

October / November 2026

The **MESSENGER**

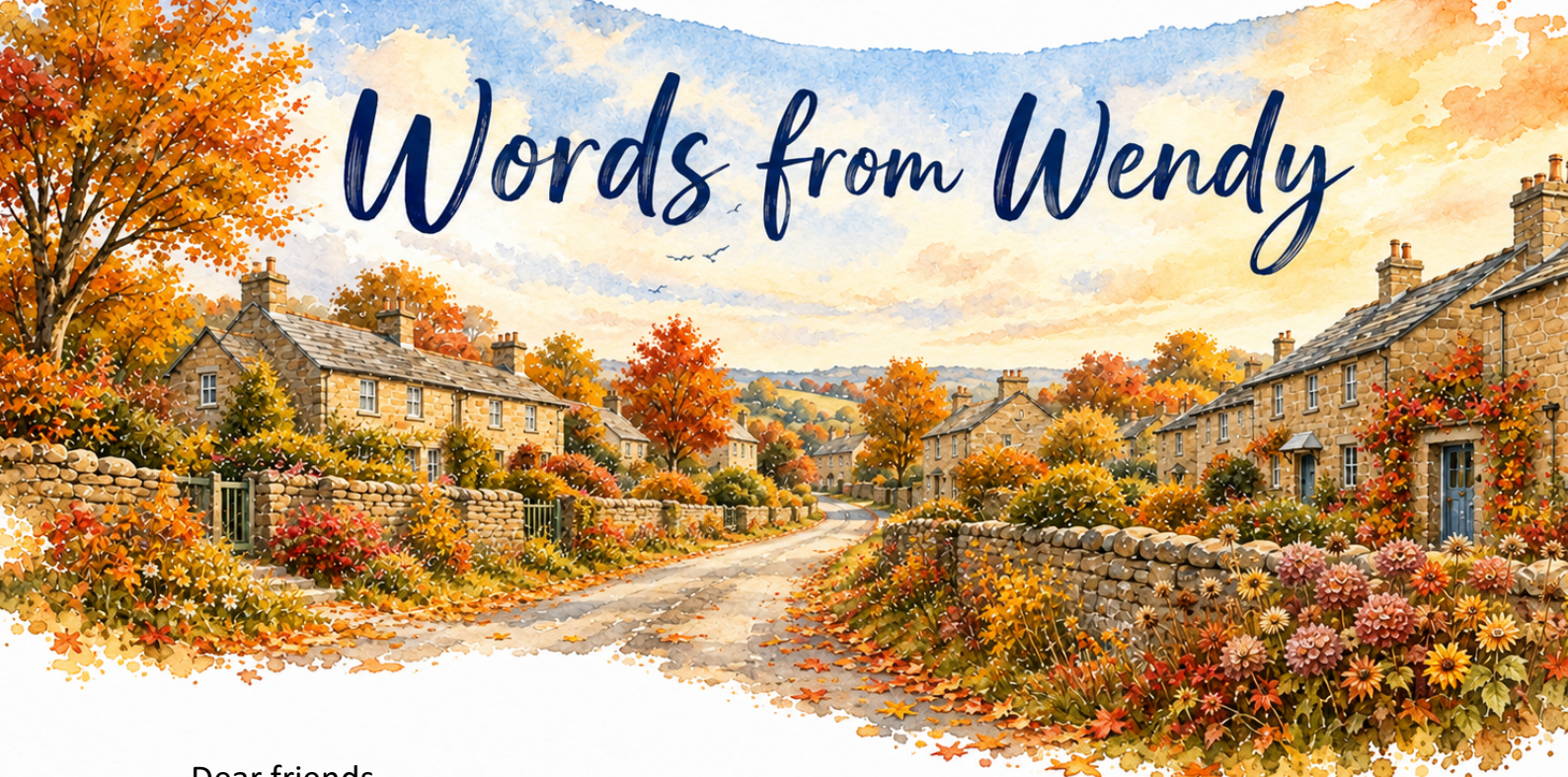
Remembrance Sunday 8th November
Act of Remembrance at 11am at the Cenotaph followed
by the Civic Service at Bramhope Methodist Church



The **Methodist** Church at Bramhope

For details of weekly Worship please check the service list or the church website

