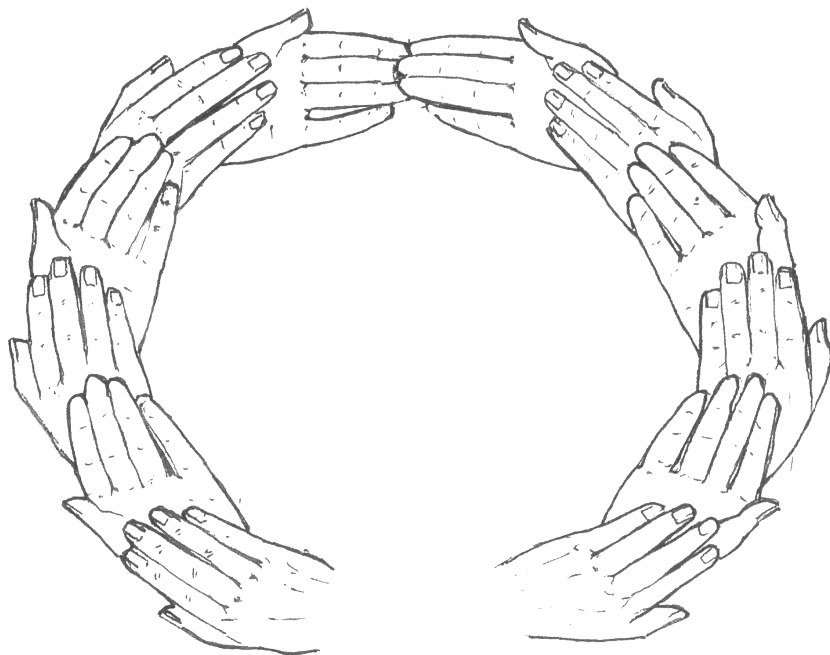


The Link

MAGAZINE

for Bowburn, Framwellgate Moor,
North Road and Elvet Methodists



Sept, Oct, Nov '19

A letter from our Minister

Dear Friends,

It's the 2020 Olympics next year and already the athletes have been in training for it, eating well, mixing exercise with rest, training their bodies ready for the event of a lifetime.

What's more, "The Olympic symbol expresses the activity of the Olympic Movement and represents the union of the five continents and the meeting of athletes from throughout the world at the Olympic Games." (Olympic Charter, Rule 8)



As with the Olympic movement we have a Methodist momentum towards growth and change. We have four rings of sorts, or areas of focus; these being worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. I have added the question mark, to make the fifth ring.

because, as with the Olympic Games, Our Calling asks something of us To step up to a line, to brace ourselves for the activity to come and go, working hard on these areas for the flourishing of our church, and the advancement of the Kingdom Of God.

But we do not need to be elite athletes for this task that God and the church are calling us to. We don't need to train all the hours God sends. However, we do need to be faithful to the Holy Spirit's leading, we do need to respond to God's call on our lives, we do need to put our own agenda to one side and seek God's call for us as disciples and Methodists.

What will our church look like in 2020, when the Olympic Games come around again? What will you or I look like in our journey of faith? That's down to a decision, a choice, your decision, your choice, to take up the challenge or not.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Hebrews 12:1-3

*God bless
Rev. Andy Longe*

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Remember that we are celebrating Bible Month in September.

The Bible book we will be studying is Colossians.

Bowburn

1st	9.45 a.m.	At Sherburn Hill
8th	10.00 a.m.	At Pittington
15th	10.30 a.m.	At Carrville
22nd	10.30 a.m.	Mr Bill Offler
29th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion - Revd Andy Longe

Elvet

1st	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion - Revd John Squares
	6.00 p.m.	Circuit Service at Pittington
8th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion - Revd Chris Humble
	10.45 a.m.	Revd Chris Humble
	6.00 p.m.	Revd Colin Jackson
15th	10.45 a.m.	Mr John Bell
	6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion - Revd John Squares
22nd	10.30 a.m.	At North Road
	6.00 p.m.	Circuit Service - Discussion/Café style
29th	10.45 a.m.	Harvest Festival – Revd John Squares
		All-age worship and Parade Service
	6.00 p.m.	Readers' Service

