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'THE CHURCH FOR ALL REASONS'
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MESSENGER

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Dear friends,

I have just arrived home from church having been reminded that the deadline for this letter to be written is this coming Wednesday.

The problem being that this afternoon I leave for a silent retreat and won't be back until sometime on Thursday morning.

It is interesting therefore that these words are among the last I shall speak, albeit in written form, before I spend almost four days in silence.

I am not going to find the next few days easy and I will be very much outside my comfort zone. Having said that, when I had my Ministerial Development Review (MDR) it was agreed that I should find a retreat where I could meet with God in a different way and, as a result, be challenged.

In Psalm 46 verse 10, God says 'Be still and know that I am God.

It was the prophet Elijah who stood on a mountain waiting for the Lord to pass by. There was a great and powerful wind, but The Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. Then there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And then there was a gentle whisper and this is when Elijah heard God speak.

Sometimes we have to listen very hard to hear *God's* voice. We have to push the distractions to one side and listen intently.

I shall be listening very hard in the coming days, I have no idea what *God* wants to say to me but I do know this, it will be worth hearing and it may well be life changing.

God does speak today. Have you heard him? If not, find a space, get rid of the distractions, 'Be still and know that He is *God*.'

Are you listening?

Jesus said "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

May *God* give us ears to hear and hearts and lives to respond to his voice.

Every blessing,

Graham.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers

Sylvia Hastings, Malcolm and Shirley Peart, The Bull Family, The Stanway Family, Loreen Myers, Margaret Thomas, Ron Casper, Betty Simpson, Mary Cann, Bonnie Purchon and Mark.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Grateful thanks are expressed to all those who deliver the Church flowers but especially to Pam Elliott and Yvonne Beaton who have served in this way for a great number of years but have now retired. It is good to welcome Elsa Monteith, Christine Hey and David Wright to the team.

OBITUARIES

We extend love and sympathy to the family of Mrs. Lynne Read who died on 26th. November. Mrs. Read joined the Church family at Westborough following the closure of Wesley and has been faithful at morning worship. She was also a former President and Secretary of the Scarborough Methodist Luncheon Club.

We extend love and sympathy to the family of Mrs. Jean Robertson who died recently.

We extend love and sympathy to Chris Robinson and family on the death of his wife Barbara on 19th December. Chris and Barbara have worshipped on occasions at Westborough over the last thirty years when they came to their cottage on the outskirts of town.

SCRIPTURE UNION

The Scripture Union Bible Reading notes for 1st. April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020 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

Feed The Minds Advance Notice. from Patricia Mollon

Please book the date Saturday 30 March into your diary.

The U.3.A. Singers are putting on a concert for our charity -
and it will be good.

The venue is Holy Apostles in Aurborough Street or, as you perhaps know it, 'The Rainbow Centre'.

The concert, admission £5.00 begins at 7.30pm and there will be an interval with refreshments (don't have too much tea)

Come and enjoy an evening of music you love and support the disadvantaged as we provide funds for them to learn life skills.

2019 is £16.00

FOOD for THOUGHT.

During the last few weeks of last year, there were two questions asked in a couple of services that could be a starting point for new year resolutions, and beyond. The first one was "Have you lost your song?" The other was "What would you do if Jesus suddenly appeared?"

The first came with a comparison between a football supporter and a Christian, the other remained just a question, but if you put the two together it will bring to mind many different kinds of questions and answers, and I'd like to share some of mine with you.

My memory took me back to my schooldays. I lived with my Grandparents, as my Mother had died and one day I received a brand new pair of football boots, and I remember wearing them to school. I played in goal, and I saved a penalty. I enjoyed playing at school, and on Saturdays I would go to watch the village team. Sunday was a quiet day with Sunday School and evening worship with my Grandparents at our Methodist Church. On one Sunday our village team were playing away to another village team, and much against the will of my Grandparents, I went to watch. During a heavy tackle one of our team lay writhing on the ground. Amid shouts of abuse and derision our player was still on the ground with a broken leg. There was this sickening crack that was heard all over the field as the player fell. I didn't ever watch or play football again but I do like watching MOTD on telly on Saturday night.

On another occasion I was a lot older and working for a large firm that had a cricket team. The firm also had other departments in other cities, so inter branch matches were organised. One Sunday we were playing on a Cambridge College field when, in the distance I heard the sound of Church Bells playing hymn tunes. I remember feeling pangs of guilt.

Just two little episodes that I believe have helped shape my life, and I strongly believe that GOD in His infinite wisdom has been my guide.

