# 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...."

Aug - Sept '07

## A letter from our Minister

## Dear Friends,

In February and March 1999, I had an amazing couple of weeks. I was quoted in almost every national daily paper; I was slandered and then defended in the columns of the 'Church Times'; I recorded radio interviews and took part in live broadcasts; I spoke to national and international press agencies; and finally I recorded an interview which was broadcast by ITV. My life at the time wasn't – and isn't now – usually like this!

The reason for this sudden, and short-lived, celebrity (or notoriety) was the publication of *The Methodist Worship Book*. The media seized hold of the fact that in one place (in a book of six hundred pages) God is addressed as 'our Father and our Mother' – a phrase introduced to the text by the Methodist Conference itself. All the press reports tended to overlook the fact that God is addressed as 'Father' (but not as 'Mother') over 440 times in the book. They also disregarded many other important things that could have been said. But then, journalists need a whiff of sensation or controversy to give their stories some 'interest'.

The controversy, such as it was, about the address, 'God our Father and our Mother', raises an important question about imagery. In fact, the Bible uses a wide range of images to describe or refer to God. Most of these images are masculine, admittedly, but among them there certainly are some feminine ones. Deuteronomy 32:18, Psalm 22:9, Psalm 131:2, Isaiah 42:14 and Isaiah 66:13 are examples. They have influenced our hymnody ('as with a mother's tender hand...'; 'he like a mother doth speed'). Sometimes, the Bible uses inanimate objects or forces as images for God – fire, for instance, or rock. It is not self-evident that it is acceptable to address Christ as 'Rock of ages' and the Holy Spirit as 'refining fire', but not acceptable to follow the example of scripture by using female, as well as male and neutral, imagery for God.

The argument has been advanced that, while it may be permissible to say that God is, in some respects, <u>like</u> a mother, it is wrong to <u>address</u> God as 'Mother'. This argument draws too sharp a distinction between simile and metaphor. In everyday conversation, human beings are well able to understand the role of metaphor. A person does not think that someone who calls her 'pet' has mistaken her for a cat or a hamster. If we pause to reflect, we know perfectly well that when we call Jesus a 'rock' we are using an image. The same is true when we call God 'Father', as we must certainly continue to do. For 'Father', though a perfectly proper - indeed normative - word to use when speaking to God, is just as much an example of imagery as 'mother', 'shepherd' or 'rock'.

The God in whom we believe is neither male nor female. God is beyond gender. God is spirit. All words are inadequate to describe or address God. But we need to use words, and some of the best available words come from the language of human relationships. If, as Genesis insists, human beings, both male and female, were created in God's image, then, however incompletely and faintly, both male and female images can help us to express our understanding of God. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught his disciples to call God 'Father', but he never suggested that they should use no other prayer or form of address. Nor has the Church used only that one image, precious and fundamental though it is. Hymnody has perhaps been ahead of other liturgical forms in using a wide range of images. 'Captain of Israel's host', 'a sea without a shore', 'Lord of creation', 'my soul's shelter', 'a safe stronghold' are all examples of images, other than 'Father', which have been used to address the First Person of the Trinity.

If *The Methodist Worship Book* had abandoned the use of 'Father' in speaking to or about God, it would have turned its back on the teaching of Jesus and centuries of Christian tradition. But it has done nothing of the sort. 'Father' is still there, abundantly, and so too are words such as 'Lord' and 'King'. There are also scores of examples of 'gender neutral' addresses – 'God of all holiness', 'living God', 'God of beauty and light', for instance, as well as the one clearly female image, drawn from the Bible itself, to supplement traditional liturgical images.

