

August/September 2018

The **MESSENGER**



Bramhope Methodist Church



WHAT'S ON AT OUR CHURCH

<p>SUNDAY 8.30am</p> <p>10.00am</p>	<p><u>First Sunday in the month - PRAYER BREAKFAST</u> prayer requests to Joan Bosomworth</p> <p><u>MORNING WORSHIP</u> <u>First Sunday in the month - HOLY COMMUNION</u></p> <p><u>EVENING SERVICES</u> – dates in Church Diary</p>
<p>MONDAY 9.00-10.00am</p> <p>10.30am</p> <p>2.00-4.00pm</p>	<p><u>PILATES</u> – Tel 07745 801438</p> <p><u>Fourth Monday in the month - MEN'S BRUNCH CLUB</u> LADIES meet for Coffee at The Fox & Hounds Loft</p> <p><u>SEQUENCE TEA DANCE</u> in the Hall</p>
<p>TUESDAY 10.00-12noon</p> <p>10.00am</p> <p>7.15pm</p>	<p><u>COFFEE SHOP</u> in the Hall</p> <p><u>Second Tuesday in the month - HOLY COMMUNION</u> – in the Low Room</p> <p><u>First Tuesday in the month - October-April - FILM CLUB</u></p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 10.15-11.15am</p> <p>6.30-7.30pm</p> <p>8.00-9.15pm</p>	<p><u>TAI CHI</u> – organised by OPAL – Tel 0113-2619103</p> <p><u>PILATES</u> – Tel 07745 801438</p> <p><u>YOGA</u> – Tel 07850 471568</p>
<p>THURSDAY 2.00-4.00pm</p> <p>7.30pm</p>	<p><u>BRAMHOPE MEETING POINT</u> – for the over 60's</p> <p><u>Second Thursday in the month from September-May</u> <u>THURSDAY LADIES' GROUP</u></p>
<p>SATURDAY 9.30am</p> <p>9.00-12noon</p>	<p><u>WALKING GROUP</u> - monthly guided walks throughout the year - meet outside Church for car sharing to start</p> <p><u>DANCE INC</u> – a range of different dance classes for children from 3 to 10yrs+, contact Emma on 0770705549</p>

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Dear Friends

“For Everything there is a Season”

Familiar words from the book of Ecclesiastes. As I write this, the current season is one of hot summer sunshine. What does this season have in store for you?

Some people will be looking forward to going away on holiday, others will be spending the summer at home. Some can't get enough sunshine, others would like it to cool down. Gardeners (and the water companies) would like some rain - preferably during the night!

Whatever your preferences, I invite you to embrace the current season. Don't wish it away, autumn will come soon enough. God has given us the rhythm of the seasons – enjoy each one whatever it may bring.

It's the same with the seasons of the Christian year. Soon we'll be starting a new church year with our Covenant service at the beginning of September and celebrating harvest at the end of the month. Before too long it'll be time for Remembrance followed by Advent and Christmas. But we mustn't jump ahead but rather enter fully into each season as it comes along.

There is a Christian tradition of 'practising the presence of God'. We can be so tempted to rush ahead in our thoughts that we miss the good things God wants us to enjoy right now. To practice the presence of God we must still our racing minds and give our whole attention to what or who is right here, right now. Take time to carefully observe what you see, delight in it, allow God to show you his presence in the here and now.

It's not as easy as it sounds, it takes practice but it's well worth the effort.

Every Blessing

Roger

A Celtic Prayer

Awaken me, Lord
To your light,
Open my eyes
To your presence

Awaken me, Lord
To your love,
Open my heart
To your indwelling

Awaken me, Lord
To your life,
Open my mind
To your abiding

Awaken me, Lord
To your purpose,
Open my will
To your guiding

Our Church Mission Statement:

“Together as a Church family we are aspiring to love God, the Community and each other through worship, prayer, learning, service and outreach.”

Church Weekly Notices - Please send items for the Sunday church notices by email to susanward29@icloud.com or telephone 01943 467517 by Tuesday lunchtime.

