

Scarborough Circuit News

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Issue 19: Christmas 2011 and beyond...

The Imminent Sabbatical of Rev Clare Stainsby

When I was reminded that after ten years of ministry I am entitled to three months' sabbatical, my first reaction was decidedly lacking in enthusiasm. I fully appreciate that the sabbatical system is a gift from the church to its ministry team, and that people in many others spheres of working life would love to have this opportunity. But as someone who loves what I do, the idea of walking away from it for three months seemed definitely undesirable. How will my life be without the preparation and delivery of worship; without the regular schedule of meetings; without visiting people; without the times of praying and listening to God with others; without that constant challenge of looking at the many things that need doing at any given moment and deciding what must be today's priority? And as someone who is energised by being with people, how will it be to be largely apart from the people I love for a whole three months?

I'm glad to say the system for sabbaticals gives you plenty of time to get your head around what it's all about and to plan. And now as mine gets increasingly nearer, I have reached the point of actually looking forward to it. I know the separation from everything I love will be difficult, but it will be an opportunity to do some different things that I also enjoy. And I'm hopeful that it will also enhance my ministry in the years ahead.

I will enter my time of sabbatical on Boxing Day, unplugging the phone, placing an "out of office" notice on my emails and vanishing from sight for three months, re-emerging on March 24th as accompanist at a hymn sing evening at Wreyfield, just in time to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. I expect that the first days at least will be a time of flopping and doing very little, after the hectic days leading up to Christmas. But after that ... well...

I don't plan to be out of Scarborough for much of the sabbatical, because the main focus of this time will involve reading, writing and reflecting (3 Rs?), and I can do this in the place where I most want to be - which is home. However, there will be some time away - some of it social and relaxing, and some of it visiting projects around the



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country. I also plan to visit my sister who lives and works in Poland, who is involved in outreach ministry into her community, especially among alcohol abusers.

The focus of my sabbatical will be the things that have happened on Barrowcliff over the last two or so years, and the way that the project is growing. I want to reflect on the way God called me and others into something which I believe to be very significant for this area of Scarborough, and to look at all that has developed so far. I also want to seek prayerfully the direction that this project should take in the long run. I believe very strongly that the church has a significant role alongside other agencies in working to make Barrowcliff a better community for all who live and work there.

These last two years have been, without a doubt, the most exciting of my time in ministry in Scarborough. I have met so many lovely and inspiring people, who also want to see the area better. I have been encouraged by the others Christians who have sensed God calling them to a role in this work. It has been wonderful to work alongside the other churches, and to see how effectively we can complement each other, as we work side by side. It has been affirming to be recognised as part of a team of agencies working together for a single purpose - to improve Barrowcliff. From our willingness

to seek God's will, and from our making ourselves available on the estate to form and develop relations, many new initiatives have sprung up which are truly inspiring. I am so proud of what has been achieved already, but I don't see an end to this work. However, one day there will be an end to my time here. Part of the purpose of my reflecting is to use some time to envision the future path for this work. I hope that at the end of the three months I will have written something which others may read and from which they may draw encouragement.

I won't be working on this all the time. I might do a bit of decorating, and a bit of family history. I hope to get out walking (or skiing if the snow comes - don't worry - I'm not praying for that!) And I might do a bit of nothing. I think I am now ready to embrace this gift with gratitude. But keeping away from the people I love and care about might be a challenge - time will tell. And in March I'll be back, with, I hope, renewed energy and vision, to pick it all up again and carry on.

I wish everyone a blessing-filled Christmas, in which the God of hope, who is alive among us still, is found on the familiar images of stable and manger and angels, offering the gift of himself to each one of us.



THE NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST CIRCUIT

Eye-catching LOGO required

From September 1st 2012, the Filey, Scarborough, Sherburn and Whitby Circuits will become the North Yorkshire Coast Circuit.

To help this new Methodist Circuit **we would like to have a logo, and we would like your help.** We would like something eye catching, easy to produce and easy to remember - and what's more, there will be an appropriate prize for the one chosen by the Steering Committee.