The God whom we worship is far beyond words, beyond gender, beyond 'our scanty thought'. By employing a wide range of terms to describe and address God, however, *The Methodist Worship Book* enriches our understanding and enlarges our thought. The ancient saying, *Lex orandi, lex credendi* (literally, 'the rule of what is to be prayed is the rule of what is to be believed'), is a reminder of the intimate connection between doctrine and worship. What we say to and about the God whom we worship must reflect and express our theological understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Dixon

## **WORSHIP IN AUGUST**

## **Bowburn**

- 5th 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Julie Lunn
- 12th 10.45 a.m. Dr A C Klottrup
- 19th 10.45 a.m. Mrs Elaine Goy
- 26th 10.45 a.m. Rev Heather Taylor

## **Elvet**

- 5th 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Neil Dixon
  - 6.00 p.m. Mr Ray Leach
- 12th 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Neil Dixon
  - 10.45 a.m. Rev Julie Lunn
  - 6.00 p.m. Rev Neil Dixon
- 19th 10.45 a.m. Miss Dorothy Hale
  - 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion Rev Neil Dixon
- 26th 10.45 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon
  - 6.00 p.m. Rev Dr David Wilkinson

## **WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER**

## **Bowburn**

- 2nd 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Julie Lunn
- 9th 10.45 a.m. Mr John Farish
- 16th 10.45 a.m. Mr Bill Offler
- 23rd 10.45 a.m. Rev Julie Lunn
- 30th 10.45 a.m. Harvest Festival Readers' Service

## **Elvet**

- 2nd 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Neil Dixon
  - 6.00 p.m. Rev Heather Taylor
- 9th 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev Heather Taylor
  - 10.45 a.m. Mr Eric Watchman
  - 6.00 p.m. Dr Jocelyn Bryan
- 16th 10.45 a.m. Mr John Farish
  - 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion Rev Neil Dixon
- 23rd 10.45 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon
  - 6.00 p.m. Rev Paul Wood
- 30th 10.45 a.m. Harvest Festival, All-Age Worship, Parade
  - Rev Neil Dixon
  - 6.00 p.m. Harvest Festival Rev Neil Dixon



## **EDITORIAL**

## Dear Friends,

At the recent Junior Church Celebration at Elvet, I was entranced by the graceful dancing of some of our girls. I think many others must have felt the same.

Should we have new ways of worship? Many feel not. I, for one, could never bring myself to dance in church, but why should I stop others from doing so? Then the question becomes, where do we draw the line?

I remember being intrigued when I studied Hardy for O-level that there used to be instruments other than organs in church. We've come full circle and most joyfully accept the playing of various instruments to accompany our singing. Is dancing in church a tradition that goes back so far that we've forgotten it used to happen?

Would readers like to share with each other happy memories of old traditions? Even if we don't get a revival, we will almost certainly enjoy reading each other's stories.

Many thanks to those who have contributed so interestingly to <u>this</u> issue. Once again, thanks to you the readers, we have an excellent edition.

With my Love and Prayers,

Jackie

#### TRAIDCRAFT AT ELVET

A big thank you to Pam Scott, the Dundee family and the Woodfield family for their loyal work at the Traidcraft stall. Every Sunday a wide range of fairly traded goods and products are on sale. This work doesn't do itself and we are lucky to have friends who are prepared to provide us with the opportunity to be fair in our purchases.

'For most of us, chocolate means enjoyment, a sweet pleasure whether we are enjoying a hurried snack or a leisurely moment. By buying Traidcraft chocolate, you can heighten that pleasure by knowing this is one way you can bring positive changes to the lives of others.'

#### WHY IS TRAIDCRAFT CHOCOLATE THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL?

At the end of a mountain road in Bolivia lies El Ceibo, a federation of cooperatives which provides the cocoa beans used to make a Traidcraft chocolate bar. Some 1,000 members are guaranteed stable prices for the beans, because they sell to fair trade organisations including Traidcraft.

They are not the only ones to benefit from you buying a Traidcraft chocolate bar. On the island of Negros in the Philippines, around 500 small-scale farmers carefully work the land. They get a better deal when they sell their sugar to Alter Trade, an organisation which produces organic muscovado sugar using traditional, labour-intensive methods.

Farmers know they can feed their families, children can go to school, and basic training facilities and health care can be paid for — all because you buy fairly traded chocolate.

A Traidcraft Organic Swiss Made Plain Chocolate bar passes the taste test in more ways than the rest. It contains the highest percentage of fairly traded ingredients of any chocolate in the U.K. because both the sugar and the cocoa are fairly traded. Other chocolates may contain fairly traded cocoa but few also contain fairly traded sugar.