Copy Deadline for the October/November Messenger is 16th September 2018 by email to susanward29@icloud.com or telephone 01943 467517

Door Stewards/Readers/Coffee Team

Spare Duty Rotas are always available in the church vestibule and the vestry, or from one of the Stewards - Catherine, Norman, Joan or Marion.

With grateful thanks to all who serve the church and carry out these duties.

The Wharfedale and Aireborough Circuit Evening Services are at 6.00pm on:

No August Circuit Evening Service

Sunday 9th September at Yeadon

Please speak to one of the Stewards if you need help with transport.

The Open House/Strawberry Cream Tea event in aid of the Joanna Project raised an amazing £550. Thank you to Margaret and Stephen Le Beau for their great generosity and to all those who supported this fund raiser.

Church Flower Rota

August

5th Shula Lawrence

19th Marion Rider

12th Michael Beard

26th Pat Birnage



September

2nd Audrey Stelfox

16th Lizzie Would

30th Harvest Festival

9th Mavis Wood

23rd Norman Sykes

Please meet at Church on Saturday 29th September at 10.00am if you can help with decorating the church. Any donations of fruit, vegetables and flowers will be gratefully received.

PLEASE arrange flowers in the Low Room where the vases are kept and NOT in the kitchen.

Access to the church is available between 9.00 and 12.00 on Saturdays **BUT NOT TO THE HALL, STAGE AND KITCHEN** WHERE THE DANCING GROUP meets.

Grateful thanks are extended to all who donate flowers. These are distributed weekly to our Church Members and Friends.

"We were born to die and we die to live.

As seedlings of God, we barely blossom on earth; we fully flower in heaven."

Russell M. Nelson

On Sunday 19th August our Local Arrangement Service will take the form of a 'Songs of Praise'

If you have a favourite poem, Bible reading, worship song or hymn please let Catherine or Margaret le Beau know so that they can include in their planning.

An explanation of your choice would also be useful as members of the congregation will be invited to take part in the Service and speak about why the piece they have chosen is important to them.



Church Diary Dates

August			
Wednesday	1 st	7.30pm	Bible Study at Otley
Sunday	5 th	8.30am 10.00am	Prayer Breakfast Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Roger Smith
Sunday	12 th	10.00am	Worship led by Michael Hardstaffe
Tuesday	14 th	10.00am	Holy Communion in the Low Room
Wednesday	15 th	7.30pm	Bible Study at Otley
Sunday	19 th	10.00am	Local Arrangement Service - Songs of Praise
Sunday	26 th	10.00am 2.00- 5.00pm	Worship led by Deacon Jenny Parnell Norwood Garden Party & Chapel Anniversary
Wednesday	29 th	7.30pm	Bible Study at Otley
September			
Sunday	2 nd	8.30am 10.00am	Prayer Breakfast Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Roger Smith
Wednesday	5 th	10.00am	Ewart's House Group
Sunday	9 th	10.00am 6.00pm	Morning Worship led by Deacon Jenny <i>Circuit Evening Service at Yeadon</i>
Monday	10 th	6.30pm	Dementia Friends' Training
Tuesday	11 th	10.00am	Holy Communion in the Low Room
Wednesday	12 th	7.30pm 7.30pm	Bible Study at Otley Pastoral Committee meet in the Low Room
Thursday	13 th	7.30pm	Thursday Group Welcome Evening

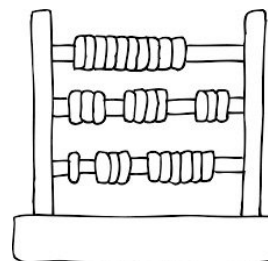
Sunday	16 th	10.00am	Morning Worship led by Pauline Tate
Wednesday	19 th	10.00am	Ewart's House Group
Saturday	22 nd	9.30am	Walking Group meet outside Church
Sunday	23 rd	10.00am	Morning Worship led by Joan Bosomworth
Wednesday	26 th	7.30pm	Bible Study at Otley Outreach Committee meet in the Low Room
Friday	28 th	7.30pm	Quiz Night with Supper
Sunday	30 th	10.00am	Harvest Festival Service led by Rev Roger Smith