We need entries **by January 23rd.**

Please address them to:

Mrs. Nadine Williams

(Secretary to Steering Group)

13 Runswick Avenue

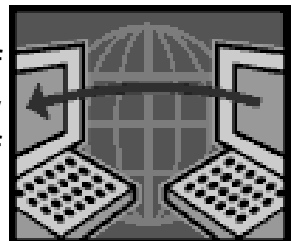
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or email to nadine@tsuchan.co.uk

On a separate matter:

Check out pages 14/15 for details of the Scarborough Circuit's new Website (which is an embryonic site of the North Yorkshire Coast Circuit).



2011-2012 IN OUR CIRCUIT

After a service in one of our churches in September, a lady asked me, "How do you see this coming year in our circuit with all its changes?" I replied, "More exciting than scary."

In a sense there is much that might seem "scary," because we have never experienced a merger of four circuits, or team ministry, or a new emphasis on our calling to mission. So why do I see it rather as "exciting"? Because I feel sure that this is the way that God is leading us.

Why should we feel sure about this? Partly because of the promise of Jesus to be with us always (e.g. Matthew 28:20) and partly because we can sense the reality of this presence in the unity we enjoy within our circuit and to a large extent also with the people in the three neighbouring circuits, which the Bible calls "the unity of the Spirit." (e.g. Ephesians 4:3.)

Therefore we can move on with the Spirit of Jesus to guide us into new and exciting experiences of his grace and his enabling power in 2011-2012 and beyond, as long as we keep in tune with him.

Colin Davies, Circuit Steward (Wreyfield Drive)



SURROUNDING SCARBOROUGH IN PRAYER

Regular Prayer for Scarborough
from Olivers Mount.

2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

In the event of snow, ice or torrential rain, meet at Ebenezer.

'Catch the vision' and increase the numbers
of praying brothers and sisters in Christ.

'Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the Christian's native air.'

A Personal Word from your Administrator

If you are hoping for some Christmas cheer from me, don't hold your breath. I find Christmas difficult and struggled for something positive to write for this page so I did what I always do... waited on the Lord.

Ken Capp's thought-provoking poem on page six suggests we 'don our daily mask' and I was determined not to do that. I'll just come right out with it and say Christmas memories can make people miserable. It's to do with being lonely and feeling like an outsider looking in – sometimes inside your own family. Christmas seems to highlight 'aloneness' because the family unit is prominent at this time of year. And as Rev Geoff says in Queen Street's Christmas letter, 'For some, Christmas is a painful time of looking round the family table and being aware of absences, of looking back and remembering happier times.' These absences are not always due to death of loved ones either. They can be attributed to other loss, such as family estrangement, sometimes of many years duration.

I occasionally bare my soul in this newsletter and I make no apology for that because, at the same time, I am also talking to God through my words – words that are the silent prayers of my heart. One prayer in particular is that my brother will respond to my Christmas card and knock on my door - thus bringing an end to our years of separation.

Don't get me wrong, I love the build up to Christmas. The buzz of shoppers, carols in the town centre, reindeer parading toward Alma Square, buskers rocking round the Christmas trees spreading merriment. I love the church activities, being part of a church family, meditating the Advent labyrinth, and waiting... for the comfort and joy of Christ's birth. I hope that one Christmas Day I will awake to choirs of angels, surrounded in bright light, singing a chorus in celebration of the second coming of Christ.

I try to live in the present moment and accept that Jesus' birth and death offers healing through his love and forgiveness of sins - past and present. I rely on this to ensure that Christmas for me is a time to appreciate what I have and not dwell too much on what I don't have.

I remain grateful for unexpected moments of joy and small acts of kindness that I encounter, which encourages a choir of angels to sing in my heart every day of the year.

With love and prayers to you all this Christmas time and always,

Julie

Who's going to fix the country?

Who's going to fix it now?

10 years ago Bob Hope died,
5 years ago Johnny Cash died,
A couple of months ago
Steve Jobs died,
A few weeks ago
Jimmy Saville died,
Now we are left without HOPE,
without CASH, without JOBS,
and nobody left to FIX IT!
So it is a good JOB
we have HOPE in Jesus
who never had any CASH!