(Slightly adapted from the inside wrapper of a Traidcraft chocolate bar)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - SUPPORT THE ELVET TRAIDCRAFT TEAM

#### CELEBRATING SCOUTING AT ELVET

The 15th Durham (Elvet) Scout Group has been in existence at Elvet Church since 1980.

In September 2005 the Scout Group began accepting girls. Current numbers show just how popular all the sections are.

Beavers (Boys and girls aged 6 - 8) 26 members Cubs (Boys and girls aged 8 -  $10\frac{1}{2}$ ) 34 members Scouts (Young men and women aged  $10\frac{1}{2}$  -  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ) 28 members Explorers (Young men and women aged  $14\frac{1}{2}$  - 18) 18 members

I'm sure readers will be impressed by the huge range of activities undertaken by these young people — ably led by Richard and Elsa Smith.

#### Beavers

The Beavers have again taken part in various events with other colonies in Durham District. These have included bowling, sports, a magical entertainment night and a Christmas Carol Service held at Elvet.

They also attended the County Picnic at Moorhouse Adventure Centre.

They have been working towards the Animal Friend, Creative, Experiment, Explore and Faith badges. Several Beavers have completed the highest award they can achieve, The Bronze Chief Scout's Award.

#### <u>Cubs</u>

The cubs have taken part in the District Competitions, including the Swimming Gala, Bowling Competition and the six-a-side football.

They also held a camp at Moorhouse where the theme was "I'm a Cub Scout—get me out of here".

They have completed various badges over the year. Some of them have completed the Silver Chief Scout's Award.

#### **Scouts**

The scouts have again competed in various District Competitions including a Raft Race, five-a-side football, the Swimming Gala, Bowling Competition, Indoor and Outdoor Scouting.

Their main camp was held in the summer at Squirrel Wood near Doncaster. The scouts took part in activities such as hiking, pioneering and many other activities. They also built shelters and slept in them.

In February, some scouts took part in the District Youth Hostelling Weekend at Helmsley Youth Hostel. After an excellent day's walking on the Saturday, all went to Roseberry Topping on Sunday, to find lots of snow.

The scouts have again been working towards various badges, which they should complete over the coming months.

#### **Explorers**

This newest section of the group has replaced the Venture Scout Section.

Many of the Explorers are working towards their scouting badges and are completing parts of the Duke of Edinburgh's award. This year six Explorer Scouts have completed the Gold Award, the highest award possible.

As well as completing badges relevant to each section, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have been working towards badges which are cross-sectional. These cover Information Technology, Musician, Swimming and Nights Away.

Scouts are clearly one of the liveliest groups in the church. We are pleased to welcome them and hope they continue to enjoy their activities.

## **WEDDINGS**

Every good wish to all these happy couples married at our church in Elvet!



26 May David MOODY and Julie WRIGHT

9 June Michael SMITH and Tracy ROWE

16 June Kenneth HUNTER and Paula McLOUGHLIN

29 June Michael LEATHEM and Leanne SCOTT

7 July Christopher COLLINS and Laura BROWN

## Congratulations

## **FUNERAL**

Our condolences to the family and friends of

Joyce Betty Collin BAILEY

whose funeral was held at Elvet on July 4th

(See also page 12)

## **Cruse Coffee**

Barbara and Geoff Lindsay are having Open House on Wednesday, 15th August at 15, The Grove, North End, Durham in aid of **Cruse Bereavement Care**. Coffee will be served from 10 a.m. and evening drinks from 7 p.m.

Everyone welcome.

## A quotation from E.B. White

"If the world were merely seductive, that would be easy.

If it were merely challenging, that would be no problem.

I rise in the morning torn between a desire to improve or save the world and a desire to enjoy or savour the world.

That makes it hard to plan the day!"

Doesn't that describe how most of us feel? It seems to me that Christian belief provides a powerful push for us to follow the first of the desires rather than the second. The beliefs of an atheist would logically lead to exclusively following the second desire. Fortunately, many atheists behave better than their beliefs would suggest. We have to make sure we do not behave worse than ours requires!

Robin Harris.

## RELAUNCHED METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE IS OPEN TO ALL

Open to God Open to Life Open to the World Open to You

The new Methodist Church website is making it easier for visitors to find everything they want to know about the Church and its mission by simply clicking on any of the above headings on the homepage, to find an easily-navigable overview of content.

