

MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

As this year draws to a close, the year that marked 100 years since the end of the first world war, and as we prepare to celebrate Christmas once again, my thoughts turn to Christmas 1914 and the events that took place in No Man's Land that Christmas Day.

Staff Sergeant Clement Barker wrote a letter to his brother Montague describing what had happened.

“A messenger come over from German lines and said that if (our side) did not fire, they (the Germans) wouldn't in the morning (Christmas Day).”

The letter continues “A German looked over the trench – no shots – our men did the same, and then a few of our men went out and brought the dead in and buried them and the next thing a football kicked out of our Trenches and Germans and English played football.”

The rest is folklore with stories of the soldiers singing carols together, shaking hands and exchanging cigarettes.

The truce that took place that Christmas Day was short lived but, for a brief period of time, as the world celebrated the birth of 'The

Prince of Peace' those soldiers experienced true peace.

I wonder, as we celebrate this Christmas, is there anyone you need to reach out to with the message of peace? Is it time for a truce?

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." Luke 2:13-14

My prayer this Christmas is that we might all experience that deep and lasting peace which comes from knowing Immanuel, God with us.

The peace of the Lord be with you and with those you love, this Christmas and for always.

Graham.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alan Rogers and Joan Hey who have both recently celebrated their 90th. Birthday.

REMEMBER

Sylvia Hastings
Malcolm & Shirley Peart
The Bull Family
The Stanway Family
Loreen Myers
Margaret Thomas
Mary Cann
Ron. Casper
Bonnie Purchon
Betty Simpson
Gerry & Audrey Stafford
Mark
Jean Robertson
Joan Stagg
Joy Eccles
Jackie & Stephen Walker and Family

OBITUARIES

We extend love and sympathy to Nicholas, Philip, John and Christopher Hume and their families on the death of their Mother, Mrs. Ruth Hume. Mrs. Hume is the daughter of the Reverend & Mrs. R. G. Pittam and came to Westborough in 1938. She later married Mr. William Hume. They eventually retired to Scarborough and worshipped at Westborough. Mrs. Hume was a Methodist Local Preacher although latterly a member of the Society of Friends.

We extend love and sympathy to Alison, Barbara and Valerie 'Pittam' and family on the death of their Father, the Reverend Henry Pittam who also came to Westborough in 1938. He candidated

for the Ministry from Westborough. He later married Miss Marjorie Peacock and sympathy is equally extended to his Sister-in-Law, Miss Pat. Peacock. Mr. Pittam had a long ministry including periods in the Sherburn and Withernsea Circuits. He retired to the Hull (West) Circuit and worshipped at Hessle, latterly living in the Methodist Home at Willerby.

We extend love and sympathy to Jacqueline & Stephen Walker, David & Susan Elliott and their families on the death of their Mother, Grandma and Great Grandma, Mrs. Betty Elliott. Originally a member of St. Sepulchre Street where she married in 1958, she had been a regular worshipping member at Westborough for many years. She served the Church faithfully in many ways including being a dedicated Pastoral Visitor until quite recently, a regular helper at the former Luncheon Club, a helper in the Coffee Lounge, a member of a cleaning team, a supporter of Methodist Homes and a Friend of Pritchhome. She founded Scalby Young Wives, latterly Scalby Wives and remained a member until her untimely death on 7th. November.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards, donations and best wishes on my 90th birthday and to those who came to my "Open House" which raised £200 (including donations from people unable to come on the day). I also raised £100 at my birthday "family lunch" so am able to send £300 to "Action for Children". Thank you.
Joan Hey.

Just a little note to say a very big thank you for the lovely flowers and kind thoughts. It was lovely to see Jeff and for George and me to see him and have a little chat.
Thank you and best wishes.

Margaret and George Linskill

Ready And Waiting

A series of 3 studies for Advent

Led by Rev Graham Morgan

Monday's 10.00am @ Westborough
in the small chapel

7.00pm @ Queen Street

Monday 3rd December
Wait a bit, the need for patience.

Monday 10th December
Happy to wait – continuing to trust

Monday 17th December
Wait and see – expecting the best

FEED THE MIND'S CHRISTMAS CARD APPEAL

Once again we are in the season of giving and receiving, and the Feed the Mind's Christmas Cards appear in the Scarborough churches.

If you have recently started worshipping with us you might wonder what all this is about.

Instead of giving individual cards within the fellowship we ask that you put your greetings into the big FTM card and put the money you would have spent on the cards and postage into the FTM container.

You will then have given to FTM and they in turn will support the disadvantaged thousands of miles away by financing training schemes in literacy and life skills. So we give, and almost 740

project participants receive!

May God bless you in your giving and may you have a joyful Christmas.