Submitted by Vic Doughty (Cayton Chapel)

This New Day

Arise O slumberer from the night
Arise and greet the new day bright
Arise to meet the coming task
Arise and don your daily mask

See the day with eyes clear bright
Venture forth into the light
If you're unsure just go and ask
If victory comes, in His glory bask

Face each day that's full of light
And yearn not for the cloak of night
For dark will entomb you like a
cask
Who knows, this day could be your
last.

Ken Capps (Emmunual St John)

It's Christmas time at our house
and we're putting up a tree.
I wish I could find some simple way
to remember God's gift to me.
Some little sign or symbol
to show friends stopping by
the little babe was born one day
but he really came to die.
Some symbol of his nail-pierced
hands,
the blood he shed for me.
What if I hung a nail on my
Christmas tree?

I know it was his love for us
that held him to a tree
But when I see this simple nail
I'll know he died for me.
It may seem strange at Christmas
time to think of nails of wood,
but both were used in Jesus' life
to bring us something good.
From manger bed, to crown of
thorns, to death on Calvary,
God used the wood and nails of
men to set all people free. Anon.

*submitted by Mrs Joyce Newlove
(Cayton Chapel)*



For the courageous people of Dunblane - victims of landmines and injustice, children in need - and all who suffer that faith may flower... I will always be with you and comfort you...

This little book of poems and meditations is an anthology drawing on Biblical texts from Genesis and the creation story to The Revelation of John and mankind's ultimate reunion with his Creator in the New Jerusalem. As it is written in varying styles from the simplistic to the more deeply theological, it is hoped that child, teacher or preacher may find something to appeal or wish to study the Bible with a new openness of heart or freshness of mind.

Written mainly in light-hearted vein, yet still serious in nature, the meditations are intended to supplement and complement each poem. The author has tried to keep closely to biblical text and true paraphrase. He has avoided, wherever possible, outmoded words and phrases, the allegoric verse form popular in hymns of previous generations, and the tendency in some, but not all, modern 'hymns' to be vague in meaning, secular in nature, or possibly with little apparent scriptural base. He questions what Bernard L Manning, Cambridge church historian and writer on the hymns of Wesley and Watts, would have made of today's frequent poor regard to rhyme and metre. But unlike him, the author believes only religious verse addressed directly to the Father, Son or Holy Spirit can truly be a hymn.

If the Bible is accepted as the Word of God, then paraphrase is still Word to our ears. Only when the text is rearranged to form a prayer can paraphrase truly become a hymn. This is not to dismiss other 'hymns' which can touch the heart, proclaim faith or exhort others to closer communion with the Trinity. The author includes both types of verse!

Copies @ £5 (cost price) may be ordered by email: d.asmith@tiscali.com or over the telephone: 01944-759159 but David suggests £1 is added towards postage & packing if he cannot deliver personally.

Julie Fairweather has a personal copy in the Circuit Office if anyone would like a preview before purchasing.

*Paraphrase lost -
Paraphrase regained*



David Blessing

THE NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST CIRCUIT 2012

Can you name all 24 churches that will form the new 2012 circuit?

W Y A

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C H . . . , H Y

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B F

W . . Y D

B . . G H & S S

Answers on the new Scarborough Circuit website and/or available at the circuit office - contact details of both on the back page of this issue.

The Greatest Gift

My dad wasn't particularly bothered about receiving presents. At Christmas he used to leave his presents unopened until I could bear it no longer and would offer to open them for him. It always seemed rather a shame to me, that someone had made the effort to give him something special yet he was so uninterested.

There are plenty of people around with the same attitude to the greatest gift of all.

When Jesus was born, only a very few recognised the true magnitude of the gift. The Wise Men came with their own gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh, because they realised Jesus was a King. They also perceived that, somehow, in the fullness of time, this baby would die a significant death. The gift of myrrh points to the death of Jesus. When they left we read that 'they returned home by another route.' Primarily this was to avoid Herod but on a deeper level it tells us that after meeting Jesus they changed direction: they would never be the same again.

