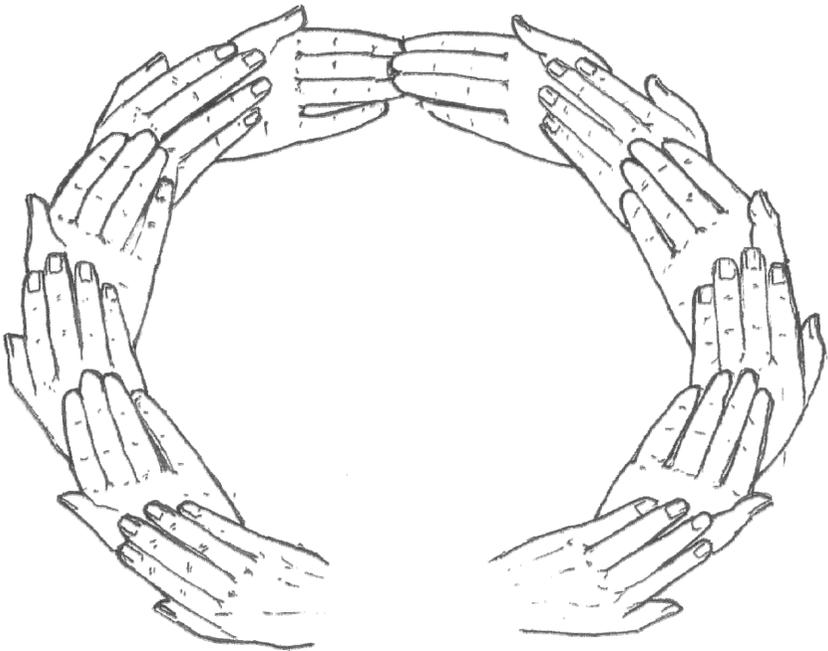


The Link

MAGAZINE

for Bowburn, Framwellgate Moor,
North Road and Elvet Methodists



June-Jul-Aug '14

A letter from our Minister

Dear Friends,

Another Dimension

Surveys show that most people acknowledge some sense of “spirituality” and many search through a variety of religious groups in the hope of finding a religion that will satisfy their needs. The mistake is in believing that any group, simply through its rules and rituals, will solve our problems and make us happy. It's as if there is a dimension missing from our lives and we see life like a photograph but never really capture the truth of the moment. Nice as photographs are in recalling an occasion, the pictures that last are the ones etched deep in our minds and souls; these pictures conjure up not just the look of an event but the smell, taste, sound, atmosphere and emotion of it all.

The life which Jesus offers is not a two or three dimensional life but a life in the eternity of God's Holy Spirit which permeates all dimensions of our existence. In the Bible the whole of life, with all its joys and sorrows, is revealed and following Jesus Christ leads us beyond mere existence to true fullness of life. Everything is declared to be under God's care and his Son reaches out to all people bringing good news for the poor and freedom to those who are trapped in the harsh realities of three dimensions.

Churches are so often listed in directories under leisure industries, along with sport, dancing, pubs etc. but religion isn't just a spare time activity when the day's work is done. God, in whose image we believe we are made, demands that we acknowledge another dimension to every part of our lives. If we let the Holy Spirit guide what we do, then God offers us a new perspective, and each new perspective opens up new possibilities.

As churches work together to share in the mission of Christ, then this spiritual dimension to the life of our town is made clear and our

work develops tremendous potential. There is much already to celebrate but unless we breathe in rhythm with God's spirit we will only have the earthly dimensions of power to bring about change for the better in our communities.

God's Holy Spirit gives the breath of life to all creatures and is sent from God at Christ's request to breathe a new quality of life into those who know Him, but as Paul says "How can they come to believe, if they have never heard?" (*Romans 10:14*). We need to communicate our faith in many different ways, and this should be as natural to us as breathing. So let us be a breath of fresh air to all we meet, and may we also find ourselves surprised and refreshed by the new things God's spirit is doing.

As we support and encourage one another we will learn about and explore the best ways forward. All our prayers are needed and our discussions as a Methodist Circuit will play a vital part in discerning the shape of future Christian work and witness in Durham. Each one of us adds a unique dimension.

May all our work, rest and play be blessed by God.