There is also a section - **'Church Life'** - designed to give easy access to all the forms, reports and information that Methodists need for their church lives.

The search facility has been improved, and there are new sections on exploring Christianity, discovering what Methodism is all about, what makes it distinctive and how to get involved.

The new site doesn't just offer information, it encourages readers to participate by joining debates, prayer forums, undertaking a meditative journey by following an online labyrinth, or by sharing their own stories.

As web editor Dave Webster says "We want the site to be as useful as possible to Methodists, and also say something very positive about the values of Methodism. The site will continue to develop, and I'm keen to hear people's views on how it's working for them."

### http://www.methodist.org.uk

The funeral of Miss Betty Bailey took place at Elvet on 4th July; she was 85. Although Betty had not attended church for a long time, she was always very interested in what went on there - she was the granddaughter of the Rev Bailey, the very first minister of Old Elvet Methodist Church. May she rest in peace.

Jeannette Bygate

#### LET'S CELEBRATE THE TRANSFORMATION OF LIVES



In communities where drugs and violence are widespread, the Methodist Church in Colombia is gaining acceptance through courageous love and service. The remarkable achievements of the two-year-old Methodist Church in Colombia are highlighted on a free DVD, 'Building a Church in Colombia'. The DVD could be used to take the place of a sermon or as a resource for Bible study.

As well as the DVD, you can read about the impact the Church is having in the newly published **2007 Methodist Missionary Society Report**. Learn too about the impending autonomy of the Gambian Methodist Church and give thanks for the Church's partners in Bulgaria.

Also just published, **God's Mission in Britain Report 2007** celebrates this year of special anniversaries - the 300th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, the bicentenaries of Primitive Methodism and the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Looking to the future, the Report tells about innovative projects involving young people in Inverness and Leeds.

The DVD and the two Annual Reports about initiatives enabled by the Methodist Funds for World and Home Mission are freely available.

God's Mission in Britain Report 2007 (product code HA704) and the Methodist Missionary Society Report 2007 (product code GA797) can be obtained from mph http://www.mph.org.uk

The DVD 'Building a Church in Colombia' is available from mailto:missioneducation@methodistchurch.org.uk

http://www.methodist.org.uk/missioneducation

# Elvet Methodist Church Project 2007-2008



The church project commencing in September 2007 is to help vulnerable children on the streets and rubbish dumps in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, through the work of the Christian charity, Global Care, who Ron Newby, the Chief Executive says are some of the most needy he has encountered in more than thirty years.

The aim of the project is to make the lives of these children more worth living, by providing first aid and medical care, working on basics such as hygiene and immunisation, providing supplementary food in return for attendance at non-formal schooling and to offer incentives to support families. It is a project which will last two - three years, as there are up to 25,000 children on the streets of Phnom Penh. It is not a rescue operation, but an attempt to give the children appropriate training and skills and care which will help them build a better life.

Initial research has been carried out by a team led by the manager of the 'New Hope' Children's Home in Poi Pet, Cambodia, who, with his wife, works with street children. This has already led to the opening of a non-formal primary school and care centre close to the Stung Meanchy municipal rubbish dump in Phnom Penh which some fifty children are attending daily. Also a nightly feeding centre is open in Poi Pet for over 100 children near to the New Hope Children's Home in a cheaply rented warehouse. So, a good start has already been made with help from the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission, but much remains to be done.



The total cost of the project by Global Care is estimated at about a hundred thousand pounds, of which £25,000 was donated by the Jersey Commission, £5,000 has been raised by a sponsored slim-down by Ron Newby, Chief Executive of Global Care, while we at Elvet hope to raise £15,000, and the remainder will be provided by regular income of Global Care over the time of the project.

A special service to launch the Project will be held at Elvet Methodist Church on the morning of September 16th, 2007, when Edward Disbury, Operational Director - Asia will be present and a meal will be provided following the service.

I am most grateful to those members of Elvet Methodist Church who have agreed to share in the Project Committee, and to help with events planned to raise funds for the project. I appeal to you all to support the programme of events arranged to raise the funds we need to help finance this most worthy attempt to make the life of the needy children of Cambodia much more worth living.