Some of the people reading this will have attended Church for many years, probably hearing the Christmas story many, many times. Yet it will have failed to really touch their lives or change them. The gift sits in front of them, beautifully wrapped but never opened.

I suppose it didn't really matter whether my dad opened his Christmas presents on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day. After all, a pair of socks can only have a limited impact on one's life!

God's gift of Jesus is immeasurably more important. When (or if) we open that gift is of eternal significance. This Christmas think about the gift of Jesus. It is a gift with your name written on it and is waiting to be opened.

Don't push it back under the tree this year. Open it, and meet the Living God who died for you.

*Helen Howell
(Cayton, Seamer and Queen Street)*





CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2011

BURNISTON: (High Street, Burniston)

Sunday 18th December - Carols by Candlelight @5pm - Rev Peter Cross
Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve Communion @8pm - Rev Peter Cross
Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day Celebration Service @10am

CAYTON: (Main Street, Cayton)

Sunday 18th December - All Age Worship - Rev G Howell
Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve - Christingle Service - 5.30p.m.
Sunday 25th December - Christmas Praise - Rev. Margaret Doughty-10.30a.m.

EMMANUEL ST. JOHN URC: (St John's Road - off Falsgrave)

Sunday 18th December - Carol Service at 4.00 pm - Rev Clare Stainsby & Celebration Choir
Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day service - 9.30 am - Rev Mark Haynes

NORTHSTEAD : (Givendale Road)

Sunday 18th December - Carols by Candlelight - 6.30pm - Rev Clare Stainsby & Singing for Fun Group
Tuesday 29th December - Christingle at 6.30pm ,
Saturday 24th December - 11.30pm Christmas Eve Communion - Rev Clare Stainsby
Sunday 25th December - 10.45am - Rev Clare Stainsby

QUEEN STREET

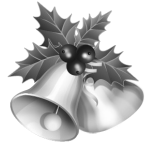
Sunday 18th December - 5.30pm - Christmas Cafe Church
Saturday 24th December - 11.15pm - Christmas Communion & Carols
Sunday 25th December -10.30am - Christmas Morning Worship
Monday 26th December - 4.00pm - Carols by Candlelight

RAVENS CAR AND SAINTONDALE ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP

(These services are at St Hilda's Church, Ravenscar)

Sunday 18th December - Nativity and Carols, 10.30 am, with Rev Peter Cross; followed by a turkey sandwich lunch in the Ingrid Flute Gallery (no charge).
Sunday 25th December - Holy Communion, 10.30am, with Rev Liz Kitching.

SCALBY: (North Street, Scalby)



Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve Communion 5.00 pm
Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day service 9.30 am

SEAMER: (Eastgate, Seamer)

Sunday 18th December 4-00pm Nine lessons and Carols led by Rev Bowell
Saturday 24th December 4-00pm Christingle led by Rev Bowell
Both followed by Coffee and Mince Pies
Sunday 25th December 10-30 at Cayton led by Rev Margaret Doughty
(No service at Seamer)
New Years Day - Covenant Service at Seamer at 3-00pm led by Rev Bowell
Followed by Coffee and biscuits

SOUTH CLIFF: (Filey Road, Scarborough)

Sunday 18th December: 3pm Carol service complete with live donkey! Families welcome.
Saturday 24th December: 6.30pm Christmas Eve Communion Service. All welcome.
Sunday 25th December: 10.30am Christmas Day Service (followed by refreshments). All welcome.

WESTBOROUGH:

Sunday 11th December 2.30 pm - Concert Band
Sunday 11th December 6.30 pm - Festival of lessons and carols with A Capella
Sunday 18th December 6.30 pm - Christingle Service
Christmas Eve 24th December 4.30 pm - Crib Service
Christmas Eve 24th December 11.15 pm - Midnight Communion
Christmas Day 25th December 10.30 am - Christmas all age morning service

WREYFIELD DRIVE:

24th December - Christmas Eve - Family Carol Service 6.30 pm
25th December - Christmas Day - at Northstead or Scalby



Copy of a letter dated 2nd December 2011 to church members:

Rev Geoff Bowell
Minister
Cayton Chapel
Queen Street Central Hall
Seamer Chapel

Dear Friends

Many of you have expressed an interest in knowing where my family and I are up to in regards to stationing. Following conversation with Stephen Burgess, the Chair of District and Mark, the Superintendent, it seemed the most helpful way of communicating would be through a brief pastoral letter.