Shaun

Action for Children Sunday

July 13th, 2014

Action for Children Sunday is designated by the Methodist Church as one of its Special Sundays - a time to reflect on and celebrate the work of its Children's Charity.

It is usually celebrated on the second Sunday in July as this is closest to the anniversary of our founding on 9th July 1869.

This year we invite you to use the lectionary readings for the second Sunday in July and, focusing on the parable of the Sower, reflect on the imperative of bringing hope. Further information can be found at:

<http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk>

WORSHIP IN JUNE

Bowburn

- 1st 10.30 a.m. Readers' Service
- 8th **Pentecost**
10.30 a.m. Mr Andrew Sterling
- 15th **Methodist Homes Sunday**
10.30 a.m. Deacon Jane Middleton
- 22nd **Refugees' Sunday**
10.30 a.m. Readers' Service
- 29th **Methodist Conference Sunday**
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Rev Shaun Swithenbank

Elvet

- 1st 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Rev Shaun Swithenbank
6.00 p.m. Miss Melanie Greenall
- 8th **Pentecost**
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Rev R. Fisher
10.45 a.m. Readers' Service
6.00 p.m. Mr Mark Bagnall
- 15th **Junior Church Celebration - (Methodist Homes Sunday)**
10.45 a.m. Mr Anne Offler
6.00 p.m. Holy Communion - Rev Shaun Swithenbank
- 22nd **Refugees' Sunday**
10.45 a.m. Mrs Elaine Goy
6.00 p.m. Deacon Annette Sharp
- 29th **Methodist Conference**
10.45 a.m. Mr Andrew Sterling
6.00 p.m. Circuit Service

WORSHIP IN JUNE

Framwellgate Moor

- 1st 10.30 a.m. Deacon Annette Sharp
- 8th **Pentecost**
10.30 a.m. Prof Mark Wilson
- 15th **Methodist Homes Sunday**
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Rev R. Fisher
- 22nd **Refugees' Sunday**
10.30 a.m. Mr Bill Offler
- 29th **Methodist Conference Sunday**
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North Road

- 1st 10.30 a.m. Readers' Service
- 8th **Pentecost**
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- 15th **Methodist Homes Sunday**
10.30 a.m. Dr Jocelyn Bryan
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For services in July and August, please consult the plan.

*Please note Action for Children Sunday is on July 13th, 2014.
There is some information about it on page 3.*

“Rising Stars” at North Road-March 22nd

Concerts, featuring the piano and singing pupils of Marion Senior, have been regular annual events for a number of years. “Rising Stars” was easily the best-attended of them (over 100). Parents, other relatives and friends, especially of the younger ones, swelled the numbers and it was obvious that their presence and that of Marion, who accompanied them in duets, created confidence. For the youngest it was their first experience of performing to an audience. For us, it was interesting to observe improvements in technique and interpretation from previous years, in the older students.

The early performers did very well, took their bows with aplomb and made light of the fact that they needed a footstool! Daniela, Julia, Georgina, Nicola and Maria were clearly very much at home with the American rhythms of "Cowboy Joe", "Yankee Doodle", "Cowboy Concerto" and "Chatanooga Choo Choo". Elizabeth followed with "Bear Dance" and "Allegro" and by this time the performers were those able to reach the pedals without difficulty. Ellen next, followed by Jonathan in two duets, in which the full resonance of the piano was heard, with the lid having been raised. Zara proved an accomplished pianist in Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer" and in the waltz from "Coppelia". Zöe, too, in Tchaikowsky's "Barcarolle". Anna, as Marion's grand-daughter, was of course quite at home in the duet "Lady of Brazil Samba" and then performed well as a soloist with Einaudi's "I giorni". Daniel Adney, our assistant organist, has always impressed in these concerts and did so again in Franz Liszt's challenging "Rakoczy March". Ellie next, with Beethoven's "Fur Elise", bringing out the piano's resonance in the dark central passage and capturing a nice relaxed Spanish atmosphere in "Habanera".

Finally, the "big guns". Remarkably, James and Adam were each able to offer compositions of their own - James with "Aurora", a very mature,

Mannas*A time to reflect*

When someone said write a bit about Mannas I was without a clue - how did I inform those who knew nothing of the North Road outreach whilst reviewing 11 years of enjoyment, hard work and loads of fun?

For those strangers to the Mannas outreach project it was started in 2002 as a means of contact with the many people on North Road who do not wish to enter the Church for worship.

