

# CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER

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Called to Serve

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*This is the day that the lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it!*

Psalm 118:24



"God has a preferential option to the poor...the church has a preferential option to the middle class"- *Professor Anthony Reddie*

*Dear Friends...*

I wonder how you feel about the above statement? Does it make us feel uncomfortable? As I reflect upon it, I do wonder if one of the reasons that so many Methodist Churches are now struggling to survive and wondering what their purpose is, is because we are no longer interested in people who are poor or who are struggling to get by. Perhaps too often we are more interested in people who know when to stand up and sit down during a Sunday service than we are in people who have nothing to bring to us but problems. Perhaps we are more interested in how much money we can raise from putting on a coffee and cake sale than wondering who might need coffee and cake for free?

In one of his final journal entries, John Wesley became aware of this direction of travel that Methodist people were taking. He lamented the fact that although Methodist people were involved in "Saving all they can" they were no longer "Giving all they can." Even then, Methodist people were becoming socially upwardly mobile. Perhaps that is why God raised up the Salvation Army.

Let me be clear that I am talking to myself as much as anyone else. I am just a council estate kid. Perhaps to my shame I no longer know anyone who lives on the estate where I grew up. It is so easy for all of us to become out of touch with what is the reality of every day struggles for some people.

As Christian churches we believe we have good news to share. The Psalmist declares (Psalm 27) "I believe I will see the goodness of God in the land of the living." What does that look like for people who are struggling to get by? How are we showing the people of this generation the goodness of God?

Whichever community you belong to, somewhere, someone will be struggling, someone will be troubled or worried. These things may be hidden, but look beneath the surface and they will be there somewhere. People look at the events in the Middle East and the are fearful of how that might escalate. They are already troubled by the impact said events have had on the price of fuel and the price of food. If you live on a fixed income and suddenly your weekly shop goes up by 20% then you will soon notice.

Perhaps the quotation at the top of the page will be the beginning of a conversation within your church. Perhaps some churches and the people therein need a change of mindset. God has set us within our communities for a reason. And that is not to hide away in a Holy huddle – it is to show his goodness to the people around us. And that might mean getting our hands dirty – getting to know people and understanding their needs.

Our calling is to preach Good News to the poor and to do so in word and deed. Can the church of today live up to that calling?

Blessings

*Peter*

Rev. Peter Barnett – Superintendent Minister

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## Special Events and Notices

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

Jackie's farewell service will be held at **Hornsea** on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 3 pm**. This is the circuit service for this quarter and 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. Further details will be given nearer the time.

### **Circuit Administrator**

Thomas Carter started in the role of Circuit Administrator in March. His 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. He can be contacted using the details shown at the end of this newsletter.

### 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, 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

### New District Chair

The new Chair of the Yorkshire North & East District will be Rev Romeo Regardo Pedro, who will take up the role from 1<sup>st</sup> September for 6 years. Romeo is currently serving as the Superintendent Minister of the Sheffield Circuit and has previously served in a variety of ministerial contexts in the UK, Namibia and South Africa.

Romeo's welcome service will be held on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7 pm**. Further details of the service will be shared in due course.

### Hornsea – Sundays at 6 pm

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

**7<sup>th</sup> June:** Songs of Praise

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

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

### "The Look of Love" – concert at Skirlaugh by the Withernsea Ladies Choir

The Withernsea Ladies Choir will be performing at Skirlaugh church on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm**. There will be a bar and raffle. Tickets are £8 for adults, including strawberries and cream, and are available from church members, or 07885 032422, or [cliff@skirlaughchurch.org.uk](mailto:cliff@skirlaughchurch.org.uk).

### **Concert at The Wolds by the Lund Singers**

The Lund Singers will be performing at The Wolds church on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm**. There will be refreshments at the close. A poster has been circulated to the churches.

### **Strawberry Teas**

**Brandesburton – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2 pm – 4pm**. All welcome.

**Hutton Cranswick – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2 pm**. Teas are priced a £3.50. There will also be a plant sale, cake stall and raffle tickets available. The event is in aid of chapel renovations.

**New Ellerby – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2 pm – 4 pm**. All welcome.

### **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.

Please send items for the July Newsletter to the Circuit Office by  
the end of **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**.

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# 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

## Beeford

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

Fortnightly Mondays		Bible Study - for further details, contact Hazel Adamson
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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

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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

## Skirlaugh

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