

MEMO

Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Outburst

SEPTEMBER TO
NOVEMBER 2013

A Poppy Is
to Remember



FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

As you read this edition of 'Memo' you will be looking towards the Autumn, hopefully looking back on a glorious summer!! One aspect of this time of the year is the start for us of a new Methodist Year. What are our hopes for this new year as individual Christians on our faith journey? How do we want to move forward in our faith? What are we going to do to make this happen? Are we going to continue the theme of 'Our Compass' and look to enhancing our day by day devotions and our conversations with fellow Christians?

What do we hope for as individual churches? To grow in numbers? To grow as a faith community in our care for each other, in our outreach, in our worship. Many churches are now holding their Covenant services in September rather than January, a good idea to help us to look at the way we are called to move forward as Christians.

As far as 'Memo' is concerned we hope to grow and develop, we really do hope more churches and more individuals will continue to send us their contributions about the outreach events at your church and your plans for future activities.

We are grateful to all who send us their interesting contributions. This time, we have received more than we can print, which is wonderful news. Those which

have had to be omitted from this issue will appear in future editions so please keep them coming.

It is also important that we hear about your planned Christmas activities ready for the next 'Memo' which comes out in December.

Thank you for taking the time to read 'Memo' why not pass it on to your friends and neighbours? I was pleased to see a copy in Langdon Square Community Centre, and it wasn't put there by me, so someone is looking at outreach. We are also very grateful to David Everitt for making sure 'Memo' is on the Circuit website so it can be seen by many people from outside our area.

Best wishes

**Dave Elliott on behalf of the
Communications Team.**

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The Superintendent's Letter

Dear Friends,

I am very encouraged by the degree of unity in the Circuit which I have observed in recent weeks. I have seen this most particularly in the recent Circuit Service and also in the More Than Gold outreach day at Stewart Park. These two events were really wonderful and a rich blessing to all who took part. As the superintendent I took great joy from seeing the people of the Circuit coming together and working so well together.

At The More Than Gold Day we engaged powerfully together in an act of community evangelism. Many people were presented with the Gospel of Jesus in lots of small and big ways. We continue to pray that God will nurture the seeds planted that day.

The Circuit Service was a wonderful gathering for worship, fellowship and a real celebration of all that God is doing in our lives as individuals, churches and in our life as a Circuit. The order of service had a line from *Our Compass* on its front page:

‘A Connected Community of Christ’s Disciples Who Worship God With the Whole of Our Lives’.

The next opportunity to come together for a Circuit act of worship is 8th September at Eston Grange where we will be offering this new Methodist Year to God. I look forward to sharing again as a Circuit family on that day. May God bless us in this year and may we become even more united in our life of worship and witness.

With Love,

Martin

“Remembrance”

I was interested in the article by J. W. Thomas (Nunthorpe Oaks) and his story of the Local Preacher/ RAF Pilot and of his Christian witness right to the line, and the ultimate sacrifice (in the last edition of MEMO.)

During the war, I was only a young school girl, but had quite a lot of personal contact with the very brave, but home-sick young servicemen and women from Middleton St. George Aerodrome and Catterick Army Camp. Through contact with the Salvation Army ‘Redshield’ canteens, they came into Darlington on Sundays and worshipped at the Salvation Army Citadel, where they were warmly welcomed, especially as they made a useful addition to our very depleted Band!

They were ‘adopted’ by the congregation, and in spite of wartime food rationing, invited into our homes to share meals, each Sunday, so we really got to know them.

One of these was a young 19 year old, Air-pilot Harlow Farnham, who was in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He joined my family every Sunday that he could, until he was posted, “missing presumed killed”. My mother corresponded with his mother for the rest of the war, and, on her death, the letters were found, still in her possession.

We often wondered what happened to all the other brave young servicemen with whom we came in contact in this way. It was our privilege to meet them.



But civilians also suffered during the war as well as those on active service. In addition to the servicemen passing through our home, we had a more permanent resident, John Melvin, a ten year old evacuee from Bethnal Green, London. His dad was in the Royal Navy and his family had been bombed out of their home, so he came to live with us for the rest of the war. He became a Christian and learned to play a brass instrument in the Young People’s Band at Darlington Citadel.

