South East D Urham Methodist NEWSLETTER

for Bowburn, Shincliffe and Elvet Methodists

Sedum:
a family of
small plants
with fleshy
l e a v e s,
found on
rock or bare
ground.



"....I tell you Peter; you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church...."

APRIL - MAY 07

A letter from our Minister

Dear Friends,

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The picture accompanying this letter is a line drawing of the icon of the Resurrection. There are several variations in design of this icon but this one is a design which originates in the 14th century. In this particular design Christ is pulling Adam and Eve from their graves and he is standing on the broken gates of hell from which have fallen the various hinges, chains, keys and padlocks pictured at the bottom of the icon.

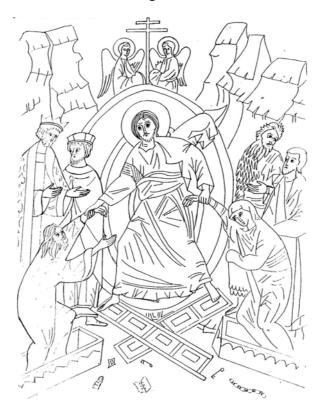
On the left hand side of Christ as we look at the picture are Kings David and Solomon, indicating Christ's humanity, these are figures from his family tree. On the right hand side stands John the Baptist in his traditional pose, with hand pointing to Christ. The other young man is probably Abel the shepherd who appeared in Resurrection icons from the 11th century onwards. As the first human being to be killed his blood cries out to God for justice. The blood of Christ and the blood of Abel are set alongside each other – Abel's cries for justice, Christ's redeems.

The mountains in the top corners of the icon provide the landscape and two angels hold the cross, a reminder that Christ's victory comes through his death on the cross.

The central figure in this icon however is Christ, risen and victorious. Here Christ's divinity is emphasized. He is surrounded by a mandorla or 'almond' of light. The mandorla is in three sections which represents the Trinity. Christ is the light which 'shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.' (John 1 1:5)

I particularly like this version of the Resurrection icon because Christ is hauling up both Adam and Eve at the same time. In some other versions, Adam is being pulled out of the grave and Eve is behind him in the background. Note the way in which Christ has a hold of them. He grabs them by the wrist, as you would a small child struggling to escape while crossing a busy road. Christ does not hold them by the hand, but by the wrist; they cannot slip their hands from his. This is a wonderful affirmation of Christ's resurrection power over death. Christ's victory over death is so firm, so secure, we cannot slip out of his hand.

You may want to reflect on this image during your prayers. If you do, I'd be interested to know how you get on and what you think of it. To accompany your reflections here is a prayer from the Orthodox Vespers on Holy Saturday:



By your Passion, O Christ, we have been freed from passion;
And by your Resurrection

We have been ransomed from decay. Glory to you, Lord!
Today Hell groans and cries out:
My power has been destroyed.
I received a mortal man
As one of the dead.

But I am completely unable to keep him prisoner,
And with him I shall lose all my subjects.
I held in my power
The dead of all the ages.
But look, he is raising them all.
Glory to your Cross, Lord,
And to your Resurrection!

The blessing of the risen Christ be with you always.

Julie

4 WORSHIP IN APRIL

Bowburn

(Please look at Page 22 for the full list of Holy Week Services)

Ist	Palm Sunday	10.45 a.m. Rev Julie Lunn
8th	Easter Day	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion -
		Rev Julie Lunn
	6.00 p.m	. Circuit Service at Elvet
15tl	10.45 a.m.	Mr Eric Watchman
22n	d 1045 a.m	. Rev Dr David Wilkinson
29tl	10.45 a.m	Mrs Esther Longe

Elvet

(Please look at Page 22 for the full list of Holy Week Services)