SUNDAY @ 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP - First Sunday in the month with HOLY COMMUNION
MONDAY 9.30-10am 4.30-5.30 7pm	PRAYER TIME in the Low Room FIRST CLASS LEARNING - Maths, English & Science Tuition - 07415 190952 SLIMMING WORLD – 07986 133825
TUESDAY 10.30-12.00 10.30-11.30 4-6pm From 7pm	COFFEE SHOP in the Hall WHAT'S IN THE BOX for pre-school children – term time only. FIRST CLASS LEARNING - Maths, English & Science Tuition - 07415 190952 FILM CLUB – 1 st Tuesday in the month from Oct–April - 0113-2678332
WEDNESDAY 10.15-11.15am 2.15-3pm 4.30-5.30pm	TAI CHI – organised by OPAL Tel 0113-2619103 MOVE IT OR LOSE IT - 07786 393375 MUSICAL THEATRE LIFE - 07814 451017
THURSDAY 7.30pm	THURSDAY LADIES' GROUP - Second Thursday in the month September-May
FRIDAY 9.30-10.30 2pm	ZUMBA – 07887 561908 HISTORICAL SOCIETY – meets twice monthly from Sept–May - 0113-2672906
SATURDAY 9.30am (monthly)	WALKING GROUP – guided walks throughout the year – meet at Church for car sharing or self-drive to the start.



Words from Wendy

Dear friends,

I find myself entering the autumn season with a chill in the air but warmth in my heart. This edition is filled with news of renewed invitations, generous sharing, acts of service, the importance of joyful and restful play, and of course, awards for delicious jam!

I'm told that making jam is quite a complex process. It begins with a beautiful, perfectly formed fruit which must be squeezed in order to be transformed – not to destroy what it is, but to create something that is new, nourishing and lasting. Perhaps there's something of our calling as the Church in this. We long to share the goodness of God that is within us, yet in a changing world there will be times when we too need to be stretched, squeezed and reshaped, allowing new ways of being church to spring up alongside our established traditions.

When we allow God to transform us despite the discomfort of change, we are more equipped to let our community taste and see God's goodness through us. And perhaps, like good jam, these new ways of being may help us preserve our witness in the long term, with renewal that endures beyond our own generation.

At a recent congregational meeting – Reflect & Renew – we explored a question of who we might draw into our church if we tried doing some things differently. We considered people who might long for spiritual connection but feel uncomfortable with formal church services. This led to an exciting idea of a one-off "Breakfast Church" to experiment with more informal ways of worship. The date was set as 18th October to coincide with our Harvest celebrations, with a more informal approach reflected in a café style set up and mix of traditional and contemporary songs.

I am very much looking forward to this occasion, but I recognise some may find the idea discomfoting. Many of us cherish the act of gathering in our beautiful sanctuary for worship. Many of us look forward to singing all of our favourite Harvest hymns and would prefer not to relinquish any in favour of new songs. In a rapidly changing world, many of us find comfort in the predictability and stability of a church where things stay the same. I hear these yearnings.

But a church that is not willing to experiment with doing things differently is a church that misses out on the enrichment of new flavours as new people join. It is a church that retains its shape without necessarily retaining the Spirit of the Gospel. And it is a church that risks perishing rather than preserving its witness for the future generations.

This Harvest, I encourage you to gather around tables in the hall from 9.30am, bringing gifts of food and other essential supplies for those in need. We will “plough the fields and harvest,” celebrating all things “bright and beautiful,” but in a new and different format in a new and different way. It may be enjoyable for some and uncomfortable for others, but I hope we can all honour the vision that emerged from Reflect & Renew and embrace a bit of squish and squeeze!

This one-off event does not necessarily mean that Harvest will always take the form of Breakfast Church or that we will start to worship in the hall on a regular basis. But as an experimental opportunity to try something different, this year’s Harvest festival allows us all to celebrate a God who makes all things new!

PS: My weekly pattern of work involves two sessions of ministry in person (such as meetings, pastoral visits and worship services) and two sessions of ministry behind my desk (preparing sermons, admin and emails). In-person sessions vary week by week, but desk sessions will usually take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with email queries addressed at those times. If you have a pastoral emergency or require a swift response between sessions, please contact me on the mobile number below. It will not always be possible for me to answer as the remainder of my week involves chaplaincy, studies and family responsibilities, but I will respond when I am able. A session = a morning, afternoon or evening.

