

## Dear Friends

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” [Isaiah 43:18-19a \(NIV\)](#) For the football team I support the season is over. My grandad used to take me to York City games. Then he bought me a season ticket, we went together for quite a few seasons. Our ground (Botham Crescent) could hold around 10,000. In the 1983-84 season I witnessed the team topping the 4<sup>th</sup> division table with 101 points. I will always remember the time York beat Arsenal in 1985, then in the next round force a re-play against Liverpool.

This season after two successive relegations York have been playing in National League North. I've seen the mighty Minster men play 3 times this season. To be honest its been a struggle. York city have failed to score and failed to defend. The fans are not happy. Social media has been full of grumbles and comparisons being made with the wonderful games of the 1980's. “It's not like it used to be and its all a bit rubbish” seems to be the general feeling. It's hard to get used to the level York are now playing at. I think sometimes the same thing happens in church. Its not like it used to be. We don't have the people we used to have. We often make comparisons with how great things used to be in the past. BUT there is a huge difference, as a football fan I pay to be entertained. In church I'm part of a worshipping community of Christians, I'm not here to be entertained. In church I'm not a consumer I am an integral part of the faith community (as we all are). A group of people aiming to live their lives as God intends.

Do you perceive that God is doing something new? If you don't is that because He isn't or that you don't perceive it. God has not finished with us yet and so often we act as though the best years are behind us. Where is our faith? We can embrace new mission opportunities or ignore them. Is our trust in people or in God? I pray we can together see that God is doing new things and work together to face whatever God has in store for us.

God Bless,

**Luke**

**NB - Contributions for the next news sheet to be with the circuit office no later than Sunday 27th May**

  
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# The Methodist Church

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### Services

6th Shelagh Blakeley  
13th Revd Rachel Deigh (Church Anniv / Parade)  
20th Viv Marriott  
27th Revd Luke Smith (Holy Communion)

The above services begin at 10.30am.

### Church 127th Anniversary

13th May. Church was built in 1891  
Parade service led by Revd Rachel Deigh. Begins at 10.30am

### Easter Offering Service

On 15<sup>th</sup> April some of our congregation travelled to Maghull for the circuit Easter Offering service. The theme was Seek Peace and Pursue It ([Psalm 34:14](#)) and featured stories from Mission Partners in Sri Lanka, Japan and Israel/ Palestine supported by the Methodist Church World Mission Fund. The service was led by Luke. Olive Johnston took a reading. It was really good to share fellowship with people from other churches in the circuit.



### Membership Service

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May Pam Butler will be confirmed and received into membership and Naveen Santharaj will be received into membership. It should be a wonderful time for all of us, but especially Pam and Naveem. If anyone wants to know what it means to be a member please have a word with Luke.

### Healing service at Fazakerley

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm there will be service of healing and Holy Communion. During the service we bring to God our frailty and brokenness beyond physical illness but with any burdens which weigh us down. We also



bring our concerns for others. The service at Fazakerley is led by Luke and is open to everyone.

### Remember in Our Prayers

Jean Smallwood  
Linda Lee  
Phylis Free  
Irene and Arthur Thornton.



### Meetings

24<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm Stewards Meeting  
The next **Circuit Meeting** is on 22nd May at 7pm **at Longmoor Lane Methodist Church**

### What's On At Longmoor?

#### Sunday's

9.30am : Peniel Church Worship  
10.30am: Methodist Church Worship  
1.00pm : Lighthouse Chapel Worship

#### Monday's

9.30am : Slimming World  
12.00-2.00pm: Breeze In Café  
3.30pm : Slimming World  
5.30pm : Beavers  
6.30pm : Cubs  
7.30pm : Keep Fit

#### Tuesday's

10.00am-2.00pm : Breeze In Café  
5.00-7.00pm : Rainbows  
6.45pm : Peniel Church  
7.30pm : Guides

#### Wednesday's

10.00am-2.00pm : Breeze In Café  
6.00pm : Brownies  
7.00pm : Keep Fit

#### Thursday's

11.30am-2.00pm : Breeze In Café  
4.00pm - 8.00pm : A.S. Academy of Dance  
7.00pm : Lighthouse Chapel

#### Friday's

8.30am : Weight-Watchers  
10.00am-2.00pm : Breeze In Café  
7.00pm : Scouts