1st	Palm Sunday	8.30 a.m. Holy Communion -	
		Rev Neil Dixon	
		10.45 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon	
		6.00 p.m. Rev Kenneth Mankin	
9th	Easter Day	10.45 a.m. All-Age Holy Communion Rev Neil Dixon	l
	6.00 p.m.	Circuit Service - Rev Neil Dixon	
15th	10.45 a.m	Mrs Frances Proud	
	6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion - Rev Neil Dixon	
22nd	10.45 a.m.	Rev Neil Dixon	
	6.00 p.m.	Readers' Service	
29th	10.45 a.m.	Rev Neil Dixon	
	6.00 p.m.	Taizé-Style Service - Rev Neil Dixon	

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WORSHIP IN MAY

Bowburn

- 6th 10.45 a.m. Ms R. Dodds (WSC)
- 13th 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Kenneth Mankin
- 20th 10.45 a.m. Mr K. Gowland
- 27th 10.45 a.m. Rev Prof Kingsley Barrett

Elvet

- 6th 10.45 a.m. Rev John Mavor
 - 6.00 p.m. Prof Jimmy Dunn
- 13th 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Heather Taylor
 - 10.45 a.m. Dr Jocelyn Bryan (All-Age Worship and Parade)
 - 6 p.m. Rev Neil Dixon
- 20th 10.45 a.m. Choir Sunday Rev Graham Carter
 - 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion Rev Neil Dixon
- 27th 10.45 a.m. Mr K. Gowland (WSC)
 - 6.00 p.m. Taizé-Style Worship Methsoc



EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

I must begin this Newsletter with an apology for the late appearance of the last one. The fault was mine entirely. I simply couldn't do the necessary work in the time available. I hope to make amends with this one.

I hope to give you a very pictorial issue this time - starting with Julie's meditation by way of a Minister's Letter. You'll have seen that already. Read on to find Bob Winter's illuminating account of a special place in Cornwall (page 11) with a super accompanying photo, just as we would expect from someone of Bob's photographic skills. In fact, more ontributors than ever are "people from the pews". How excellent that you all want to make this magazine your own. Thank you.

As promised, I have started my series on Homelessness. It's just a wordsearch on page 8 this time. Please do it - it took me ages to work out how to put it in!

Finally, I hope you all enjoy Stuart's review of the Elvet pantomime on page 13. I have left the piece unedited. Enjoy the full idiosyncratic effect!

Jackie

Holy Communion Service with Baptism, Confirmation and Reception into Membership 4th February, 2007

It was with a certain amount of trepidation that I entered the church on the 4th February. I am not the most confident of people when exposed to public gaze and I was aware that this was such an occasion. My apprehension was however soon replaced by amazement and joy at the unexpected arrival of brother and sister and their spouses who had travelled from Lancashire and Cumbria for the service plus the presence of daughter Nicola, her husband Stephen and family.

The wonderful first hymn 'Love Divine' gave a further lift to my spirits and, as Neil had predicted the whole service was for me a joyful and uplifting experience.

Evidently this feeling was shared by most of the congregation and I feel privileged to have been part of this service on my reception into the church.

I should like to thank all our treasured friends in the church for their good wishes and to say that they provided the incentive for me to embark on the road to membership. My thanks are due also to Neil for his help and encouragement and to Julie and Andrew Lunn and all others who led the North Road Confirmation Classes. Last but not least I am most grateful to Dorothy for her constant presence and support (but no coercion!) during the preparation period.

I pray that I can justify the wonderful reception I have received by becoming a useful contributor to church life in the future.

Ken Slater

Pauline, Alison and David Smith and all the family would like to thank the Elvet community for the wonderful support during Malcolm's last illness and following his death. The prayers, love and practical help were a source of great comfort.

The sum of ± 400 was raised for Cancer Research UK at the Thanksgiving Service - a fitting tribute.

Homelessness Wordsearch

Make sense of homelessness; find the words and think about what they mean \dots

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ACTION What can we do to make a difference?

AFFORDABLE Homes are not optional extras—they need to be affordable to all.

ASYLUM We have a duty to look after those who seek our help.

FAITH Looking after the homeless is at the centre of our faith.

HOMELESSNESS No one should suffer this.

HOPE We need to have hope and give others hope.

