

MESSENGER

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Dear brothers and sisters,

There has been much media coverage of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's desire to take a step back from their privileged position as full-time working members of the Royal Family.

In a statement, the Queen said "Although we would have preferred them to remain full-time working members of the Royal Family, we respect and understand their wish to live a more independent life as a family while remaining a valued part of my family." I find it interesting that the Queen makes a distinction between what she calls 'The Royal Family' and 'my family.'

When our children were small, there were all kinds of expectations placed upon them by the 'church family' and sometimes, unfairly. Some people had certain expectations on how they ought to behave or conduct themselves because they were the ministers' children.

As they were growing up, we told our children that, whatever happened in life, whatever situations they found themselves in, even if they thought we would not approve or be happy about their decisions, they should know that Emma and I would never stop

loving them and that we would always find a way through any given situation.

Apart from the time I almost lost it when our daughter, still at school, decided to have her tongue pierced, our love for both of our children remains constant and unconditional even though one of them has decided not to remain a member of the church family. Sadly, I know of some parents who have cut ties with their children when they have made life decisions which they 'disapprove' of.

As Christians we are members of God's family "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1). This is a privileged position and it brings with it many responsibilities, not least that we should love God and our neighbours (Mark 12:28-34) and one another as Christ loves us (John 13:34).

Being members of God's family should have a positive impact on the way that we relate to one another, not least our earthly families. As challenging as this is, I trust that we choose to remain as full and active members of God's family as it is possible.

Graham
Rev Graham Morgan - Minister

I almost went to church

I almost went to church last night but I couldn't find the time,
So much to do about the house to leave would be a crime.
So I brushed and sewed and polished and went wearily to bed,
But made a resolution, 'I'll go next week instead.'

I almost went to church last night but then an old friend came,
And to have closed the door on him would be an awful shame.
So we talked, chatted, gossiped until goodbyes were said
But I made a resolution, 'I'd go next week instead.'

I almost went to church last night but something made me late,
And unpunctuality is something that I hate. So I didn't go, but
stayed at home and to my conscience said I'll make a
resolution, 'I'll go next week instead.'

I almost went to church last night but the weather was so cold,
To venture out on such a night was foolish I'd been told.
So I just sat at home, took up a book and read
But made a resolution, I'd go next week instead.'

I almost went to church last night but I knew the preacher there.
And for his style of preaching I didn't really care.
So rather than go to church and come home with a heavy head
I made a resolution, I'd go next week instead.

I almost went to church last night but my favourite programme was on
And by the time it ended the time for church was gone.
So I stayed before the telly until the set was dead,
But made a resolution, 'I'll go next week instead.'

I did. I went to church last night but alas it was too late,
The church was locked and silent 'FOR SALE' was on the gate.
And oh how much remorse I felt, for the church it now was dead,
And I knew it was I who killed it by going 'next week instead.'

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers

Malcolm & Shirley Peart, the Bull family, the Stanway family, Mary Cann, Margaret Thomas, Betty Simpson, Ron & Marjorie Dobson, Margaret Lloyd, George & Margaret Linskill, Elizabeth Sleightholme, Eileen Pidd, John Ritchie and Ian Beaton.

Obituary

We extend love and sympathy to Dorothy Dahl and her family on the death of her husband Peter who served the Church at Westborough faithfully for many years before moving to Scotland.

Thanks

Harold and Mabel Tait are very grateful for the flowers and chocolates they received on 98th and 92nd birthdays. Many thanks to Westborough church friends.

The Members of Westborough Men's Shed would like to say a big thank you to Rev Pam Ward for the generous donation of £100 that has been received. This will help us to get more tools and equipment and to produce a wider range of items.

We all enjoy our mornings working together in the shed and learning more about what we can do with wood and are very pleased that our work is attractive and selling well!

Acknowledgements

It has to be said that, at times, things wouldn't have run at all smoothly in the Coffee Bar if it were not for the dedication and unstinting input from Roger Coles. Roger has stepped down as Manager of the Coffee Bar and also from his enormous task of setting up and running, including order goods, for the Traidcraft stall (not forgetting the part which Rosie played). It is now time for Roger to retire from these things and we as a church say Thank you to Roger for all he has done. We also say Happy Birthday!

Similarly, we would like to acknowledge the time and efforts and skills of Rita Moorhouse. After 20 twenty years, Rita has stepped down from position of Chair of the Church Life Committee. I don't think it would be possible to calculate how many church family meals that Rita has not only planned, but served and cleared up afterwards. Rita assures us that she will still be around to help on occasions. Thank Rita, for all you have done, and still are doing.