Fridays	10.00-10.30am	Otley Church - Shoppers' Service
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Weekly Activities at our Church		
Monday	9.00-10.00 2-4.00pm	PILATES - contact Angela 07745 801438 SEQUENCE Tea Dancing - contact Marjorie 2679802
Tuesday	10-12.00	COFFEE SHOP in the Hall
Wednesday	10.15-11.15 6.30-7.30pm 8.00-9.15pm	TAI CHI - organised by OPAL - 0113 261 9103 PILATES - contact Angela 07745 801438 YOGA - contact Polly 07850 471568
Thursday	2.00-4.00pm	MEETING POINT - in conjunction with OPAL - conversation, refreshments and activities
Saturday	9.00-12noon	DANCE Inc - dance classes for all ages and abilities - contact Emma 0770 7055491

TREASURER'S INTERIM REPORT

Accounts



The averaged weekly collections for the year to date are :

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Envelopes, Cash and Standing Orders	£ 476	£ 480

Other activities including plant sale, dancing, quiz, coffee shop, film club and rental income (the latter up 10%) are continuing to support our incomes. A further quiz is planned for later in the summer.

Expenses are broadly in line with previous years with the exception of utilities up 20% due to the long wet winter and repair costs are well down on last year as repair costs in the previous year were particularly high.

Although the position is again tight I see no reason at this stage in not achieving a break even position.

The Organ Fund stands at £12,866 when gift aid receivable is included. The organ recital raised in excess of £650 and we hope are to have a further choral event later in the year. The refurbishment of the organ is being phased over a period of time in order that we do not lose the use of the organ for any long period of time. Work in this direction has started with releathering of pedal primary motors and fitting new leather buttons and red cloth washers after stripping down swell to great coupler totalling £1,494.

The Redevelopment Fund stands at £8,515 with a further £10,000 receivable from District. Negotiations regarding the entrance improvements are ongoing and have incurred further professional fees.

Norman Sykes
Honorary Treasurer

We are very happy to report here that the three events we hosted during the Bramhope Summer Festival – The Organ Recital, Film Club Evening and Afternoon Tea, raised a total of £257.91 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. With thanks to the Parish Council for once again organising a successful summer festival.

Memories of Bramhope Chapel and Hilton Grange

Our Minister, Rev Roger, recently received this email from a lady who had been looking at our website and felt she had to write to us. As you can imagine this prompted a lot of discussion and memory searching. We thank DP for sharing this with us and send many good wishes in return.

"Dear Revd. Smith,

I have been reminiscing while surfing your web page, and I was delighted to see photos of the interior of your beautiful chapel.

The chapel played an important weekly part in my life, during the years 1943 to 1947 when my two sisters and I were evacuated to the NCH&O (now Hilton Grange). Every Sunday, morning, when the weather permitted, we walked in a crocodile down to the Chapel, and I would gaze up at that soaring arch emblazoned with "Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness". Those words don't seem to be there any more. I also remember the pink and grey marble panels of the pulpit and font, the gleaming brass filials(?) at the ends of the pews, and the entrancing stained glass windows.

My sisters and I lived in Butterfield II House, under the care of Sisters Kathleen and Ruth, and Novice Ellen. After we left the Home, Sister Kathleen wrote to us several times and Mr. Butterfield took me to see Gilbert Harding, Lady Isobel Barnett and Stew Macpherson engage in "Twenty Questions". The Friends of the Home were wonderful people. Every Christmas they provided old lisle stockings for us to hang in the hall on Christmas Eve, they sent parcels to open on Christmas Day to the orphans or evacuees who would otherwise have received nothing, and I remember one summer that a group of ladies gave us beautiful summer dresses, six pink (I had one of those), six yellow, six green and six blue, and straw bonnets to wear with the dresses. Wonderful, wonderful people.

I am 81 now. I was seven when I arrived at the Home, so I doubt whether any of the Friends who were so generous are alive now. But maybe they have descendants still living in the Bramhope area. If there are, I would like to say a sincere thank you to them, not only for clothes and presents, but for their constant care and support of small children who had been separated from their loved ones at a dreadful time in history.

Forgive me for rambling on. I have just finished writing a story about my childhood and your web page brought it all back to me.