Patricia Mollon,

ROCKING CAROLS 2018 –“PRINCE OF PEACE”

On Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm Scarborough YMCA presents 'Rockin' Carols' – a unique interpretation of the traditional Christmas story over the course of an hour or so in a blend of song and dance and a dash of theatre for good measure. This is the fourteenth year of this very popular event and as usual we'll have choirs and soloists, classical ballet, modern dance, dramatic pieces (both light-hearted and serious), and a rock band leading modern songs and traditional carols for the audience to join in.

In a year in which our thoughts have gone back to the ending of the First World War it seems appropriate to take as our theme Isaiah's prophecy that a Saviour would come who would be the Prince of Peace and many of the items in our programme will reflect this.

We're once again delighted to welcome as our guests Friarage School Choir on Monday 3rd December and Seamer Community Choir on Tuesday 4th December. In addition we have dance from Yorkshire Coast School of Ballet and music from Francesca Santamaria Lee and Mike Leigh. Tim Tubbs, Matt Stradling, Chris Curtis and Nathan Munday will be providing dramatic food for thought with their usual flair and we have our trusty house band with Elizabeth-Ann Bull and Yvonne Jeffrey leading the singing..

YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive. Rockin' Carols is an opportunity to communicate the good news of Christmas through

the gifts of drama, dance and music.

The evening is suitable for all ages from about 5 upwards. Tickets priced at £6.00 are now available from the box office on St Thomas Street Scarborough or by phone (01723 506750) or online (tiny.cc/ymcatheatre).

Do come and enjoy an evening of high quality seasonal entertainment with some thought–provoking pieces thrown in. There are even free mince pies!

[Enquiries to Hilary Watts 01723 357703 / 07813379402 or hilary-watts1@btinternet.com]

THE MESSENGER

Sadly over recent years the Editors of 'The Messenger' have noticed that there has been a significant decline in articles submitted by church members for inclusion in the magazine. Consequently 'The Messenger' now tends to only provide information regarding the activities of a very few of the church and uniformed groups and otherwise acts as a notice and diary for other church activities.

Church members will be aware that our Sunday notice sheet has been successfully expanded in recent years but this has inevitably led to a lot of duplication of the information found in both the Sunday notices and The Messenger. Information in the Sunday notices tends for obvious reasons to be more up to date and thus to a certain extent makes information in 'The Messenger' redundant.

In these circumstances the current Editors have suggested to Church Council that 'The Messenger' now becomes a quarterly publication starting in 2019 and this issue will be the last of the current series. It is anticipated that the next issue of 'The Messenger' will cover February, March and April and will be published towards the end of January 2019 – regular contributors please note!

Compiling and editing 'The Messenger' can be a time consuming task. Both current editors have undertaken the job for a number of years now and ideally would like to pass on the baton to other church members. So, if there are any aspiring Editors who would like to take up the challenge please would they contact either Janet or Ian who will be happy to provide further information.

CHURCH FLOWERS

New volunteers are required to assist with the distribution of Church Flowers on a Monday morning. If you can help in this way, three or four times a year, please contact Colin Adamson.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL

The Traidcraft Stall and Westborough was established in August 2001. At that time, the only High Street outlet selling Fairtrade goods was the Co-Op. Traidcraft has been a charitable pioneering retailer since 1979 and, traditionally, has relied on volunteers running stalls in churches and school fairs. In 2010 sales reached £16.5 million but in the year to March 2018 sales dropped to below £10 million.



Declining church attendance and the increasing age of volunteers has been partially responsible for the decline but the devaluation of the pounds following the Brexit referendum and the power of the supermarkets have also been major factors.

Traidcraft has had to make 80% of its staff redundant and re-think the way forward. The present situation of relying on church stalls is not sustainable and so our Traidcraft stall will gradually run down and cease in 2019.

Thank you for your support over the past 17 years and please still look out for the Fairtrade logo when you shop.

Roger Coles

ANNUAL CHRISTIAN AID SNOOKER MARATHON AND COFFEE MORNING

The annual snooker marathon and coffee morning takes place on Saturday 26th January 2019 from 8am to 8 pm. Players are needed to fill a 2 hour slot. Please contact Jeff Moorhouse on 01723 364872 to volunteer. Please sponsor the players as generously as you have in the past.



The coffee morning takes place in the church lecture hall from 10 am till 12 noon—entry fee is £2 for a drink and a biscuit. Donations of cakes is appreciated and support of the various stalls.

Previous events have raised £2500.00 which is then trebled by the European Union!