Methodism has over its long history offered tea or shared meals along with coming together to worship, share their faith and welcome strangers. Sharing food is a basic human need it can be a building block to friendship or a bridge to the future. Our church was stagnating; the building was empty for many days of the week and looked to be closed. We needed to get the doors open. The Church members came together to reflect on the future of the Church, and decided that the mission of the Church would be to the community of North Road and to those who arrive by bus or train; we became known as the Church on the bus station.

The Circuit proposal was to move the Superintendent Minister's post to Elvet. The Church agreed the change and for the first time accepted a probationer Minister at North Road. This change became the first of many changes one of which was the creation of Mannas. Initially the food on offer was soup and sandwiches. Those who helped at first, including myself (newly retired and planning great idleness) thought that we would lend a hand occasionally - just a little light work and lots of pleasant chatting with others.

Now looking back over 13 years we have a very different project. The Team at North Road quickly

realised as developments came that Mannas was becoming a circuit initiative. Because of the location of the Church we had access to many people who come into Durham from the surrounding villages. These people came to shop, or because they were lonely, anxious, or just in need of a break from home or family pressures. Sometimes just needing a reasonably priced meal within a Christian environment. Other Church members came to eat with us whilst giving us very valuable support. They created the atmosphere which attracted strangers to return.

The food on offer eventually became the extensive menu of hot and cold food available at the present time. All the dishes are prepared and made by members who give large amounts of time and skill each week to this task. Ingredients miraculously arrive due to our invaluable computer expert, who also manages all our accounts, organises servicing and repairs of equipment and sees that our bills are paid and that the insurance for our expensive equipment is in place at the right time.

Our need for helpers grew and without the regular help and commitment of friends from other Churches in the circuit, Mannas could not open the doors each Friday.

We have created new friendships as we work together. Together we support a listening post when needed and our new Deacon now has strengthened our ability to recognise and continue this care.

Our team regularly includes members from the following Circuit Churches: 2 friends from Sacriston Church, 1 from Witton Gilbert, 1 from Sherburn Hill, 1 from Carrville, 1 from Pittington, plus occasional help from Methsoc students and friends from other denominations, or no

particular affiliation.

We are particularly grateful to the additional team members who come regularly to shop early in the morning, put out our notices, wash up and clear up at the end of the day, and those who sort the cutlery, wrapping it and preparing sets for the following week.

The end of the day is hard work and we would love to achieve the recruitment of a rota of people to come and assist the present team - the offer is so irresistible - no pay, 2 hours of clearing up, emptying the dishwasher, putting loads of things into cupboards - surely an invitation no man or woman can resist. Just like being at home really, but on a larger scale and with different company.

So Mannas - despite some difficulties (people will take holidays!!) - thrives.

From Mannas our former Development and Mission leader was able to start, with others, a number of other initiatives - Craftworks, Messy mornings, Men's Breakfast, Circuit Ladies Afternoon Tea, and the Gay and Lesbian group; all costs of refreshments/ meals being funded from Mannas. Mannas also contributes to the funding of the caretaker's post. Throughout the years apart from assisting the refurbishment project, Mannas has given generously to all disaster appeals from other communities in the world and many other areas of need.

The arrival of Annette to give us spiritual support, becoming the person who leads us in prayer as we open for customers, helps us to focus on priorities, and reminds us just how privileged we are that Mannas was born through the work of our previous leaders.

Giving time, comfort and sharing laughter with our customers lifts our spirits. We believe that we serve God through our work, feeding his people both physically and where possible spiritually. We can see that new challenges will have to be explored, new people will be needed but we wait on God's guidance as we continue the work that we believe is needed and thank him for our enjoyment of our time together.

Maggie Best on behalf of the Mannas Team

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The North East Methodist History Society

The North East Methodist History Society was formed over fifty years ago to provide a forum for those interested in Methodist History in the North East. With 100 members, drawn mainly from the region, it holds two major regional meetings each year and publishes a much-respected Bulletin to be found in local record offices and libraries. The Society also has a substantial collection of historical books and pamphlets housed in the Lit and Phil Library in Newcastle. A website can be found at www.communicate.co.uk/ne/whs

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Market Place for Elvet Project

(2013-14 - Kwagala Trust)

Market Place is an area in *The LINK* where large or small items may be advertised for sale.

