



Darlington and Teesdale
Methodist Circuit

Darlington and Teesdale Circuit (13/1)
Registered Charity Number: 1132005
PLAN: September - November 2022

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Dear friends,

A few weeks ago I spent time on retreat with the Darlington District Superintendents' at Ampleforth, a Benedictine Abbey. This ancient tradition is known particularly for the way in which it shapes the day around common times of prayer and worship – what is known as the Liturgy of the Hours. The Benedictine tradition reminds us that whilst Sunday, as the Lord's day, is a particular time for gathering and celebration, and whilst there are festivals which focus our attention upon different aspects of God's story, worship is about the whole of life and not just part of it. In the Benedictine tradition there is no divide between sacred and secular: the worlds of prayer, work and community intermingle. It is also a reminder that worship and prayer are disciplines which we live out so that God can be more fully present to us and we to God and our neighbour. Even the word used to describe this, liturgy, is derived from Greek words meaning the 'people's work'.

Although the Benedictine tradition has had a huge influence upon the shape of Western worship, it does seem very far from most of our own experiences of worship even whilst it is wonderful to sit in prayer at the Abbey allowing the worship simply to wash over you. Nevertheless, whilst we may have own preferences in worship, there is something important here which resonates with the Methodist tradition. Take, for example, the theme of the Superintendents' retreat: a *Methodist Way of Life*. A *Methodist Way of Life* is not a way of suggesting that Methodist Christians are in some way different or better than other Christians. Rather it is a reminder that our roots lie in a disciplined approach to holiness and in discovering rhythms and patterns of Christian living which help us to walk more closely in the steps of Jesus in the power of the Spirit. A *Methodist Way of Life* is a way of holding ourselves accountable alongside others, recognising that although sometimes we will fail, discovering a rhythm of discipleship is essential to a living lives of grace.

What does a *Methodist Way of Life* say about worship? It reads as follows:

As far as we are able:

- We will pray daily
- We will worship with others regularly
- We will look and listen for God in Scripture and the world.

There are, of course, other aspects of a *Methodist Way of Life* (learning and caring; service; evangelism). But there is a challenge here for all of us to discover afresh what it might mean to live a life with worship at its heart 24/7. Over to you!

Yours in Christ

Revd Richard Andrew
Superintendent/District Chair



A Circuit Service will be held at Barnard Castle Methodist Church on Sunday, 9th October at 4pm. The service will be led by Rev. Ashley Cooper, Principal of Cliff College. Please put the date in your diaries, more details will be issued in due course.

AUTUMN 2022 PLAN NO: 232	SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER					NOVEMBER			
	4th	11th Education Sunday	18th	25th	2nd	9th Prison Sunday	16th Sight Loss Sunday	23rd One World Week	30th	6th	13th Remembrance	20th Christ the King	27th Advent Sunday
B. Castle 10:30am	Lorne Tallentire	Becca Byass Harvest	Cutler HC	Walton	OA	Rev. A. Cooper CA 4pm Rev. A. Cooper	2pm Mem Cutler	Cutler HC	P. Collins	OA Shoebox	Coustick	Cutler HC	J. Collins
Barton 10:30am	Cutler Joint with CoE HC	OA	Law Harvest	Carter	Coustick	@ Parish Church	Cutler HC	OA	J. Collins	Cutler Joint with CoE HC	Pinkney	Nurse T	Sleightholme
Cockerton 10:30am	Nurse T	Roberts HC	J. Collins	Roberts Harvest	OA	Roberts HC	Selley	Law	Coustick	Roberts HC	Roberts	Roberts CA	Cutler
Elm Ridge 10:30am	OA	J. Collins	Howard HC	Howard Harvest / P	Sleightholme	Simpson	Howard HC	Sutcliffe	Howard	OA	Howard P	Howard HC	Bower
Haughton 10:30am	Coustick HC	P. Collins	Hutton Harvest	Nurse T	Law	OA	Hutton HC	Ian Tallentire	Bower Mem	P. Collins	Hutton @ St. Andrew's	OA	Simpson
H. Hill 10:30am	Simpson	Hutton Harvest / P	P. Collins	George	OA	Hutton HC	Sleightholme	Nurse T	Sutcliffe	Hutton Gift / HC	Simpson	OA	Ian Tallentire
Hurworth 10am	Hutton HC / AAW	George AAW	Bower AAW	OA	Hutton Harvest / P	Sutcliffe AAW	J. Collins AAW	Simpson AAW	Pinkney AAW	Carter AAW	@ All Saints	George HC / AAW	OA
Staindrop 10:30am 6pm	Sutcliffe		Coustick	Simpson	R. Dent Harvest		Carter	Selley	Cutler	Howard HC		OA	P. Collins
		Cutler HC				Cutler HC					Cutler CA		
The Pathway 10:30am 2:30pm		Ian Tallentire	Andrew HC	Cutler B		Cutler HC	Coustick	OA			10am: Cutler 10:45: Cenotaph	OA	Howard HC
	Simpson AT				Howard AT / Harvest				4pm A. Graham UTCT	Walton AT			
The Well 10:30am	Bright	OA	Pinkney	Hutton HC	Howard CA	Bower HC	Bright Harvest	Hutton	OA	Bright	Ian Tallentire	Bright	Hutton HC
Telephone Service 9am	Coustick	Bagnall	Howard	Bagnall	Bagnall	Lorne Tallentire	P+J Collins	Selley	Bagnall	Ian Tallentire	Pinkney	Bagnall	P+J Collins
Media Service	Hutton	Cutler	Coustick	Howard	TBC	Cutler	Hutton	Coustick	TBC	Cutler	Hutton	Howard	Coustick

PLAN CODES

HC	Holy Communion	T	Transport needed
PS	Parade Service	CA	Church Anniversary
B	Baptism	UTCT	Upper Teesdale
			Churches Together
		AAW	All Age Worship

Preachers are expected to fulfil their own appointments or provide an accredited substitute and inform the Superintendent, the Circuit Office and the Church Steward(s) of the change.

