

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 12th March 2.30pm Chamber Concert and Afternoon Tea at St Mary's Church Thirsk. Featuring Moira Challoner (Viola), Lesley Law (Cello), & Helen Proudly (Piano). Admission free. Donations in aid of St Mary's Church.

Saturday 16th March 9.30am – 4.15pm The Guild of Health & St Raphael Northern Conference at Holy Rood House. "Healing then and now" with Veronica Whitty.

Sunday 17th March 10.30am-4.00pm Yorkshire N.&E. District Lay Synod at Pocklington Methodist Church. "Together Into The Future" Information from Sian Henderson admin@yorkshiremethodist.org

Friday 22nd March 7.30pm Anniversary Music Night with Gareth Davies-Jones at Zion United Reformed Church, Northallerton as part of it's 200 year celebrations. A solo concert of songs with a story to tell, accompanied on his selection of acoustic guitars. Includes light refreshments.

Tickets £5 in advance or on the door. puttock@one-name.org

Sunday 31st March 3.00pm Concert by Alverton Brass at Northallerton Methodist Church. Tickets free and available from Coffee Pot, Wed & Sat 10am-12noon A collection will be made in aid of Action For Children Young Carers

An Invitation to two special evenings exploring 'Angels' at Zion United Reformed Church, High Street, Northallerton
What or who are Angels? Where do they fit in with our Christian faith?

ANGELS IN ART Tuesday March 19th 7.00pm

An illustrated talk by Elizabeth Conran
Former curator at the Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle

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ANGELS IN MUSIC Tuesday April 2nd 7.00pm

A talk with examples led by Hazel Sumison, music teacher & choir leade

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NO TICKETS REQUIRED

Further information: ann.bowes@btinternet.com 01423 360786

All items for the next notices, to Ruth Triffitt no later than 5pm on Wednesday please: triffitt@btinternet.com or 01845 522186 Follow us on: www.facebook.com/ThirskMethodistChurch and www.sowerbymethodist.org.uk


**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 10th March 2019

1st Sunday in Lent

Thirsk

10.00am Morning Worship Revd Denise Williamson
This will be followed by the Church Council Meeting

Sowerby

10.30am 'Something Different' with Mrs Rowena Webster
1.30 – 3.00pm Fijian Worship
6.30pm United Taizé Service Eric & Kathryn Walker

Thoughts from Revd Geoff Bruce...

How is your Lent going? Does it affect you in any way, or have you given up on it? There is no merit in making yourself miserable. Jesus was no gloomy kill-joy. I have always taken the view that it is better to do something extra, or more, rather than "giving things up". If there are things you shouldn't be doing, you won't be doing them in Lent anyway!! (Fasting and giving to charity are other matters!). Long ago, Lent was used as a time when new converts were trained to be ready for Baptism on Easter Day. We could use these forty days as a time to feed our souls, or to re-dedicate ourselves to follow Jesus. What better way of doing that than by meditating on the Word of God? Long ago I came upon a suggestion from W. R. Matthews about using Lent to read right through the New Testament as a single exercise, considering each book.

It can be done in this order:

Start with the shortest, and probably the first, Gospel to be written, i.e. Mark. Begin there as the primary authority for the life of Jesus, and then go on to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each Gospel adds information of great importance. Next read the Acts of the Apostles, noting the growth of the Church and its deepening understanding of Christ.

Then read the books (letters etc.) which present various aspects of Christ and interpretations of His work and Person. After that read John's Gospel, and ask yourself whether you feel that in it we have the most profound interpretation of the Jesus we had first met in the simple pages of Mark. By the time Easter comes, you should be ready to read the mysterious and significant Book of Revelation, which stresses in poetry and prophecy the conquest of evil by Him who was dead and is alive for evermore, the first and the last.

Happy reading!

No one can predict what the effect of such reading will be. We may feel, at least, that here is a mystery, and also a deep and searching reality.



The Week Ahead: 11th – 17th March

Thirsk Methodist Church

Tues 12th 10.45am Tuesday Fellowship Group 'Towards Jerusalem'
Wed 13th 9.00am – 5.00pm The Clock: Time for Time
Sun 17th 10.30am Morning Worship Mrs June Anderson

Sowerby Methodist Church

Mon 11th 10.00am Morning Prayer at 14 Admirals Court, Sowerby
10.00-11.30am Little Wonders Baby & Toddler Club
Tues 12th 2.15pm Tuesday Friends Revd Geoff Bruce
7.30pm Circuit Meeting
Wed 13th 9.30am Holy Communion at St Oswald's Church
Thurs 14th 10.30am Funeral of Marian Lilley
Fri 15th 10.15am Prayer for Church and World
10.30 – 11.30am Coffee & Conversation
2pm Funeral and Thanksgiving service for Marjorie Wilson
7.30pm Choir Rehearsal
Sun 17th 10.30am Morning Worship Mr Malcolm Breckon
1.30-3.00pm Fijian Worship
6.30pm United Taizé Service Eric and Kathryn Walker

Sowerby Methodist Church Gift Aid and Regular Giving Envelopes

The new envelopes for gift aid and regular giving are available for collection. If anyone new would like to have envelopes please contact me. The envelopes can be used for gift aid if you are a taxpayer, or for regular giving without gift aid, or for avoiding gift aid! If you are in the gift aid scheme and are no longer paying tax please let me know. If you have any questions about gift aid (with or without envelopes) please do ask. Thank you.
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Have you put this in your diary?

Sunday March 24th "THE CALL" – a Circuit Celebration
6.30pm at Northallerton Methodist Church