

Wednesday 11th September

7.30pm Circuit Meeting at Brompton Methodist Church.

Friday 20th September

At Sutton under Whitestonecliffe Village Hall, the Library Theatre Touring Company presents "Talking Heads" by Alan Bennett. 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm. Bookings 01845 597329. Adults £10.50, under 16s £5.50, family £30.50. See posters for further details.

Friday 20th September

MWiB (Methodist Women in Britain) at Trinity Methodist Church, Hull HU5 2EJ Induction of Janet Duck as the new District President, with Rev Leslie Newton. Speaker in the afternoon is Rev Dr Val Ogden. Coffee from 10am. Bring & share lunch. See posters for more details.

Sunday 22nd September

Rev Nicky and Chris Carnall's farewell service will be at 10.30am at St Oswald's Church – a joint Songs of Praise for all 5 parishes.

Thirsk Yarnbombers will be holding a coffee morning in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support** on **Wednesday 25th September 10am – 12** at Sowerby Methodist Church Hall. Cake stall and knitted items. All welcome



Fri 18 – Sun 20 October Flourish District Gathering 2019 at Scarborough Spa. See posters & flyers for programme & booking details

Thirsk and Northallerton Methodist Circuit are seeking to appoint a **Circuit Support Manager and Northallerton Methodist Church Finance and Property Administrator (A combined role).**

Further details are on the Circuit Website:

www.thirskandnorthallertoncircuit.org.uk

NO NOTICES NEXT WEEK

All items for the 15th September notices to Ruth Triffitt no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 11th September please. triffitt@btinternet.com or 01845 522186

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**Diary
Dates**

**The
Methodist
Church
in
Thirsk &
Sowerby**



Minister: Rev Denise Williamson Tel: 01845 525176

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

1st September 2019

Thirsk

10.30am Morning Worship Mrs Kathryn Walker

Sowerby

10.30am Morning Worship Rev Denise Williamson

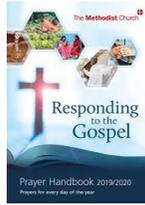
10.30am Godly Play in The Godly Play Room,
The Annexe (Next to Sowerby Parochial Hall)
'Circle Of The Church Year'

4.00pm Service of Baptism Rev Denise Williamson
This service is open to anyone who would like to attend

6.30pm United Evening Prayer at St Oswald's Church

Made for sharing.....

September is the start of the new Connexional Year. Perhaps for some of us this 'new year' does bring some anticipation and excitement... especially for our young people starting new terms at school or college. However, for me a familiar 'new year' treat is the arrival of the Methodist Prayer Handbook.



I have always thought of the Handbook as like a box of chocolates or those wrapped multi-coloured confections that used to come in a tin.

As you open its pages there is a whole world of prayers waiting to be discovered and engaged with. Each one is different. Some have hard centres – they make you think and reflect. Some are like toffees – need a bit of chewing over. Some are soft centres – easy to read and to say, they sit comfortably with us and our conversations with God.

However sometimes the prayers are very different and introduce us to new ways of prayer – or reflections about our relationship with God. This is the equivalent to the chocolate manufacturer changing the well-known favourite recipe or introducing a new flavour. What? Cranberry crème instead of strawberry???

Some of the new prayers become old favourites, and we can rejoice in the opportunity to pray the same prayer once a month as the prayer book is written on a thirty-day cycle. (For me, this is the purple one with the whole-nut and toffee inside).

More importantly the prayer Handbook is like a travel handbook too, as we are taken each day to a different District in our Connexion and a different country in the worldwide Connexion. The prayers unite us with Christians all over the world – just like the ingredients come from all over the world too.

I apologise for my over-use of a metaphor, but prayer is a delight, a gift, a privilege, a treat and for all of us should be an absolute daily necessity – just like chocolate is for some!

Perhaps at the start of the Methodist new year, we should all make a resolution – to give up chocolate and start praying more! Prayer would enable us to grow in our faith and relationship with God and to hear God by His Spirit directing and guiding us. As well, prayer offers us comfort, solace, confidence and peace. We must remember too that work is prayer just as prayer is work and involves us in activity whether that is spiritual or physical.

Love and blessings
Rev Denise

The Week Ahead: 2nd - 8th September

Thirsk Methodist Church

Tues 3rd 7.30pm Hambleton Housegroup at 38 Hambleton View
Hambleton House Group meets on alternate Tuesday evenings, and would welcome new members if anyone from either church would like to join a House Group, contact Kathryn Walker, Sandi Burch or Karen Collin.
Sun 8th 10.30am **Circuit Service** Rev David Godfrey

Sowerby Methodist Church

Mon 2nd 10.00am Morning Prayer at 14 Admirals Court, Sowerby
Tues 3rd 2.15pm Tuesday Friends Rev Geoff Bruce
Wed 4th 9.30am Holy Communion at St Oswald's, Sowerby
Fri 6th 10.15am Prayer for Church and World
10.30 – 11.30am Coffee and Conversation
7.30pm Choir Rehearsal
Sun 8th 10.30am **Circuit Service** Rev David Godfrey
at St James Green, Thirsk
2.00pm Worship at Hambleton Grange Mrs K. Walker
6.30pm United Taizé Service Mrs Kathryn Walker

Report on *Going Bananas* Holiday Club 2019

Sixty-seven children aged from 5 to 11 attended the *Going Bananas* Holiday Club at the beginning of August in Sowerby Parochial Hall.



The hall was decorated to look like a tropical island with palm trees, monkeys, parrots, deckchairs and an amazing time-shed from where characters from the Bible came out each day to tell us stories from the Old and New Testaments. The captain (Harry Goodall) started each day by transporting us by aeroplane to the island, helping us to dance our way through the sky. On the island we met Ripe & Rotten, played by Amelia & Kayla from Youth Group. They were amazing with their leading roles of banana growers on the island, along with their boss Roland Royce ("You can call me Rolls"), expertly played by Rev Derek Simpson from St Mary's Church.

The children had a fun-packed week with games, crafts, creative prayer, drama and some fantastic singing and dancing, with our band and youth group leading the way. Twenty-four adults from St Oswald's, St Mary's and Sowerby Methodist Church, along with 19 youth group members worked their socks off to ensure all the children had a brilliant time. The wonderful feedback we have had from parents and children has told us they were delighted with the event. We have now started to think about what we will be doing next year. If you would like to be involved please let me know.

Pauline Alderson (Worker with children and youth)