A mirror with a gold surround, measuring 2 ft by 3 ft, is available to anyone interested in purchasing it - any money raised going to the Elvet project. Contact Rosemary Williams with an offer.

Neil Dixon

I have received the following brief tribute to Neil Dixon from John Allison.

“... sad news of Neil Dixon’s death. He was highly regarded in the Connexion and had earned a much longer retirement.”

Julie Dixon has sent the family’s thanks.

Julie, Thomas, Emily and their families would like to thank the many people who have sent cards, letters, messages of condolence and shared memories of Neil. They have meant a tremendous amount: we were overwhelmed by the expressions of care and concern and continue to feel comforted by them. Thank you also for donations to Cancer Research UK for which over £800 was raised.

Finally, here is the full poem used at Neil’s funeral and quoted in part by Dick Watson in his tribute to Neil in our last issue.

Eddi’s Service (AD 681) by Rudyard Kipling

EDDI, priest of St. Wilfrid
In his chapel at Manhood End,
Ordered a midnight service
For such as cared to attend.

But the Saxons were keeping Christmas,
And the night was stormy as well.
Nobody came to service,
Though Eddi rang the bell.

'Wicked weather for walking,'
Said Eddi of Manhood End.
'But I must go on with the service
For such as care to attend.

The altar-lamps were lighted, –
An old marsh-donkey came,
Bold as a guest invited,
And stared at the guttering flame.

The storm beat on at the windows,
The water splashed on the floor,
And a wet, yoke-weary bullock
Pushed in through the open door.

'How do I know what is greatest,
 How do I know what is least?
 That is My Father's business,'
 Said Eddi, Wilfrid's priest.

'But – three are gathered together –
 Listen to me and attend.
 I bring good news, my brethren!'
 Said Eddi of Manhood End.

And he told the Ox of a Manger
 And a Stall in Bethlehem,
 And he spoke to the Ass of a Rider,
 That rode to Jerusalem.

They steamed and dripped in the chancel,
 They listened and never stirred,
 While, just as though they were Bishops,
 Eddi preached them The Word,

Till the gale blew off on the marshes
 And the windows showed the day,
 And the Ox and the Ass together
 Wheeled and clattered away.

And when the Saxons mocked him,
 Said Eddi of Manhood End,
 'I dare not shut His chapel
 On such as care to attend.'

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The Worship Cloud

New name, fresh thoughts

Seed Resources has rebranded as The Worship Cloud and will continue to host more than 46,000 worship resources.

As the digital storage warehouse for worship images, words and sounds it should make preparing worship for a range of groups easier and quicker. Additionally, The Worship Cloud has launched **Fresh Thoughts for Sunday**, a weekly PDF of specially selected content based on the lectionary.

This is available at £5 per copy or a quarterly subscription of £15 for 13 issues.

BAPTISMS

We have welcomed into the family of the Church

2 March Callum Robert HALL (Elvet)

4 May Cain Luke PALLISTER (Elvet)

**BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND
RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP**

We have also welcomed

16 March Jasmine BRAY (North Road)

WEDDING

Every good wish to this happy couple married
at our church in Elvet!

29 March David WILSON and Nathalie BURGESS

Congratulations to all the above

FUNERALS

Our condolences to the families and friends of those
whose funerals have been held in our churches.

24 March Mary SWINBURNE (Bowburn)

25 March Joan BONNINGTON (Elvet)

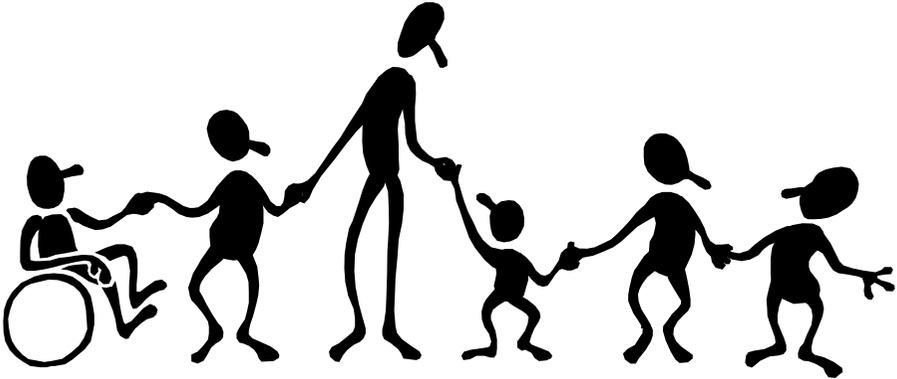
11 April Chris WILTHER (North Road)