I don't believe in coincidences, only God incidences, and in a lot of my experiences I believe even more strongly, they could only have been orchestrated by Him.

These two sport centred memories have for me been a reminder of His presence. The sense of guilt indicates to me that the Lord was near, the Bible says in Hebrews 13 5 Never will I leave you. Never

will I forsake you. Now that doesn't mean you will know him or see him. The Bible also says in Isaiah 55 6 Seek the Lord while He may be found; Call on Him while He is near. It also says in 2 Chronicles 15 2 If you seek Him He will be found by you. The Bible talks a lot about Seeking, Finding, and Presence. It seems to me that to actually see Him, was for those who knew Him in the flesh. Paul had a vision and was blinded. And in Malachi 3 2 it says "Who can stand when He appears?"

I have never seen Him, although some people have claimed to have done so. If I do have this awesome experience, I can imagine myself face down on the floor waiting for Him to say 'Don't be afraid, it is I'. Then hopefully I'll be able to say the same as Thomas, 'My Lord and My GOD'.

Imagination is a wonderful gift. You can use it to be with the Lord in all kinds of situations and places. Speaking to Him and hearing Him speak to you. It's a very enjoyable and rewarding exercise. You can do it any time, and in any place when you have a quiet moment. Just a word of warning. A little man will suddenly be sitting on your shoulder telling you how stupid you are. But don't worry. James says in 4 7 Resist the devil and he will FLEE. Why not try it? And if you need inspiration try looking at a few hymns that speak of being in His presence. There are plenty to pick from H&P 7, H&P 16. Number 51 H&P is a good one. Last verse reads:- Father of Jesus, love's reward, What rapture will it be prostrate before thy throne to lie, To gaze and gaze on thee.

So there you have some of my Food for Thought. Perhaps you might like to expand on it and write an article yourself for the next edition of Messenger. If I can do it, so can you. Just call to the LORD for help. How do you think I do it? I'll let you into a little

secret. I don't just sit down and write the full article, I write a bit pray a lot, change a bit and write a bit more, then do it again. If the Lord doesn't give me a subject I wouldn't be able to do them. This one has taken over a week.

Blessings to you all, and a very HAPPY 2019.

Lance Ayres

PS I was saddened by the news that the Messenger is to be cut down again to a quarterly production because of lack of items. So come on you people, let's hear what GOD is doing in your life. Just follow HIS Instructions



Report from 2nd Scarborough (Westborough) Guides

In September last year, Girlguiding introduced a new programme for all sections. The new programme has 6 themes, Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action and Skills for My Future. Last term the Guides took part in a range of activities to get to know the new programme. We sampled some of the new unit meeting activities, and different groups of girls tried the new Skills Builder badges. Some did First Aid Stage 4, while the rest did Live Smart, Make Change, Feel Good and Innovate (all Stage 3).

Alongside the new programme some of our older girls finished off their Baden-Powell Challenge Awards, with Lucy, Jessie, Tora,

Catherine and Danielle completing the award. As less than 10% of Guides nationally achieve this award, we are very proud of all of them. We have several more girls who have nearly finished this award, so watch this space!

In September we attended the World of Opportunities Camp in West Yorkshire, run by North East England, and a few of our girls were chosen to represent the Region in forthcoming trips. Catherine and Tora (who have now moved up to Rangers) are part of the North East England contingent going to Charnwood International Scout and Guide camp in Leicestershire this summer, and Leah was chosen to join a group of girls who are attending an international camp in Canada, also this summer. Well done girls - we are very proud of you. Now the fundraising begins!

October saw us getting on a very early train, and heading to Wembley Arena for Girlguiding's The Big Gig - a pop concert just for Guides. Although it was a very long day, we all enjoyed ourselves and had a great day out. In November we took part in UK Parliament's Parliament Week to introduce young people to the work of parliament. The girls came up with some really good (and surprising) topics that they would like to see the government tackling.

In December we joined many other local Girlguiding groups at the Spa for a special Girlguiding performance of Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood. This was followed by a Christmas party and Christmas craft evenings at Guides to finish off the term. A photo review of the year is on the notice board in the coffee lounge if anyone would like to see more of what we have been up to!

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2nd Scarborough (Westborough) Guides are coming up to 100!

On 1 November this year we are 100 years old. Definitely a cause for celebration! So from August 2019 to July 2020 we have planned a year of activities to celebrate.

