



**York  
Methodists**

# Plan and Circuit News



New staff for September 2017: Revd Keith Albans, Revd Rachel Muthoni, Deacon Judith Stoddart and John Bailey

**September– November 2017**

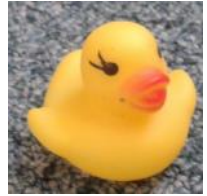
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## FaithWorks Celebration, 16th July 2017

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1v22.

On 16th July Christians from around the Circuit gathered at Central Methodist in York to wrap up our Bible Month studies on James.



Revd Calvin Samuel spoke to us on the theme of “Don’t duck the challenge of James” and we were encouraged to put what we had been learning into action, and not to be like the ducks who heard a sermon about how God had created them to fly, enthusiastically agreed with the preacher...and then waddled home, feet firmly on the ground. To help us remember, everyone was given a gift bag to take away, including a rubber duck!

Everyone attending was given a booklet containing the day was given a booklet containing information about local and national mission organisations with a connection to the circuit, and encouraged to think about how they could raise to the challenge of living out our faith. Contact the circuit office if you’d like a copy!

Over tea and cake, served by ladies from Askham Grange Women’s Prison, we were encouraged to pray for ourselves, the church and the world by visiting a number of prayer stations. After that we continued worshipping as we prayed for and thanked members of staff who are leaving the circuit this summer. Those who were moving within the circuit were also prayed for, and the day finished with all who were there being commissioned to follow God’s call, whether that’s to go or to stay where we are.

Rousing singing (and squeaking of rubber ducks!) reminded us of how encouraging it can be to gather together in large numbers. The day was a great round-off to our study of James and encouragement to remember that our faith should affect our whole lives—that we shouldn’t ‘duck’ the challenges we face as Christians.



## Feedback from Bible Month



We thought it would be good to share some of the feedback we've had from around the circuit on Bible Month, which took place from 18th June– 16th July. Look out for news of similar initiatives in the future!

- “I really like James and his straight talking.”
- “The groups were held in a relaxed atmosphere which was non- threatening.”
- “I really enjoyed the challenge of the study itself and its personal impact.”
- “The interaction between friends was valuable. It emphasised our Christian responsibilities as a church and the commitment we should make.”
- “I haven't been to a Bible study for years and I enjoyed it very much. I found it was relaxed and easy to express your opinions, and a pleasure to do that. I liked James and could apply what he says especially, “What's the use of saying you have faith if you don't prove it by your actions”. I felt that he was sometimes a bit negative and talked a lot about the “bad people” – after all God is a loving Father. I will certainly come to the next study!”
- “Everyone in the group was agreed about wanting to do other concentrated studies in the future and I believe that Bible Month has been appreciated and beneficial to all who took part.”
- “The small group of us who discussed James together were brought closer to understanding and accepting one another. We are a stronger group now having persevered and gone through the trials and tribulations of living a Christian life.”

## News from Hushwaite

In the last circuit newsletter, Thornton le Clay shared the new chapter of their church life as they became a class of Huntington. Recently Hushwaite have taken a similar step and are becoming a class of Easingwold.

Hushwaite are the most northerly part of our circuit and have been a faithful witness to their community for 86 years. Over the past year, illness and

smaller numbers have prompted us to look at the way forward, and Easingwold are friendly!

Worship at Hustwaite is now on the first and third Sundays of the month, and the outreach activities of coffee and chat and soup and pud will continue. However, the governance and finance issues are being shared as Easingwold draw alongside Hustwaite and form a wider church family.

Your prayers are appreciated as we begin the next step on our journey.

Elizabeth Cushion

### **Introduction to John Bailey, Pastoral Missioner**

I was born in Macclesfield, Cheshire and worked before retirement as an Income Tax Inspector in the Manchester area, London, Cornwall and Plymouth. I am married to Sandra and as we have travelled around the country we have joined a local church and experienced worship in several different denominations. We have been members of the Methodist church since moving to Cornwall 32 years ago. Here I was accredited as a Local Preacher in 1998.