HOUSES More houses need to be built.

JUSTICE Central to our faith but if you have no home how can you enjoy justice?

LADDER a ladder is only stable if it is set on firm ground; so what has happened to the 'property ladder'?

LIVE SIMPLY We are all called to live simply and to share our good fortune with those around us.

LOVE How does homelessness fit with Christ's commandment to love your neighbour?

MORTGAGE For many people, property is too expensive for the size of mortgage they can afford.

POOR In one of the richest countries in the world why do we still have so many people who are poor?

PRAY Praying is always one of the things we can do to help make a difference.

RENT Expensive property equals expensive rents, keeping homes out of the reach of many.

ROOF A home is more than a roof over your head; it's a safe place, warm and dry with enough room to live.

RURAL Housing problems are not just faced in cities; people in the suburbs and rural areas suffer too.

SHARE Ask how we can share our good fortune with others. Ask why we are not sharing at the moment.

SHORTAGE Shortages are not necessary and keep prices high.

SUPPORT We can all offer our support to those who face the hardship of homelessness or bad housing.

BAPTISM

We have celebrated Christ's love and welcomed into the Church Community by Baptism

July 23rd 2006 Helena Ruby Davison (Bowburn)

February 4th Kenneth James Slater (with confirmation) (Elvet)

Welcome

WEDDINGS

We congratulate and share the celebration of those married in our church at Elvet

10 March Paul Alan MIDDLETON and Janet Fiona IMRIE

Congratulations

FUNERALS

Our loving sympathy is extended to the families of

Malcolm SMITH and Ann GIBSON

Malcolm's Memorial service was held on February 19th and Ann Gibson's on March 9th

In Memoriam

WESLEY'S COTTAGE - TREWINT CORNWALL



by Bob Winter

I should like to share with readers some information we came upon by chance on our holiday last summer. I suspect that some are already familiar with this story but we were not, and were fascinated and much moved with what we found, as I am sure others who hear it for the first time will be too.

We were spending time in Cornwall on holiday and were driving on the A30 road near Bodmin when we saw one of those brown Tourist signs indicating "Wesley's Cottage" and decided to explore. We found, with a little difficulty, the village of Trewint. It had been by-passed, firstly, many years ago, and then for a second time by the fast dual carriageway of the present A30. It is now almost a time capsule. The cottage stands on the original road through the village that must be almost unchanged since the eighteenth century.

At that time, in 1743 it was occupied by Digory Isbell and his wife Elizabeth and, during the summer of that year, on 29th August, he was off at work, (he was a stonemason), when two men arrived in the village on a horse - one horse. They were John Nelson, a Yorkshire stonemason and John Downes, a Northumbrian. They were itinerant preachers and assistants to John Wesley. In John Nelson's own words, taken from his journal, "We had but one horse and so we rode by turns. One day, having travelled twenty miles without baiting, (sic) we arrived at a village and enquired for an inn. Folk told us that there was none, nor any within twelve Cornish miles: then I said, 'Come brother Downes we will live by faith'. We stood for a while and then I said, 'Let's go to yonder house where the stone

porch is and ask for something'.

They were hungry and tired and Elizabeth asked them in and fed them. They insisted on paying and then said a prayer - "without a book" - as Elizabeth told her husband when he returned. The friendliness of Elizabeth was clearly passed on as, about a year later, another man appeared at the door wet through and weary and he too was invited in and offered hospitality. This was John Wesley himself who left asking if he could preach there the next time he passed. Elizabeth said, 'She did not know what preaching was' but would discuss it with her husband! When Digory returned he listened, thought for a while and then said, 'I have read somewhere in the Bible how some have entertained angels unawares'.

Later, John Nelson, travelling alone, called again and, once more in words from his journal, "I was benighted on the twelve mile common and was wet to the skin.... I knocked at the door and the woman knew my voice; 'The Lord Bless you, come in,' she said. They pulled off my wet clothes, put me on dry ones and gave me supper. They rinsed my clothes dried and ironed them; we sang a hymn, went to prayer, and I gave an exhortation".