After much prayer and heart-searching over the last three years, Helen and I have decided not to make ourselves available for a station in the Methodist Connexion. Instead, following a successful application and interview, we have been accepted for the ministry in the Elim (Pentecostal) church and are awaiting news of an appointment. We expect to serve out the remainder of our current appointment here in Scarborough.

We believe that God has opened a door for us and we want to be obedient. I do not want anyone to construe from our decision any implied criticism of Methodism. We have valued our time in the Methodist ministry and we have made so many friends here in Scarborough. We would value your prayers at this time as we take this next step of faith. Although the formal language is that of resignation, we do not see ourselves as leaving the Church but simply moving branches in the same company.

Our partnership in the Gospel is as sure as ever. We remain as committed as ever to serving Christ, building up his church and extending his kingdom.

God bless,

Geoff



Group Prayer based on the Parables of Jesus:

Created and used in 'on the 6th day...' worship service on Sunday 6th November 2011 at South Cliff Methodist Church, Scarborough.

Father God,

Thank you for breaking into our life when we found the pearl of great price so many years ago, for guiding our steps. Times without number you have been our inspiration through joys and sorrows. We have been blessed and are faithful.

Jesus said: **'Let those who have ears, hear.'**

We thank you Lord that no matter wherever we are, whatever we have done, you are still with us and close to us even if we do not recognise you. Thank you that you always welcome us with open arms, without reservation and forgive us. Thank you that you still come to seek and to save those who are lost.

Jesus said: **'Let those who have ears, hear.'**

Lord, search our hearts – are we sheep or goats? You know our every move, whether it is active or passive. These days, we are cautious, perhaps over cautious, lest that 'poor person' is a villain lying in wait. It is too easy to pass by on the other side, to be afraid of missing our morning service or other meeting. Give us the right words to speak courageously, not 'counting the cost'.

Jesus said: **'Let those who have ears, hear.'**

Lord, we pray for the priests who minister at St Paul's Cathedral – that they will not pass by on the other side but be willing to listen, empathise and try to reconcile the situation.

Jesus said: **'Let those who have ears, hear.'**

We are all workers in God's vineyard. We are young and old - in time and faith. We are not paid with money but love. God's love is the same for all. Each one of us has decided to serve the Lord God. Each piece of work we do is valued by God. To love the Lord is to serve him.

AMEN.

Contributors: Mabel Livesey, Iain & Marion McLeod (South Cliff), Colin Adamson, Roy Pugh (Westborough), Eileen Lane (Wreyfield Drive) and Vic Doughty (Cayton Chapel)



NEW VENTURE IN MISSION **AT QUEEN STREET**

“CENTRAL POP IN”

2011 has been a year of change for me. I have retired totally from paid work and I have given up my voluntary work as a Benefits Adviser. (At the age of 65 I have found that my brain slows down considerably!)

Many people have asked me what I will do and how I will spend my time. The answer I have given is that I want to work more for the Church, or, should I say, God wants me to do more work for Him and His Church.

A year ago I had the idea of somehow trying to help the many lonely and isolated people in the area around our Church at Queen Street - I had met some of them during the course of my benefits work. At the Church Council in spring of 2011, I put forward the idea of opening the Church to serve tea / coffee and cake. There was not any support for the idea then but God would not let me forget it! This autumn I spoke to our Minister, Geoff, about it and he was really encouraging and supportive, as were some other people in the Church. At the latest Church Council it was agreed that the “Central Pop In” will begin on Jan 07 2012. Tea or coffee and homemade cake will be served from 10.00 until 12.00 each Saturday morning in the hospitality area, and we will encourage anyone to pop in for a cuppa and a chat. We want to be seen as a friendly and caring church.