In recent times I have been employed by the Methodist Church as a Circuit Evangelism Enabler and pastor in the Launceston Circuit and for the last six years as a Lay Pastor in the Camborne-Redruth Circuit with pastoral responsibility for four village chapels. I have an MA degree in Mission & Ministry from York St John University.

I look forward to working with you as Pastoral Missioner.

### **Welcoming new members**

We were delighted to welcome six new members at Lidgett Methodist Church this July. During the service of Confirmation and Reception into Membership there was an opportunity for each person to share their testimony. It was such a privilege to hear how God had been at work in their lives, and especially through those at Lidgett. All commented on the warm welcome they had received that played a key role in their desire to

renew their faith and join the church community. Pam and Sue became more involved at Lidgett through the Wednesday Community Cafe and Tuesday Art Group, where they quickly made friends with all ages. Jo, Robyn and Karen started attending the monthly Messy Church and All Age café-style services with their families, and in so doing found a place to grow spiritually themselves. Jonathan transferred from his previous Methodist Church, where he had been a worship leader. He particularly values the combination of those at Lidgett Methodist Church's desire to grow in faith and to meet the needs of the local community. We are so encouraged to see these signs of God present in our midst and look forward to welcoming our new ministry team this September.

Corinne Brown

## Micro YPS

It has been a year of changes for  $\mu$ YPS; Karen Turner moved on, I started and the scheme is changing its name from  $\mu$ YPS to One Opportunity in September. One thing that has not changed is the quality of the young people who have joined the scheme; their participation has impacted everyone involved. At a recent meeting project enablers and spiritual mentors shared how their relationships with the young people have changed over the year leading to personal growth for them as well as for their intern. The young people report how they have experienced deeper and more fulfilling relationships with the adults in their church as a result of the scheme; many of them expressing how these relationships have supported them on their faith journey.

Projects around the circuit have included a contemporary worship service at Easingwold. This has been running on Fridays, but was well received when guesting on a Sunday, leading to plans to run on a Sunday again in September. The garden project at Holgate is also continuing into the autumn and there are plans to extend the technology use at Lidgett. Who Let the Dads Out at Haxby will resume after the building works and the Little Miss Unique course is running for a second time over the summer.



So it is with mixed feelings that I look forward to the first year of One Opportunity in 2017/18. Sadness as I miss the previous year's interns and excitement for our new group; four of whom come from York Circuit. Job descriptions are currently being written for this year's projects which include the installation of technology, hospitality and communication across the generations. It looks like being another great year!

Victoria Etherington

### **Carecent harvest appeal**

It will soon be Harvest Festival season, and so I am writing to ask for your help again. Carecent receives no formal funding, and so is entirely dependent upon donations from our supporters, the bulk of which we receive during our Harvest campaign. We are mindful that we make the same request each year, and we are always overwhelmed by the generosity of local churches and school groups and we are, as always, grateful for your past generosity.



This year's list is below, as in previous years it is very specific. If Carecent receives items that we are unable to use, we trust that you will be happy for us to pass them on to other agencies working with people who are homeless or otherwise socially excluded.

### **Our drop off point has changed!**

This year we will be receiving donations at **Shipton** Methodist Church, Shipton by Beningborough, YO30 1AA. As usual items can be brought on a Monday or Tuesday evening between 6-8pm (from Monday September 18th up until Tuesday October 24th). It would be helpful if you could ring us on 01904 624244 during the morning session (8.30am-10.45am) and let us know when you are intending to make a delivery. If it is impossible for you to bring your donation to us then please let us know and we may be able to arrange collection.

If you would like a representative from Carecent to come and give a talk about the work which we do, then please get in touch.

As ever, on behalf of the staff, volunteers and customers at Carecent, I

would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donations and prayers. If you have any questions, please email [admin@carecent.org](mailto:admin@carecent.org) or phone 01904 624244 during opening hours.