At seven the next morning he preached again, to a congregation that Digory had collected, and the Isbells decided that their house would be open to any of Wesley's preachers who passed their way.

Some time later Digory was reading his Bible and read in 2 Kings 4 v 8 of the Prophet Elisha's visit to the Shunammite woman who said to <u>her</u> husband, "I perceive that this is a holy man of God who passes by continually, let us make for him a chamber and set within a bed, a table, a candlestick and a stool and when he cometh to us he can turn in thither".

Digory took this to heart and decided to emulate the Old Testament husband: he set to work to build on to the rear of the house two rooms, one up and one down, for use by the visiting preachers; John Wesley is recorded as visiting six times

The stone porch referred to by John Nelson, and from where John Wesley preached, is still in place and the whole, including the 'Prophet's Room', is now fully restored and can be visited and marvelled at and every year on Wesley Day in May celebrations are held. It is now owned by the Connexion and is a most inspiring and moving place to visit. Trewint and the neighbouring village of Altarnun, as you can imagine, became centres of Methodism in Cornwall.

Maybe the eighteenth century was a simpler time, but the conviction and dedication of folk like the Isbells, who sprang into action as a result of their convictions, makes me wonder if, today, some of us have too many material possessions to distract us from taking practical action in helping to spread the Good News.

Panto time from Elvet Methodist Church Durham



Its not very often that you will find two male ex stewards (and past senior ones at that) discussing their dress size, or find a female one helping them with their make up techniques, but it happened in Cinderella, as most things do.

Yes, we chose our vast wardrobe with the help of Ebay and many charity shops plus our wives and daughters giving us tips on sartorial elegance. Then another (female steward) applied our makeup this was indeed a scene form some kind of horror movies (how do you ladies cope with eye liner is beyond me) so, we were ready to do our act (both the scripted on and the one that we make up as we went along – we always came back to the script, eventually, well sort of), and we were on, with the smell of the grease paint and the roar of the crowd, or the other way round, delete as appropriate.

I don't think that the choir need ever worry about us joining them, nor indeed the actors union will not sending us application forms to join them, but we did our best and had a good laugh in the process. We had in our cast a young man from Canada, he who was on an exchange visit staying with one of the church family's, and as panto was new to him we tried to explain the whole concept of it. Once he had got his head around men dressed as women, women as men, the whole plot in fact, he had a great time and has taken back to Canada with him a copy of the panto on DVD, so the cast as now international stars.

It was great to see all areas of the church working together, young and the more mature, all talking, getting on with each other, and having a good laugh in the process, being a group of people with one thing in common to raise money for a our charity, but added to this being together, learning about each other, and from each other.

Although we raised over £500 for the annual church project *Free the way* which is a substance misuse centre in Seaham Harbour which is near to our church in Durham city.

What we got from it goes beyond the money we raised, for what we had and will take with us, that is the memories of a great time had by all, both the cast and hopefully the audience.

Walton Straus and anagram of one of the Stuart Lawson who wrote the panto and is one of the stewards mentioned above is writing Aladdin at the moment and he hopes that in December we will see you either in the cast helping out backstage or just having a great time in the audience.

<i>by</i> Stuart Lawson ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
Change of Address for Stan and Ann Carrick
Stan and Ann now live at
Sycamore Lodge Briar Close Spennymoor Co Durham DL16 7GD 01388 812 355 where they are very happily settling in.
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NCH HOME COLLECTING BOXES

All those with NCH Home Collecting Boxes or who give a donation at this time of year please could they give these to Janelle Dundee (NCH Home Collecting Box Secretary, Tel 0191 377 3228) as soon as possible so that she can count the contents and send the collection total to NCH. Thank you.

Many thanks

EVEN SECULAR PEOPLE FIND GAMBLING ABHORRENT!

A year ago I posted in this space recommendations from the Salvation Army and from our own Methodist Church that we should strive to combat the Government's plan to open casinos all over the country. Gambling is an addiction and poor communities do not need further temptation to spend their money on unnecessary things.

