

# Small Groups

During Bible Month we hope many people will explore the book of James beyond Sunday services. We especially hope that people will join together to study in small groups. There are already many home groups, cell groups, Bible study groups etc. and we hope groups will choose to join in studying James during the month

If you aren't currently part of a group, why not give it a try? Maybe there is a group already running which you could join? If not, we will be encouraging new groups to form to study the Bible Month material. Ask your minister or contact the circuit office to find out about groups in your church or geographical area. We're looking for people who would be willing to lead new groups- have a word with your minister if you are interested.

## Training & Resources

To help group leaders there will be two training sessions:

**Weds 10<sup>th</sup> May:** Leading a small group

**Thur 20<sup>th</sup> May:** Introduction to James and Bible Month

Both 7.30pm at Lidgett Methodist Church.

We will also be producing resources for groups, including background information on James, suggestions on how to run a group meeting and ideas for activities.

We hope the small group studies will complement services and lead to a deeper understanding of the book of James and what it teaches us about our discipleship.

# Bible Month

## Essential Information

### What is Bible Month?

During June and July 2017 our Circuit will be taking part in a national Methodist initiative focusing on the book of James.

### What will be happening?

**In churches**, preaching at services on 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July will be based on the book of James. Focusing on one book will help us to look at it in greater depth.

We'll also be encouraging people to take part in Bible Month in **small groups**, both existing groups and new ones that will be set up. Growing strong small groups is a circuit priority linked to our Vision and we hope this will encourage more people to be part of a group.

As a circuit, we will be joining **together** on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July** to celebrate what we have learned and think about how to put this into practice in our lives. We will also take this opportunity to look back at the last year of circuit life and ahead to plans for the future.

## why FaithWorks?

The book of James has a lot to say about our faith being useless unless we put it into action, so we'll be thinking about how best to do this, individually and as churches.



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# FaithWorks

Bible Month &  
Circuit Celebration 2017  
**18<sup>th</sup> June - 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Culminating in our  
**Circuit Celebration**  
on  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
at  
**Central Methodist Church**  
**2pm - 5.30pm**

Including an opportunity to say  
goodbye to staff who are leaving.

# FaithWorks Together Event

**Date:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
**Time:** 2pm– 5.30pm  
**Venue:** Central Methodist Church,  
St Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ

## Who is invited?

Everyone! This is an all-age event.

## Will there be food or drink?

Tea, coffee and cakes will be available.

## How do I get there?

We encourage you to share with others in travelling by car or bus, and can offer help if you need it.

## Do I need to book?

You don't need to book, but if you need help with transport or accessing Central please let us know by contacting the Circuit Office:

email: [admin@yorkmethodist.org.uk](mailto:admin@yorkmethodist.org.uk)  
telephone: 01904 499661

Please also let us know if you would like to book crèche places.

## Programme Outline

- 2pm** Worship, celebrating our journey through Bible Month
- 3.15pm** Informal time of refreshments and sharing
- 4.15pm** Closing worship, including an opportunity to say goodbye to staff who are leaving



## Guest Speaker

**The Revd Dr Calvin Samuel** is a Methodist minister and the recently appointed Principal of The London School of Theology. He has been involved in equipping churches for Bible Month.

## Children & Young People

The worship sessions will be intergenerational and we look forward to all ages worshipping together.

We will be providing a crèche for children under 5. Please contact the circuit office to book places.

We would ask parents to supervise their own children during the event.

## Accessibility

We want to make sure everyone is able to come, so please do get in touch if you need a helping hand.

If you will need help getting to the event or getting out of a car let us know beforehand and we will make sure there is someone at the door to help.

There are accessible toilets.

We will provide space for wheelchair users inside the building and a hearing loop.

## Transport

### Parking

The only parking in Saint Saviourgate itself is for local residents or for up to 10 minutes drop-off. St Saviourgate is a one way street. Nearby car parks include:

- **Foss Bank** (Jewbury, York, YO31 7PL)
- **Monk Bar** (St John's Street, York, YO31 7QR)
- **Castle car park**, off Tower Street, YO1 9SA.
- **Stonebow House** is an NCP roof top car park which is directly opposite Central. There is a very narrow ramp and a very difficult or 'tricky' turning space at the top of it.
- **Shambles** (YO1, 7NZ)

### Public transport

Many buses stop on Stonebow, just round the corner from Central, including the 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and others stop on nearby Piccadilly.

Timetables can be found online at [www.itravellyork.info](http://www.itravellyork.info) or picked up from tourist information.

We aim to finish the service in time for people to catch the Park & Ride.