Darlington Churches Hymn Books and Facilities

Barnard Castle	H&P, MPC, StF	CCLI ref: 3390	WL
Barton	H&P, MPcp		
Cockerton	StF, Pro	CCLI ref 74365	WL
Elm Ridge	StF, H&P, MPcp, Pro	CCLI ref 32479	WL
Haughton	H&P, MP	CCLI ref 561024	
H. Hill	StF, H&P, MPcp, Pro	CCLI ref 88557	WL
Hurworth	H&P, MPCp, Pro	CCLI ref 252950	WL
Staindrop	H&P, Mp, SoF, StF	CCLI ref: 868959	
The Pathway	H&P, SoF, StF	CCLI ref: 20247	WL
The Well	StF, H&P, JP, MPcb, Pro	CCLI ref: 828243	WL

- Key:
- H&P Hymns and Psalms
 - StF Singing the Faith
 - MPcp Mission Praise Complete
 - MPcb Mission Praise Combined
 - Pro Fixed Projector available, contact Steward for details
 - WL Worship Leader/s available, contact Steward for details

Church Stewards / Contact

Barnard Castle	Margaret Wills
Barton	Joan Marwood Marjorie Brentley - Hymns
Cockerton	Alison Hunter
Elm Ridge	Tony Allen Julie Watson
Harrowgate Hill	Margaret Cuthbert
Haughton	Valerie Tooth Ann Thubron
Hurworth	Eric Miller
Staindrop	Julia Petty
Pathway	Ruth Tallentire
Well	Graham Bright

Contact details are available on the ‘Contact List’ distributed with this Plan

Local Preachers		Worship Leaders	
Jean Sharp*	1960	Josie Pollard	Barnard Castle
David Hogg*	1963	Judith Tarn	The Pathway
Philip Law	1964	Jan Cossins	Cockerton
Sheila Walton	1964	Paul Kane	Cockerton
Barbara Carter	1970	Mary Everitt	Elm Ridge
Lorne Tallentire	1976	Peter Gallop	Elm Ridge
Ian Tallentire	1979	Ali Dinsdale	Elm Ridge
Jennie Collins	1987	Sue Seightholme	Elm Ridge
Peter Collins	1987	Mary Haves	Elm Ridge
Christine Nurse	1990	Eric Miller	Hurworth
Margaret Wearmouth*	1998	Jane Miller	Hurworth
Pam Martin*	1999	Hazel Neasham	Hurworth
Bill Bartle	2002	Lyn Hatch	Hurworth
Debs Coggrave	2004	Ben Conner	The Well
Margaret Bower *	2006	Morvyn Sanderson	The Well
Graham Bright	2006	Helen Hamilton	Harrowgate
Brian Simpson	2011		Hill
Stephen Sutcliffe	2015		
Jenny Selley	2019		
* retired or currently not active			

Lectionary Readings for this Quarter

4th Sept	Jeremiah 18: 1-11	Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1: 1-21	Luke 14: 25-33
11th Sept	J'miah 4: 11-12, 22-28	Psalm 14	1 Tim 1: 12-17	Luke 15: 1-10
18th Sept	J'miah 8: 18-9:1	Psalm 79: 1-9	1 Tim 2: 1-7	Luke 16: 1-13
25th Sept	J'miah 32: 1-3a, 6-15	Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16	1 Tim 6: 6-19	Luke 16: 19-31
2nd Oct	Lamentations 1: 1-6	Psalm 137	2 Tim 1: 1-14	Luke 17: 5-10
9th Oct	J'miah 29:1, 4-7	Psalm 66: 1-12	2 Tim 2: 8-15	Luke 17: 11-19
16th Oct	J'miah 31: 27-34	Psalm 119: 97-104	2 Tim 3: 14 - 4:5	Luke 18: 1-8
23rd Oct	Joel 2: 23-32	Psalm 65	2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18	Luke 18: 9-14
30th Oct	Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4	Psalm 119: 137-144	2 Thess 1: 1-4, 11-12	Luke 19: 1-10
6th Nov	Haggai 1: 15b-2:9	Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21	2 Thess 2: 1-5, 13-17	Luke 20: 27-38
13th Nov	Isaiah 25: 1-9	Psalm 9: 9-20	Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39	Matt 5: 1-12
20th Nov	J'miah 23: 1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1: 11-20	Luke 23: 33-43
27th Nov	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13: 11-14	Matt 24: 36-44

A Methodist Way of Life

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

God loves you unconditionally, no strings attached. That's the good news.

In response to this gift, there are twelve things that we do individually and together as we grow as followers of Jesus, which help us to worship God, serve others, be evangelistic, and learn and care together. None of this makes God love you any more - but they may help you realise how deeply you are loved by God. As far as we are able, with God's help, we:

			
Pray We pray daily	Worship We worship with others regularly	Notice We notice God in Scripture and the world	Care We care for ourselves and those around us
			
Learn We learn more about our faith	Open We practise hospitality and generosity	Serve We help people in our communities and beyond	Flourish We care for creation and all God's gifts
			
Challenge We challenge injustice	Tell We tell of the love of God	Live We live in a way that draws people to Jesus	Share We share our faith

More information is available at:

www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/a-methodist-way-of-life/

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