A year on and we find the Government planning to open their Supercasino in Manchester, as well as many other casinos all over our country. In my opinion, we have a duty to fight this. May I urge all our readers to contact Roberta Blackman-Wood, our M.P. to express our opposition?

I feel encouraged that we are expressing the opinion of the country at large because tonight on Radio 4 I heard the comedian Andy Hamilton denounce the Government's plans, I imagine from a secular point of view He thinks that the "Supercasino" will be situated in a run-down part of Manchester where it will tempt the poor to gamble whilst not attracting the rich who can afford to lose the money.

Please consider sending a postcard or e-mail to voice your objection to the extension of gambling in our country.

Jackie Fielding

A prayer from Brother Roger of Taizé

Christ of compassion, you welcome us with our gifts and with our frailties.
And by your Holy spirit you liberate, you forgive, you bring us to the point of giving our lives for love.

The Circuit and District Websites have new names:

You can find them at:

durhamdeernessmethodist.org.uk

and

darlingtonmethodistdistrict.org.uk

If you would like to be added to the Circuit e-mail directory then simply e-mail rev.paulwood@ntlworld.com

An Inconvenient Truth

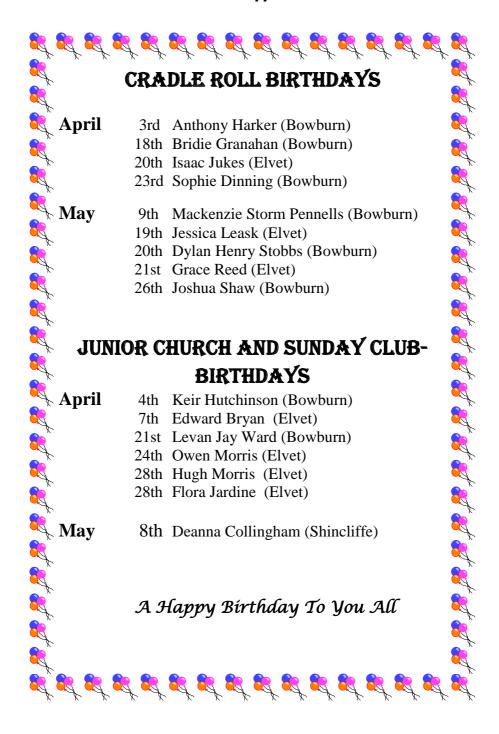
Have you seen this film yet?

From Bethesda Church, Cheltenham

We've had a free public showing of Al Gore's film 'An Inconvenient Truth'. The idea was to promote awareness of global warming, climate change etc. We have suitable equipment and felt it was a useful piece of service. We publicised it widely to local churches and interest groups (Greenpeace, Green Party, FOE etc) by phone and email, and 200 people turned up. We were also able to underline our Eco-church commitment to fair trade and recycling projects.

Phone contact: Mark Boulton 01242 674839

E-mail contact: mailto:traidgreen@brocklebank.plus.com



Self-reliance in health in Africa – towards the Millennium Goals

"I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. Dear Friends, our artemisia you gave us, we grew it and our Lord has now helped us and we have plants in large numbers. It is good in healing malaria."

So begins a letter from a women's self-help group that now calls itself a "Natural Medicine Development and Farmers' Association" near to Masaka in Uganda. This is typical of many letters we receive, as people are enthused by:

- a) knowing more about some locally growing medicinal plants,
- b) knowing how to use them to make simple but reliable natural medicines.
- c) knowing how to treat some common ailments such as diarrhoea (a major killer in Africa), skin problems, wounds and, importantly, how to vastly improve the quality of life for sufferers of HIV/AIDS without the use of the expensive (and sometimes unavailable) ARV drugs, and
- d) being able to grow *Artemisia annua*, and being able to treat malaria themselves in their homes and health centres, without the need for expensive imported drugs.

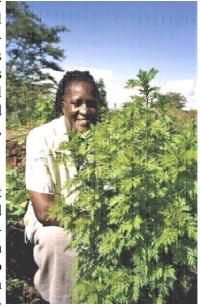
Does this all sound unlikely, or too good to be true? Well, it is real, and it happens because of the work of a very small group based in Germany going by the name of Anamed, or Action for Natural Medicine.

Anamed has three strands to its work:

1. Publishing books in the series "Natural Medicine in the Tropics" which describe medicinal plants and how and to treat patients with accurate dosages of carefully prepared medicines with known side effects. This builds upon the best of traditional herbal medicine, and enables practitioners to develop much further the skills they already have.

- 2. Conducting week-long training seminars in many countries of Africa for doctors, nurses, traditional healers and others active in the community. As a result active Anamed groups have been established that continue to run seminars for other groups in their localities.
- 3. Research into the use of Artemisia annua, a plant that is used
 - commercially in the production of modern anti-malarial drugs. Artemisia is just as effective when the dried leaves are used directly as tea, thus saving lives and money. Local self-reliance is also enhanced and, maybe more importantly, esteem.

Artemisia tea also has the benefit that, together with the powdered leaves of the common tree *Moringa oleifera*, the immune system of AIDS patients is bolstered to the extent that they get up from their beds and begin to take an ac-



tive part in the work and life of their families again.

More information about this remarkable initiative can be found on the web-site www.anamed.net . Books may be purchased from Geoff Lindsey in Durham, Email gblindsey@care4free.net.

Comments or questions? Write to Keith Lindsey, Email: anamed@t-online.de

Christian Aid Week 13 - 19 May

Please read the following article from Christian Aid and the important message from David Ramsden which follows it.

Resisting the hurricanes

We definitely have more hurricanes and floods than we used to. I've lived here all my life and it wasn't like this before. Strong winds and big waves from the sea cause more floods now.' So says Dominica Echevarría from El Salvador.

Jesús Antonio Echevarría, usually known as Chus, is 15 and lives with his sister Dominica and her husband in the San Luis la Herradura area of El Salvador. This area is particularly prone to natural disasters. Hurricanes are a growing threat, and the low-lying land is very susceptible to flooding.

Chus's father died when he was a baby and he sees his mother only occasionally. He has been brought up by his sister and her husband. The family live in three huts close together. Chus shares a hut with his brother and the family's livestock. Chus's hut was battered by Hurricane Stan in 2005, and this has left holes in the roof. The family survives on just a few dollars a day.

Chus likes to get involved with his community in a practical way, and has worked on the local river bank, strengthening it with tyres and sandbags, with his Christian Aid worker partner. He has always wanted to do this, although he was initially told he was too young. However, his enthusiasm paid off and he was allowed to work, in return for some food. In the aftermath of Hurricane Stan he helped to make up food parcels for other families.

Chus is not the only member of his family to be involved. His sister and brother-in-law play an active part in analysing what needs to be done in the community, organising working groups, and carrying out practical work on the river bank and drainage channels. Even his seven-year-old cousin, Jackeline, participates in workshops, which use sport and art to help children forget the trauma of hurricanes and earthquakes. She has also taken part in rubbish-collecting brigades.

Christian Aid encourages people to get involved in, and take responsibility for, protecting and developing their own communities. Its work includes reducing the risks created by natural disasters, reducing environmental pollution and responding to emergencies. The changing climate is creating a situation that calls for an urgent response. The increased frequency and intensity of hurricanes and subsequent flooding demonstrate the catastrophic effects that climate change is already having on some of the world's poorest people.

Archbishop Oscar Romero memorably referred to the 80 per cent of El Salvadoreans living in poverty as a 'crucified people'. Romero worked tirelessly on behalf of poor people, speaking out against injustice and oppression. This brought him into conflict with the government and the military. He was assassinated by the army in 1980.

Chus is just one of these 'crucified people'. Yet with the help of Christian Aid, he is helping to save lives. Although he is poor, he is helping people to adapt to climate change and to live with the effects of natural disasters.

