



The Wensley Deanery presents  
by special arrangement  
**AN EVENING WITH ADRIAN AND  
BRIDGET PLASS**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at The Chantry Hall, Bedale, DL8 1AF  
Doors open 6pm Tickets £8 (£10 on the door if available)

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Adrian Plass is an author and speaker who writes primarily Christian humour, but also short stories, Bible commentaries and novels with a more serious tone. His series, 'The Sacred Diary Of Adrian Plass' has sold over a million copies worldwide.

Yorkshire North & East District invite you to our annual  
**LAY SYNOD**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

at Pocklington Methodist Church 10.30am - 4.00pm

Morning Worship at 10.30am followed by an introductory session and lunch which will be provided.

Theme: TOGETHER INTO THE FUTURE

For more information and booking details see posters at Sowerby



**GET AHEAD...**

Lectionary readings for  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

*Thank you...*

The Mowbray Singers thank everyone who supported their Concert of Christmas Carols, Songs and Words and contributed to the retiring collection which raised **£245.15** for the Circuit project, Action For Children Young Carers.

**All items for next week's notices to Ruth Triffitt no later than 5pm**

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**The  
Methodist  
Church  
in  
Thirsk &  
Sowerby**



Minister: The Revd Denise Williamson Tel: 01845 525176

**A warm welcome to all who join in worship today  
and a special welcome to visitors**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**EPIPHANY**

**Thirsk**

**10.30am** Morning Worship with the Circuit Worship Team

**Sowerby**

**10.30am** United Covenant Service Revd Denise Williamson  
Junior Church in the Hall *Godly Play: The Exodus*

**1.30 – 3.00pm** Fijian Worship

**2.30pm** Worship at Hambleton Grange Mrs Kathryn Walker

**6.30pm** United Evening Prayer at St Oswald's Church

## Thoughts from Revd Geoff Bruce...

The Twelfth Day of Christmas is too late to wish you a Happy New year, and I suspect some of the New Year Resolutions are already long gone! Some resolutions are constant, part of our way of life, and have to be resumed each day. Today, for us the Feast of Epiphany is mixed in with the Covenant Service, but the two can go together. Here are some New Year Resolutions which emerge from the Epiphany story of the Wise Men coming to find the newly born King.

1. Epiphany means a "Shining Forth", the Light of Christmas shining out into all the world, not confined to Bethlehem. "Kings" from afar come to see it and pay homage. Be thankful for, and resolve to respond to, the Light of Christ. Live in it, whether it is inspiration, knowledge, truth, beauty, light in a dark place or time. Let it shine through you.
2. The bad and cruel part of the Epiphany story is Herod – the evil that is around. It wants to get rid of the Baby who became the Christ. Be realistic about it, recognize it for what it is and where it is at work. Expose it, and work to resist it and to bring the light of Christ to it.
3. Like the Wise Men determine to find Christ and what He is doing. Many things will distract you, but be determined. Keep up the search. Train yourself to SEE and LISTEN. Follow the "star" which leads you to Him, and don't be put off. There is always more to learn. His help is always available.
4. Realise that this baby Jesus is the King "of all creation and of every nation" as a hymn says. Accept Him as your King. Go in His way. Put first what He wants.
5. Like the Wise Men, bring your gifts to Him, your particular gifts, the wealth of your abilities, ideas, imagination, knowledge, joy and love. You will find Him in the needs of others, and He will accept and use your gifts there.

There is no end to all this. It's not just for a year's beginning or a Covenant Service. The Light always shines, and we have to live for Christ in it.

## The Week Ahead: 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> January

### Thirsk Methodist Church

- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 9.00am – 5.00pm The Clock: Time for Time
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Covenant Service Revd Denise Williamson

### Sowerby Methodist Church

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Morning Prayer at 14 Admirals Court, Sowerby
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Friends New Year Dinner  
(contact Eileen Burn or Mary Reynard for details)
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion at St Oswald's, Sowerby
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Prayer for Church and World  
10.30 – 11.30am Coffee & Conversation  
12 noon Funeral of Beverley Laycock
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am *Something Different* Mrs Alison Brophy  
1.30 – 3.00pm Fijian Worship  
6.30pm Healing Service with Holy Communion  
Revd Denise Williamson

### *The Methodist Covenant Prayer*

*I am no longer my own but Yours.  
Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will;  
put me to doing, put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for You or laid aside for You,  
exalted for You or brought low for You.  
Let me be full, let me be empty,  
let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and whole heartedly yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
You are mine and I am Yours. So be it.  
And the covenant made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen*