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MESSENGER

Dear friends

I have a motto and it is this 'Laugh often and laugh loud.'

Laughter is good for the soul. I don't know who first said that, but they are right. Laughter is a most precious, God given gift.

Sadly, not many people associate Christianity with laughter and I think I know why. I have met many 'bored again' Christians who have either had a humour bypass or have built up some kind of immunity to laughter.

We need to laugh more. Laughter reduces stress, it is good medicine. Numerous studies have proved that laughter has a positive effect on the body. Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural painkillers and produces a general sense of well-being.

Why laughter is an important part of my ministry. I learned to laugh at an early age. By the age of 10 I'd suffered a number of bereavements of close family members, including that of my

parents. I had a choice, I could go through life miserable because special people had died, or happy that they'd been allowed to touch my life. I chose the latter.

Jesus made these promises (Luke 6:21) "Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

A woman was making hotdogs for her two sons, Kevin who was five and Ryan who was three. The boys began to argue over would have the first hotdog.

Seeing an opportunity for a moral lesson mum says "If Jesus was standing here he would say "Let my brother have the first hotdog, I can wait." Kevin immediately turned to his brother and said " Ryan, you can be Jesus!"

"Laugh often and laugh loud!"
Rev Graham Morgan - Minister

HOLY HABITS 'Giving'

North Yorkshire Coast Circuit - July - September 2019

This Holy Habit is, for us, somewhat different inasmuch as, rather than set up study groups or meetings, we offer this sheet for your own personal reflection and reading.

In Acts 2:44-45 and 4:32-37, Luke presents pictures of the early Christian communities of disciples supporting one another and those in need in the wider community by the generous sharing of their resources.

As we consider this habit of 'Giving' let us do so under the heading of 'Sharing Resources.'

Share your gifts and skills Are there opportunities to work with other local churches, perhaps Sharing Resources or skills to enable something to happen that would not be viable in a single church?

Share Community Organisations such as CitizensUK (www.citizensuk.org) help different community organisations to listen effectively and to work together, to give the voiceless a voice and enable communities to tackle issues. Could you get involved in a local chapter of CitizensUK, or an organisation in your area bringing communities together?

Could you set up a toy, jigsaw or game library with the local community?

Could you share your skills and gifts with the community by hosting a craft-fair or talent competition?

Financial giving (This material is adapted from Andrew Roberts, *Holy Habits* (Malcolm Down Publishing, 2016) pp. 166-68

Often, when it comes to the sharing of resources or giving, we immediately think of money. It would be remiss not to encourage reflection on the practices of financial giving, both as churches and as individual disciples.

For many disciples today, the practice of tithes and offerings as outlined in the Hebrew scriptures continue to inform and guide their giving of resources (Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 14:22-29).

This is still common practice in many churches. There is no doubt that these resources do release resources that are conducive to the growth and mission of Christian communities.

In the West Midlands, a new church was planted in the hall of a school. Within two years, a community of around 30 were meeting regularly and employed their own pastor. Some other local Christians looked on in a mix of awe, wonder and envy. 'How can you do that?' they asked. 'Because we tithe,' came the succinct answer.

At this point it is important to note that, while the practice of tithing is not rescinded in the New Testament, it is not specifically endorsed by Jesus, Paul or anyone else. This may be of course because it was simply accepted as a given - a continuation of Jewish practices.

Jesus talks about money more than any other subject, but he never does so in a legalistic, percentage-based prescriptive way. Rather, he uses stories and examples to point people to the divine impulse of generous giving. Perhaps the most moving and challenging story about giving is that often called 'The Widow's mite' Luke 21:1-4.

The sacrificial generosity of the widow is stunning but by no means unique. So often it is those who have the least financially or materially who are most generous with their giving. Simon Guillebaud tells a story like those told by many receiving hospitality in homes of families that are materially poor but spiritually rich.

"I've been overwhelmed by the sacrificial sharing of destitute believers in Burundi. I drove to a displacement camp. They had no electricity, water or sanitation. After the church service, I was taken to a tin shack, and fed beans and rice. I knew this was far beyond what they could afford. They were giving me so much out of their little, as so often we give so little out of so much. Simon Guillebaud, *More than Conquerors* (Monarch Boks, 2009), pp.142-3

There are no percentages, rules or prescriptions here, just extravagant generosity of kingdom proportions.

Share your spending power Our buying choices can influence how the world's resources are distributed. The choice of where we spend our money determines whether we support practices such as slavery, exploitation and plundering of natural resources - or whether we support a fair distribution of wealth, organic and sustainable farming and a living wage.

One significant way in which we can Share Resources to make positive kingdom difference is to embrace, practise and campaign for fair trade.

Fair trade

Do you personally look for fairly traded goods when you do your shopping? Is your church committed to being a fair trade church? There are various fair trade organisations under the umbrella of the Fairtrade Foundation, all with the aim of supporting farmers, workers and artisans in the developing world to trade their way out of poverty. As a result, approximately 165 million people in over 74 countries are being helped.

The main Christian fair trade organisation is Traidcraft, Paying a fairer price for goods does mean that items are often a little more expensive than the non-fairly traded ones. But trading fairly enables individual producers to afford life's essentials such as education and healthcare, and whole communities to benefit from the Fairtrade premium with, for example, the provision of clean water supplies.

For more information, go to www.fairtrade.org.uk or www.traidcraft.co.uk

Biblical guidance

The bible includes some important passages about the Christian approach to giving and the right attitude to money: Here are some passage to read and to reflect upon.

Leviticus 27:30-32

2 Samuel 24:24

Matthew 6:2-4 & 24

Luke 21:1-4

Acts 20:35

1 Corinthians 16:2

2 Corinthians 8: 2-3, 12 & 9:6-7

Hebrews 13:5

What is God saying to you personally through these passages?

Questions for consideration

The believers were all together and 'had all things in common.' How do you understand this phrase?

What do you have in common with your community? How might your church share resources with the local community?

What does your church budget reveal about its willingness to Share Resources?

Financial giving is not the only way we share resources, but it has always been an important aspect of Christian discipleship. How might you personally review your practise of giving?

Going Deeper

The following books are worth a read

Beatrice: The Cadbury heiress who gave away her fortune.
Fiona Johnson (Foxwell press, 2012)

Jesus and Money: A guide for financial crisis.
Ben Witherington III (SPCK, 2010)

Dethroning Mammon; Making money serve grace.
Justin Welby (Bloomsbury Continuum, 2016)

A Prayer

God of abundance,
You have given each of us different gifts, talents and passions
We offer all these to you for your kingdom.
Encourage and guide us as we work together
so that we may all use what we have been given
to further your work here on earth.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Much of the material in this leaflet was produced from 'Holy Habits: Sharing Resources' by Andrew Roberts, Neil Johnson and Tom Milton, published by The Bible Reading Fellowship
brfonline.org.uk/holy-habits

Church family news and prayers

Please remember in your prayers

Malcolm & Shirley Peart, the Bull Family, the Stanway Family, Loreen Myers, Margaret Thomas, Mary Cann, Betty Simpson, Bonnie Purchon, Brian Raper, Maggie Bridge, Ron & Marjorie Dobson, Joy Eccles, Margaret Lloyd, Muriel Willis, Mary Maltby, Lorna Coates

THANKS

Messages of thanks for flowers have been received from K Blades (Over 60's Youth Club), Keith and Carol Longstaff, Mary Cann, Margaret and George Linskill and Ruth Johnston.

We offer love and sympathy to the families of Mrs Betsy Hughes and Mrs Olive Hewitt.

ALL WE CAN (Methodist Relief and Development)

All We Can exists to help people in the world's poorest communities become all that they can. All We Can listens, trusts and provides support to help create positive, long term change. It works with talented local partners - community organisations, churches and individuals - people rooted in poor communities, who understands local problems and are passionate about solving them. Its activities include: long term development, emergency relief, campaigning against the causes of poverty, education and advocacy.

All We Can has its roots in the Methodist Church, and its vision, priorities and values are grounded in Christian principles.

We are nearing the end of the year with the Mulukwa community. The next journey is with the Cherkos community in Ethiopia. All We Can is supporting families in this community to have better harvests with the introduction of new seeds, including potatoes, which are better suited to the changed environment, equipping people with modern farming techniques and providing business and other skills to help them make a sustainable income.

Westborough has agreed to continue as a Partner with All We Can for the Connexional year 2018/19. The commitment is to raise/give a minimum of £500 in the year. This can be by individual donations, small groups having their own fund-raising events and/or the whole Church having a much larger event. Can groups organise events during year? Ideas, commitment and involvement are required. Grateful thanks to the Church Life Committee who is organising an Afternoon Tea on Monday, 14th. October from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the Coffee Lounge. Please support this event.

Will you continue to do all you can? Please use your voice to speak out, pray for the work, share the stories, give all you can. Thank you.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

Grateful thanks to all those who contributed through the Easter Offering envelopes to Methodist Women in Britain. A total of £75.00 was raised and this was presented at the Circuit Service of dedication in June. It would be good if more could support this fund for the World Church fund.

RISING OF THE SON

It was a beautiful morning and a real joy to gather with some forty to fifty people at 6.00 a.m. on Easter Day at the North Bay to share in the celebration of the Rising of the Son. It was wonderful to watch the sun appear and rise in the sky and to know

that the Son had risen. There were some powerful Easter Day hymns and songs - "Before the Throne of God above", "See what a morning, gloriously bright", "In Christ alone my hope is found" and "How Great Thou Art", the reading of the Word from John 20, prayers and then the sharing of bread and wine. Once again, a truly wonderful experience.



**COMMUNION TABLE AND
CHURCH ENTRANCE FLOWERS**



August

- 4 Mrs Geraldine Bull and family
Mrs Margaret Layton
- 11 Mr Colin Adamson
Mrs Leonora Bennett
- 18 Mrs Anne Squires
Mr & Mrs Harold Tait
- 25 Mrs Eileen Pidd

September

- 1 Mr & Mrs Paul & Claudy Dixon
Mr & Mrs Geoff & Miriam Young
- 8 Mrs Joyce Hollinghurst & Mrs Isobel Plewes
Mrs Margaret Warren
- 15 Mrs Betty Simpson & Family
Anonymously
- 22 Mrs Kathleen Hill
Mrs Anne Phillips and Family
- 29 Mrs Ruth Johnston
Mrs Dorothy Morris

October

- 6 Mrs Janet Tucker
- 13 Mrs Maggie Bridge

Mrs Cheryl Davies and Mrs Susan Wild
20 Mrs Eileen Pidd
Mrs Esme Whisson
27 Mrs Liz Hall
Miss Pat Peacock

E.C.G. (Equipping, Calling, Going)

A Heart for the Nations was again held in Scarborough this year, based at the Spa complex during Easter Week. The theme was "Solid Ground - for such a time as this".

Each day there were services of Holy Communion celebrated by the Reverend Clive McKie, inspired by Ignatian Spirituality.

There were two Bible studies each day, one led by Malcolm Duncan and the other by Ruth Jeffries and Rich Clarkson, looking at truth, obedience, faithfulness and legacy.

In the afternoons there were various seminars and receptions.

The evenings were powerful celebrations with lively worship and sound teaching on Solid Ground, Truth through Community, Broken, Living Legacies and Being Church in troubled times.

The days concluded with Fringe events including concerts, films, chat shows, quizzes and a hymn sing.

Another wonderful week of worship, prayer and ministry.

Do you have a heart for the nations? Do you want to be part of Church that is prophetic? Do you want to build a better world? The challenge is to go to E.C.G. from Tuesday, 14th. to Sunday, 19th. April, 2020 again in Scarborough. The theme is "2020 Vision". Seeing God, seeing ourselves and seeing the world more clearly. There's far more than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow, but the things we can't see now, will last forever.

Attending E.C.G. gives people of all ages the opportunity to encounter God in fresh ways, experience renewal and build faith. This will resource and equip you to serve your church and community and spread the Good News of Jesus. Site passes are already being booked. If you're interested and would like more details, please contact Colin Adamson who will be pleased to make a booking on your behalf. Booking forms will be available in the Coffee Lounge.

An E.C.G. style of worship will take place at Westborough on Sunday, 22nd. September at 10.30 a.m



Report from 2nd Scarborough (Westborough)

Guides

The Guides started this term with a camp at Manor Farm. The weather wasn't as good as last year, but the girls learnt how to cook on wood fires in the rain, and still have a hot meal! We spent time looking round the farm and all the girls had the chance to feed the orphaned lambs and to see the rest of the animals, including pigs, sheep and hens. Most of the Guides gained their Camp Skills Builder Stage 3 Badge and the girls made good use of their free time to gain interest badges including Photography, Guiding History and Whittling (with only a couple of minor cuts to fingers!).

Back at Guides, girls gained Skills Builder badges including Live Smart Stages 3 & 4 - which included cooking from basic ingredients, taste testing foods in different price ranges, learning kitchen hacks, sewing and party planning; Make Change Stage 4 - where girls investigated different ways to campaign and raised money for the RSPCA by having a bake sale; and Communicate

Stage 4 - Guides looked at body language, listening skills and learnt some BSL sign language.

We have been taking advantage of the (somewhat) nicer weather, collecting litter in Falsgrave Park and outdoor 'cooking'. Between showers on one very wet and windy evening we tried to light mini fires in the car park, before resorting to cooking smores (toasted marshmallows eaten between 2 chocolate digestives) over tea-lights. Another evening we successfully used barbeques and cardboard ovens to cook cakes 'camp' style. We will be finishing the term with an evening down at North Bay beach.

We have also been busy fundraising to raise money to go towards our Centenary trips which will take place from August 2019-July 2020. At every opportunity the girls have baked cakes and served tea and coffee, alongside tombolas - and a great job they have done. Our actual 100th birthday is on 1 November 2019, but as we will only be 100 once, we are taking the opportunity to have a whole year of celebrations!



One event we would like to invite everyone to, is our free **Coffee Morning on Saturday 2 November from 10am-12noon in the Lecture Hall**. We will also have a tombola for those who want to spend their money! We are planning to have a display of Westborough Guiding memorabilia and displays of what Guides get up to today. We are inviting all past Guides and Leaders from the unit, together with anyone else who has an interest (including all Church members who collectively have supported the unit for the past 100 years) to come and join us, have a chat, talk to today's members and pass on your Guiding memories. Please put the date in

your diary, and pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested in attending.

PANTHER CUB SCOUT PACK

Eighteen members of the Pack participated in an action packed long weekend of fun, adventure and activities at Birch Hall to celebrate the Group's 70th. Anniversary.

Recent Pack Meetings have included a sand sculpting evening as a practice for the District event, a 'Come and Try it' evening at Scarborough Rugby Club with grateful thanks to the Club Captain Matty Jones and the immediate Past Captain Tom Ratcliffe for their leadership, direction and coaching, a camp preparation evening, a fire lighting evening, the annual Dads and lads evening fire lighting and cooking in Raincliffe Woods, a joint meeting of games and activities with the Wharfe Beaver Scout Colony at Oliver's Mount, a post camp evening covering first aid and the countryside code, an evening at Sky Trail in Northstead Manor Gardens with grateful thanks to Sean and Joe, a hike from Scalby Church Rooms, to Prospect Farm, to Cumboots and returning via Barmoor Lane, with grateful thanks to Ian & Lindsay Knowles for their support, and finally, to end the term, an enjoyable and very informative visit to the Scarborough and Ryedale Mountain Rescue centre at Snainton with grateful thanks to Andrew Priestley.

The annual Pack Camp was held at Birch Hall on the theme of the Jamboree. Fifteen Cub Scouts participated and were divided into teams - Canada, U.S.A. and Mexico (the Jamboree host nations). The programme included preparation for backwoods cooking, a hike, a trip on the North Yorkshire Moors railway from Grosmont to Goathland and then, after a packed lunch, walking back to Grosmont, a campfire, Cub's own, bivouacs and a sisal trail. The winning team was Mexico - Matthew Knowles, Callum Thompson, Ashton Jones, Jake Sisson and Dillon Goodwill. Some members

organised fancy dress for the Saturday evening on the theme of a costume of one of the Jamboree countries. The best was Jake Sisson and the most original was Matthew Knowles. Grateful thanks to A.D.C. Cub Scouts, Ian Marshall for leading and A.C.S.L. Ashley Marshall for assisting with the campfire, to D.C. Graeme Young for his visits during the weekend and to those who assisted with the tent pitching. In addition to regular Pack Leaders, Chris Tolley, Helen Shaw, Will Stanway and Martin Briggs, thanks are expressed to Andrew Jennings, Angela McKie, Ian & Lindsey Knowles for their leadership during the weekend and to Lesley Usher for her assistance with shopping and the points chart.