"AFTER REMEMBERING. LETS CELEBRATE"

I was contemplating on not doing an article for this Messenger, as I couldn't think of anything to write about. My prayers for a subject were not being answered, so I thought of giving it a miss. But I have to tell you. "That is NOT how the Lord thinks"

On the 7th Nov our morning Bible Study reading was from Revelation 1. John is imprisoned on the Island of Patmos, and on the Lord's day he hears a loud voice like a trumpet behind him which said "Write on a scroll what you see, and send it to the seven churches". Of course I protested, thinking "You can't mean me Lord. My name isn't John. And I don't have seven churches". But He won the argument.

So what have I seen that could possibly be of interest or any message? Well I'll tell you about the view from our front window. We have this wonderful panoramic view of Trees in the grounds of an old peoples home, with the white houses showing through, Against a backdrop of trees on Oliver's Mount. Three trees in particular have stolen the show. It started in the spring when these trees first

came into leaf. A wonderful green with a red tint that looked like a blossom that I hadn't witnessed before. (Perhaps the hot weather?) It started at the very top, and after a few weeks almost covered them. Then as Autumn approached the colours changed from Red, to a much darker Red and Rusts and Golds. And with the Autumn Sun shining through it has been a spectacular display that we have been able to enjoy. And while other trees near them have lost their leaves, these three kept them until days after. They have been a great reminder of our Creator GOD'S LOVE for us.

Also as we are in the season of Autumn, and the month of November. It was another reminder of how GOD changed the barren ground of the battlefield with the blood red of the Poppy. Also again reminding us of GOD'S Love for us in allowing His SON to shed His blood on the cross. Greater love has no one than this. That a man lays down his life for his friends.

Now after Remembrance, lets have a Celebration. If you haven't started already, I'm sure you will be in the next few days, because it's Christmas. A real festive time to show our love and devotion to everyone we know. Let us forget the little upsets we've had, and the bad feelings we've indulged in, and let us change our way of thinking. Let us change our attitudes. Let us change our Street, our Town our Country as we share in the great outpouring of GOD'S LOVE. Sent as a human baby. God living on earth as one of us.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

What a wonderful promise this is. Let us hope and Pray that we may soon learn this, and act it out. I read on Face Book a few days ago. A lady had written. "Surely there is enough tragedy by natural disasters in the world. Without Killing each other" I say Amen to that..

I wish you all a Peaceful Loving Christmas and New Year.

Lance Ayres

ALL WE CAN (METHODIST RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT)

John Wesley famously said:- “Do all the good you can, By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” 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. Westborough, at its Church Council meeting in October, 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. Earlier in the year, the Church Life Committee organised a Cream Tea which raised the substantive amount of the money raised. Can other groups organise similar events during the next year? Ideas, commitment and involvement are required. 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.

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

E.C.G. – Equipping, Calling, Going – A Heart for the Nations. 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, 23rd. to Sunday, 28th. April, 2019 again in Scarborough. The theme is “Solid Ground – for such a time as this”. We live in a time of constant and rapid change, so we need to discover our solid ground. Through exhilarating worship, Bible teaching, seminars and the arts we will encounter God’s

Holy Spirit reinforcing our solid faith and prompting new and exciting experiences. Come and be transformed, ready to face the future with confidence through being rooted in the certain knowledge that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Bible Studies will be led by Malcolm Duncan, Celebration speakers will be James Adams, Elaine Lindridge, Martyn Atkins, Jasmine Yeboah and Ian Coffey. Fringe artists include Simeon Wood, 241 and Silhouette Theatre Company.

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 are available in the Coffee Lounge.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION

The I.B.R.A. Bible Reading notes for 2019 will be ordered very shortly. Existing readers will receive their copies automatically, unless Colin Adamson hears to the contrary. New readers will be most welcome. The cost for 2019 is £10.00

PANTHER CUB SCOUT PACK

Recent Pack Meetings have included making collages with the theme harvest of trees and wood for display in church for the Harvest Festival services. An interesting evening was a visit from P.C.S.O. Jamie Broadbent and P.C. Ryan who talked about their roles in the Police force and brought along a car and van and were able to demonstrate the various aspects and functions of the vehicles. The Pack had its own quiz with the four individual winners representing the Pack in the District Quiz. Questions were on various subjects. The Pack joined with the Group for a bonfire and fireworks evening at Throxenby Hall. The Pack had a Healthy Eating evening which included realising the sugar content in various products, sampling various fruits and drawing up a healthy meal.



Lennon, Jasper and Paolo have now all joined the Scout Troop and thanks are expressed to them and their parents for the contributions and support received over the last few years and wish them well in their future Scouting.

The Pack has participated in District competitions. In the Cooking competition, the team of Matthew, Bryn, Jared and Lewis, prepared and lit a fire and then cooked a meal of sausages, boiled potatoes (mashed) and gravy, followed by fruit pie and custard (made with milk), with tea or coffee to conclude before washing up and clearing the site with leadership, team work and continuity being part of the judging which was carried out by Scout Active Support members Linda Calvert and Karen Johnson. The team was placed second. The Irton Garden Centre Trophy for the individual who was considered, by the judges, to have made the most effort during the competition was won by Jared. Thanks to Angela McKie and Rory Ruston for their assistance.