On our actual birthday weekend we will be holding a free coffee morning (with stalls and a tombola so you can spend money if you wish to!) and 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 and talk to today's members. The coffee morning will be on Saturday 2 November in the Lecture Hall from 10am-12noon, so please put the date in your diary, and pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested in attending.

Other events we have planned are attending the Wellies and Wristbands Guide camp in Clitheroe, Lancs; a sleepover for the Centenary weekend; a trip away to Edinburgh for a few days; a special Christmas outing to Alpamare and the Tunny Catch; and then for all Westborough units (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers) a trip to Flamingo Land. Throughout these events the girls will be following the 6 programme themes as well as (hopefully) having great fun.

The Guides will be holding fundraising events and providing the refreshments for concerts here at Westborough to raise money for these trips. We are having a fundraising Coffee Morning on Saturday 2 March from 10am-12noon to which you are all invited. Tickets are £1.50 for adults and £1 for children (to include a drink and biscuit) and we will be selling these after the parade service on 2 February (or you can pay at the event).

We are very grateful for all the support we get from the members of Westborough Methodist Church and look forward to seeing you at our fundraising events!

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. Last 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.

PANTHER CUB SCOUT PACK

Recent Pack Meetings have including a My Faith evening facilitated by Deacon Andrew Carter. There was a joint meeting with Wharfe Beavers which was a Jamboree evening organised by the Westborough jamboree participants and depicted the U.K., Canada, the U.S.A. and Mexico.

For the Pack Christmas Good Turn, calendars, with views of Scarborough, were again made. Over seventy members and friends of Westborough were then visited in their own home or in retirement or nursing homes during the following Pack meeting or in subsequent days prior to Christmas to bring them some joy and happiness at that time. The Pack wishes to express its grateful thanks for the cards, letters and gifts received at Christmas which were much appreciated.

At the District Carol Service, the flag carrier was Theo and Jared read the account of the Angels and the Shepherds. The District Cub Scouts were pleased to be joined by Beaver Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts from around the District as well as the Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough of Scarborough and members of the District Executive, District Staff, District Scout Active Support and District Appointments Committee. Grateful thanks to the

Reverend Pam Ward for giving the address and to Mr. John Woodmansey for being the organist. The offering was donated to the Children & Adolescent Mental health Campaign and a total of £342.94 was raised. Gifts of toiletries were brought for the District Good Turn which were distributed the following day to retirement and nursing homes on the South Cliff area. Grateful thanks to the immediate past District Commissioner, Mrs. Bonnie Purchon, M.B.E. for her organisation of this event and to Jack (Scout) and Liam who shared in the distribution of the gifts.

The Pack has had a football evening, in preparation for the District Five-A-Side Football competition and a skills evening involving making a cup of tea, laying a table, ironing a necker and wiring a plug.

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. An ECG form of worship will take place at Westborough on Sunday 25th November at 10.30am. place at Westborough on Sunday 25th November at 10.30am.

A CAT GOES TO HEAVEN

A cat dies and goes to heaven. God meets him at the gate and says 'You have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you desire is yours, all you have to do is ask'.

The cat says 'Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors'.

God says 'Say no more', and instantly a fluffy pillow appears.

A few days later, 6 mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer that he made to the cat.

The mice said 'All our lives we've had to run. Cats, dogs and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run any more.

God says 'say no more', and instantly each mouse is fitted with a pair of tiny roller skates.

A week later, God checks on the cat. He is sound asleep on his pillow. God gently wakes him and asks 'How are you doing?'

The cat yawns and stretches and says 'I've never been happier in my life, and those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!'

COMMUNION TABLE AND CHURCH ENTRANCE FLOWERS

February 2019

- 3 Mrs Lesley Cottle & family
Miss Pat Peacock
The family of the late Mr and Mrs Bob and Muriel Rayner
- 10 Mrs Eileen Pidd
Mrs Ann Squires
Anonymously
- 17 Mrs Joan Hey
Mrs Elaine Stafford
Dr and Mrs Alan and Pam Walker
- 24 Mrs Norah Pugh
Mr Brian Raper

March 2019

- 3 The Uniformed Organizations at Westborough Church:
Explorers, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Rangers, Guides, Brownies
& Rainbows
Mr & Mrs Mike and Dawn Stead
- 10 Mrs Margaret Cleaver
- 17 Mr Albert Devitt
- 24 The family of the late Arthur & May Jennings
Mrs Anne Phillips & Family
- 31 **Mothering Sunday**
The family of the late Mrs Jean Rogers
Mrs Amanda Hamblin