As a result of all these activities, a vast number of badges and awards have been gained and details will follow.

The Pack was well represented at the District St. George's Day Parade and Service.

In the District competitions for 2018/19, the Pack was the most successful in the District and was awarded the Hilda Smith Trophy at the District Annual General Meeting. The trophy was received by Bryn Appleby and Theo Dickinson.

The Pack participated in the District Sand Sculpting competition which was to build a boat out of sand and natural beach materials, large enough to seat the four team members. Congratulations to the team of Vince Lappao, Matthew Knowles, Jake Sisson and Thomas Knowles who were placed second and well done to the other team of Joseph Taylor, Lewis Fowler, Corey Robertson and Liam Cassidy.

The Pack participated in the District Sports which followed a traditional format. Congratulations to the team of Theo Dickinson, Matthew Knowles, Vince Lappao, Liam Cassidy, Ashton Jones, Jack Barker, Jake Sisson and Cody Tipping who were placed second, only two points behind the winners. Thanks to all the respective parents for their support and involvement.

Congratulations to Cody Tipping, Jack Barker and Dillon Goodwill on being invested and welcomed into the pack.

DIARY DATES

AUGUST

Tue. 6th. 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion
Sat. 10th. 2.00 p.m. Strawberry Tea at Priceholme.
Wed. 28th. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

SEPTEMBER

Tue. 3rd. 2.00 p.m. Friendship Guild Outing
Tue. 3rd. 7.00 p.m. Local Preacher's & Worship
Leader's Meeting at Snainton
Thu. 5th. 10.30 a.m. Bible Study at Westborough
Thu. 5th. 7.00 p.m. Circuit Meeting at Briggswath
& Sleights
Wed. 11th. 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion
Mon. 16th. 10.00 a.m. Pastoral Committee
Tue. 17th. 12 noon C.T.I.S. Steering Group
at Northstead
Thu. 19th. 10.30 a.m. Bible Study
Sun. 22nd. 10.30 a.m. Reverend Pam Ward (E.C.G.)
Tue. 24th. 2.00 p.m. Friendship Guild recommences
Wed. 25th. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

OCTOBER

Fri. 4th. Scout Group 70th Anniversary Event
Tue. 8th. 7.00 p.m. Consultation on Worship
Mon. 14th. 2.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea in aid of
Priceholme & All We Can
Tue. 15th. 7.00 p.m. Church Council
Fri. 18th. 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion
Fri. 18th. 7.30 p.m. District Flourish Event at the Spa
Sat. 19th. 10.00 a.m. District Flourish - the Spa

Sun.	20 th .	10.00 a.m.	District Flourish - the Spa
Mon.	21 st .	7.30 p.m.	Scout Group Executive
Sat.	26 th .	10.00 a.m.	Priceholme Coffee Morning at N'stead
Wed.	30 th .	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

SUNDAY WORSHIP

August

4	10.30am	Revd Graham Morgan
	6.30pm	Mrs Kath Charter
11	10.30am	Revd Dr Robert Whitfield (Holy Communion)
	6.30pm	Revd Graham Morgan (Holy Communion)
18	10.30am	Local Arrangement
	6.30pm	Revd Christine Hey
25	10.30am	Revd Graham Morgan
	6.30pm	Mrs Diane Robinson

Harvest Festival - Sunday 6th October

10.30am	Revd Graham Morgan (Parade Service)
6.30pm	See next plan

For Sunday worship for September and October, please see the preaching plan when it is available.

PLEASE NOTE: The next issue will be for November 2019-January 2020. Please submit items by Thursday, 15th October 2019 to Ian Beaton at mukiwa2007@gmail.com or leave in the church office on

Tuesday to Friday mornings.

Please note that it cannot be guaranteed that material received after the deadline date will be included.

To book a room at Westborough Church please contact the Bookings and Premises Co-ordinator, Maria Laws on 01723 506926 between the hours of 9.15 to 1pm Tuesday to Friday or by email at westmethchurch1862@gmail.com