**Thank you for your support – it really makes a difference!**

Nicky Gladstone, Project Leader, Carecent

**This year, we need the following, please help!**

**Food**

Tinned tomatoes (preferably whole not chopped)  
Tinned meat which can be served cold – ham, spam, corned beef.  
Tinned hot dog sausages  
Tinned spaghetti  
Baked Beans  
Breakfast Cereal  
Porridge Oats  
Canned fish (especially fish other than tuna)  
Brown Sauce  
Tomato Ketchup  
Tea  
Instant Coffee  
Sugar  
Marmite / Peanut butter  
Tinned fruit  
Fruit juice

**Clothing and Toiletries**

Gents' socks please - they don't have to be new, but they do have to be clean! We would also welcome men's & ladies underwear (new/ nearly new)  
Jeans (in sizes 30", 32" and 34")  
Gents' clothes (fleeces / jumpers / t-shirts)  
Hats,  
Gloves,  
Roll-on deodorant (**no** aerosols please),  
Toothpaste, shampoo and disposable razors.  
Baby wipes / cosmetic wipes and feminine hygiene products.

**This year we're not asking for:**

Tinned or packet soup  
Salt  
Combination tins e.g. baked beans with sausages – and spiced items.

As we only serve breakfast, we can't use things such as tinned or fresh vegetables, cooking sauces, packets of dried rice and pasta.

## **Circuit council report** 5th July 2017

- A report from the local preachers' meeting notified the meeting of several local preachers who had retired, and the meeting requested the Bristol Circuit where Corinne Brown will be moving to admit her as a local preacher at the end of her 12 month period On Trial, subject to a successful final interview. Laura Gallery has been given a note to preach.
- The Circuit Stewards reported on upcoming changes to staff and manses over the summer. Vanbrugh Drive manse is to be let out once vacated and Dene Holm and Heworth Green manses are to be sold. Chestnut Avenue manse is to be occupied by a minister Without Appointment for one year, rent will be paid to the circuit. It was agreed to continue to let Melbourne Terrace church building to Vineyard Church.
- Joyce Jinks will be joining the circuit stewards team from September 2017. Christine Stephenson was thanked for all her work as a circuit steward as she steps down and takes on a new role as circuit council secretary.
- A report from the Circuit Property Advisory Group was received and approval given to a scheme to provide a servery at Cornerstone (formerly St George's) to facilitate the setting up of a community café. Circuit Council also approved a grant of £15,000 from the Dorothy May bequest to Cornerstone, to be used for essential building works (needed for the building to remain open) and for mission.
- Finance report was received, the sale of manses will bring our funding back to a more secure position. Thornton le Clay has become a class of Huntington, and Husthwaite is becoming a class of Easingwold, so neither will pay separate assessments.
- The Circuit Stewards are investigating ways the Circuit can continue to support the community at Shipton once the property there is sold, possibly through a Chaplain at the Anglican-Methodist school with some time in the job description for community engagement.
- A report from the Vision Coordinating team was received, new members will need to be appointed to the team next year. Andy Lindley will be working to explore ways to develop and equip lay leadership.
- Sue Pybus was thanked for her service as circuit council secretary, and Leslie for his role as chair. Tim Duffy thanked all those for whom this was their last circuit council meeting.



## Staffing from September 2017

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Acaster Malbis    | Revd Julia Skitt                                   |
| Acomb             | Revd Andrew Lindley                                |
| Alne              | Revd Elizabeth Cushion                             |
| Bishopthorpe      | Revd Julia Skitt                                   |
| Central           | Revd Rory Dalgliesh                                |
| Clifton           | Revd John Schofield                                |
| Clifton Moor      | Local Ecumenical Projects with Anglican leadership |
| Copmanthorpe      | Revd Julia Skitt                                   |
| Cornerstone       | (formerly St George's) Revd Andrew Lindley         |
| Dunnington        | Revd Rachel Muthoni                                |
| Easingwold        | Revd Elizabeth Cushion                             |
| Haxby & Wigginton | Revd Rory Dalgliesh                                |
| Heslington        | Local Ecumenical Projects with Anglican leadership |
| Hessay            | Revd Ian Hill                                      |
| Heworth           | Revd Rachel Muthoni                                |
| Holgate           | Revd Andrew Lindley                                |
| Huby              | Revd Elizabeth Cushion                             |
| Huntington        | Revd Keith Albans                                  |
| Husthwaite        | Revd Elizabeth Cushion                             |
| Lidgett           | Revd Ian Hill                                      |
| New Earswick      | Revd Keith Albans                                  |
| Poppleton         | Revd Ian Hill                                      |
| Rufforth          | Revd Ian Hill                                      |
| Sheriff Hutton    | Revd Elizabeth Cushion                             |
| Southlands        | Revd Andrew Lindley                                |