Yours in Christ,
Wendy

Rev Wendy Walker
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Please see the Circuit Website for Special Services, News and Events <https://wandamethodists.org.uk> and the Church website for our Services, Events, the Messenger and Bible Verse of the Day www.bramhopemethodist.org.uk

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.”

FLOWER ROTA - October and November

4 th Oct	B Neville	1 st Nov	B Foster
11 th	S Fletcher	8 th	Remembrance
18 th	Harvest	15 th	tbc
25 th	C Jeffries	22 nd	C Halstead
		29 th	At Yeadon

It is suggested that those donating flowers bring them to Church before the Service on Sundays as the Hall is no longer open on Saturday mornings. Ring 0113-2678773 if you have any queries, or would like to be included or taken off the Rota.

Thank you to all those who generously donate flowers, these are distributed to our friends and neighbours after our Services.

Circuit News

The Circuit Stewards are delighted to announce that the Circuit Meeting has agreed re-invitations for both Rev Cameron Stirk and Rev Tim Perkins. Cameron's invitation is for a further five years and Tim's is for a further three years both from September 2027. However, the nature of Tim's appointment will change from Sept 2027 to better enable him to work at a reduced capacity in light of his ongoing health issues. Tim's appointment will be a 75% role, working 50% as Superintendent of the Wharfedale & Aireborough Circuit and 25% as Superintendent of the Skipton and Grassington Circuit. Tim will cease to express pastoral charge of the congregation at Burley in Wharfedale in August 2027. We are not going into the stationing process for a new Minister, so pastoral charge of Burley will be picked up from within the current team of Ministers. The Circuit Stewards and Tim will be working over the coming months with the other Ministers to ensure that roles and responsibilities are held equitably, according to the hours worked by each Minister and the number of congregations and members they have responsibility for.

Hilary Murden (on behalf of the Circuit Stewards)

Worship in October and November
Sunday morning Services all start at 10.30am with
the exception of Harvest Breakfast

October	
4 th	Service led by the Stewards
11 th	Service led by Mrs Viv Pitts
18 th	Harvest Breakfast Church in the Hall from 9.30am led by Rev Wendy Walker. Donations of food for the Salvation Army will be blessed during the Service.
25 th	Service led by Mrs Lindsey Hurst
November	
1 st	Service led by Rev Alistair Newton Annual Memorial Service for loved ones at 4pm.
8 th 	Remembrance Sunday Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial from 11am followed by Civic Service led by Rev Wendy Walker and Rev Matt Broughton
15 th	Service led by Mrs Joan Bosomworth
22 nd	Service led by Mrs Pauline Tate
29 th	First Sunday in Advent - United Service at Yeadon – no morning Service at Bramhope

Special Services to note:

Sunday 18th October – an informal and uplifting Harvest Breakfast Church celebration with food served from 9.30am.

Sunday 1st November - Annual Memorial Service – a quiet time for anyone who wishes to honour the memory of their loved ones at 4pm.

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday – Civic Service at our Church immediately after the act of remembrance at the War Memorial.

FINANCIAL REPORT to August 2026



Accounts

The averaged weekly collections for the period to August were:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Envelopes, Cash and Standing Orders	£ 530	£ 506

The level of Giving has increased by 4%. We have had the benefit of new members and members increasing their donations. Thank you all for this generosity.

Charity collections have benefitted: Action for Children, Easter appeal for Women in Britain, Smile, Leukaemia Research, Methodist Home for the Aged and CAP (Christians Against Poverty). Gifts have been made to the Salvation Army and St George's Crypt. The Nepal Flood Appeal at the Chevin Circuit Joint Service on 30th August raised £236.00. We have benefitted from a bequest of £5,000 and a Trust and individual donation.

Repairs can be high and haphazard but well maintained to date and utility costs have increased substantially in recent years.

Overall there is a surplus to date of £8,074 compared to £2,290 last year.

The General Reserve and Maintenance Reserves for the Church and for the cottage stand at £35,042.

