

# Zetland Park Methodist Church Newsletter April 2018



## Worship

- Easter Day** 8:30 AM Revd. Arthur Harbottle  
1<sup>st</sup> April 10:45 AM Revd. Bill Middlemiss: Communion  
6:00 PM Revd. Alan Coates *at Marske*
- 8<sup>th</sup> April 10:45 AM Rosemary Taylor  
6:00 PM Revd. John Henry
- 15<sup>th</sup> April 10:45 AM Revd. Arthur Harbottle: Café  
6:15 PM Paul Jones & Fiona Hendley *at Guisborough*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April 10:45 AM Jenny Haigh  
6:00 PM Revd. Arthur Harbottle: Communion *at Marske*
- 29<sup>th</sup> April 10:45 AM Revd. Betty Bell: Communion  
6:00 PM Revd. Alan Coates
- 6<sup>th</sup> May 10:45 AM Lynn King  
6:00 PM Revd. Ruth Gee *at Marske*

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Walking through a Supermarket last week I was surprised by the number of Easter greetings cards on display. Admittedly they were all pictures of chickens, and flowers and rabbits and chocolates, but none-the-less they were Easter cards!

But it made me think what most people think Easter is about (other than chocolate eggs!). Of course, we know it is the Christian festival that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus following his crucifixion. But what does the message of the resurrection of our Lord have to offer you and me today?

Well, clearly, the first thing is that death is not the end! The Bible clearly offers the promise that there is life beyond the death of our human bodies. Maybe not physical life or life as we know it, but a fuller, freer life where the limitations of human existence no longer burden us and we will know the blessing of seeing God face to face. That in itself sounds good to me!

But the resurrection of our Lord also offers us something else which we don't even need wait for until after the death of our human bodies and which is testified to in the Gospels and witnessed to by Christian throughout the years. The disciples became aware that Jesus, even though he had died on the cross, was with them in a very special way. They were so convinced of his continued presence alongside them (as opposed to just a future hope of seeing him) that they not only kept telling others about this great good news but some were willing to face execution themselves rather than deny what they knew to be true!

And that truth is what the church continues to testify to today, that the risen Christ accompanies and encourages his believers today in a sense which is hard to describe to others but is an unmistakable reality, bringing an assurance and peace which nothing else can. It is what gives us purpose and drive to our lives and our willingness to sacrifice and persevere, pressing on towards the goal of letting all the world know of the God of love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord and attested to by our loving actions, which seek to make this world into God's Kingdom.

Now that has got to be much better than any chocolate egg, no matter how large or how low the price! I wish you all a richly blessed Easter and an ongoing powerful experience of Jesus walking with you through every day of your life.

Arthur

## Circuit Prayer Meeting

Saturday

7<sup>th</sup> April

8:30-9:30am

at Skelton

Saturday

5<sup>th</sup> May

8:30-9:30am

at Newcomen

**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. Tuesdays

10<sup>th</sup> April

8<sup>th</sup> May

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

## Engaging with The Great 50 Days

**1st April-20th May 2018**

The Circuit is holding a weekly study series based on this year's Great 50 Days resource, running from Easter to Pentecost. The theme this year is 'A Life of Mission', which we will explore through Bible study, reflection and discussion of what it means to follow Jesus and live out our faith in our community.

The 7 sessions will take place every Thursday at Saltburn Methodist Church at 7.30pm starting on Thursday 5th April.

You are invited to come along as we learn, share and grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our next **Coffee Morning** takes place on

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10 am

Over the past few weeks a number of improvements have been made to the speaker system in church including buying a new lapel microphone. As we move forward it would be most helpful if any further problems are mentioned to Paul straight away so we can better judge where the problem lies.

# Making Connections

Ideas on how the church shares its faith

**Saturday 21 April 2018**

10 am to 12-30 pm

**Speaker: Revd Bev Hollings**

(Deputy Chair of District and former Evangelism Enabler)

**Venue: Zetland Park Methodist Church**

**Open to all**

Drinks available from 9-45 am and at 12-30 pm

Feel free to bring a packed lunch so the conversations can continue at the end of the session if you wish.

## **Next Newsletter**

Please let Paul have items for the next newsletter by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Email : [newsletter.editor@zetlandparkmethodist.co.uk](mailto:newsletter.editor@zetlandparkmethodist.co.uk)

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