*Sincerely,
DP"*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



NORWOOD CHAPEL

SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST 2.00-5.00pm
WORSHIP at 2.30pm - led by
REV PHILIP MCDONALD

Come and see the new developments and our vision
for the future.

Refreshments will be served after the Service.

QUIZ NIGHT with PIE, PEAS and PUDDING SUPPER



Friday 28th September 2018 at 7.30pm
Tickets £10 (Adults) and £5 (under 13s)

Following the success of the last Quiz in February, we are repeating our Pie, Peas & Pudding Quiz Night. Once again there will be questions, easy, medium and difficult, interspersed by picture quizzes on the table. Make up a team and win fantastic prizes (ha ha). Please come along and enjoy a fun evening with plenty to eat, all led by your jovial host Jack Foster.

Tickets from Jack 0113 2672906

ANNUAL PLANT SALES

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking those who helped at our summer sale in May by delivering leaflets, setting up the premises and selling the plants, and especially those who supported us by purchasing plants. The amount raised for church funds was £2,100.

Our **AUTUMN PLANT SALE**, where you will be able to purchase a selection of Wallflowers, Winter Flowering Pansies, Polyanthus, Violas, Cyclamen, Perennials and Patio Pots will be on

Friday 12th October – 9.30am to 6.00pm
Saturday 13th October – 9.30am to 2.00pm

If you can help with this event in any way please contact either Ewart (2678001), Bernard (2678169) or Jack (2672906).

CAMBRIDGE based ENSEMBLE PRO VICTORIA

Return to Bramhope Methodist Church

to present a

CAMBRIDGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

on

Sunday 9th December 2018 at 7.30pm



ENSEMBLE PRO VICTORIA

Ensemble Pro Victoria return by popular demand with a seasonal programme of Christmas music. Featuring English and European traditional carols, motets and old-favourites from 500 years ago to the present day. Directed by co-founder Toby Ward. If you missed their concert with us last December here is another chance to experience some truly sublime music.

EPV will also perform at Bolton Priory Church on Friday 21st September at 7.00pm. Tickets £15. Telephone 01756 710238

Prayer, Worship, Study and Mission

You may have read this article which appeared in Issue 10 of the Connexion written by the Chair of Plymouth & Exeter District, the Revd Graham Thompson. If not, here it is, as it is well worth reading and thought provoking.

“Why do you go to church?”

This question is usually asked spontaneously and we find ourselves on the spot. So what answer should we give?

We go to church to worship God!

We enjoy being with God.

We want to celebrate all that Jesus offers, for we are people of the Resurrection – those who die and rise with Jesus and live every moment of every day certain that our risen Lord is in us and with us.

We offer praise to God for who God is and all that God means to us.

We offer thanks for the many wonderful ways in which God has blessed us; for the privilege of enjoying a relationship with the eternal God.

Worship is the central activity of the Church. Without worship there would be no Church. You can take away Bible studies and prayer meetings, you can lose a Sunday school or youth group, you can ignore social evenings and home groups, but if you have worship, you are still a church, a poor church but still a church.

Self-fulfilling worship? *In his report to the 2011 Conference, Rev Dr Martyn Atkins, said that having travelled around the country he had picked up a prevailing view that Methodist worship “neither reaches the heights nor plumbs the depths”. Is he right? If he is, what has caused this and how might we change things?*

I believe we get the worship we deserve. If we go to worship with a wrong frame of mind: without preparing ourselves (including praying for those who will lead worship); if we go with our minds made up as to what it is going to be like and what we will get out of it, questioning the length of sermon or choice of hymns, we then generate a self-fulfilling prophecy. You might find it helpful to think about other stumbling blocks to good experiences of worship, including these typically Methodist tripping hazards:

- 1) The Preaching Plan – along with the weekly Notices which lists who is taking next week’s act of worship. We need to move the focus away from the leader of worship to the God whom we worship.

The Word of God - *“Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor”*

I am sure that when you first read this you will think of the Sermon on the Mount. But this verse comes from a much earlier time as it is Proverbs 22v9. (New Living Translation).