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Framwellgate Moor

1st	10.30 a.m.	At Langley Park
8th	10.30 a.m.	Mrs Frances Proud
15th	10.30 a.m.	Harvest Festival - Mr John Scott
22nd	10.30 a.m.	At Langley Park
29th	10.30 a.m.	At Witton Gilbert

North Road

1st	10.30 a.m.	Deacon Ruth Lackenby
8th	10.30 a.m.	At Elvet
15th	10.30 a.m.	At Elvet
22nd	10.30 a.m.	Mr Stuart Lawson
29th	10.30 a.m.	Deacon Esther Longe

*For worship
in October and November,
please consult the plan -
or your own church notices.*



GLOBAL CARE IN SRI LANKA

(Part 2)



Touring around Sri Lanka for two weeks gives you a very good flavour of the country – we were in the mountains, on the coast, in the towns, villages and markets but wherever we were we felt very welcome. Tourism in this country has developed over the past 10 years – before this there was a civil war going on. Tourism is the second largest income source for the country and alarmingly the greatest source of income is money sent home to Sri Lanka by people working abroad.

Visiting another Global Care project brings you down to earth with regard to the problems that are being addressed in this country. This second Project that we visited, the Positive Women's Network, is involved with helping people who are suffering from HIV/Aids. Sriyani, again took us, this time, to meet Princey – the lady who runs the Centre but who was rushing off to the television studios to record a programme in which she was publicising the work of the centre within the HIV community. Princey is the lead person who was victimised when her husband died of AIDS. Members of the community in which she lived set fire to her house – thankfully she and her two children escaped but were outcasts. Princey had the condition (her husband had contracted it while in France) but her children did not. The Centre educates by encouraging people to get tested and then provides help and support for those with the condition and arranges for them to receive free medication, provided by the Government. The nearby Infectious Diseases Hospital issues medication for those who are registered sufferers.

At present there are 8 women and 4 men living in the Centre and working from here. Princey and her assistant are not paid but get board

and lodgings in the centre. Most of the HIV people who attend the premises have been excluded from their families and communities. 400+ people use the centre for support one way or another each week.

The lease for these premises runs out soon but they have managed to secure a new location which they will take up at the beginning of March. This new property is owned by one of the nurses at the Infectious Diseases Hospital (a lot of local people would not agree to letting their premises for such a cause.)

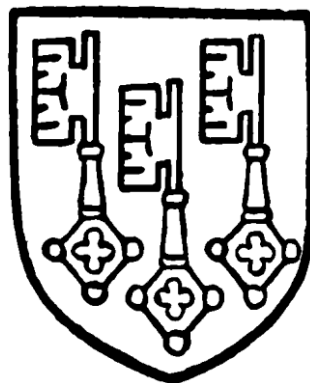
Education is what really needs to be rolled out across the country and this is why Princey has 'come out' and looks to the media for support. Her main aim is to get education into schools so that the younger generation can be informed of all the facts.

Inspirational people who have suffered at the hands of their fellow human beings who do not understand the facts about HIV/AIDS are making inroads into enlightening the general populace. Princey is now a national figure who regularly goes on television to explain how, nowadays, people can live with AIDS as long as they are registered to receive free medication which is available for all those who have the courage to publicly acknowledge their condition.

Anne Scott

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A prayer from Ely Cathedral



Lord God, through life's difficult path, be with us on our journey and lead us from darkness to the light of Christ.
Amen.

**Our challenge from Chair of District,
Revd Richard Andrew:**

Every church growing

“We cannot direct the wind but we can adjust the sails.”

What is God saying to us now?

How is God calling us to live in the power of the Spirit?

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**DIVERSITY in Worship**

People from all over the Circuit gathered in North Road Church on July 1st to begin the conversation about diversity in worship, a priority identified at Circuit Meeting.

Look out for further meetings and go along and have your say.

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Look out, too, for a report from Revd Dr Stephen Skuce, the Methodist Church’s Director of Scholarship, Research and Innovation, and Dr Andrew Orton, Senior Lecturer in Social Sciences at the University of Durham about church growth in the North East.