THANK YOU AGAIN FROM US ALL

Anne Dargue wishes to thank all the friends who have supported her in LAUGH (Looking After Uniformed Groups Here) trying to reach out and include the parents who bring their little ones to Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs on Monday and Friday

evenings. We are pleased to say that we feel that this is appreciated and we hope will go from strength to strength!

C.A.M.E.O (Come And Meet Each Other)

Anne and Susie are delighted that CAMEO has grown from only 4 to sometimes as many as 16 (including Sebastian and his Mum) who meet on Monday afternoons to share in fellowship, chair exercises - and lots of laughs!!!!

FEED THE MINDS

The U3A Singers are once again going to entertain us all with a concert to raise funds for Feed the Minds at St. Andrew's United Reform Church, Ramshill Road on Saturday 18th April at 7.30p.m. Last year's concert was a hugely enjoyable event and we invite you to come and join us again and raise money for the disadvantaged on other continents.

Further details from Patricia Mollon. Chairman



Report from 2nd Scarborough (Westborough) Guides

It's finally arrived! After all the months of planning, our Centenary year is now underway. We started the year (academic year) at the end of August when 12 Guides and 2 leaders joined around 2,000 other Guides at Wellies and Wristbands at Waddow, Lancs. During the day the girls took part in activities such as rock climbing, caving, canoeing and tree climbing, alongside giant inflatables, crafts and hot tubs. It was one of the hottest weekends in the year and we ended up going in the hot tubs to cool down! In the evenings the stage was the place to be where it there were non-stop bands every night.

Back at Guides, the term started with a 2 match fire-lighting challenge which went towards the Have Adventures theme award. We have also had an activity looking at the Guide Laws towards the Know Myself theme award, and Twist That Dish, an activity to create dips, as part of the Skills for my Future theme award. In September we joined with Girlguiding groups all over the country to take part in the Future Girl Acts week - recycle revival, which was all about avoiding plastic pollution. Some of the sea creatures the girls made from recycled plastic found their way into the Church for our harvest display. Later in the term, the Guides worked in small groups on Skills Builder badges. Some did Live Smart Stage 4, and really enjoyed using tools to make games out of wood. Others worked on Explore Stage 4 where making energy food was easily the most popular activity! The girls working on Make Change Stage 4 managed to get food involved, when they baked and sold cookies in aid of Marie Curie. First Aid Stage 3 gave girls the chance to learn first aid skills and they found out how to improvise using everyday objects. Some of the older girls worked on Innovate Stage 4 which involved various tasks including mock-up keyhole surgery, and some of the younger ones completed Communicate Stage 3 - trying out various ways of communicating, including the phonetic alphabet and BSL signing.

In October we joined around 13,000 Guides and Rangers at Sheffield Arena for The Big Gig - a pop concert for Girlguiding members where we saw 8 bands including Fleur East and Rak-SU (X-Factor Winners). And then it was November - our actual 100th Birthday. The weekend started with a Coffee Morning where we could chat with lots of ex-Guides - thank you to everyone who came, it was lovely to see you all. We then had a great celebration sleepover at Westborough for all the



Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, which ended with the Church Parade service where we could share our celebration with the rest of the congregation.

Our final outing before Christmas was to London for the day. We were very lucky to have been selected to attend The Royal Opera House to see the ballet Sleeping Beauty (at very reduced rates!) and we also spent the morning there taking part in workshops and watching small dance performances. The Guides were very impressed with the grandeur of the building, and it is a day we will not forget.

Guide Coffee Morning

2nd Scarborough (Westborough) Guides would like to invite everyone to join them at their Coffee Morning on Saturday 29 February 2020. It will be taking place from 10am-12noon in the Coffee Lounge and Langdale Room. We will be raising funds for the Guide unit. Tickets can be bought from the Guides after the Parade service on 2 February at £1 for adults and 50p for children, which entitles you to a free drink and biscuit. Or you can just turn up and pay on the day.

Fun Loving Adult Needed!

2nd Scarborough (Westborough) Brownies are looking for a fun loving adult who can go along to help Bethan with Brownies on a Monday night, as one leader has recently left, and another is due to go to university in September. You would be helping the Brownies with their activities, and if anyone wanted to there is a chance to gain leadership qualifications (optional). All adults working with the girls would need to undergo a DBS check through Girlguiding and would need to undertake an online safe space training. And that's

all there is to it! There are a lot of opportunities to gain further qualifications should you want to, but what they really need is someone that is enthusiastic and willing to give it a go. If you are unable to help, maybe you know someone who would like to - it is ideal for young adults who are at university in Scarborough, or anyone who has a few hours a week to spare. If you would like to help, or know anyone who would like to, please have a word with Bethan at a Parade service, or leave a message with the Church office. Many thanks.

