

Diary Dates

Thursday 16th May: Pleading for the Planet Bishop James Jones, former Bishop of Liverpool and Chairman of the Hillsborough Independent Panel, will speak from a Christian perspective on 'Jesus and the Earth' in St. Mary's Church, Thirsk at 7.30 pm. Admission is free.

Sunday May 19th 6pm at St Mary's Church, Thirsk, new informal evening worship service, *the6*.

Tuesday 21st May: Methodist Women in Britain Quiet Day Called to Proclaim – Sharing God's Blessings with Denise Creed at Barlby and Osgoby. Coffee at 10.00am for 10.30am start.

Tuesday 21 May 2019: Creating Safer Space Foundation Module Refresher Training at 7.30pm in the Fountains Room at Northallerton Methodist Church. You need to do the refresher training if it is 4 years since you did the Foundation Module and you are still undertaking a role for which it is required. Please let Bob Daly know if you are coming or contact him if you have any queries 01845 526047.

Thursday 13th June 2pm at Sowerby Methodist Church, a service to celebrate caring during Carers Week. Followed by tea/coffee and cupcakes.

Sunday 16th June: Sowerby Methodist General Church Meeting will be held after the morning service.

God of the impossible

God of the impossible, we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation. And when the challenges seem too many, remind us of your resurrection power, and the miracles of your love that happen whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace.

Help us to hope that the impossible can happen and live as if it might do so today. Amen.



Sowerby Methodist Church Directory is being updated...

If you have not been included previously in the directory and wish for your details to be included, please fill in the form, found on the table in the porch and return it to the box provided. If you are already in the directory but any of your details has changed, please fill in a new form. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Many thanks. Jan Marshman.

All items for the next notices to Ruth Triffitt no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday please: triffitt@btinternet.com or 01845 522186

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

12th May 2019

Thirsk

10.30am Holy Communion Revd. Ian Johnson

Sowerby

10.30am 'Something Different' Revd David Godfrey

1.30pm – 3.00pm Fijian Worship

2.30pm Worship at Hambleton Grange Mrs Kathryn Walker

6.30pm United Taizé Worship Eric & Kathryn Walker



Thoughts from Revd Geoff Bruce...

“Unto us a boy is born” was part of our singing last Christmas, celebrating the “king of all creation”. Last Monday saw the birth of the latest member of the royal family in the U.K. Many people rejoiced, here and abroad. Because it is still Easter, I thought again of the fate of the Christmas Baby. He was nailed to a piece of wood, which was erected in the rubbish dump of Jerusalem. A “stake stemmed in rubbish” as a poem puts it, in a place called Golgotha, the place of the skull, where the offscourings of Jerusalem were thrown. The Romans did it deliberately. No Jew wanted to die in such an unclean, horrific place. (This reminded me that today in Cairo, on the very edge of the city in a crowded slum area, a Christian community called the Zabaleen, scrape a living by collecting rubbish. Children will be born among rubbish!)

A highlight for me in May is Christian Aid Week, when money is gathered to help some of the poorest people in the world. If we can't find a way to leave the European Union, how will we ever be able to remove the injustices in the world between rich and poor, and privilege and nonentity? Added to that when will we truly care for the planet we live on?

As well as the joy and comfort of Easter, we are left with the “problem “ of recognising that Christ is alive and present with us. Long before Jesus was born the Psalmist said that he could not go anywhere without being in God's presence (Psalm139), and Jesus promised that He would be with His disciples always. How can we train ourselves to realise the truth of these things.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning's words inspire me: *“Earth's crammed with heaven, and every bush afire with God; but only he who takes off his shoes...”*

C. S. Lewis wrote, *“We may ignore, but we nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere ‘incognito’. And the ‘incognito’ is not always hard to penetrate. The real labour is to remember, to attend. In fact, to come awake. Still more, to remain awake.”*

There are all sorts of things to do in May with its two Bank Holidays. With warmer, lighter days be awake also to the Light of the divine within and around you. Recall the stories about Christ present among His followers in Palestine all those years ago, even His dying in the midst of the rubbish, and study to find Him where you are, in your journey forced or freely taken – in the rubbish or in the glories of the world. He is with you. Bid Him welcome. Rejoice!!

The Week Ahead: 13th – 19th May

Thirsk Methodist Church

Wed 15th 9.00am – 5.00pm The Clock: Time for Time
Sun 19th 10.30am Morning Worship Revd Michael Webster

Sowerby Methodist Church

Mon 13th 10.00am Morning Prayer at 14 Admirals Court, Sowerby
10.00-11.30am Little Wonders Baby & Toddler Club
Wed 15th 9.30am Holy Communion at St Oswald's, Sowerby
Thurs 16th 10.30am-12noon Talking of God Together (SEE BELOW)
8.00pm Doxford Cottage Housegroup
Fri 17th 10.15am Prayer for Church and World
10.30am – 11.30am Coffee and Conversation
7.30pm Choir Rehearsal
Sun 19th 10.30am Morning Worship Mr John Parkinson
1.30pm – 3.00pm Fijian Worship
6.30pm United Evening Prayer at St Oswald's

Talking of God Together - TGT

Rev. Denise will be leading the **Talking of God Together** course for the Circuit during May and June. There was a brief description about the course in the Spring Circuit Magazine. It is a group discussion course produced by the Methodist Church to help us to speak more easily about God and our faith. The course will be delivered over 5 weeks in a relaxed way and each week there are times of prayer, discussion and looking at what the Bible tells us.

Each weekly session will be held at Sowerby Methodist Church on Thursday mornings between 10.30 -12noon on **16th May, 23rd May, 30th May, 6th June, 13th June**. There is a book for the course costing £1.99 which will be needed by each person who would like to come. Please let Denise know if you are coming and would like a book. Or you can buy the book yourself online from Methodist Publishing.

If you would like to take part in the course but can't do the dates offered, let Denise know and the course could be run again later in the year.