



# Zetland Park Methodist Church Newsletter April 2016

- 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10:45 am Pat Clarke  
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle *at Marske*
- 10<sup>th</sup> April 10:45 am Jenny Haigh  
6:00 pm DVD *at Marske*  
*Songs of Praise from Keswick Convention*
- 17<sup>th</sup> April 10:45 am Sandie Dixon  
6:00 pm Revd. Arthur Harbottle *at Newcomen*  
*Speaker Service - Leprosy Mission*
- 24<sup>th</sup> April 10:30 am President of Conference *at Guisborough*  
*No morning service at Zetland Park*  
6:00 pm Revd. John Henry
- 1<sup>st</sup> May 10:45 am Revd. Trevor Haigh : Communion  
6:00 pm Brian Stephenson/Rosemary Taylor *at Marske*

All Services are at Zetland Park unless indicated

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## Argentinian Evening

6:30 pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

An evening to give the flavour of Argentina  
£3 - hosted by Mariene Markwart  
Including supper (nibbles), music and pictures

By the time you read this in early April it should be so much more than the daffodils which are in full bloom. Hopefully Spring will truly be blossoming with even the trees showing buds and bursting into green. The continued promise of the fruitfulness of our wonderful world always inspires me and brings me to worship God.

But at the same time it is a different type of fruitfulness which will be engaging our minds in church. Robert Schnase, a Bishop in the United Methodist Church of America, has spotted that in America there are five common factors to fruitful churches, that is, churches which are growing. And

even in America growing churches are quite unusual so a lot of attention is being paid to them to see what lessons can be learnt.

And this is the project our Circuit, inspired by our new Superintendent Minister John Henry, will be examining this Spring at various meetings. Please see a fuller description of Schnase's ideas in the Spring edition of 'Connexions' (the quarterly leaflet I do for all four of my churches) which should already be out in church, and watch out for the special meetings to engage with the material.

Arthur

### Charity Concert

In aid of Zoe's Place

Music by Fran Edwards, Colin and Dave

### Marske Methodist Church

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7pm

£5 pay on the door

### Circuit Prayer Meeting

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
10:00am - 12:00noon  
at **Zetland Park**.  
Including soup lunch

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 8:30am - 9:30 am  
at **Skinningrove**

## Future Events

Friday April 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Argentinian Evening
Saturday April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 -- 11:30 am	Coffee morning with Toasted Teacake including cake stall
Saturday June 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 -- 12 noon	For Network, Coffee morning with Bacon or Sausage buns
Saturday July 30 <sup>th</sup>	4--6 pm	Afternoon Tea with Barry at the piano

### OPEN THE BOOK

A group of us have been taking the Bible Society's Open the Book into three local schools and are sharing Bible stories with the children there. It is an interactive scheme with dressing up, both adults and children. It's great fun. Feel free to join us if you are passionate about sharing the Bible with the young and would like to read the stories or take part in some simple presentation of the stories. There is no age limit and many elderly people are enjoying the experience up and down the country. Come and join us. It will be good to have you on board.

There will be a **Pastoral Visitors** meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00. Venue to be confirmed.

Please check with Jeanne Cawley for details.

### Prayer and Meditation

10:00am

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

See Lynn King for further information

### Power Praise

at Marske Methodist Church

An hour of worship with mainly contemporary songs in a café style setting. Second Tuesday of each month.

7pm 12<sup>th</sup> April

Thank you to everyone who supported the Harrison Band concert. A total of £531 was raised for church funds.

## Morning Service 24<sup>th</sup> April

We have the rare privilege of the President of the Methodist Conference, this year the Revd Steven Wilde, preaching in our Circuit on 24th April.

The only morning service in the Circuit that day will be a celebration for us ALL to attend, and this will take place at our biggest church, Guisborough.

We now have a new **Flower List** for 2016. If you would like to donate flowers or money please see Sheila Collett. Tel. 01642 473497.

We are very short of people who can **arrange the flowers** and would welcome new people. You don't have to be a florist; just enjoy putting flowers in vases.

### Thursday Group

Across the circuit churches are in different ways looking at Robert Schnase's '**Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**'. The book and study guide is all about practices which have helped churches to grow. Robert Schnase is an American Methodist Bishop, so while his book has many excellent ideas it also needs translating into our context. With that in mind we are going to look at the five themes:

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| 1. | Radical hospitality             | 14 <sup>th</sup> April |
| 2. | Passionate worship              | 28 <sup>th</sup> April |
| 3. | Intentional faith development   | 12 <sup>th</sup> May   |
| 4. | Risk-taking mission and service | 26 <sup>th</sup> May   |
| 5. | Extravagant generosity          | 9 <sup>nd</sup> June   |

While this is in the Thursday group slot it is not intended that this is only for those who come to Thursday group, rather it is for anyone and everyone who would like to see our church grow.

Meetings will take place in the church foyer, starting at 7.30pm and finishing by 9pm.

June Feather

#### Next Newsletter

Please let Paul have items for the next newsletter by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April or by email :  
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