SCRIPTURE UNION

The Scripture Union Bible Reading notes for 1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2021 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 2020 is £16.00

ALL WE CAN (Methodist Relief and Development) 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.

This Connexional year, the 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. As a Partner Church, 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 donations that have been recently received, these have been significant and greatly appreciated.

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 - 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, 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 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, 16th. February at 10.30 a.m.

Panther Cub Scouts

The Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award in the Cub Scout section has been gained by Joseph Taylor. The badge and certificate were presented by the Group Scout Leader at the Church Parade in February.

Joseph Taylor, Bryn Appleby and Matthew Knowles have now joined the Scout Troop and have received their Moving On badges. The Pack thanks them for the contribution they have made whilst being members of the Pack and wishes them successful and enjoyable Scouting in the future. Grateful thanks are also expressed to their parents for the support that they have given their sons and the Pack.

Efan Atkinson, Caleb Daniels, Taylor Dunn, Eren Eroglu, Joshua Fawcett, Tyler Finch, Jack Pearson and James White have been invested as Cub Scouts and welcomed into the Pack and wishes them enjoyment and success.

Recent Pack meetings have included the Book Reader Activity Badge at the Library, the Pack Quiz which was won by Yellow Six who represented the Pack at the District Quiz, a Jamboree Evening led by Will Stanway and Rory Ruston who had participated in the World Scout Jamboree in North America during the Summer, an International Evening which focused on France, Germany, Spain and Switzerland and a Christmas crafts evening.

The Pack with parents, joined with the other sections of the Group for a Bonfire evening at Throxenby Hall.

Most members of the Pack made a Christmas decoration for the Church Christmas tree.

For the Pack Christmas Good Turn, calendars, with views of Scarborough and Yorkshire, were again made. Over seventy members and friends of Westborough were then visited in their own home or in retirement or nursing homes or seen at church during the 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.

The Pack participated in the District Swimming Gala and were joint runners-up overall, second in the freestyle relay and winners of the medley relay. Congratulations to the team of Ashton Jones, Matthew Knowles, Thomas Knowles, Josh Lappao, Jake Sissons and Luke Tennant. Thanks to Lindsay Knowles and Helen Shaw for their assistance.

The Pack entered a team in the District Quiz and well done to the team of Logan Thompson, Liam Cassidy, Jake Sisson, Dillon Goodwill and Joshua Fawcett.

At the District Carol Service, the flag carrier was Matthew Knowles and Matthew read the account by a shepherd and Thomas Knowles read the account from the stable. Orders of Service were given out by Bryn Appleby and Joseph Taylor. 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 of the Borough of Scarborough and members of the District Executive, District Team, District Scout Active Support and District Appointments Committee. Grateful thanks to Mr. Michael Colbeck, the Captain of the 5th. Scarborough Boy's Brigade for giving the talk and to Mr. Colin Brooke for being the organist. The offering was donated to Willows Lull Children's Charity and a total of £349.40 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.

The Pack has had a football evening, in preparation for the District Five-A-Side Football competition

Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship meets on Tuesday afternoon at 2pm, usually in the small chapel All are welcome to join in.

COMMUNION TABLE AND CHURCH ENTRANCE FLOWERS

February 2020

- 2 Mrs Lesley Cottle & family 'Remembering Mum, June Lumbis, funny smile, funny lady; miss you' and 'remembering Mam, Mary Cottle, generous, kind, loving lady; miss you.'
The Moorhouse & Malton Families
'in memory of special Parents & Grandparents
The Mould Family @In loving memory of Bridget Smith (Ellen Mould's Mum)'
Miss Pat Peacock 'in loving memory of family & friends'
- 9 Mrs Eileen Pidd 'celebrating birthdays & remembering loved ones'
Anonymously
- 16 Mrs Joan Hey'in loving memory of Alf'
Mrs Ann Squires 'In memory of my beloved husband'
- 23rd Mr Brian Raper
Mrs Norah Pugh 'in loving memory of Roy'

March

- 1 The Uniformed Organizations
Mr & Mrs Mike & Dawn Stead
- 8 Dr & Mrs Alan & Pam Walker 'with happy memories of our parents'
- 15 Mr Albert Devitt 'in loving memory of Betty'
'With loving memories of the late Arthur & May Jennings'
from all of their family

22 **Mothers Day**

Mrs Joan Wheeler & family

'in loving memory of John, a very dear husband, father & grandfather, on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary'

'In loving memory of the late Jean Rogers' from her family

29 Mrs Amanda Hamblin 'With happy memories of Mum'

Mr John Briggs 'In loving memory of Joan'