This was followed by the District Quiz, in which the team of Matthew, Vince, Joseph and Callum came first having answered questions on general knowledge, Scouting, science & nature, geography & history and, sport.

Congratulations to A.C.S.L. Chris. Tolley on being awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Services.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP DATES

December:

4th	John Griffin and Wendy
11th	To be announced
18th	Rita - something for Christmas

January:

8th	Andrew & Andrea Young - their work in Nepal
15th	Albert Devitt
22nd	To be announced

29th To be announced
February:
5. Mrs Maggie Bridge

**COMMUNION TABLE &
CHURCH ENTRANCE FLOWERS**

December 2018

2nd Dr & Rev Roger & Rosie Coles
Mr & Mrs Eddie & Yvonne Jeffery

9th Mrs Margaret Calvert
Mr & Mrs Mark & Amanda Hambling

16th Mr & Mrs Gerry & Elizabeth-Ann Bull
Miss Enid Hodgson

23rd Mr & Mrs Harold & Mabel Tait
Anon

30th Mrs Sheila Fountain

January 2019

6th Mr & Mrs John & Sylvia Hastings
Mrs Elsie Phillips

13th Mrs Mollie Dargie

20th Mrs Lesley Cottle & family
Mrs Joyce Hollingshurst & Mrs Isobel Plewes

27th The family of the late Mr & Mrs Alf & Sheila Adkin
Mr & Mrs John & Gloria Dixon
Mr & Mrs Maurice & Margaret Nolan

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

- Wed. 5th. 10.30 a.m. Advent Holy Communion
- Fri. 7th. 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion
- Wed. 12th. 19.30 a.m. Advent Holy Communion
- Thu. 13th. 1.15 p.m. Circuit Prayer Meeting at Northstead
- Fri. 14th. 7.00 p.m. District Scout Carol Service at Westborough
- Wed. 19th. 10.30 a.m. Advent Holy Communion
- Wed. 19th. 12.30 p.m. Methodist Luncheon Club at the Delmont Hotel. Speaker –Rev. Pam. Ward – “My Visit to Bethlehem”
- Mon. 24th. 11.15 p.m. First Communion of Christmas
- Tue. 25th. 19.30 a.m. Christmas Day All Age Worship

JANUARY

- Mon. 7th.. 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion
- Tue. 15th. 10.00 a.m. Circuit Prayer Meeting at Emanuel St. John's
- Tue. 22nd. 7.00 p.m. Circuit Meeting at Burniston
- Sun. 27th. 3.00 p.m. Holy Habits Biblical Teaching at Queen Street
- Mon. 28th. 7.00 p.m. Church Council

Wed. 30th. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Wed. 30th. 12.30 p.m. Methodist Luncheon Club at The Delmont Hotel Speaker – The Mayor of The Borough of Scarborough – “A Councillor’s Mayor’s Role”

CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

We have a Westborough Church Face book page that is updated weekly with church events.

Please have a look and 'like' and 'share' our page.

Thank You!

Maria

CRECHE

...for young children every Sunday morning.

Please contact our coordinator Mrs Yvonne Jeffrey (Tel: 01723 378794)

ROOM RENTALS AT CHURCH

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 13.00 Tuesday to Friday or by email at westmethchurch1862@gmail.com

NEXT ISSUE OF 'MESSENGER'

*The next issue of 'Messenger' will be for February, March and April 2019 Please submit items for inclusion by **15th January 2019** to Janet Chapman at jntchpmn@btinternet.com or leave at the Church office any morning Tuesday to Friday
Please note that it cannot be guaranteed that material received after the deadline date above will be included*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

December

2nd	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Graham Morgan—All Age Parade Mr Martin Mellowdew
9th	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Rev Martin Calver—Holy Comm. Rev Pam Ward—Remembrance Serv
16th	10.30 am 5.00 pm	Rev Graham Morgan Rev Pam Ward - Carol Service
23rd	10.30 am 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Mrs Janette Biltcliffe Family Tea Rev Graham Morgan—Celebrating the Light with Holy Communion
24th	11.15pm	Rev Graham Morgan — Holy Comm
25th	10.30 am	Rev Robert Whitfield — Family Service
30th	10.30 am	Mr Colin Adamson

January 2019

6th	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Pam Ward—Holy Comm and Covenant Sunday Mrs Kath Charter
13th	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mr Thomas Clayton Rev Ann Staton—Holy Communion
20th	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Graham Morgan Churches together in Scarborough
27th	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Mark Cheetham Circuit Service @ Queen Street