It seems the following five factors support growth:

1. being welcoming, hospitable, and caring as a church community;
2. being responsive and actively inclusive of a wider range of people;
3. offering accessible, intentional spiritual development opportunities;
4. involving participatory and collaborative leadership;
5. providing support to enable change and overcome barriers.

These characteristics may seem obvious, so Dr Skuce suggests that we should review **how** we show them.

George Camsell



Some readers of “The Link” live in Camsell Court in Framwellgate Moor. No doubt they already know about George Camsell, but I thought others might like to share their knowledge.

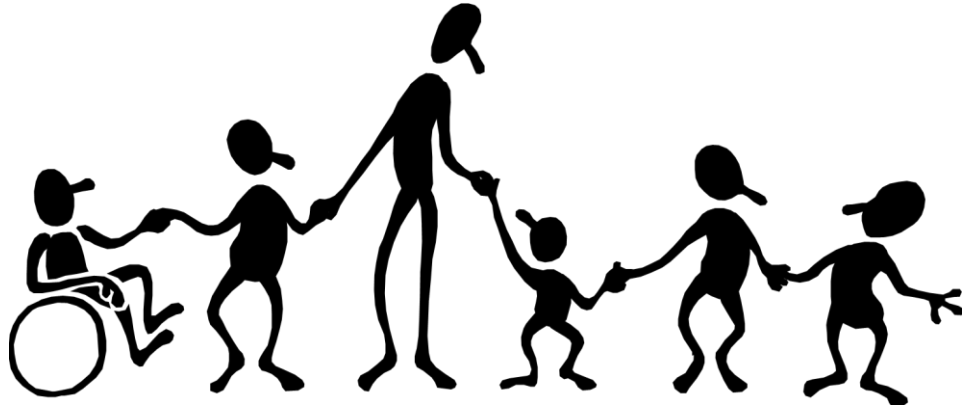
George Camsell was born in 1902 and, as a lad, worshipped at Framwellgate Moor Chapel. That is not what he is famous for! It is, however, the reason that I am, for the first time in my life, writing a football story.

Camsell played for Middlesbrough; he holds the club record for goal-scoring (325 league goals in 419 appearances). He also represented his country and achieved 18 goals in his 9 matches for England.

On the memorable Christmas Day of 1926, Camsell put 5 goals in the net in Middlesbrough’s match against Manchester City.

When his playing days were over, Camsell joined the Middlesbrough staff. He was the football scout who discovered and encouraged Brian Clough.

As well as our own Camsell Court, there is another in Middlesbrough; both are fitting tributes to the local lad who started a distinguished footballing career from a Durham village and a Durham chapel.



Join the Link

Dear Friends,

I was recently at a funeral. Before you start trying to guess where, I can tell you that it was not a Methodist Church. The congregation was the usual mix of believers and agnostics found at these gatherings. I was astonished by the sermon. The preacher astonished me because he preached with none of my preconceptions of what a sermon should be. He examined some of the misunderstandings of our faith by the unchurched: it seems, for example, that many people think that Mary was a Roman Catholic; she was, of course, like Jesus himself, a Jew.

I was unprepared for the preacher's approach and now wish that I had taken notes. What was really heartening for me was that, as strange as I had found the service, at least one person there, a non-church-goer, was absolutely thrilled by the sermon - and wished that she heard more like it on the rare occasions when she attends church, presumably for baptisms, marriages and funerals.

We need to find a new way of talking to those who only attend occasionally, so that they will want to attend on a more regular basis.

Blessings.

Jackie

“Save the Church!”

A review of the play by Fraser Logue
staged at Elvet on June 22nd

It is Easter Day, 2048. Revd James looks out from Elvet pulpit on a totally empty church. No-one has come; no-one is interested. Sunday after Sunday, the Revd goes along, sermon and service ready, but he has no congregation. Other denominations are faring no better; St Oswald's and St Godric's have become museums. Now Elvet is the only Methodist church in the whole of County Durham. This is the opening scenario of Fraser Logue's play “Save the Church!”

The essential question posed by the text is: “Where can we find God?” A vagrant, a runaway couple, a pair of comically incompetent thieves and the Revd James himself search for God in their own lives. But how can the Church help them? Indeed, can it help at all? The vagrant has a simple belief in God as her friend and an inkling about who the church is for, as she says she wants to make the church a place for all God's people.

No characters in the play have any idea what church-going and church services are – other than the Revd, of course, and he is trapped by liturgy, unable to put God first, until the very end of the play, when he decides to marry the couple and to shelter the vagrant, indeed, accepting her as a fellow minister.

An important feature of the show was the use of hymns modified so that characters could express their feelings or ideas. Thus, the Revd James, who keeps himself enclosed in buildings, expecting others to come to him, sings: “Manse of Crossgate, built for me,

Let me hide myself in thee.”

Later, the Revd, in despair, sings: “Don't try convincing me,

My life is over.

No congregations come.”

He is interrupted by the non-believing runaway bridegroom who reassuringly sings: “No more for now.”

Equally, the Revd is able to build up the despairing bridegroom, who has distressed his bride with a sham marriage, singing “She still loves you.” Together, they encourage each other to keep trying to find again that which they have lost. To the tune of “Up from the grave He arose”, they sing: “Up on your feet, get ye up!”

Both the Revd and Nico, the unbelieving bridegroom, need to seek that which they love. In response to each other's “Up on your feet, get ye up!” they sing to each other:

“I will try but you don’t know what it’s like
To have lost the very thing your hope lies on.
But I won’t give up until I’ve got her/them back!”

The final song of the show, sung to the tune of “Thine be the glory”
ends with - “Make us more than people

Living day to day.

May we make the world

A place of love and joy!”

The play’s production notes ended with a series of questions for the
audience to consider. Most of them are dependent on having seen the
play, but LINK readers might like to ponder the following:

- Which people are “on the margins” of our church and of our society and how can we help them?
- How can the Church be a haven to both believers and God-dismissers?
- How can we help believers in God who do not feel the need to come to Church?
- Should the Church welcome in homeless lodgers?
- How should our attitudes to Church norms change - if at all?

Finally, readers might like to consider the following notes provided by the author himself: For Directors and Actresses/Actors:

This is a play about characters struggling to make Church work for them. Each individual is frustrated that the Church seems to forget about them and their priorities. Throughout the play, we start to see characters make compromises with each in order to make a ‘new-and-improved’ Church and in doing so unlikely relationships are formed. Only in finding a compromise between all characters, can they make a Church that is recognizable to all of them as the true Church.

For Audience Members:

This play looks to explore the theological theme of *Voices in the Margins of our Church* - in particular looking at how the Church is perceived by those who dismiss religion or simply don’t feel welcome in the same way we do inside a Church building.

Mr Logue would like to thank all the team who made this performance happen: Steve Bissell as technical manager and Hilary Phillips as musical director; actors Paul Harrison, Sabrina Tang, Penny Bissell, Elaine Goy and Lynda Underwood. All of them, together with Fraser Logue himself in the part of Nico, made for us their audience an evening of both entertainment and thoughtfulness. It is to be hoped that this play can be staged again at another venue in our circuit – or beyond.

**We have welcomed into the Church
BY BAPTISM**

4th August Sebastian Andrew THOMPSON (Elvet)

WEDDING

Congratulations to this couple married in our church.

17th August

Adam WILKINSON and Rachel GRIFFIN (Elvet)

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CRADLE ROLL BIRTHDAYS

September	23rd	Olivia Davidson-Brown (Elvet)
November	7th	Skye LEE (Elvet)
		Savannah LEE (Elvet)
	18th	Ava Victoria Houston (Elvet)
	22nd	Sarah SCOTT (Elvet)

JUNIOR CHURCH BIRTHDAYS

September	10th	Jack Evans (Elvet)
	11th	John Phillips (Elvet)
	28th	Matthew Powell (Elvet)
October	17th	Oscar Scott (Elvet)
	27th	Poppy Thompson (Elvet)
	31st	Nathan Kelly (Elvet)
November	5th	Thomas Churchill (Elvet)
	7th	Elizabeth Thompson (Elvet)
	13th	Sophia Bissell (Elvet)

Prayers for Framwellgate Moor

*O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer*

Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1886)

A prayer initiative has been started at Framwellgate Moor. Cards have been prepared for delivery to the houses in a chosen street of the village simply informing the residents that the folk at the Chapel are praying for them and requesting prayers from the recipients. Prayer requests are to be made using initials or first names only to preserve confidentiality.