The summarised accounts for the year to August 2026 are as follows. are shown below

Income	Collections and Gift Aid	34,208
	Donations and Bequests	12,180
	Rents	16,771
	Other Income	<u>6,316</u>
	TOTAL	69,475
Expenditure	Circuit Assessment	30,273
	Utilities and Cleaning	12,389
	Repairs	9,482
	Insurance	5,467
	Other Costs including Charitable Grants	<u>3,790</u>
	TOTAL	61,401
Surplus		£8,074

The Future

We are building up our Reserves to cover costs of maintaining the building and reducing ongoing costs including replacing the ageing boiler.

It must be borne in mind that donations and bequests which have been very generous recently are not always available. Church accounts are available to view on request.

Norman Sykes Finance Representative

News from Pool Methodist Church



Members of the Pool Congregation join in worship with Bramhope on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Pool Community Chorus with Kate Lowe

Do you like to sing and want an informal group to join? Pool Community Chorus is back on 30th September after the summer break. Held on Wednesdays (7-8pm) in the Pool Methodist Hall. All are Welcome. Members pay £5 a week. For more information please email Kate. (kl_learning@yahoo.com)

Pool Scouts in the Methodist Hall. Beavers on a Monday 6.30-7.30pm. Squirrels on a Tuesday 5.30-6.30pm. Term time. Cubs planning to open but more volunteers needed.

Contact poolscouts.org.uk/volunteer.

Concert by the Chippendale Singers in the Church Hall

Saturday October 3rd at 3.30pm

Services - October

Sunday 4th @ 10am. Pool Civic Service at St Wilfrids.

Sunday 18th 10am at Bramhope - Breakfast Church & Harvest Festival.

3.30pm at Pool. 'Singing the Faith'

THE RAINBOW CHARITY SHOP is open every Saturday 10am-2pm and is well worth a visit.

TIDDLERS BABY and TODDLERS PLAYGROUP

We can't wait to welcome all our lovely families to Tiddlers Baby, Toddler & Preschool Group!

We meet every other Friday (term time only): 9:00–11:00am at Pool Village Hall: Cost just £3 per family.

We have toys & games for little ones to explore. Singing & nursery rhymes. Snacks & drinks for the children and Tea & coffee for the grown-ups (please bring your own travel mug with a secure lid so we can keep things safe for our little ones!).

Whether you're a regular or joining us for the first time, we'd love to see you!

Thank-you Becca tel 07745344054

NEWS and DIARY DATES

Care for a Cuppa Cafe

A welcoming cafe for those living with memory problems.

Come Join us

for tea, cakes, activities and support

When: First Tuesday of each month

Time: 1:30-3:30pm

Where: Bramhope Village Hall,
Old Lane, LS16 9AZ

Cost: £2 per person



For further information, please contact:



catherinebirkby@outlook.com



**Dementia
Friends**

An Alzheimer's Society initiative

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

**Every Tuesday Morning during Term Time
from 10.30-11.30 in the Low Room at Church**

Relaxed story based sessions for pre-school children/babies and their Carers. Each week we look at 'What's in the Box' and try to guess what the story is and the children love seeing what's there. We have a story and then we do a craft activity.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help with this thriving group – please contact Hester children@wandamethodists.org.uk



HARVEST COLLECTION for the Salvation Army

This is ongoing up to and including Sunday 18th October, when we share our Harvest Breakfast Service from 9.30am in the Hall. We are collecting the usual donations of dried and tinned foods, tea, coffee, sugar and cereals etc.

TOY COLLECTION – During November we will be collecting new toys and books. These will be dedicated at Church on Sunday 6th December before being delivered for distribution to needy families and children.

All donations can be left at Church in the vestibule on Sundays or at Coffee Shop on Tuesdays.

Thank you in anticipation.



The Salvation Army "fighting poverty, homelessness and modern slavery"



Friday 23rd October – 7 for 7.30 start

With a delicious PIE, PEAS and PUDDING SUPPER
(Vegetarian option available – please request when booking)

Tickets £12.50 Adults and £5 under 13's.

