

## Dear Friends



You may or may not know that Luke and I have a small cottage which sits right on the County Durham Northumberland border. It's where we are hoping to retire one day. The cottage sits in a tiny little hamlet which in turn nestles in a beautiful valley. The house might be small, just two up two down, but we love it, partly because of the surrounding moorland. It's. A fantastic place for picnics.

From time to time on our trips out we'll sit and watch the people burning the heather as they manage the moorland. I took this picture in January when we went up for a couple of days. It's an amazing sight. A patch of ground is prepared which means the fire can be contained within a certain area and then they set it alight. It burns really quickly. One minute it's in full blaze, the next it's done; completely out.

Why do they do it? Apparently, they burn away the old woody heather so that new green shoots can come through. The grouse depend of the new growth for their survival. Without the burning there would be no new life. Without a death, there can be no resurrection.

Good Friday this year falls on April the 19th. Once again, we will remember Christs suffering, his passion and his death. And yet we know it wasn't the end. Three days later He rose again and lives forever more, and on Easter Day we will celebrate again.

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

The Christian is called to put 'self' to death and then to live for Christ. Selfish pride, selfish ambition, selfish thoughts, self-centered-ness, all these things have to be dealt with. They have to be put to death because we are called to live for Christ, and Christ alone and not for self. Only then we will we find new life in Christ.

God bless

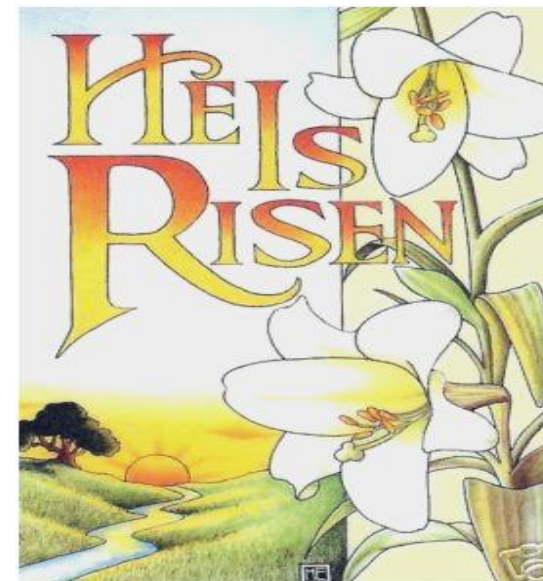
**Rev'd. Vivienne Smith**

**NB - Contributions for the next news sheet to be with the circuit office no later than Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

## The Methodist Church



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# The **Methodist** Church

## Longmoor Lane News Sheet April 2019 - Services

7th Rev'd Luke Smith(Parade)  
14th Shelagh Blakely  
18th Rev'd Luke Smith(4.30pm)  
19th Rev'd Luke Smith(11.00am)  
21st Rev'd Luke Smith(Holy com and baptism)  
**NB – Unless otherwise stated, services begin at 10.30am.**



### Baptism

On Easter morning we will welcome Violet Rose O'Brien and Caleb Jonathan Naveen and their families and friends as we celebrate their baptisms.

### April Diary Dates

Tuesday 2nd Stewards Meeting at 5.30pm  
Wednesday 3rd Methodist Womens Luncheon Club at Adelphi £15 Doors open 11.45am for 12 o'clock lunch. Speaker Barbara Creamer - Topic " Family Visit to Japan  
Tuesday 9th Church Growth Plan Meeting with Rachel Deigh at 7pm. All welcome  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Committee at 3.50pm.  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Social afternoon and quiz with Linda 2.30pm Tickets from Linda or pay on the door £2  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - meal at 4,30pm If you can offer any help please see June Hales.

### Remember in Our Prayers

Dave Jarman , Doreen Arnold, and Phylis Free

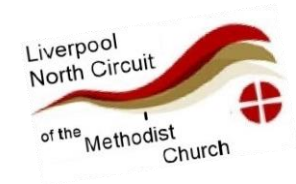


A happy and peaceful Easter season to everyone at Longmoor Lane Church  
**Reverend Luke Smith**

## 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 Cafe  
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  
7.00pm : Lighthouse Chapel



### Friday's

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