In last month’s Messenger my focus was on family but we all belong to a wider community and Proverbs has much to say about how we respond to those around us. The Ten Commandments and other early Jewish law contains instructions on how to live well in the community and many of the writings in Proverbs continue this theme.

Two further examples I have chosen are Prov.21v3 *“Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their time of need”* and Prov.28v27 *“Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to poverty will be cursed.”*

Although written around 960BC the Book of Proverbs continues to be relevant in the 21st century and many of its writings speak of how to show care and compassion in the community. But one verse quoted in the reference book I was reading made me smile, and showed that the writers were not so heavenly minded that they were out of touch with reality . So I leave you with this - Prov.25v17 *“Don’t visit your neighbours too often or you will wear out your welcome”*.

Joan Bosomworth

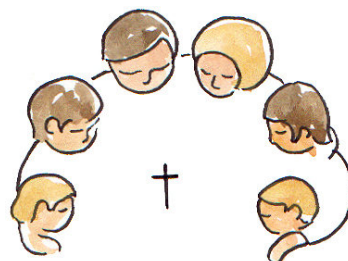
Prayer Calendar for August and September

We give thanks for:

- ❖ All those who work in the many varied aspects of leisure and tourism, in towns countryside and coast.
- ❖ Farmers and growers who now often have to cope with extreme weather conditions.
- ❖ For all the hard work that has been done at Norwood and we pray that people and organisations will use the facilities.
- ❖ Our local preachers and worship leaders who contribute so much to the leading of worship and preaching in our circuit
- ❖ As we look forward to a new Methodist year, we thank God for all his blessings and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the coming months.
- ❖ We remember all ministers, deacons and their families who will be moving in the coming weeks.

Amen

The POWER of PRAYER



We have a number of ways of offering prayer for you, your friends and family, or for situations that touch us in the world?

- ❖ **Prayer Book** in the vestibule – please write prayer requests in on any Sunday, or mention them to one of the Stewards on duty, and they will be included during the service.
- ❖ **Prayer Breakfast** – let Joan Bosomworth (**2674198**) know of any requests in advance and they will be included in our prayers on the **first Sunday of each month**; or join us for this quiet time of prayer and meditation, followed by a time of fellowship over breakfast.
- ❖ **Emergency Prayer Chain** – when prayer is needed urgently and confidentially. Please contact **Rev Roger Smith (01943 874735)** or email **roger.smith@methodist.org.uk**.
- ❖ **Add your prayers to the Prayer Tree** or post in the accompanying **Prayer Box**.

Or, for any of the above, please fill in the form and post in the letter box at church, addressed to the appropriate person.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Name: _____
Situation: _____

If you would like to join the Prayer Chain please contact Ewart Lewis ewartlewis@gmail.com or Tel 0113 2678001

P	Prayer opens the door for God to talk to us and
R	Receive his blessings
A	Adoration, Confession, Thanks or Supplication
Y	You can do it anytime, anywhere

Midweek Communion in the Low Room

The **second Tuesday** in the month at 10.00am

This midweek communion is an opportunity

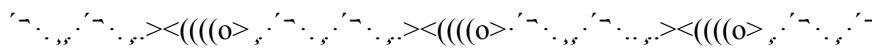
To listen to a passage of Scripture

To hear a brief message about our faith

To share in Holy Communion

Coffee afterwards then provides time for conversation and fellowship.

Thursday evening communions may be reinstated in the future if there is enough demand for them.



Church Family News



Birthday congratulations and blessings to:

Tilly Lawrence who celebrates her birthday in August

Stephen le Beau who celebrates a milestone Birthday in September – aren't they all?

New Baby congratulations: A big welcome to Eric Arthur Butler who arrived on 19th June – a son for Becky and Tom and a third grandchild for Lynne and Ken Pearson.

Baptism Blessings: On 15th July 2018, Jack and Betty Foster's Great Grandson, Frederick Chisholm Costello (Freddie), was baptized during the Morning Service. His Parents Jo & Steve along with family & friends were in church to celebrate this special day in Freddie's life.

