

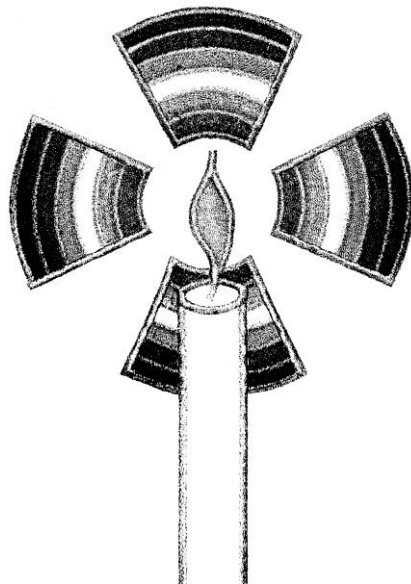
Zetland Park

Methodist Church

Newsletter

November

2013



Worship

3 rd November	Church Anniversary	10:45	Revd. Dr Jonathan Hustler: Communion
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10 th November		10:45	Revd. Arthur Harbottle: Remembrance
		18:00	Revd. Isabel Stuart <i>at Marske</i>
17 th November		10:45	Brian Stephenson
		18:00	Revd. Arthur Harbottle <i>at Newcomen</i>
24 th November		10:45	Mike Clark: Songs of Praise
		18:00	Revd. Chris Eddy <i>at Hinderwell</i>
1 st December		10:45	Mike Clark
		18:00	Revd. Arthur Harbottle

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My family often tease me about my fascination with World War II films which is evidenced by the number of DVD's in my 'bit' of our library.. From the Great Escape to the Dam Busters, the Guns of Navarone to the Saving of Private Ryan, the Battle of Britain through to documentaries about the cracking of Enigma at Bletchley Park and many, many more, they all interest me and inspired me. Though thankfully they don't depict all the gory details of the war, they do portray people showing extreme bravery, dedicated commitment, comradeship and teamwork, and the willingness to offer oneself, sometimes sacrificially, for the cause. All of them seem to show, in one way or another, how tribulation and a being focussed on a cause bigger than ourselves can bring out the very best in so many people.

On Remembrance Sunday we remember the lives laid down in the cause of justice and freedom, and it is right we should recognise all the characteristics and demands of such service to one's country. And, of course, the close comradeship, the sense of duty and commitment, the unquestioning obedience to superiors, the bravery and dedication to the cause, has continued to be shown by new generations in the Forces over the years since, through the various campaigns and peace-keeping activities. And it is beholden upon us to show our appreciation for this service to country and for justice and freedom in the world - to mark the giving of their lives for our futures.

As I started writing out the first batch of Membership Cards for this year I was struck again by the wording on them, speaking of the commitments and duties of membership, "A member will", but I'll leave it with you to read it through when you receive yours.

But it reminded me of the Covenant Prayer,

*"Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me and when there is none;
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.*

*Your will be done
when I am valued and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;
when I have all things and when I have nothing.*

I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you, as and where you choose."

Mary held a coffee morning for **MacMillan Nurses** and raised £171. She wishes to thank all who helped to support this cause.

There is nothing here about privileges and benefits, rights and gains! Just about commitment and dedication, obedience and bravery, trust and faith, self-sacrifice and focus upon the cause of God!

As we remember those who gave their all for the cause of freedom and justice, may we be inspired by them and the example of our Saviour Jesus Christ to truly offer our all for God's cause of Love.

All blessings
Arthur

Thank You from World Mission

In the year 2012 to 2013 Zetland Park has raised a total of £579.18, made up from

Self-Denial envelopes	£47.00
Easter offering envelopes	£183.00
World boxes	£265.89
JMA	£83.29
Thanks to everyone who has contributed.	Jackie.

On November 22nd at 7pm at Marske Methodist Church there will be an evening of slides and information about the situation and developments in **Haiti** following the earthquake. All are welcome and there will be refreshments.

Thank You from Home Mission

The total box collection for mission in Britain (home missions) was £73. Many thanks to all who contributed.
Janet.

Thursday @Church

Thursday @Church is an opportunity to discuss, ask and respond to questions. Everyone is welcome and you do not need to commit to the whole series, simply come as and when you can. All meetings start at 7.30p.m., in Church and finish by 9 p.m.

Over the coming weeks we will be reading John's Gospel and using resources produced by Scripture Union. The table below gives the dates and information on the sessions. The booklet which goes with the series is entitled 'Meet Jesus' and costs £3.60. Most sessions will be led by June Feather.

Date	John's Gospel	Theme
14 November	Chapter 9:23 – 10:30	Jesus as Shepherd
28 November	Chapter 10:31 – 11:57	Where it happened – place and time
12 December	Chapter 12: 1 – 50	Painful paradoxes

The **food bank** is still being very well supported by our members and it is hoped that this will continue. All donations have been very much appreciated.

The coffee morning for the **shoe box appeal** raised £348. Jenny wishes to thank all those who supported and worked hard to make this event so successful.

The **Harvest supper** raised £100 for the Methodist Relief and Development fund and £110 for Church funds.

Thanks are extended to those who prepared the food and to Mike for his display of photographs.

In recognition of work in the voluntary sector, organising the shoebox collection, Jenny will be attending the **“South Tees Volunteering Excellence Awards”** at the Riverside Stadium. Well done to Jenny and all those who help her.

Community Lunch Club eats midday Tuesday

Fellowship meets 7:30pm every Wednesday

6th Nov: Own Arrangements

13th Nov: Christmas Shopping, Scott Chem

20th Nov: Devotional, Revd A Harbottle

27th Nov: Talk – Malcom Elvidge

Friday @10 for Prayer and meditation: 6th December

Community Lunch Club News

The club recently celebrated its 23rd birthday. Since 1990 many have enjoyed excellent meals, fellowship, friendship and entertainment.

Our wonderful voluntary workers make it all possible. Over the years the club has made valuable contributions to the life, mission and maintenance of the Church and more recently to local charities.

This year's donations are: Church £1200, £100 each to Methodist Homes for the Aged, The Air Ambulance and Zoe's Place.

If you know someone who might wish to be a guest at the club please see Thelma or Arthur.

Diary Dates

16 th November	2:30pm	Prayer meeting <i>at Newcomen</i>
7 th December	11:30am	Soup and Sweet lunch
11 th December	7:30pm	Fellowship Carol Service

Next Newsletter

Please let Paul have items for the next newsletter by 24th November

Either on Sunday or by email to:

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