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| Stamford Bridge      | Revd Rachel Muthoni    |
| Stillingfleet        | Revd Julia Skitt       |
| Stillington          | Revd Elizabeth Cushion |
| Strensall            | Revd Keith Albans      |
| Tholthorpe           | Revd Elizabeth Cushion |
| Thornton             | Revd Keith Albans      |
| Trinity              | Revd John Schofield    |
| West Thorpe          | Revd Andrew Lindley    |
| City centre ministry | Deacon Judith Stoddart |

## Circuit Prayer Rota

| <b>Week beginning</b> | <b>Church to pray for</b> | <b>Topic to pray for</b>             |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3rd Sept              | Stillingfleet             | Those starting new schools           |
| 10th Sept             | Stillington               | National and local government        |
| 17th Sept             | Strensall                 | Areas suffering famine               |
| 24th Sept             | Tholthorpe                | Foodbanks in our area                |
| 1st October           | Thornton-le-Clay          | Aroma café staff & volunteers        |
| 8th October           | Trinity                   | Prison staff and prisoners           |
| 15th October          | West Thorpe               | YOYO and Open the Book in schools    |
| 22nd October          | Acaster Malbis            | Christians around the world          |
| 29th October          | Acomb                     | Those who work in the Health service |
| 5th November          | Alne                      | Work with those who are homeless     |
| 12th November         | Bishopthorpe              | The armed forces and chaplains       |
| 19th November         | Central                   | Those who are housebound             |
| 26th November         | Clifton                   | Victims of domestic violence         |

## Diary dates

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|----------------|--|
| 27th August    | 6.30pm, Service to celebrate the new district and inauguration of Leslie Newton as District Chair, venue TBC |
| 3rd September  | 4pm, Circuit Welcome Service, Acomb  |
| 6th September  | Leaders of Worship & Preachers, Poppleton  |
| 18th September | Circuit Council, Poppleton   |
| 6th November   | LWP Fellowship meeting, New Earswick   |
| 5th December   | Leaders of Worship & Preachers, venue TBC  |

## Circuit Staff rest days

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|-------------------|--------|
| Keith Albans      | Friday |
| Elizabeth Cushion | Friday |
| Ian Hill          | Monday |
| Andy Lindley      | Monday |

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| Rachel Muthoni  | Monday |
| John Schofield  | Monday |
| Julia Skitt     | Monday |
| Judith Stoddart | TBC    |

## Regular prayer meetings

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| Easingwold | Prayer meeting every Friday 8.30am.   |
| Haxby      | Ecumenical prayer 9am every Wednesday, venues vary.   |
| Heslington | Christian Meditation Group, Fridays 10.30am & second Sundays 7pm.<br>Prayer Group, Tuesdays 10am. |
| Holgate    | Prayer and Care, Thursdays 10am.  |
| Heworth    | Prayer meeting, Thursday 7.30pm   |
| Huby       | Prayer meeting, Thursdays 8am.  |
| Husthwaite | Prayer meeting, 1st Wednesday of the month 9am.   |
| Poppleton  | Prayerful Reflection, Tuesdays 10am-10.30.  |
| Southlands | Concern: a meeting for prayer, Wednesdays 2.30pm.   |
| Tholthorpe | Prayer meeting, Wednesdays 8.45-9.15am.   |



# Circuit Welcome Service

Join us to welcome new members of staff  
 Revd Keith Albans, Revd Rachel Muthoni and  
 Deacon Judith Stoddart.

Sunday 3rd September, 4pm  
 Acomb Methodist Church



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