I am really excited about starting this new venture and I am so glad that the Lord continued to speak to me about it even though I could so easily have given up. It may be that He is speaking to other people similarly. I do hope so.

Ros Dyson (Queen Street)

Rev Peter Cross asks:

What do you want for Christmas?

Traditionally in our house as Christmas approaches we start to play an elaborate game. It's called "Guess what I want for Christmas!"

None of us wants to come right out and say what we want, because of course it's the thought that counts, but we all want to make sure that we plant the correct thought in each other's mind. So I've been leaving magazines open at adverts for expensive watches. My son David keeps hinting how much easier life would be for me if we had a Sky+ box (whatever one of them is!). And Pauline makes sure that I know how low she is getting on luxurious skin care products and perfume. We've been doing this sort of thing for years, and it never works. I'll get my socks, David will get his extra large Toblerone and I can't tell you what I've bought Pauline in case she sees a copy of this before Christmas.

Right from the very first, Christmas has been a time of intense excitement and expectation. The people were looking to God to do something to help them. They really wanted him to come in power and might and sweep through the land scattering their enemies and bringing back the good old days of King David. In the event they didn't quite get what they expected. On the face of it, it looked like a bit of a letdown, but in fact the gift God gave the world was unimaginably more precious than they could have ever dreamed. He gave himself, and he has gone on giving himself ever since.

God is with us Halleluiah! Come to save us Halleluiah! (StF 176)

Have a happy and blessed Christmas.

Peter



Circuit Life Committee News

Our Circuit Life Committee are excited about the merge of the 4 circuits next year and decided at their last meeting to plan an event in Scarborough, in the spring, for all 24 churches - as a marker for the new circuit. They will plan a quiz to be held at Queen Street on 19th May 2012. This will include a 'charades' round, a music round and many others. There will be food on offer and a good time is predicted so keep a look out for this in future church notices.

They also discussed a day event incorporating all churches in the new circuit, along the lines of the prayer day that was so popular here amongst our Scarborough Circuit. This is hoped to be planned for July 2012. Keep a look out for this in notices too!

They were thrilled about the possibility of the circuit barn dance being held in an actual BARN within our new circuit!

Snippets from some of the churches to keep a look out for:

Westborough- 11th March – anniversary Sunday, Wednesday 4th April birthday “chapel tea” followed by worship at 7-00. Flower festival 24th May (Wesley Day) 9th March – pageant.

Queen Street- café worship has been brilliant with 100+ people there at the last service. They plan to have Café worship at the family carol service with a communion service at 9-30. Holding café worship once a quarter. They now have over 50 on the BB books but junior church has been put on hold for now, with just crèche facilities available, due to low numbers. Messy church is going great. Youth fellowship has become a 2nd Sunday in the month house group, & Dave Summers is leading the older ones on a Monday evening. Another lay witness weekend in the offing – 27th April – “Reaching out in God’s love”. Cinderella pantomime in Feb. half term

Causton is now warm, clean, dry. Junior church is continuing with very low numbers but Shell group & Youth Alpha are doing well. Flower festival 2 – 4th June “60 Glorious Years” – for Queen’s jubilee

Seamer – Toilets are finished & blessed – they are now concentrating on the organ & a ramp!

Friday 13th January – 4 till 6 – small churches conference at Ayton.
24th March – Filey Fishermen, 28th April – beetle drive & pie & peas. →

Wreyfield Drive – pop-in & lunch club is thriving, girls group is up & running again, all other youth groups continuing to do well. Messy church started really well in October with 30 people there. 1st Saturday in the month. Building fund is still on going – plans have been put in to council, but needed to be jiggled a bit re-presented. 11th Feb. – bacon butty morning/lunch at church. 24 March – hymn sing with Spuds & Puds. 28th April – beetle drive & pie & peas

Emmanuel St John URC - are having café church once a quarter.

Northstead - continue with coffee mornings and soup & sandwich lunches, & messy church.

Scalby - have their monthly coffee mornings & monthly 4-30 services.

There will be a circuit youth weekend in January & hopefully a youth service in the New Year.