April 2019

- 7 Mr & Mrs Jeff & Rita Moorhouse
Mrs Ruth Johnston
The Wilson family
- 14 Mr & Mrs Ian & Yvonne Beaton
Mrs Averil Hopper & family
- 21 **Easter Sunday**
Rev. Brian Fitzpatrick & family
Mrs Kathleen Hill
Mr Richard Moorhouse
Mrs Miriam Young
- 28 Mrs Esmee Whisson
Mrs Yvonne Jefferies
Mr & Mrs John & Sylvia Hastings



DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY 2019

Fri	1	7.45 am	Holy Communion
Thu	7	7.00pm	Friends of Priceholme AGM
Mon	11	10.00 am	Biblical Teaching - Journey Through the Bible, at Hawsker
Mon	11	7.00pm	Biblical Teaching - Journey Through the Bible, at Filey
Wed	13	7.00pm	Circuit Prayer Meeting at Queen Street
Mon	18	7.30pm	Scout Group Executive
Wed	19	12.30pm	Methodist Luncheon Club Delmont Hotel. Speaker - Rev. Steve Blower "Sidewalk & Liminal Space"

Mon	25	10.00am	Biblical Teaching - Journey Through the Bible, at Hawsker
Mon	25	7.00pm	Biblical Teaching - Journey Through the Bible, at Filey
Wed.	27	10.30am	Holy Communion
MARCH			
Fri	1	10.00am	World Day of Prayer for Peace
Mon	4	6.30pm	Circuit Prayer Meeting, Westborough
Wed	6	10.30am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
Wed	6	7.30pm	Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting at Northstead
Mon.	11	10.00am	Biblical Teaching - Journey Through the Bible, at Hawsker
Mon	11	7.00pm	Biblical Teaching - Journey Through the Bible, at Filey
Tue	12	7.30pm	Consultation on Worship
Wed	13	10.30am	Lenten Holy Communion
Sun	17	10.30am	Lay Synod at Pocklington
Mon	18	7.45am	Holy Communion
Mon	18	7.00pm	Business Committee Meeting
Tue	19	12pm	CTIS Steering Group, Northstead
Wed	20	10.30am	Lenten Holy Communion
Wed	20	12.30pm	Methodist Luncheon Club, Delmont Hotel-Speaker -Ms Kay Fraser & Ms. Claire Barwick "Learning beyond the Lecture Theatre"
Mon	25	10.00am	Biblical Teaching - Journey Through the Bible, at Hawsker
Mon	25	7.00pm	Biblical Teaching - Journey Through the Bible, at Filey

Wed	27	10.30am	Lenten Holy Communion
Sat	30	10.30am	Biblical Teaching - Holy Christ led by Rev. Dr. David Wood, at Snainton
		7.30pm	Feed The Minds Concert at The Rainbow Centre, Aurborough Street

APRIL

Wed	3	10.30am	Lenten Holy Communion
Wed	10	10.30am	Lenten Holy Communion
Wed.	17	10.30am	Lenten Holy Communion
Wed	17	12.30pm	Methodist Luncheon Club at Delmont Hotel AGM, followed by Mrs Patricia Mollon
Thu	18	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at Queen Street
Fri	19	9.30am	CTIS Good Friday Walk of Witness, Alma Square
Fri	19	12pm	Good Friday Worship
Tue	23 - Sun 28		ECG at the Spa "Solid Ground - for such a Time as this"
Sun	28	3.00pm	"All We Can" at Queen Street Mr. Tim Baker, followed by
		6.30pm	Circuit Service
Tue	30	7.45am	Holy Communion

We have a Westborough Facebook page which is updated every week with Church events.

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

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

CRECHE

For young children, every Sunday morning

Co-ordinator, Yvonne Jeffrey (Tel 378794)

PLEASE NOTE

The next issue will be for May, June and July 2019. Please submit items by 17th April 2019 to Ian Beaton at mukiwa2000@yahoo.co.uk 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

February 2019

3	10.30am	Mrs Diane Robinson (All age Parade)
	6.30pm	Revd Graham Morgan
10	10.30am	Revd Graham Morgan (Holy Communion)
	6.30pm	Revd Ann Staton
17	10.30am	Revd Pam Ward
	6.30pm	Worship led by Cameo
24	10.30am	Mr Colin Adamson and Mrs Lesley Usher
	6.30pm	Revd Dr Kevin Ridd

At the time of printing, the plan for March and April is not available. Each week the details of preachers for the following week are printed on the Sunday service sheet