the gardens is with a programme available from the church for £5 per person (free for under 12s), raising funds for the church's community garden. There will be a gift stall at the church and plant & garden stalls at some of the open garden venues.

Following the Open Gardens Day, on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30 am**, the Sunday morning service at Driffeld will be a celebration of creation, including worship around the church gardens.

### **Brandesburton Drop In Coffee Mornings**

These will be held on the following **Fridays between 10 am and 12 noon: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August**. All are welcome.

### **New Ellerby Summer Coffee Morning**

This will be held on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, from 10 am onwards**. There will be refreshments including strawberry cream scones. All are welcome.

Note that this event has replaced the strawberry tea on the afternoon of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July which was advertised in the June newsletter.

### **Beeford Afternoon Tea in the Garden**

This annual event will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 2 pm** for approximately 2 hours at Gill and Paul's, Wilivia, Rectory Lane, Beeford, YO25 8BA. Everyone is welcome.

### **Concert at Lund by the Farmers' Daughters**

The Farmers' Daughters will be performing at Lund church on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm**. There will be refreshments after the concert and a collection for church funds.

Note that this is a change from the initially planned date of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Some copies of the June Newsletter were printed with the incorrect date.

Please send items for the August Newsletter to the Circuit Office by the end of **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**.

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Thomas's usual working hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, between approximately 10 am and 3 pm, although there is no guarantee that he will always be working during these times. He usually works from the Circuit Office in Driffield on Mondays and from home on Wednesdays and Fridays, but will sometimes be in the office on other days. Please contact him before going to the office to ensure he is there to meet you.

# REGULAR EVENTS AROUND THE CIRCUIT

## Aldbrough

2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	10.00am	Coffee Morning
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	2.15pm	Bible Study
Last Tuesday	2.15pm	Tuesday Fellowship
Last Saturday	2-4pm	Board games & chat

## Beeford

2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	10.00am	Bacon Butties
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## Driffield

Mondays	9.00am	Toastie Tots
	2.00pm	Banner Group
Mondays & Wednesdays	1.30pm	Chat and Games
Tuesdays	2.15pm	Tuesday Fellowship
Wednesdays	10.30am	Worship on Wednesdays
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee and Conversation

## Hornsea

Fortnightly Tuesdays	7.30pm	Singing Group
Wednesdays	2.00pm	Afternoon Fellowship
Fridays	10.30am	Shoppers Service
Saturdays	10.00am	Coffee Morning

## Hutton Cranswick

Mondays	4.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Tuesdays	7.30pm	House Groups - ask within the Church
Thursdays	7.30pm	House Groups - ask within the Church
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	9.30am	Men's Group - Cranswick Garden Centre
Fortnightly Saturdays	2.00pm	Art Group in the Chapel Hall

## Leven

Wednesdays	10.00am	Drop in for a Coffee and Chat
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## Lund

Tuesdays	10.00am	Coffee Morning in the Chapel Hall
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## Nafferton

Mondays	10.00am	Mustard Seed Café
	7.00pm	Singing for Fun
	6.45pm	Ecumenical Prayer Meeting
Tuesdays	9.15am	Little Bears
Wednesdays	10.30am	Activities Group
	1.30pm	Social/Craft Group
Thursdays	6.45pm	Ecumenical Study Group

## New Ellerby

1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	10.00am	Coffee Morning
Fortnightly Wednesdays	2.00pm	Men in Sheds

## Skirraugh

Tuesdays	9.30am	Coffee Morning
Wednesdays	1.30pm	Women's Bible Study

## The Wolds

3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	10.30am	Coffee Morning
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**Note:** Coffee Morning will not take place in July or August