Later we had another evacuee, John Quenet, a young 6th form student at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. He had been bombed out in London and both parents killed. We became his “family” and he attended the Baptist Church.

All those years ago, each Sunday evening our Service ended with the sung Benediction, "Remember Them, Almighty One". Even today that is still our prayer, as we too remember .

Vera Pearson (MAP) Avenue

Chernobyl Children's Party

Nunthorpe Methodist hosted a party for the 20 Children visiting Teesside from Chernobyl. This is the 7th year they have done so and once again the kids were delighted with their afternoon.



Games of balloon volleyball, and balloon corners started the proceedings as ice breakers and the 20 visitors were ably helped by 3 of our own Holly, Abigail and Melissa Lambert (visiting too - granddaughter to John and Gillian). This then lead to furious searching through the building and front garden for the couples to find their matching 7 pegs - lots of excited squeals were heard from all corners, whilst watching adults laughed at their antics and reactions. Musical Chairs, Pass the Parcel, and Game Keepers keys were all enjoyed, as faithful stalwarts of our parties. After Tea, races were held outside on the lawn in very pleasant evening sun, with lots of laughter and excitement by those doing and watching.



Tea was a very generous and colourful affair and the children got to taste all sorts of party delights including jelly and ice-cream, so thank you to all who donated. To finish, we "dragged up" all the children with every adult in the place to "do" the Hokey Kokey - oh what fun was had by all! As the children left with party bags and balloons, the helpers had cleaned away and an evening of sunshine continued, and an air of happy tiredness was present - Was that God smiling?.....

Jean Scarlett-Carr

The Flame Project

'Thousands of Teesside children hear about Jesus during school assemblies'.

'Local families start to attend church regularly'.

Wouldn't we all love to see headlines like these. If only they were true.

Well actually, they are true. Thanks to this Circuits support of the Flame project, assemblies are held in a growing number of schools which, over the last quarter have given thousands, and I do mean thousands, of children on Teesside the opportunity of hearing about Jesus from Hayley or other committed Christians. These are children who otherwise might not get the chance to hear the gospel. In a new initiative, there are plans for a special assembly at Breckon Hill Primary working with a group of Americans under 'Youth For Christ'. They are coming over for one week and hope to share the Christian faith using, somewhat unusually, karate demonstrations.

Still involving young people but outside school, there are weekly clubs running in 4 schools and there are plans to hold a holiday club at Ormesby for the first time in years. As this is a new initiative we are testing the water, so to speak, by running it for 2 days on 25 and 26 July and, following the final holiday club meeting on 26 July, there will be a special All Age service at Ormesby Methodist Church on 28 July. Hopefully the children will participate and their parents will be invited. If this "taster" goes well, then next year will see the club running for a longer period though, as always, this is very much dependant on volunteers coming forward to assist. My heartfelt thanks go to all those who do already help out at the various initiatives but there is always a need for more.

Of course, Flame isn't only about children. Thanks to Flame, families who would not otherwise cross the doors of a church, are attending

Messy Church AND staying for the worship part of the service.
Currently, Messy Church is operating in 3 churches in the Circuit.

In addition to Messy Church, one of the current aims is to look at ways of providing opportunities for small groups of young adults (parents) to come together to socialise but then also at times to discuss spiritual matters and look at modern issues from a Christian perspective. One way of providing this is by Café Connect.

Flame is spreading the seed and some of it is already bearing fruit but the wider the seed is spread the better. Volunteers are always needed but so are venues. If new families aren't attending your church, why not contact Hayley who will be delighted to give advice on how your church can become part of the Flame project and avoid being left behind as other churches join in.

Martyn Laverick and Hayley Liversidge.

Farewell and Bon Voyage



As this edition of Memo reaches the churches, one of the stalwarts of the Communications Team will be preparing to bid farewell to Cleveland, in fact to the UK.

Early in September, Val Northcombe will be leaving the UK to take up residence in Australia close to her daughter, son in law and grandchildren. Val has made several trips out there over past years and has now made the decision to move permanently.

We on the Communications Team will miss her wit, her contributions and her common sense. Attributes which will be of great value to her church in Australia.

Thank you for all you've done Val and we wish you a happy and blessed future in your new home.

Martyn Laverick

For the Communications Team.

Obituary

John Lindley 13.10 1936---26.6.2013

John was a proud Lancastrian. He attended the grammar school in Lancaster and went on to study Mathematics at Emmanuel College, Cambridge University. He rowed for the college and hung his “oars” with pride. With great foresight he completed a post graduate course in Computer Studies which led to a career in the subject. On leaving university in 1959 he joined the Atomic Energy Authority at Risley for 3 years before moving to Salford Royal College of Advanced Technology to work in their computer services department. He married Beryl in 1963 and tragically they are now unable to celebrate their Golden Wedding in August this year. They moved to Nunthorpe in 1978 with two young children when John took up a post as head of Computer Services at Teesside Polytechnic. They were joined later by Beryl’s parents who came to live with them. John and Beryl lovingly cared for them both until they passed away. In 1981 John was appointed Director of the Academic Computer Services at Durham University. He was also a tutor at Hadfield College. Whilst at Durham John was invited to become a member of The Royal Society of Arts. He served on the North East Committee of the organisation and when serving as Chairman he was invited with Beryl to attend the Garden Party at Buckingham palace where they met the Queen. In 1994 John was asked to take on a new role at the new Durham University Queens campus at Stockton. He was director of Information Services and tasked with evolving the library, I.T. services and I.T. teaching there. In 2001 he was involved in discussions about how best the John Snow College at the campus might engage with the Teesside community. He took a leading role in establishing and promoting “Café Scientific”. which brings together over 100 staff, students and members of local community to discuss scientific issues in open debate. John retired in 1997. Only one week before his death he returned to the campus when Lord Winston came to open a new medical building there, enabling John to enjoy meeting up with many former colleagues.

On arrival in Nunthorpe John and Beryl quickly became very active

members of the Methodist Church. John had been raised in the Anglican tradition but swapped allegiance when he married Beryl. He was a man with a strong faith and his life reflected that. John took on major roles within the church. During the time he was a circuit steward, he was very instrumental in working with the team responsible for the very major redevelopment of the Linthorpe Road Church site over many months. They accomplished it with great success. He was very ecumenical and was the ideal person to represent our Methodist Church on the Churches Together committee for many years. John and Beryl have shared a love of music and John sometimes sang in the choir and even accompanied the choir on the piano on occasions. He often took part in drama presentations in church and his rich strong voice will be greatly missed. He helped with so many fund raising activities, always saying yes when asked to help. Many elderly members of the congregation will be grateful for the lifts to church activities given by John. The members of the house group always enjoyed John's thoughtful contributions to the discussions we had.

John served as a magistrate for many years. He was an active member of Rotary at Stockton. He enjoyed amateur dramatics and many people in Nunthorpe will remember John for the roles he took on as a member of Nunthorpe Players over the years. Ironically he had to withdraw from a role he was rehearsing in the last production, "A Matter of Life and Death" when his illness was diagnosed. John was also a member of the Levendale Singers choir. He had a great love of the countryside and enjoyed long walks in it. In his younger days he also enjoyed sailing. After retirement he assisted Beryl in the child care of their much loved grandchildren.

Above all John was a husband and soul mate for Beryl, a loving caring father to Bridget and Sarah, a much loved grandparent to his four grandchildren and a dear friend to so many people. He will be remembered as a real gentleman.

Shirley Hinchley



**Over 2000 people have now received
the gift of food.**

Middlesbrough Foodbank has now been operating for ten months. Over 2000 people have now been seen at our various centres and this includes over 600 children. Changes in benefits and the welfare reforms have sadly had a real impact on many low income families. Thanks to the generosity of the local community we have been able to provide emergency food to help these families through a range of different problems.

All over Middlesbrough, churches, schools, offices, and factories have been collecting food and raising money for the Foodbank.

Donations large or small make all the difference, so **thank you** everyone who has helped us to continue to help those in need.



CONGRATULATIONS

As you can see on page 20 of this Memo Celia Shires is to be the new District President of Methodist Women In Britain.

Our warmest congratulations to Celia upon her induction to this important post in the life of the Methodist church.

CIRCUIT SERVICE

On Sunday July 14th, Nunthorpe Church was full with Christian people the majority of whom were 'the people called Methodists'. We gathered to celebrate our shared Christian journey and our connectivity as a Circuit.

This was a special service, as it celebrated the ministry of a number of people. We heard that Doug Gibson has retired after 54 years as an active Local Preacher. We celebrated Barbara Brown's 50 years ministry as a Local Preacher. We welcomed Fu Ho Lee as a fully accredited Local Preacher and wished him all the best as he leaves to return to Hong Kong.

We remembered the ministry of Pat Martin as a Circuit Steward and celebrated her dedication to this office.

The theme of the Service was Christian love and charity, and this was especially celebrated as we gave our gift envelopes to support the work of Action for Children North East and Cumbria Action for Children. These organisations are always very appreciative of our donations.

The climax of the service was the celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion which reminded us again of our unity in Jesus and our calling as his people.

**The next Circuit Service
will be at**



Eston Grange Methodist Church
Sunday 8th September at 10.30 a.m.

MY FAVOURITE BIBLE PASSAGE



We had a framed ‘text’ on our wall, (a wedding gift to my parents) which promises -

“I will never fail thee, nor forsake thee”

Another favourite ‘family’ Bible text was

“In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path”.

Both promises have proved to be true!

Vera Pearson (MAP) Avenue

COMPETITION *(test your knowledge)*

Where in the Bible can you find both of the above texts

Answers on page 22

If you have a favourite Bible passage please let us know which it is, and if you would like, please tell us why ?

*Details to the Communications Team
C/O the Circuit office*

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TRIP

Many years ago when I attended Grove Hill Sunday School we went one Saturday each year to Saltburn for our annual trip, the train and tea tickets were issued one week before the event. On the day of the trip a very excited group of children with parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and Sunday School teachers met at Middlesbrough railway station armed with buckets and spades, bats, balls and bathers and a packed lunch.



The train to Saltburn had 2 or 3 carriages reserved for our party. On arrival at Saltburn we made our way down the cliff steps to the beach. We hired 2 tents for changing into bathers etc, prior to going playing in the sea. We built sand castles (competing to be the best), had sports, races, played rounders and cricket until 4pm.

We then changed from wet bathers, collected our belongings, found odd lost socks and made our way to the



Methodist Church (now a community centre and theatre) for tea. The tea consisted of a paper bag filled with a sandwich (meat paste) sausage roll, jam/lemon tart and a fancy cake (often the sausage roll was stuck to the lemon tart) but delicious tasting to very tired but happy children.

This may bring back happy memories to a few folks!

Joan Bennison



On Saturday July 6th the sun shone and it was hot, and we had an amazing day in Stewart Park to proclaim in all sorts of ways, the good news of Jesus.

The event was declared open by local MP Tom Blenkinsop who stayed around talking to people for a long time and we are grateful to him for his support.

We had a worship area which was part of the Visitor Centre and Dorothy Pearson and her team had done a wonderful job of turning the room in to a place for quiet reflection. Each hour there was a short act of worship led by the local clergy, and there was a true ecumenical feel as we had; Methodist, Salvation Army, Roman Catholic and Church of England, represented.



The younger children were catered for with a variety of games and some story telling.

In the main marquee we had stalls from various charities; The British Heart Foundation, Smiles, MAP, Boro Angels, Christian Motor Cycles.



We had a wonderful time with the Salvation Army band. By complete contrast we had a 'boy band' made up of ex students from King's Academy, called 'Mondays Company'. They were very good and had a good number of very dedicated fans.

We also had dance and music workshops for all ages presented by Jean Scarlett-Carr.

The face painting queue rarely seemed to go down and we had a number of expert face painters who worked flat out all through the event.

In the park area there were many games for all ages provided by Keith Johnson and other activities provided by the Park. There were two Flash Mobs, singing the Hallelujah Chorus, which caused quite a stir.

A group of young American Christians came along to help as stewards and

two of them as face painters. They had only flown in from the USA earlier that morning but they were still full of enthusiasm and ready to help.

Overall the day was all we had hoped it would be, we went home tired but very happy.

We were given a great deal of help and support before and on the day by staff from Middlesbrough Council. So many people helped in so many ways, it would be difficult to mention them all, but they all were wonderful and we do thank them very much.

My own personal thanks again go to Liz Milburn and Kay Braithwaite, who, as I have said before, are such a pleasure to work with. It was good that this year we were joined by Alan Cockerill, who brought his skills to the organising team.

We will be back next year!! If you have any comments about the event, we would really like to hear from you please. You can contact any of us, with suggestions for improvement, or just to say which bits were special for you.

Dave Elliott

on behalf of Liz Milburn, Kay Braithwaite and Alan Cockerill.



STANTON'S OPEN AIR SING



*Check out the Circuit's website at
www.middlesbroughandestonmethodistcircuit.org.uk,
and follow the links to Stainton Methodist Church to
hear **Lockwood Brass** performance on
Sunday 21st July*

Speaking Volumes

placing good books in your community



Have you ever been in your local library and wished there was a credible selection of Christian books to choose from? Has your child proudly shown you their school library only for you to be dismayed that there are so few attractive Bible story books? Do you ever wish you could get a life- changing Christian book into your local prison to give an inmate hope? Are there beautiful and engaging Bible board books in your church's Toddler Group for the parents to share with their children? Do you serve community lunches but wish you could lend a book to kick- start dialogue about the Christian faith?

***Speaking Volumes* is a scheme that aims to provide exactly that.** Individuals and churches can purchase books at half the usual retail price for giving to organisations in their community. Typically books are given to public libraries, schools, playgroups, prisons and care homes. Books are selected by a panel of experts and the list of recommended books is updated regularly.

If you want to ensure that there are quality Christian books available to your community, visit the website at www.speakingvolumes.org.uk or visit your local Christian bookshop,

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The Bridge Bookshop has supported Speaking Volumes for some time as part of its mission to serve the Tees Valley Christian community. Ask about our speakers for your group meetings and find out about our book parties – books, cards and gifts which help you spread the gospel message of hope.



JUSTICE FOOTBALL CLUB UNITED (JFCU)

John Yarro is a volunteer within the Methodist Asylum Project (MAP) and MAP's fitness and health instructor, leading 2 sessions every week at Linthorpe Road. Two seasons ago he ran a very successful football team within the Northern Teesborough League. Due to circumstances completely beyond his control, he wasn't able to manage the team last year – that team is still in the league and doing very well. With John's input they were promoted to a higher league.

At the moment John is preparing a new team, hopefully to play within the Teesborough League from August. He has about 20 lads, predominantly from the asylum community, but not exclusively, who have joined together to play football. It is very much a multi-nationality team with countries from all continents represented! John is busy putting them all through their paces and there is some real talent in the team. Of course, having the skills to play football is not enough. They need kit and footballs and training equipment. And funds to pay for the weekly hire of pitches, and referees fees. So, we're in the process of trying to raise funds for John and JFCU. We're doing the usual stuff – coffee mornings, quiz nights, etc., (Please look out for the adverts and support us when you can!) and although we appreciate that times are hard for everyone, we wondered whether anyone might be prepared to give a one-off donation to the team. As others prepare to buy season tickets for their favourite team, please spare a thought for the team members of JFCU. There are only 2 team members who are able to work, the rest being on very little income, or none.

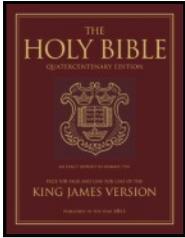


If you'd like more info, please feel free to contact me on 01642882673.

Thanks a lot,

Linda Harkins

Chapter and Verse



When I was in my early teens I decided to read the bible. I picked up an old King James copy that we had at home, and, as with any other book I had read, I opened the first page and started to read.

Big mistake!

The fact that it was all chopped up into chapter and verse made it feel disjointed.

That it was written in a language quite foreign to me; that it began by describing events that no one could have witnessed; that it described a setting and attitudes that seemed totally unreal to me, quickly deflated me.

It raised more questions than it answered, and, right then I was in no mood to chase the questions or ferret out any answers. So I closed it up after the first two chapters and didn't look at it again for a few years.

Twenty or so years later I met a man who described a similar experience. His name was Alan T Dale. He was speaking at a conference about his work of bringing the Bible to life for teenage students. He was a Methodist Minister, teacher and college lecturer. Through his work, like me, he had returned to reading the bible in a more serious way.

He was concerned to get at the heart of the matter so he began with the New Testament and was quickly struck by an incident described four times as the climax to each of the first four books.