*We sang this hymn at Elvet and I have been asked to reproduce it.
Our tune was "Leoni".*

- 1 Community of Christ,
 who make the Cross your own,
 live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone :
the God who wears your face,
 to whom all worlds belong,
 whose children are of every race
 and every song.
- 2 Community of Christ,
 look past the Church's door
 and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
 the jobless in your street,
 take towel and water, that you wash
 your neighbour's feet.
- 3 Community of Christ,
 through whom the word must sound —
 cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round :
disarm the powers that war
 and all that can destroy,
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
 into joy.
- 4 When menace melts away,
 so shall God's will be done,
 the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun ;
our currency be love
 and kindness our law,
 our food and faith be shared as one
 for evermore.

Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)

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Join the Link

Dear Friends,

Here it is! **The Link** brings together Methodists (and our friends) from across and beyond the city. I hope you all enjoy reading it. Please let me know what is going on and what you are interested in, all of you - in Framwellgate Moor, North Road, Elvet, Shincliffe and Bowburn.

As well as items from and about our individual churches, I find articles on wider Methodist issues using The District's "Weekly News", news from the Wesley Study Centre, E-news from the Methodist Church and "The Buzz: good news stories from around the Methodist Church".

I also accept items from Christian Aid, the Bible Society and other Christian organisations. I hope you will all find something to read and enjoy in this and every future edition of **The Link**.

With my Love and Prayers,

Jackie

The Methodist Council has agreed to become a partner to the Churches Mutual Credit Union



The CMCU is an alliance between the Anglican churches in Britain, the Church of Scotland and the Methodist Church in Britain. As well as offering the benefits of credit union membership to ministers, trustees and those employed by the Church, the CMCU will continue to show the Churches walking the walk as well as talking the talk of ethical investment.

Methodist Connexional Secretary Doug Swanney said: "The work that credit unions do is essential in helping people to access low-cost, ethical loans and savings accounts. Getting on board with this movement fits perfectly with the values of the Methodist Church and we are excited about the opportunity to enthuse people about the work of credit unions and to make their benefits available as widely as possible."

The Churches are keen that this national body doesn't discourage people from joining and supporting local credit unions.

The Revd Dr Malcolm Brown, the Church of England's director of Mission and Public Affairs said, "It is great news that the Methodist Church has agreed to support the Churches' Mutual Credit Union. Thanks to this new ecumenical dimension, the **CMCU looks set fair to launch this summer**. The CMCU is a strategic initiative which will not only serve the staff of our respective churches but conveys the important fact that credit unions are for everybody and not just about helping the worst off. Together with our partner churches, the Church of England is working to support local credit unions across the country and to strengthen the role of credit unions within a more diverse and competitive financial sector. The Methodist Church's support for the CMCU shows that this important work has caught people's imagination and that credit unions' day has come."

The CMCU will initially be open to Methodist ministers, but the Council has pledged to ensure that over time membership is extended as widely as possible across the Methodist Church.

Update on Elvet Project for Kwagala

This year's project is now well on. *Mamma Mia* was a tremendous success. Over 350 participants joined in the singalong, many in fancy dress and the evening raised an amazing £2600.

Three of the trustees Christine + Neville, Jenny visited Elvet House in Wobulenzi in the summer and report:

‘The air is so clean in the country, unlike the city. The children have space to run around and Esther says their appetite has also grown. The girls share two bedrooms and the boys another. They have grown much closer as a family and love their new home.

‘The farm is developing with crops doing well this season; it was good to see our own produce being harvested to provide food for the family. We have a variety of crops (Ugandan and European) including; sweet potato, matoki (savory banana), sweet banana, maize, jackfruit, carrots, cauliflower, kelp (type of cabbage) cucumber. This is helping towards self sufficiency, land is being prepared to enable each child to have their own plot so they can learn how to grow foodstuff. We are also in the process of acquiring chickens and a cow. The eggs and milk will be used for home consumption but hopefully also for market.