Here is a copy of the wording on the card:

Throughout the year at Framwellgate Moor Methodist Church, during Sunday Service and Midweek Meetings, we will be praying for local residents.

This Sunday we will be praying for people living in your street and invite you to send us any prayer requests you might have.

Members at Fram have decided to begin by praying for those in the streets where they themselves live before moving out to the wider community.

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An extract from Psalm 90, a prayer of Moses, the man of God

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

NRSVA

## Circuit Mental Health Awareness Training

Circuit Mental Health Awareness Training took place at Witton Gilbert on June 4th. The training was given by a member of the County's Wellbeing for Life team. Here is some information about recognising mental health issues in yourself and others and about what you should do if there is a mental health issue.

First of all, you may feel that you never have and probably never will come across someone dealing with a mental health issue - this may be because they have not felt able to tell you about it. Many people wait more than a year before telling even those nearest to them that they are experiencing mental health problems. In fact, one person in four will have some sort of mental health problem in any one year.

The four most common mental health problems are, in order: depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Depression is often reactive; for example, people may feel depressed after a bereavement: exercise, keeping a mood journal and getting out and about with groups of others can help. Clinical depression, however, will need more specialist help. We, at church, can certainly help by including those who seem to us to be "down" in our various groups and activities. We should give them our time and develop our ability to listen.

Clinical anxiety is a long-term condition in which the patient is anxious about anything and everything. When a person experiences a panic attack, a good way to help is to say, "Breathe with me" and to encourage them to follow you in deep, slow breathing.

Schizophrenia is an illness which alternates periods of being well with episodes of psychosis; bipolar disorder alternates periods of elation with periods of depression. It is a good idea to prepare an "advanced statement" of the triggers which cause psychosis, elation and depression in those suffering from these illnesses. Sometimes bipolar patients do not wish to take their prescribed medicine when they are in an elated phase.

Some people with a mental health problem have been the victims of crime. Men often come to mental health support services following an alcohol problem referral or via the criminal justice system.

Mental health is a continuum: we all have our “ups and downs”; good mental health is being able to handle these “ups and downs”, feeling that we are coping and contributing to our society. Doctors are beginning to use “social prescribing”, that is, encouraging patients to join groups and to stay active.

#### Five ways to WELL-BEING

1. CONNECT – have a good social network
2. BE ACTIVE – get out and about, a minimum of 150 minutes’ activity every week
3. TAKE NOTICE – be interested in what is around you
4. KEEP LEARNING
5. GIVING – do something nice for a friend or a stranger

Clearly, Church is good for your well-being!

Lists of useful addresses for people to contact - whether for themselves or for someone else are available in all our churches.

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## *Remembrance*

Elvet Church will be open for about an hour on Monday, 11th November for a ‘drop-in’ reflective time of remembrance. From about 10.30am hymns and military marches will be playing quietly in the background (on cd) up until 10.55. Then there will be the last post, the two minute silence and reveille. In accordance with British Legion guidelines, the Act of Remembrance Exhortation and the Kohima Epitaph will be read.

Tea and coffee will be provided for those who wish to remain afterwards. Others may wish to make use of Elvet’s new designated prayer space.



## **What is your Faith?**

Over the past few months, 'Faith' has featured highly in many of the sermons, and a while back Andy Longe sent out a questionnaire in which one of the questions asked was, what inspired our faith? This has given me a lot to think about, and I asked the question, why do I have a faith in Jesus Christ and God when so many around me do not? As I put on Andy's questionnaire the fundamental answer is Nature. I always believe that I can feel God's presence whenever I am in the countryside, the simple beauty of the natural world, the ever changing landscape, the diversity of the plant and animal life around me, and on those all too rare nights when the atmosphere is crystal clear and it is totally dark all around I look up into the sky and see a mass of white dots which are the stars, around five to ten thousand of them apparently are visible to the naked eye. A drop in the ocean compared to the billion trillion which are believed to exist in the known Universe and that may not be all of God's incredible creation. It is truly awe inspiring!