The plain and moving report of the death of a young man one Friday afternoon outside the walls of the capital city of an occupied country on the eastern borders of the Roman empire.

Then, in order to make sense out of it, he made a plain guide to help him understand what kind of a young man he was reading about.

That plain guide set out...

an account of what Jesus did,
what Jesus said about it all,
how his influence spread across an empire,
what it meant to one man, Paul,
its implications as outlined in Pauls letters and
Johns gospel.

You can follow that guide in his translation of the heart of the New Testament called New World.

I remember Alan Dale as an ordinary looking, quietly spoken, modest man, who set my imagination alight in the way he brought the life of that young man from a remote hill village in the Middle East, right into the room.

He did it without chapter and verse, or flowery language, and he made use of the insights of scholars and historians to set the background and tease out the richness of Jesus communications, his use of story, poetry, public speaking and private conversation.

I owe him a great debt of gratitude.

Len Karn



**British Summer Time
ends on
Sunday 27th October**

*Don't forget to put your clocks
back one hour.*



Methodist Women in Britain

Incorporating **Women's Network**
and British unit of the World Federation
of Methodist and Uniting Church
Women



Circuit Network Meetings

Friday 27th September 2.00pm at Eston Grange

Speaker: Mrs Una Daines (Eston Salvation Army)
(Bring & Buy/Holiday Stall).

Thursday 3rd October 2.00pm.

Circuit Network Committee at **Marion**.

Friday 8th November 2.00pm at Nunthorpe

Speaker: To be arranged

Dedication of Sunshine Bags

MWiB Darlington District events

Friday 11th October. Autumn District Day at Normanby Methodist Church.

Coffee served from 10.00am for 11am start.

Service to include Induction of Celia Shires as New District President, followed by Holy Communion.

Afternoon session commences at 2pm. Speaker Rev Sue Greenwood.

Music from Trio "Mes Amis".

Stalls include Bring & Buy, Fairtrade and New and Used Books.

Please come and support Celia as she takes on this important office for Darlington District Methodist Women in Britain. ALL ladies in the Church are welcome, you can come for the whole day or for either session.

Please bring a packed lunch, drinks provided.

Please note that there will not be a Brockley Hall mid week conference this year.

Advance notice.

District Advent Service on Friday **December 6th** at 11am. Venue to be confirmed.

Kath Smithies

Circuit Network Secretary

“You took my parking space at church”

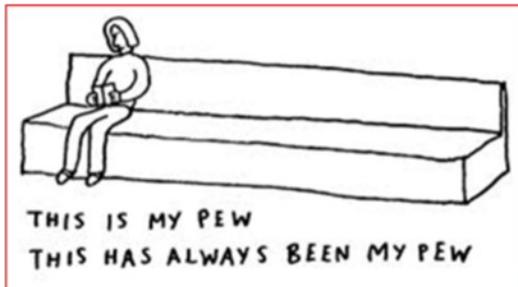
This should wake us up

One day a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out, and said “I always park there! You took my place” The man was apologetic and moved his car.

The visitor went inside, into the church hall for the prayer meeting which took place before the actual service. He found an empty seat and sat down. A lady from the church approached him and stated rather brusquely “That’s my seat! You took my place” The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After the prayer meeting finished the visitor went into the church and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, “That’s where I always sit! You took my place.” The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing.

Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out “What happened to you?” The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye “I took your place”



Fresh e^xpressions

Fresh Expressions Vision Day

Saturday 21st September at St Cuthbert's Church, Marton 9.45am—4.00pm. Booking essential £10.00. (please note this is a national Fresh Expressions event) For more information or to book: Julie Elphee, 01642 714472 julie.elphee@yorkdiocese.org Pay by cheque (payable to 'York DBF') to Julie Elphee, 60 West Green, Stokesley, Middlesbrough TS9 5BD, or cash on the day. www.freshexpressions.org.uk/vision/middlesbrough13

Pub Quiz,

At The Apple Tree, Marton Manor meet at 8.00pm,
Tuesday 3rd September, Tuesday 1st October, Tuesday 5th November.



