Zetland Park Methodist Church Newsletter September 2017



Worship

10 th September		Revd. Betty Bell: Communion Revd. Arthur Harbottle <i>at Marske (Chapel</i> <i>Anniversary)</i>
17 th September		
	6:00 pm	Circuit Pathfinders Service
24 th September	10:45 am	Sandie Dixon : Harvest
	6:00 pm	Revd. Arthur Harbottle: Songs of Praise
1 st October	10:45 am	Revd. Arthur Harbottle
	6:00 pm	Revd. Arthur Harbottle at Marske (Harvest)

Harvest Supper takes place on Monday 25th September at 6 pm

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Over the summer we helped our son set up his first independent home as he prepares to start a teaching appointment in September. One day he and I arrived with a van loaded with furniture, mostly still in cardboard boxes, and started to carry it up to his first-floor flat. As we prepared to take the second load up a window of the ground-floor flat opened and a hand waved at us. We went across to the window and a cheery young man in a bright florescent jacket asked if we needed any help in unloading the van! We declined the help initially but said if he was still around when we got to the heavy items, like the washer, an extra pair of hands might well be appreciated.

I thought about this event as the day went on and was reminded of the passage in the Bible which speaks of 'fruit of the Spirit' - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and selfcontrol.

As the autumn sets in we naturally think about celebrating the fruitfulness of the land at our Harvest Festival services where we thank God for his bountiful provision for us - this year on the 24th September.

But what about the fruitfulness of our lives? Would we similarly offer a

hand to a total stranger? I believe that God has placed us all in the world to help and support one another. Community is certainly strongest when everyone in society works together for the good of all. This is where the fruit of the Spirit come into their own - because all of them talk about how we relate to one another.

As we recall just how well provided for we have been, perhaps we can also think of what we can do to help others, our neighbours, a stranger, and those in greatest need in our our communities and across the world.

As it is written in the Bible: It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. (Gal 5: 13-15 - from The Message) Blessings **Revd Arthur**

The **MWIB project** for this year in our district is for the Samaritans and Multiple Sclerosis locally. The amount raised by our church is – coffee morning £235,Wednesday fellowship £209, Marion's cakes £40, Thelma's afternoon tea £40 and circuit presidents afternoon £75. So the total is £609. Many thanks to all who worked hard and contributed money to support these causes in our local area. Next year the project will be Haiti.

Sandra

Thank you to everyone who has collected their "loose change" for the **Smiles Foundation** jar. We raised £37.65 this last year, down on last year but nonetheless the money is very welcome to help some very needy children and their families. To anyone who would like to help the new jar is in the church foyer.

Also, I still collect books, DVDs and CDs (yellow box in foyer). Thank you again for all your support.

Jenny

Safeguarding training

All Church Stewards, Pastoral Visitors, Sunday School teachers, workers with children and young people, luncheon club workers & drivers, Local Preachers and Worship Leaders and Safeguarding leads are encouraged to attend a refresher of the Safeguarding training most did 4 years ago. These will take place on 14th September at Saltburn or 25th October at Zetland Park, both starting at 7 pm. Please attend whichever you can. Other opportunities will be offered in early 2018.

Circuit Prayer Meeting

Saturday 7th October 8:30-9:30am at Lealholm Saturday 4th November 8:30-10:0am at Saltburn

Pastoral Meeting

In the Foyer at 7pm on 28 September

Future Events				
Monday 25 th September	6:00 pm	Harvest Supper		
Friday 10 th November	7:30 pm	Anniversary Concert White Rose Singers Followed by refreshments		

A reminder about Fire Safety

The building is fitted with an evacuation alarm. Break glass points, to sound the alarm, are located close to all exits. The assembly area is in the park next to the church. Fire extinguishers are located close the exits.

Please take notice of the Fire Action signs posted close to each exit.

If the alarm sounds follow instructions given by stewards and make your way to the assemble area using the nearest available exit; which might be behind you.

For further information The fire risk assessment is in a folder in the kitchen.

Power Praise is an hour of worship in mainly contemporary song in a cafe style setting, held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Starting at 7.00pm at Marske Methodist Church. Tuesday's

- 12th September, 10th October,
- 14th November

Drinks will be served before we start. All are welcome.

Next Newsletter

Please let Paul have items for the October newsletter by Sunday 24th September or by email : newsletter.editor@zetlandparkmethodist.co.uk

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