(Tel Jack 07530 505626 or email jackandbettyfoster@msn.com)

We have been organising these Quiz Nights for some years now and not much changes. It is wonderful to see our church hall full of people having a good time. The questions are not all difficult as we all like to be able to say “I know the answer to that one”. Then a few are not so easy to establish the winning Table in each round.

We consider these Quiz nights to be a way of giving our friends in the community and from elsewhere a fun evening but they are also an opportunity to raise funds for our Church and the charities we support

This time you will see that the price has had to be increased to £12.50. We have kept the price at £10 for a long time but rising costs have had to be faced. However the quality of food and the fellowship will remain at the high standard you all expect.

Apart from donating money we hold various collections during the year eg Harvest gifts of dried and tinned food and new toys at Christmas, both for the Salvation Army (page 8). In the Spring we also have a collection of toiletries for St George's Crypt.

So thank-you to all who have contributed to this GIVING and also those who have put money in the Emergency Appeal Envelopes. The money raised at the Quiz will go into Church Funds and after consultation will be distributed to worthy causes. So please come along, enjoy a good evening and support our Church and help people in need.

Marion Rider

BRAMHOPE SHOW DAY - 13th September

This year's show was well attended, the sun was out and the sky was blue. Jane and Norman Sykes and Marion Rider manned the Bramhope Methodist stall next to that of St Giles. Although no rain was forecast we erected our gazebo, thank you to Jill Pinches and Terry Hill for their assistance.

The stall was set up with four games, guess a rabbit's name advertising the film club, (the rabbit being the star attraction), pick a card, pick a stick and guess number of sweets in a jar, with prizes of sweets guaranteed. Fortunately, no dentists were in evidence!

The stall proved extremely popular, so much so we were one of the last two stalls on the tennis court, and we had no time to look at any of the exhibits in the village hall and carpark.

Thank you to those who visited the stall which helped break up the long, one till after four day. This included Kate with Beatrice and Vikki with Skyla and Hattie from "What's In The Box".

Bernard also came at the end of his long day in the "back office", a post he has carried out for 50 years.

Catherine Birkby also supported the Show with her "Care For A Cuppa" stall.



Norman ready at the stall before the rush.

Prayer, Worship, Study and Mission

A Justice Seeking Church

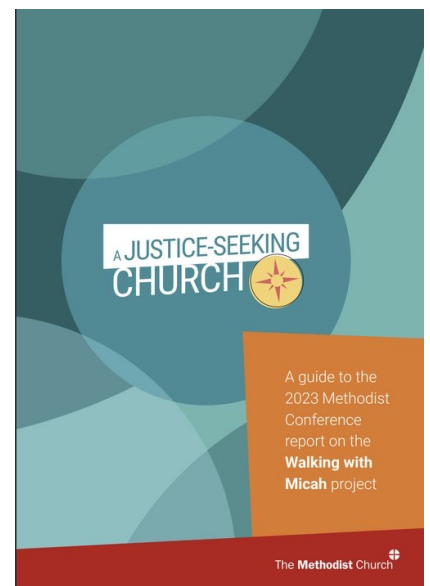
*As Christians we are called actively to do justice, show loving kindness
and walk humbly with God*

The Ministers of The Chevin have agreed that it would be good to journey through a shared sermon series this autumn, exploring what it means to be a Justice-Seeking Church. This series is based on the Revised Common Lectionary and stands alongside the Justice-Seeking Church Report that was published by the Connexion in 2023, following the Walking with Micah Report to Conference. A digital copy of the Report is available on the Methodist Church Connexion Website or by following **this [link](#)**. There is also a very useful three minute summary available on the website. Paper copies are being sourced both for Preachers and those congregation members who may wish to engage more deeply with the themes.

The series takes account of the following each Sunday alongside the lectionary readings:

- A particular theme emerging from the report
- A particular “Priority for Justice” from the report

- 11 Oct** Theme: Embracing the Excluded
Priority: Seeking justice for refugees
- 18 Oct** Theme: Speaking Truth to Power
Priority: Tackling poverty and inequality
- 25 Oct** Theme: Valuing Every Human Being
Priority: Opposing discrimination
- 1 Nov** Theme: Enabling all to Flourish
Priority: Enabling a flourishing environment
Right relationship between people, planet and God
- 8 Nov** Remembrance Sunday: Hope for Transformation
Priority: Seeking Justice and Reconciliation
- 15 Nov** Theme: Enabling Everyone to Do Their Part



PRAYING TOGETHER

A joint prayer time with St Giles is held every Monday morning from 9.30-10am in the Low Room at Church.