‘The children are now going to school (rather than home taught) and mixing with children from local villages. When Esther was in England last year she visited a "messy church" and so now on a Saturday and Sunday night, village children (35 to 50) and ours come together in a nearby field and have "messy church" Ugandan style. They run around, play games, sing songs and then our House Mother cooks porridge from our maize crop and every child receives a large mug full on both nights. We were privileged to partake in the event whilst there; we think this is a wonderful witness as many pass by the field during activities.

‘The work continues ~ and although we have a secure compound to protect the children, we still need a perimeter fence to clearly identify our land and contain the animals we have (chickens, geese,

goats) and those yet to arrive.

‘The access road is in the process of being built as more money is received. At the moment there is an earthen track which becomes a mud bath during the tropical downpours.

‘We wish to thank everyone who has supported us in our "adventure". We hope we can continue to enjoy your support as it would be difficult to achieve the vision without you.

‘For the children, the village children and our workers, your contribution changes their lives.’

Pat Johnson

Chair, Elvet project for Kwagala

*Wedding Dress and Christening Gown
Exhibition at Elvet*

There is only space in this edition of **The Link** for a few words about the Wedding Dress and Christening Gown Exhibition held at Elvet between May 1st to May 5th. We raised a whopping £1,046 for the church. The following is a typical entry into our comments book. It was written by a lady from Sunderland.

Enjoyed the wonderful displays of wedding & christening outfits. Beautiful church with great ambience to feel the presence of the Lord.

Please look out for a fuller review in the next edition.

**Wesley Study Centre
to remain open**

Successful negotiations between St John's College, Durham University and Methodist Council have led to the WSC remaining open.

WSC will develop as a research and postgraduate centre continuing its contribution to the delivery of the Durham University MA in Theology and Ministry programmes in partnership with Cranmer Hall.

WSC will be formally adopted by St John's College.

North Road Methodist Church

A message from the North Road Fundraising Team

During April Church members will have received a letter dated 8th March from the Church's Property and Finance Team detailing where we stand financially at this time. I am sure many of us found it a stark message..... but with a light at the end of the tunnel.

This is a challenge that we as the North Road Church community need to do something about, to plug a hole in the Church finances until the plans to use 27 North Road as student accommodation for people attending St John's College come to fruition. We have had these challenges before.

As the Church's Fundraising Team we have started work on how to raise additional funds over the course of the next 6 months. After that time the Church Council will review the situation. We met at the end of April and amongst a number of ideas discussed – which will hopefully whet your appetite – were:

- ◆ a 'Come Dine with Me'
- ◆ a flower festival
- ◆ 'small change, big difference' collecting jars
- ◆ a 'Holiday at Home' event
- ◆ a talk by a renowned Christian speaker
- ◆ an open mike event
- ◆ 'Dare the Deac'
- ◆ a high tea
- ◆ more of the popular Saturday musical concerts
- ◆ monthly coffee mornings
- ◆ a luxury Christmas raffle (sorry I know its ages away yet!) and
- ◆ the production of a catalogue of services available from Church members that people can buy

However we are keen in asking all Church members to also look to organise - and support - events to be targeted specifically towards raising funds for our Church; your own coffee morning, a sponsored event, a sale of items? Many hands do make light work!

So do watch out for more information as we firm things up – flyers will periodically be distributed in the Church.

If you are able to help out in any way please speak to Steve Wakefield, Terry Davidson or Annette Sharp – we will be pleased to hear from you.

Thank you for your support.

Steve Wakefield, NRMCFundraising Team, 1st May 2014

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Durham StreetLights: Recruiting Now

After successful appeals over the past few months we are once again recruiting for the Durham StreetLights team. The team is found out and about in Durham City every Saturday night bringing a calming presence and practical help to people on a night out. To join the team you need to be over 18, happy to get some training and commit to going out at least once a month - more often if you want. You also need to be able to cope with long / late nights, drunk people (with everything that goes with that) and still keep cheerful!

More information on the website <http://www.durhamchristianpartnership.org.uk/projects/streetlights> or contact Lyn White (North Road Methodist Church) at farnleyhey@msn.com or 0191 384 3946 for an informal chat about what is involved.