A gift of just £6 to Christian Aid would enable it to clean a well after a flood. However, your support will be giving so much more than this. You will also be paying for the education and training of the local community – people who can make an immediate difference, particularly young people like Chus.

Please help poor communities around the world grow a better future this Christian Aid Week. For more details, visit www.caweek.org

HELP POOR COMMUNITIES GROW A FUTURE CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 2007

This year Christian Aid Week takes place between Sunday 13th May and Saturday 19th May inclusive. For the last three years I have co-ordinated Elvet's part in the House to House Collection in Durham. My task has been made much easier by the fact that a number of people have been committed to helping for a number of years and I hope that the regular volunteers will be willing to offer their time again this year.

Elvet is responsible for the House to House Collection in the Rosemount area and, so far, there have been sufficient collectors to do this without, I hope, it being too onerous for anyone. HOWEVER, there is a shortage of collectors overall in Durham, particularly for Newton Hall. I am therefore asking if those who are able would give careful consideration to helping out with this year's House to House Collecton. If you are willing to donate some of your time as well as some of your money to help during Christian Aid Week then please see me at Elvet or ring me on 0191 386 8297.

David Ramsden

Holy Week Services

BOWBURN

5th	Maundy Thursday	7.00 p.m. Holy Communion -
		Rev Julie Lunn
6th	Good Friday	10.45 a.m. Rev Julie Lunn
8th	Easter Day	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Rev Julie Lunn
		6.00 p.m. Circuit Service at Elvet
		ELVET
4th	Holy Wednesday	7.30 p.m. Liszt: Via Crucis
5th	Maundy Thursday	7.00 p.m. Holy Communion -
	·	Rev Neil Dixon
6th	Good Friday	10.30 a.m. At North Road
8th	Easter Day 10	.45 a.m. All-Age Holy Communion -
		Rev Neil Dixon
		6.00 p.m. Circuit Service at Elvet

Elvet Methodist Church

TAIZÉ-STYLE SERVICES

SUNDAY, 29 APRIL and PENTECOST SUNDAY, 27 MAY At 6.00 p.m.

ALL WELCOME

THE WEEK IN BOWBURN AND SHINCLIFFE

Sundays	9.30 am	* Sunday Club (Shincliffe)
	10.45 am	Morning Worship (Bowburn)
Tuesdays	5.30 pm	* Kid's Club (Bowburn)
Wednesdays	2.00 pm	Women's Fellowship (Bowburn)
		(1st and 2nd in month only)
	2 - 3 pm	Prayer & Fellowship Meeting
		(Bowburn), last Weds of month.
Thursdays	9.00 am	* "Drop-in" (Bowburn)
		* 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

6.00 p.m. Evening Worship

7.30 p.m. MethSoc (term time)

Mon 2.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (2nd & 4th Mon)

5.45 p.m. Brownies (Open Group) [7-10]

6.00 p.m. Cubs (Open Group) [Boys 8-10½]

7.30 p.m. Guides (Open Group) [Girls 10-16] meets at St Giles'

7.30 p.m. Explorers (Open Group) [Mixed 14½-18]

7.45 p.m. Housegroup at Newton Hall (alternate wks)

Tue 10.00 a.m. City House Group (alternate wks)

5.30 p.m. Beavers (Open Group) [6-8]

7.15 p.m. Scouts (Open Group) [10½-14½]

8.00 p.m. Housegroup at Gilesgate (alternate weeks)

Wed 2.30 p.m. Women's Fellowship (1st & 3rd wks)

Thurs 10.00 a.m. Arts & Crafts Workshop

7.45 p.m. Thursday Club for All (alternate wks)

7.45 p.m. Housegroup (alternate wks)

ELVET and BOWBURN METHODIST CHURCHES

Ministers:

Rev Neil Dixon BA, MPhil, Tel: 384 8755 and Rev. Julie Lunn, BEd, MA Tel: 377 8089

DON'T FORGET

Copy for the **June - July** Ne should reach Jackie Fieldin

April 29th

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