Café Connect

At Crossroads Community Café, Linthorpe Road Methodist Church and Resource Centre, Borough Road, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Sunday 1st September, Sunday 6th October, Sunday 3rd November

*For further details on all the events and to express an interest in coming along please contact Liz
email liz.milburn@gmail.com or phone 01642 592238/07752 503196.*

Competition Answers

Where in the Bible can you find both of these texts

“I will never fail thee, nor forsake thee”

Answer 1 Chronicles 28 v 20

“In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path”.

Answer Proverbs 3 v 6

EVENTS AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Saturday 7th Sept, Big Coffee Morning at Normanby, 10.00am - 12 noon.

Wednesday 18th September, The Marske Fishermans Choir at Ormesby 7.30pm Tickets £4

Sunday 22nd September, Harvest Festival at Stainton Methodist Church 4.00pm led by Mrs Annette Gamble, followed by apple pie and cream and auction of produce for MRDF.

Tuesday 24th September, 10am to 12 noon Coffee Morning at Avenue Community Project, all welcome.

Tuesday 1st October, Afternoon Tea Autumn Special at Stainton Methodist Church 1.30pm

Saturday 5th October, Overseas Mission Coffee Morning at Normanby, 10.00am - 11.30am

Saturday 26th October, Autumn Fair at Grove Hill 10.00am - 1.00pm

Tuesday 29th October, 10am to 12 noon Coffee Morning at Avenue Community Project, all welcome.

Saturday 2nd November, Big Coffee Morning at Normanby, 10.00am—**Saturday 2nd November**, Autumn Fair at Stainton Memorial Hall 2.00pm

Saturday 9th November, Stainton Memorial Hall, Coffee Morning 10.30am including short Remembrance Service led by Rev Sue Greenwood

Thursday 21st November, Quiet Day at Marton 3.00pm - 8.00pm

Tuesday 26th November, 10am to 12 noon Coffee Morning at Avenue Community Project, all welcome.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION OF MEMO

**All material should be with the Circuit Office by
1st October 2013**

PRAYER DIARY

Sunday September 1st; At the start of this new Methodist year, we pray for the Methodist church throughout the Connection, that we may be the instruments of God's work in our world. Pray for Rev Martin Ramsden and Grove Hill.

Sunday September 8th; We pray for all our preachers, lay and ordained and for the Local Preacher's meeting taking place this week. Pray for Rev Huw Sperring and Normanby

Sunday September 15th; We pray today for all the regular fellowship meetings taking place in our churches that bring people together for friendship and sharing of interests and faith. Pray for Rev Sue Greenwood and Nunthorpe.

Sunday September 22nd; We pray for all those young people going away to college and university, be with them and with their families. Pray for Rev Lawrence Law and the Chinese Congregation.

Sunday September 29th We pray today for all our churches celebrating Harvest Festivals over the next few weeks, that they may be opportunities for us to praise God for his goodness in creation. Pray for Rev Len Karn and Eston Grange.

Sunday October 6th; We pray for all those people laid aside in sickness of body, mind or spirit, either in hospital or at home. We pray too for those who care for them, for family and for those in the medical profession. Pray for Rev Sarah Ramsden and her ministry at James Cook University Hospital.

Sunday October 13th; We pray today for God's work throughout our town, for all the denominations, that we

may work together to bring about his kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. Pray for Ailsa Adamson, for MAP and Trinity

Sunday October 20th; We pray today for all the work in our churches with children and young people, for youth clubs and Sunday School and for those in the uniformed organisations. Pray for Hayley Liversidge and her work in and outside the churches. Pray for Marton.

Sunday October 27th; On this day we pray for families and especially those welcoming new babies into their midst and for those who bring their children to our churches for baptism. Pray for the work of Linthorpe Road Resource Centre and Nunthorpe Circuit Office.

Sunday November 3rd; We pray today for those who are in training to become Presbyters and those training to become Preachers, bless them and those who support them. Pray for Stainton

Sunday November 10th; On this Remembrance Sunday we thank God for all those who have given their lives fighting for freedom and a more peaceful world. We pray for those who are still involved in war and for those who are left behind to worry about them. We pray for peace and an end to conflict. Pray today for Linthorpe Rd.

Sunday November 17th; We pray today for those who are involved in local and national politics, especially those who are Christians that they might bring their faith to influence decisions for a better society. Pray for Ormesby

Sunday November 24th; We pray for the Darlington District and for the Chair of the District.