We hear so many times that religion is out of date and science has proved religion to be nonsense. The Universe as we see it today has happened by chance. Well to me science has proved anything but! It has been my privilege over the last four years to be part of the public involvement group for medical research at Newcastle University. During that period I have listened to researchers explaining their work and often giving an explanation of how a particular part of the body works. The complexity, of what we take for granted, is immense and remember we are mammals just like our pet cat, dog, or hamster, their bodies for the most part are keeping them alive in just the same way as ours is. For such a system that most of the time works so well even

allowing for the billions of years it has had to evolve I cannot believe or accept that it happened by accident.

I listened one morning on the radio to a professor at Durham University talking about the universe and how far back in time we can 'See'. The interesting thing about this is that we can look back as far as the time since light has existed but, he added, the universe may well have existed for as long without light as it has with it. Genesis Chapter 1 Verse 2 tells us that Darkness covered the earth. So science may well have only half the story. Add to this the scientific theory of the origins of the Universe and I have to ask 'where did all the material come from in the first place?

The only answer that makes sense to me is that God, a much greater force than we can imagine, with infinitely more knowledge, created it all. While God has given us much more understanding and abilities than our forebears could ever have imagined, we do not know everything and I am sure God intends us never to know it all while we are on this earth.

Of course my faith is not based solely on nature. Throughout my life there have been many events that have strengthened my faith, and some where I have had cause to question it, but nevertheless as I said at the beginning nature has always had a central role. So when the curtain closes on my earthly life, I may not have seen and I cannot know what heaven will be like but what I do know is my faith in Jesus tells me I will be in paradise for all eternity and the same is true for all who believe in Jesus Christ.

God bless you all.

John Fuller

## The Roots 100th Issue Competition



*Roots* is a set of resources used by preachers and worship leaders to prepare their services week by week. There are also resources for younger people, and Elvet Junior Church, alongside churches across the country, uses them to prepare their teaching.

Recently, *Roots* celebrated its 100th edition by organising a competition and Elvet Junior Church submitted two entries from different groups of children. John and Alastair, a team of brothers, won second prize in the category to create a Palm Sunday photographic storyboard. Although the remit was to create a storyboard, John and Alastair decided to go one step further and submit an actual film, created by stop-motion. Worshippers at North Road and Elvet have had the chance to see the film produced by the boys.

Stop-motion is a painstaking way of making a film involving setting up a scene, taking a photo and then moving the figures in the scene just a fraction and taking another photo - and so on. Professional film-makers take thousands of carefully set-up shots for each film they make.

Impressively, John and Alastair took between 300 and 400 photos on the phone of their Junior Church teacher; all three had to miss communion on the day of the filming! Afterwards, John and Alastair (and their father) had to put work in at home in order to compile the shots into a film. The models for the film were made out of Lego, along with some real foliage rooted in Plasticine. The film showed the disciples fetching a donkey, and Jesus riding it through the streets of Jerusalem to the dismay of the religious leaders.

The boys won Fair Trade Easter goodies which they shared with the rest of the Junior Church.

Congratulations to all the members of Elvet Junior Church for entering the competition and especially to John and Alastair, both for their success and their generosity in sharing their prize with everyone.

If you would like to see the film, you can view it here:

<https://youtu.be/Rfde0Mj1eso>



## **Lumière**

**November 14th – 17th**

Every second year since 2009, Durham has hosted the Lumière Festival.

That's ten years of spectacular light installations around iconic sites in Durham City.

Expect the Cathedral to be a major venue, of course – but also look out for other Durham churches hosting installations or offering refreshment to the weary.

On a November night a cup of hot chocolate, tea or coffee can be a real boost to a flagging spirit!

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## **3Generate**

Children and young people from Elvet, Carrville, Brandon and Newton Hall are attending this event in Southport from 22nd - 24th November. Can you volunteer to be a supportive adult? Contact [anne.offler1@gmail.com](mailto:anne.offler1@gmail.com): thank you!!