April

5 Mrs Ruth Johnston 'with birthday remembrances of Tom, loving husband, father & Granddad'

Mrs Rita Moorhouse

Wendy, Keith, Luke & Matthew Wilson

'in remembrance of Claire, a dear daughter and sister, and in thankfulness of family life'

12 **Easter Sunday:**

Mrs Kathleen Hill

Mrs Averil Hopper & family 'in memory of Gerald & with thankfulness for a loving family'

Mr Richard Moorhouse

Mrs Miriam Young

19 Mr & Mrs Ian & Yvonne Beaton 'with Anniversary Celebrations' and thanks for a loving family'

Rev Brian Fitzpatrick & family 'in loving memory of Marion'

26 Mr & Mrs John & Angela Garten 'celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary'

Mrs Yvonne Jeffery 'with happy memories of Mummy'

Mrs Esmee Whisson

The Mould Family 'In loving memory of Joyce Mould'



February dates for your diary

3 Mon	7.45 am	Holy Communion. Healing & Wholeness and Holy Communion
17 Mon	7.30 pm	Scout Group Executive
26 Wed	10.30 am.	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

March

2 Mon	10.00 am	Lenten Study: And there was light Rev. Graham Morgan
	11.15 am	Holy Communion Rev. Graham Morgan
	12 noon	Soup Lunch
4 Wed	7.00 pm	Local Preachers/Worship Leaders Meeting at Fylingthorpe
9 Mon	10.00 am	Lenten Study' God is Light Rev Pam. Ward
	11.15 am	Holy Communion Rev Pam. Ward
	12 noon	Soup Lunch
10 Tue	7.00 pm	Consultation on Worship
16 Mon	10.00 am	Lenten Study, A light to direct Rev. Graham Morgan
	11.15 am	Holy Communion, Rev. Graham Morgan
	12 noon	Soup Lunch
17 Tue		God Unites us in Love (at Pickering)
23 Mon	10.00 am	Lenten Study, Light in the world Rev Pam. Ward
	11.15 am	Holy Communion, Rev Pam. Ward
	12 noon	Soup Lunch
24 Tue	7.00 pm	Circuit Meeting at Westborough
30 Mon	10.00 am	Lenten Study, Living in the Light Rev Graham Morgan
	11.15 am	Holy Communion, Rev Pam. Ward
	12 noon	Soup Lunch

April

9 Thu	7.00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion
10 Fri	9.30 am.	CTIS Good Friday Walk of Witness from Alma Square
	12 noon	Good Friday Worship at Queen Street
14-20	Tues - Sun	E.C.G. at the Spa 2020 Vision
20 Mon	10.00 am	Pastoral Committee
23 Thu	7.00 p.m.	Friends of Priceholme AGM at Priceholme
26 Sun	3.00 pm	St. George's Day Service at Albemarle Baptist Church
29 Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion

Sunday worship

February

2	10.30 am	Rev. Graham Morgan (All age/ Parade)
	6.30 pm	Mrs. Jeanette Biltcliffe
9	10.30 am	Rev. John Staton (Holy Communion)
	6.30 pm	Rev Graham Morgan
16	10.30 am	Rev Pam Ward (E.C.G.)
	6.30 pm	Rev Trevor Haigh
23	10.30 am	At Queen Street. Methodist Youth Brass Band
	6.30 pm	Local Arrangement

March

1	10.30am	RLW (All Age/Parade)
	6.30pm	Rev Emma Morgan (Holy Communion)
8	Church Anniversary	
	10.30 am	Rev Graham Morgan
	6.30 pm	Rev Graham Morgan
15	10.30am	Rev Martin Calver
	6.30pm	RLW (Stewards)
22	10.30 a.m.	Mrs Diane Robinson
	6.30 pm	At Queen Street
29	10.30 am	Rev Graham Morgan (Holy Communion)
	6.30 pm	Rev Kevin Ridd

April

5	10.30 am	Mr Thomas Clayton (All Age/Parade)
	6.30 pm	Rev Graham Morgan Healing & Wholeness and Holy Communion
12	10.30am	Rev Pam Ward (Holy Communion)
	6.30pm	Rev Christine Hey (Holy Communion)
19	10.30 am	Mr Andy Wilcock
	6.30 pm	RLW (Stewards)
26	10.30 am	LW
	6.30 pm	Rev. Graham Morgan

PLEASE NOTE

The next issue will be for May/June/July 2020. Please submit items by 15th April 2020 Janet Chapman at janetchapman25gmail.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.

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

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

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For young children, every Sunday morning

Co-ordinator, Yvonne Jeffrey (Tel 378794)

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