Next meeting is on 8th March at Westborough at 7-30 – when more news of events may be available.

The next three ‘on the 6th day...’ creative worship services

Jan 6th - Fri - 6.00 pm - Burniston

It’s a Wonderful Life - Co-ordinator: Rev Mark Haynes

Feb 6th - Mon - Westborough- Time TBC

Candlemas Meditations - Co-ordinator: Rev Mark Haynes

Mar 6th - Tues - Venue/Time TBC

Lent/Fairtrade - Co-ordinator: Rev Peter Cross

Further details will be forwarded to church notices when available

Please contact the co-ordinator or circuit office (507339) if you would like to be involved in planning/leading any of the services in any way.

SCARBOROUGH CIRCUIT HAS A NEW WEBSITE

The new Circuit website has recently launched - you can find it at <http://scarboroughmethodist.churchsite.org.uk/>

The aim of the site is to provide a means of communication across the circuit and to provide information that will help visitors to the area to experience the warm welcome they will find in any of our churches. The technical framework has been put together by the very talented Ross Kendall (Burniston Methodist Church) and I have uploaded the content. Some of the key features are:

Each church has their own information page and also an events page. This will show basic information, and I've made a start. If anyone would like to send me digital photos of any of the churches, inside or out, then I can add them to these pages.

The events section contains any forthcoming events that Julie Fairweather (Circuit Administrator) has emailed. Continue to inform Julie of any events that want publicising and she or I will put them on the events page. If any of the details need amending it's very easy - just email.

The resources section will contain downloadable documents - the plan, various prayer diaries, and minutes or agendas of meetings as appropriate.

There is a contact form on the website - it is on a separate page and also on each church's page. It will send an email to Julie and I which we will then forward to the relevant person. There is also the facility to comment on news posts - any comments are moderated by me before they appear on the website.

I'll try to keep the website looking neat and tidy and up-to-date, but please remember that there is no highly paid team of IT wizards behind it all, just me and a tired old laptop. If anything needs correcting, or if an item seems to be taking a long time to appear a gentle email reminder should do the trick.

Please have a look round, and feel free to make any suggestions, or say which bits you like. And please pray that the website will do its small bit to help God's will be done through the circuit.

*Dave (Robinson), Burniston Methodist Church
daveandmill@gmail.com*

Rev. Mark Haynes, Superintendent, adds:

“The slow one now
Will later be fast
As the present now
Will later be past
The order is
Rapidly fadin’
And the first one now
Will later be last
For the times they are a-changin’”



(Robert Allen Zimmerman aka Bob Dylan 1964)

Curious to think that Bob Dylan wrote those words 48 years ago! In popular culture that’s an eternity ago. In the life of the church 48 years may be the blink of an eye, but for us the times they really are a changing. The Scarborough Methodist Circuit will no longer exist in September 2012. Then we will become part of the North Yorkshire Coast Circuit together with our neighbours in Filey, Sherburn and Whitby and jointly we will be seeking to discern God’s will for the people called Methodists in this part of the world.

This new website is a chance for us to move towards the new North Yorkshire Coast Circuit – and its new website. Let us know what you think. But don’t forget that “the present now will later be past, the order is rapidly fadin’. And the first one now will later be last for the times they are a changing”. Its true for the Scarborough Circuit; it will be true for all of us soon... meanwhile, may I commend this fabulous new website, and encourage you to see it morph into the website for the North Yorkshire Coast Circuit?

Mark

STOP PRESS!

NEW WEBSITE FOR THE SCARBOROUGH
DISTRICT IS THE EMBRYO FOR THE NEW
NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST CIRCUIT

Please see Dave Robinson's communication on
page 18 and Mark's supporting letter on page 19...

It's all about our new website.

Website Address:

<http://scarboroughmethodist.churchsite.org.uk/>

NEXT CIRCUIT NEWS... EASTER 2012

Contributions and comments will be gratefully received by Julie
Fairweather up to the THIRD WEEK IN MARCH please.

Following the Easter issue a summer issue is planned, after
which we will become THE NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST CIRCUIT
and anything could happen!

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JF signing off ...