Paul Butler, new Bishop of Durham

Paul Butler was installed as Bishop of Durham on February 22nd. Unlike Justin Welby, now Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Paul has experience in working as a bishop, having already been Bishop of, first, Southampton, and, more recently, of Southwell and Nottingham. The Bishop is clearly moving in the right direction - North!

At his enthronement, Bishop Paul reminded us not to "underestimate the small", whether that meant a child, a project or a congregation.

He said: "Last September, when my appointment to this role was announced in this stunning cathedral, I highlighted three priorities. They interweave and intertwine in a way that it is not always possible to separate - rather like how beans grow together around a framework.

"Poverty, economic, social and spiritual, is a scourge, whether it is here in the North East, or in Lesotho, Burundi or Romania. It has to be confronted and tackled. But this has to be done by all sectors of society working together. The Church has a key part to play in this and we must play it to the full.

"Children and young people have a vital contribution to make to our society and to our churches now. They are not just the future, they are part of all our present. They must be listened to, encouraged and nurtured, protected appropriately and offered hope for their and all of our future. Every church needs to engage with children and young people, in schools and villages, in uniformed organisations, clubs and on the streets.

"A healthily growing Church will be a Church that engages with its local community, seeking its welfare.

"We should expect growth. We do not plant seeds without expecting growth to happen. We know that not every seed will germinate and that some will be more fruitful than others, but we expect growth. We know, too, this happens with proper care and nurture; if we want good growth then appropriate nurture is essential."

IMPORTANT ELVET BANK NEWS

Please read

We have now switched our current accounts from Lloyds TSB to the Co-operative bank. At present, regular monthly payments into the church account are being re-directed through Lloyds TSB. We will need everyone who makes regular monthly payments to change their Standing Order instructions in favour of the new account. The new account details are below; however, Chris Webb will also provide the account details in his letter at financial year end.

Sort code 08-92-99

Account number 65701878

Please let Chris Webb know when you have changed your payment instruction.

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## **MRDF relaunches as All We Can**

Methodist Relief and Development Fund's new name **All We Can** reflects the charity's commitment to do all it can to tackle poverty and takes its inspiration from words attributed to John Wesley:

"Do all the good you can.  
By all the means you can.  
In all the ways you can.  
In all the places you can.  
At all the times you can.  
To all the people you can.  
As long as ever you can."

Maurice Adams, Chief Executive of All We Can, says, "Over the years All We Can, under various names, has provided support and resources to many millions of people who have been overlooked by others. Our vision for the next chapter in the story of Methodist relief and development work seeks to build upon our strengths and heritage."

[www.allwecan.org.uk](http://www.allwecan.org.uk)

**ELVET COMMUNION COLLECTIONS**

**Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.  
Our contributions this quarter will go to the following charities.**

**June - The Food Bank**

Please see the last edition of SEDUM for detailed information about the Durham Food Bank (pages 6 and 24-26).

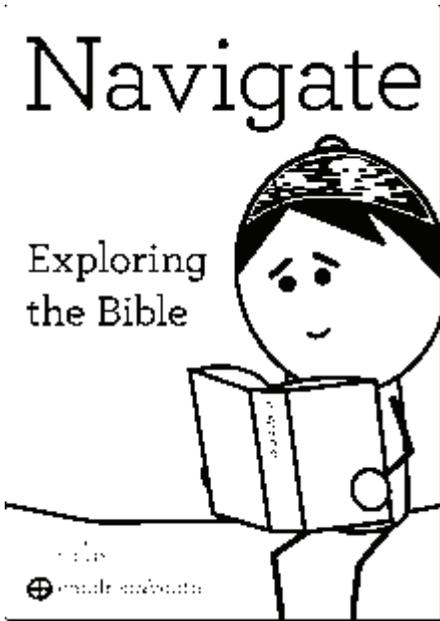
**July - Karogcho School Project**

This project is fundraising for a primary school in the Korogocho area of Nairobi, Kenya. With few resources, the school's dedicated teachers provide inspirational education and support for children growing up in a difficult environment. New sanitary facilities have been built and the school has been given a fresh lick of paint - help is now needed for the next step. The school, New Star Light, plans to expand its building so that it can accommodate all of its students. Currently half the pupils are in a partially-constructed rented building which has no windows, no doors, no electric lighting; it is far from an ideal environment. Money raised will go towards constructing a floor for the school's new building, allowing everyone to be on one site, fit for educating all the children.