This affords the opportunity for members of both Churches to come together, to pray for the village and the work of our Churches.

Do join us – all are welcome

VILLAGE PRAYERS – every Sunday, together with our friends at St Giles, we pray for the residents of our Village:

The Sycamores and Sycamore Close	4 th October
The Birches, Cedars, Rowans, Poplars and Sandy Walk	11 th
Wynmore Crescent, Avenue and Drive	18 th
Wyncroft Grove and North Drive	25 th
Tredgold Avenue, Close, Crescent and Garth	1 st November
Long Meadows, School Green, Meadow End & Garth, North and South Mead	8 th
Breary Lane, Rise and Court	15 th
Parklands, Parklands Gate, Crescent and Walk and Silvertrees	22 nd
Eastgate, The Parade, Eastgate Close, The Cross and Old Forge Mews	29 th

PRAYER DIARY for October and November



Together we pray:

Monday - We give thanks for our stewards, officers and all others who help with the running of our church community.

Tuesday - We think of all those who meet at coffee shop, remembering that friendship and fellowship are an important aspect of our faith.

Wednesday - We ask a blessing on our Harvest Celebrations and think of those who will receive our gifts.

Thursday - We bring before God the volunteers working for the RNLI (Lifeboats) and HM Coastguards. Giving thanks for their commitment to saving lives at sea.

Friday - We pray also for the Royal British Legion and their work with service men and women and their families.

Saturday - We bring praise for our NHS and all they do for us. Compared to many people around the world we are richly blessed.

Amen
Joan Bosomworth



INTO THE WORD

Hebrews 11 v34 ‘ They were weak, but became strong’

HALLOWEEN

Hundreds of women and men
All devoted to Jesus
Living out their faith
Leaving behind family and security
Often out into unknown territory
Each one sharing the gospel in word and deed
Every one of them a saint
November comes and we give thanks for them all
Amen



Joan Bosomworth

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Reparative Justice: In Person Event – York Priory Street Centre
A Conversation Across the Methodist Church
Saturday 10 October 11am – 3pm

How could the Methodist Church respond to its historical links to the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people and their ongoing impact today?

Join us to explore the history, discuss its legacy, and help shape the Church's future response.

Learn more, listen, and share your views. Book your place
at: **Reparative Justice: In person event - York Tickets, Saturday, October 10 • 11 AM - 3 PM | Eventbrite**

Free Lunch Provided – Fully Accessible Venue
Find out more at: methodist.org.uk/ReparativeJustice

SACRED SERENDIPITY By Rev David Halstead

David started sharing the 'story' of his faith journey in the Christmas issue of the Messenger in 2023. He believes that 'faith journeys' are invariably punctuated by sacred moments of serendipity. Unexpected things happen 'out of the blue' which often turn out to be life changing.

He has been sharing 'his story', as a 'testimony' to the involvement of God in his life and in the life of the churches he has served.

So far he has covered the place **serendipity** had in his early life in Preston, his call to the ministry, his training for the ministry in London and the United States, his first appointment in pit villages in Nottinghamshire, being sent by the Methodist Missionary Society to serve the United Church of Zambia in Livingstone (Victoria Falls), returning to spend eight years as a Minister in the Manchester and Salford Methodist Mission on the edge of Moss Side, and in the last issue of the **MESSENGER** the first couple of years in Ainsdale in the Southport Circuit. This month though a break from the usual pattern!

CHAPTER 19. Serendipity comes to my rescue when I realise that life need not be ALL WORK AND NO PLAY.

One of the characteristics of the first ten years of my ministry from 1966 to 1976 was that it was **ALL WORK AND NO PLAY**. I thought of the ministry as a 24/7 commitment to the work of God wherever I was stationed - I was quietly proud of the fact that I never had a day off. In Chapter 6 I said there had been a point in my first appointment when it began taking its toll and a teacher friend of Carol's suggested, out of the blue, I might enjoy taking up oil painting which I did (mainly copying 'calendar photos'). I enjoyed it immensely and found that for an hour or so it was an immersive experience during which I could 'forget' my day to day work but it was not enough.