## **MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP ROADSHOW**

**'God in Love Unites Us'**

**26th September**

**7pm for 7.30pm**

**at Elvet Methodist Church**

### **Why are we having a roadshow?**

*'God in Love Unites Us'* – the 2019 Methodist Conference made some important recommendations about the Methodist position on marriage and relationships. In the Spring of 2020, District Synods will be considering and voting on these recommendations and feeding back to the Conference.

**What will happen?** The Darlington District is offering a series of local opportunities to reflect on the recommendations of the Marriage and Relationships report. The aim of the evenings is to provide an opportunity for open, honest, respectful sharing, for prayer and conversation about how God is calling the Methodist Church at this time and reflection on what this may mean for local churches and circuits.

### **Who can attend?**

Each session is open to anyone from across the district. Synod representatives, please note: it is particularly important that you attend at least one session.

Other dates and venues are available within our district, but this meeting at Elvet is the one scheduled for the Durham and Deerness Valley Circuit.

### THE WEEK IN BOWBURN

- Sundays **10.30 am Morning Worship**  
Wednesdays 2 - 3 pm Prayer & Fellowship Meeting  
last Weds of month.  
Thursdays 9.00 am \* "Drop-in"  
5.30 pm \* Brownies  
(Contact: Karen Heron 07921377321)  
7.15 pm \* Guides  
(Contact Rosalind [Ros] Waites 0191 377 9995)  
**\* term-time only**

[http://www.durhamdeernessmethodist.org.uk/wordpress/?page\\_id=10](http://www.durhamdeernessmethodist.org.uk/wordpress/?page_id=10)

### THE WEEK AT ELVET

- Sun **8.30 a.m. Second Sunday, Holy Communion**  
**10.45 a.m. Morning Service & Junior Church, including Crèche**  
**2.00 p.m. Worship in Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese)**  
**6.00 p.m. Evening Worship**  
7.00 p.m. MethSoc (term-time)
- Mon 2.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (2nd & 4th Monday)  
5.30 p.m. Rainbows (Girls 5-7 yrs.) at St. Oswald's xx  
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. Elvet Homegroup (1st and 3rd Monday)  
7.45 p.m. Shincliffe House Group (alternate weeks)  
*Rainbows, Brownies and Guides contact number 372 1786*
- Tue 10.15 a.m. Ecumenical House Group (alternate Tuesdays)  
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)
- Thurs 10.00 a.m. Arts & Crafts Workshop  
7.30 p.m. Thursday Club for All (alternate weeks)

<http://www.elvet-church.org.uk/>

### THE WEEK AT FRAMWELLGATE MOOR

Sundays **10.30 am** **Morning Worship**  
Tuesdays 10.00 am Prayer Meeting  
Thursdays 10 - 11am Dance Fusion

Framwellgate's Church Hall is rented out during the week for exercise classes.

Why not visit their website for details? - especially if you live in the area.

[http://www.durhamdeernessmethodist.org.uk/wordpress/?page\\_id=236](http://www.durhamdeernessmethodist.org.uk/wordpress/?page_id=236)

### THE WEEK AT NORTH ROAD

Sun **10.30 am** **Morning Worship**  
**1.00 pm** **Durham Korean Church**

Mon 1.30 --3.30 am Blind Life in Durham social group

Tues 10.00 am - 1.30 Craftworks with Mannas light lunch  
*Craft, friendship and support* (fortnightly)  
10. am - noon Visually impaired Coffee Morning (monthly)  
1.30 - 2.30 pm Smart Support group  
3.00 - 4.00 pm Smart Support Group

Wed 10 - 12 noon Dementia Café (monthly)

Thurs 9.30-11.30 am Messy Mornings (term-time only)  
10 - 1.00 pm Birmingham Institute for the Deaf  
2.00 - 4 pm Birmingham Institute for the Deaf  
1.00 - 3 pm Hartlepool Mind Support Group Drop-In (weekly)

Fri 10 - 4.00 pm Birmingham Institute for the Deaf

Sat 9 - 10.15 am Men's Breakfast (third Saturday)  
10 am - 1 pm Coffee Morning (second Saturday)  
11.30 - 1.30 pm Durham City of Sanctuary 'Drop In' for Refugees.

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

**ELVET, NORTH ROAD, FRAMWELLGATE MOOR and  
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