**August - Mary's Meals**

Mary's Meals provides daily meals to chronically hungry children in a place of learning. In this way the hungry child is attracted to the classroom where they can gain a better future for themselves and their community.

Their vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education. Working together with those who share our ideas, we believe there is no good reason why that vision cannot be realised.



**Navigate** is a resource for youth leaders to use with young people to help them to explore and engage with the Bible. The 5 interactive sessions, each with an easy to use session plan, contain discussions, quizzes, creative and reflective activities as well as 5 short animations following the animated character Bob as he asks questions about the Bible such as -

- What is the Bible?
- Why should I read it?
- How do I read it?
- Can I trust it?
- What difference does the Bible make?

Navigate is primarily aimed at 11-15 year olds; however, the material can be adapted for use with younger (9-10 yrs) or older (16+ yrs) groups. It is most suited to those with limited knowledge of the Bible as it serves as a basic introduction.

The resource has been produced by the Methodist Church and the Bible Society.

Navigate contains 5 sessions plus an extra session. The PDF for each session contains all the information and resources you will need to run the session. There are cartoon animations to accompany each of the 5 sessions which can also be downloaded from The Methodist Church website. Some sessions also have extra resources available to download e.g. powerpoints. Please read the introduction to Navigate, which gives guidance and advice as to how best to use the resource.

All the resources are also available on DVD from [Methodist Publishing](#).



## CRADLE ROLL BIRTHDAYS

**June**

28th Grace Patterson (Elvet)

29th Jessica Montgomery (Elvet)

**August**

27th Lois Anderson (Elvet)

## JUNIOR CHURCH, BIRTHDAYS

**July**

4th Joshua Bissell (Elvet)

5th Alex Kelly (Elvet)

6th Alastair Phillips (Elvet)

**August**

31st Nathan Russell Kelly (Elvet)

*Happy Birthday*

## THE WEEK IN BOWBURN

|            |                 |                                                           |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Sundays    | <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Morning Worship</b><br>and Sunday Club                 |
| Tuesdays   | 5.30 pm         | * Kid's Club                                              |
| Wednesdays | 2.00 pm         | Women's Fellowship<br>(1st and 2nd in month only)         |
|            | <b>2 - 3 pm</b> | Prayer & Fellowship Meeting<br><b>last Weds of month.</b> |
| Thursdays  | 9.00 am         | * "Drop-in"<br><i>* term-time only</i>                    |

## THE WEEK AT NORTH ROAD

Sun 10.30 am Morning Worship

Tues 10.00- 1.30(fortnightly) Craftworks with Mannas light lunch

Thurs 9.30-11.30 \* Messy Mornings

Fri 11.00- 1.30 Mannas - Food and Friendship every Friday

Sat (second Saturday) Coffee Morning  
9.00- 10.15 (third Saturday) Men's Breakfast

*\* term-time only*

## THE WEEK AT ELVET

Sun 8.30 a.m. Second Sunday, Holy Communion  
**10.45 a.m. Morning Service & Junior Church, including Crèche**  
**6.00 p.m. Evening Worship**  
7.30 p.m. MethSoc (term-time)

Mon 2.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (2nd & 4th Mon)  
5.30 p.m. Rainbows (Girls 5-7 yrs.) at St. Oswald's  
5.45 p.m. Brownies (Girls 7-10 yrs) at St. Oswald's  
6.00 p.m. Cubs (Open Group) [Boys and Girls 8-10½ yrs.]  
7.30 p.m. Guides (Girls 10-14 yrs.) at St. Oswald's  
7.30 p.m. Explorers (Open Group) [Mixed 14½-18 yrs.]  
7.45 p.m. House Group at Newton Hall (alternate weeks)  
*Rainbows, Brownies and Guides contact number 372 1786*

Tue 10.15 a.m. Halliday Grove House Group (alternate weeks)  
5.30 p.m. Beavers (Open Group) [Boys and Girls 6-8]  
7.10 p.m. Scouts (Open Group) [Boys and Girls 10½-14½]

Wed 12 noon Lunch Stop ALL welcome (roughly equates with term-time)  
2.00 p.m. Women's Fellowship (1st & 3rd weeks)

Thurs 10.00 a.m. Arts & Crafts Workshop  
7.30 p.m. Thursday Club for All (alternate weeks)

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