I reached a significant turning point in the summer of 1976 when we took part in an exchange programme with a Methodist Minister and Church near Sacramento California. See Chapter 14. It was a chance pairing arranged by others so there was an element of **serendipity** in it. The Halstead family arrived in June 'exhausted' from the work we had left behind and the preparations we had to make for our exchange partner and his family to live in our house and drive our car and run our church! Our exchange partner was still there when we arrived so he had an opportunity to hand over the 'keys' as it were. I noticed immediately how laid back he seemed to be. A few days later they set off for Manchester and we began to 'enjoy' being the minister and members of a 'thriving'

church which placed few demands of me and gave me time to reflect on my own ministry in Manchester - both in terms of the work I was doing and the impact it was having on my health and well-being. We came back home feeling we had benefited from a great experience during which we had been 'ministered' to by the congregation as much as we had ministered to them. **I had also realised that I needed to have a day off each week going forward to refresh myself for the ministry God had called me to.** I had to find a way of breaking the seven day a week work cycle which I was locked into if I was going to sustain an effective ministry in the future.

When we got back home the first thing I tackled was the **DAY OFF**. Up to that point it had been as though anyone had access to my diary and I had unwittingly created the expectation that I would always 'squeeze' an appointment in even if I was at my wits end with all the demands I was dealing with, and even if it meant disappointing my family.

I knew I had to take drastic steps if it was going to happen. First, I decided



that **THURSDAY** would be my day off and that I would signal that in my diary by blacking out the entire day with a felt tip pen so I could not write on the space. It worked, even those looking over my shoulder when arranging an appointment could see that **THURSDAY** was out.

Second, I realised that if it was to be genuinely ME time I would have to leave Manchester for the day. Thirdly, I thought that it would be helpful to have a '**day off project**' which would allow me to do something practical with my hands, engage my mind and have something to show for it at the end of the day. So I decided to build a boat! All my life I had had an interest in the sea and dreamed of having a small boat. What holidays we did have then nearly always included visits to boat yards. Carol's contribution to the thinking was the 'boat' would have to have an engine capable of getting us out of trouble quickly! We opted for a 28ft four berth Sterling Sabre motor cruiser which was available as a fibre glass shell which would require completely fitting out and be powered by a 150HP diesel engine. My father and two brothers had a precision engineering business in Preston and just happened to have a spare workshop which they would let me use. It was only an hour's drive away using the M61. It was an ideal arrangement with access to all the tools I would need to do the job. The first thing I did was to buy a second hand 150hp truck engine which I stripped down, reconditioned and marinised. We provisionally called the boat **THURSDAY'S CHILD** which referenced the old nursery rhyme line which says '**Thursdays Child has far to go**'. The project did not work out quite as well as I had

hoped it would – and the boat did not go very far - although the therapeutic value of the project was enormous. I worked on the boat for four years in the remaining years we had in Manchester and for a couple of years at the beginning of my time in Ainsdale and then, unfortunately, the family business needed the workshop space. There was only one thing for it – have the boat taken to Ainsdale and craned over the fence into the Manse garden! People joked about me becoming a latter day Noah and I was asked many times if I thought a flood was coming. The boat stayed there until we left Ainsdale to go back to Manchester in 1990. Hardly any work was done on it in Ainsdale but I was hoping to finish fitting it out on the DAY OFF I was expecting to have when I got to Manchester. The Mission had a barn on a farm at Chatterton Hey used for drug rehabilitation work and I was hoping to ‘berth’ the boat there. Unfortunately, the crane needed to do the job could not negotiate a right-hand bend in the lane to the farm and I had to leave **Thursday’s Child** in Ainsdale. It was not long before my successor, quite rightly, asked for his garden back! Serendipity came to the rescue when the owner of the company I had bought the boat shell from in the first place told me he wanted to buy it! I was sad to see it go. I had obviously bitten off more than I could chew, but it had served its purpose. It had taught me about the health benefits of having a weekly full day off free of ministerial responsibilities. **What a difference a day off makes!!**

Post Script

My love of the sea was not dimmed. Visits to boat yards continued and one of the first things we did when we retired to North Wales in 2006 was to buy a yacht, a 32ft Beneteau, which we berthed in Deganwy and Holyhead and sailed in the waters around Anglesey after I got the RYA Competent Crew and Day Skipper certificates. We called her **Mwangala** - which means ‘**great joy**’ in the language we used while serving as



mission partners in Zambia.