Our Church Groups

MEETING POINT

Every Thursday 2-4.00pm £2 entry (refreshments included)

£3 for wheelchair transportation (payable to OPAL)

Tea and Chat from 2.00 & Talks from 2.30pm

Meeting Point is on holiday during August

Meeting Point is aimed at Older people, but all ages are welcome for conversation, refreshments and companionship.

Bramhope Methodist Church and OPAL (Older People's Action in the Locality) working in partnership

Contact Opal 0113 2619103 for transport

EWART'S HOUSE GROUP - ALL WELCOME

**The first and third Wednesdays of the month at 10.00am
(not meeting during August)**

All are welcome to join this ecumenical discussion group at Ewart's House. Take your own Bible passage, queries and doubts to the meetings to discuss with other members. Everyone has the opportunity to lead a discussion of their choice if they want.

As a multi-faith group meetings start with a glass of Sherry and finish about noon with a cup of Tea and a biscuit.

Please contact Ewart on 0113 2678001 for more information

SEQUENCE TEA DANCING - Mondays 2.00-4.00pm



Keep fit in a fun and friendly atmosphere

You don't need a partner, just enthusiasm

Refreshments and raffle prizes to be won every week

Contact Marjorie: 0113 2679802

New members always welcome and free dancing lessons are given at the start of each session.

MEN'S BRUNCH

Monday 20th August and 24th September at 10.30am

Good Food, Conversation and Fellowship

ALL WELCOME

During Brunch - Ladies are invited to meet for coffee, cake and conversation at the Loft

THURSDAY GROUP



Our new session starts on September 13th at 7.30pm on the stage when we will have a Members' Welcome Evening. It will let us catch up with news of our Summer Activities (and operations) over tea and biscuits! September still seems a long way away, but we will be pleased to welcome any new members then. Further information available from Judith on 0113 2678169.

COFFEE SHOP

Every Tuesday in the Church Hall

between 10.00 and 12.00

Holy Communion is usually celebrated at 10.00am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Low Room.



WALKING GROUP - NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Walks usually meet outside church at 9.30am for car sharing

No August walk

Saturday 22nd September

Telephone Margaret 2673143 for more details



WHO'S WHO?

CHURCH CONTACT LIST

GROUPS		
FILM Club	Beryl Weatherley	2611751
THURSDAY Group	Judith Neville	2678169
WALKING Group	Margaret Fielding	2673143
MEETING Point	Ewart Lewis	2678001
OTHER CONTACTS		
ALL WE CAN	Vacancy	-
Bible Reading Notes	Margaret Fielding	2673143
Caretaker	Michael Beard	2037170
Church Council Secretary	Margaret le Beau	2841010
Church Weekly Notices	Susan Ward	01943 467517
Coffee Shop (Tuesdays)	Margaret Fielding	2673143
Coffee Rota (Sundays)	Betty Foster	2672906
Communion Steward	Avril Rollinson	2037590
Cradle Roll	Sarah Fletcher	2037090
Flower Rota	Gillian Acomb	2678773
Gift Aid Secretary	Bernard Neville	2678169
Hall Lettings	Jack Foster	2672906
Home Missions	Val Sykes	2842812
Messenger	Susan Ward	01943 467517
Action for Children & MHA	Margaret Fielding	2673143
Organist	Jack Foster	2672906
Outreach Committee Sec	Vacancy	-
World Missions	Vacancy	-
Pastoral Committee	Susan Ward	01943 467517
Prayer Chain	Ewart Lewis	2678001
Publicity Officer	Vacancy	-
Resources Committee	Jack Foster	2672906
Safeguarding Officer	Margaret Fielding	2673143
Senior Steward	Catherine Birkby	2673013
Think Tank	Beryl Weatherley	2611751
Fair Trade	Susan Ward	01943 467517
Treasurer	Norman Sykes	2678332
Worship Leader	Margaret le Beau	2841010

PHOTOCOPY SERVICE – available on Sunday and
Tuesday mornings – or by arrangement

COLOUR or BLACK and WHITE

For a competitive price contact
Bernard Neville – telephone 0113-267 8169

THE CHURCH HALL and other ROOMS are
Available to hire at reasonable charges

For bookings please contact
Jack Foster – telephone 0113-267 2906
(terms and conditions apply)

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