Although I took to sailing like a duck to water, it was not a ‘great joy’ for Carol who did not like it at all - unless we stayed in the marina! After four years we decided to sell Mwangala and bought a motorhome which we happily toured the length and

breadth of Europe in for several years. **We have certainly made the most of our retirement years and to use a nautical term we are glad we finally ‘fetched up’ in Bramhope!**

NEXT TIME: More about the way the work at Ainsdale Methodist Church developed.

News from our Church Groups

THURSDAY LADIES' GROUP - meetings from 7.30pm

8th October - Pauline Pendlebury - Education in Bradford Schools.

12th November - Members' Evening.

Further meetings on the 2nd Thursday in each month until June 2027.

If you enjoy interesting speakers, friendly company and a cuppa do join us, you will be made very welcome.

Tel 0113 2672906 for more details.

COFFEE SHOP - open EVERY TUESDAY

From 10.30 to 12 in the Church Hall. Come and meet old friends and make new ones in a warm, safe space.

Enjoy coffee, toasted teacakes and lots of conversation.

We look forward to welcoming you.

WALKING GROUP

Saturday 24th October - walk tba

Saturday 28th November - walk tba

We meet at Church on Saturdays at 9.30am to car share to the start of the walks.

Contact Margaret 0113 2673143

FREEDOM FOR GIRLS GROUP

Meets once a month on Thursday afternoons to make up sanitary kits for Africa. Group members employ a range of skills, including measuring and cutting fabric, preparing or machining and finishing the products

Tel 07939 909424 for more details

BRAMHOPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY GROUP

Upcoming meetings:

Friday 9th October - Roger Potts - The History of Roundhay Park

Friday 23rd October - Robert Gee - The History of Pies

Friday 6th November - David Banks - Yorkshire's Coastal Secret

Friday 20th November - Matt Walker - Scams

Contact Jack on 0113 2672906 for more details

BRAMHOPE FILM CLUB

Hello everyone, what a wonderful summer we have had. Now that the evenings are drawing in, and we have passed the autumn equinox, we can think of other forms of occupying our time and how wonderful it will be to enjoy the sharing of a film with friends and discuss its merits.

After viewing more than 20 films, the committee have determined a varied programme for you starting with 'The Choral', which is set during the Great War and filmed in Saltaire. We then move forward in time to the 40's and 50's with 'The Keeper' about Bert Trautmann, the goalkeeper who played for part of the F.A. Cup Final with a broken neck. For December we keep things light-hearted with 'Downton Abbey - The Finale'.

We do hope you will continue to support us and if this is your first time, or you are just visiting, then a cheap, companionable evening can be enjoyed for five pounds.

You will be pleased to hear that we have decided to keep fees the same as last year - £29 for the full season and £23 for up to five films and £5 for guests.

The film club invites *anyone* who has a love of film to join us, and if you are new to the Film Club then please register your interest with Jane Sykes at sykes_jane@hotmail.com

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Rob Handby (Chair)

LADIES AT THE FOX GROUP

The Fox has generously opened its doors for us every fourth Monday of the month from 10.30-12noon. This is so that all ladies can come together to be treated to a lovely cup of coffee and biscuits. We chat, laugh, share our frustrations, as well as our sorrows and find refreshment, not only in the coffee, but in the sharing and enjoyment of each other's company.

Beryl

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BERNARD'S HOMEMADE MARMALADE & JAMS



Bernard was awarded another Silver Certificate for his entry in the 2026 Dalemmain World Famous Marmalade Awards Festival this year.

WELL DONE BERNARD!

At just £3 a jar these are a delicious bargain and all sale proceeds go towards Church funds.

Pick up a jar after Sunday Service, or from Tuesday Coffee Shop, or phone 0113-2678169 to arrange a home delivery - you won't be disappointed.

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