JOHN FARISH (Project Coordinator)



Midweek meetings are currently all the rage in Church circles. **Elvet Women's Fellowship** has been meeting midweek for longer than I care to remember. Here's an edited extract from their report for the Annual Elvet Report. If you like what you read, why not go along and join them every other Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.?

We have enjoyed another year of friendship, within our Women's Fellowship. A variety of excellent speakers has included Rev Neil Dixon, giving an interesting talk entitled "Four Ordinary Yorkshire Saints", Pauline Watson talking about Susanna Wesley, Dick Watson, speaking about Frances Ridley Havergal and Mrs Coggins and her team from "Free the Way", giving a very forthright talk about their ceaseless and caring work in the Drug and Alcohol Centre. Martin Clarke's organ recital was, as always, delightful to hear.

We have welcomed two new members, and throughout the year our attendance figures were raised when other ladies joined our group who were interested to hear the various talks given by our notable speakers.

It was enjoyable to meet up with the ladies from Carrville and Gilesgate Methodist Churches for the Holy Week Communion held at North Road Methodist Church. We met up again for our annual outing, this year to Keswick, stopping at Appleby on the way.

We look forward to good fellowship again next year.

L. Mary Hogg Secretary, Elvet Women's Fellowship.

**Bowburn Women's Fellowship** meets at 2 p.m. on the first and second Wednesday of the month.

I would love to hear of your activities and be very happy to publish them in SEDUM. (Editor)

#### REAPING A HARVEST AGAINST THE ODDS WITH MRDF



Contaminated soil, polluted rivers and forest destruction directly threaten the livelihoods of small-scale farmers.

Climate change is having a devastating impact on the world's poorest rural communities, but small miracles are taking place. This year, MRDF is helping small scale farmers in El Salvador, and across the world, renew their environment and reap a healthy harvest.

A free Harvest Pack includes:

- \* Real-life stories from El Salvador
- \* Ready-to-use Harvest service and school assembly
- \* Activities for children and young people
- \* Colour posters
- \* Gift aid envelopes

The majority of the Harvest Pack can be downloaded from http://www.mrdf.org.uk/pages/harvest\_service.php You can also order a free hard copy, complete with gift aid envelopes and posters.

http://www.mrdf.org.uk (Methodist Relief & Development Fund)

## NEW BRANCEPETH FLOWER FESTIVAL 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2007



If you weren't there, you missed a treat. New Brancepeth is a tiny chapel with 16 members, but with the help of friends from all over the place, they put on a show that was breath-taking.

Of course, things like that don't happen without a great deal of preparation (it was two years in the planning), a strong leader (in this case Sheila Browbank ably assisted and supported by her husband Dennis) and many contributors. Displays were created by many Methodist churches in the area and also churches of other denominations. Many people from the village were involved e.g. the programmes were designed by pupils from the primary school.

The idea was to celebrate the many Methodist anniversaries that are happening this year and most of the displays were based on the words of hymns by Charles Wesley. Elvet's display took up a whole corner and was to illustrate 'O for a thousand tongues to sing'. Rosemary Williams did a wonderful job — as always — producing an arrangement that reflected the full drama of those well-loved words.

Food and fellowship were on offer throughout the three days of the festival and everyone who visited was given a very warm welcome. (Just think how much cake baking and sandwich filling that involved!). And plenty of people came – over 400 people came to tour the display and there were over 100 in the congregation for the service on the Sunday afternoon. Over £1800 was raised and this is to be divided between local projects as a form of outreach in the community and other larger charities.

I found it difficult to believe that such a huge event could come to fruition from such a tiny group of people but it did – and it is proof of what can happen when everyone works together and makes the most of their talents.

One of the members of New Brancepeth chapel wrote a poem to celebrate the event and it was sent in a card to all who had taken part.

Our festival is over, after months of expectations, of favourable replies and loads of preparations.

To all who answered our request and offered to take part we send you all sincere thanks from the bottom of our heart.

The beautiful arrangements depicting hymns to celebrate some special anniversary or a very special date.

Charles Wesley's life was honoured, as was Misters Clowes and Bourne at our celebration service where many folk were drawn.

But now it is all over, with memories to treasure.

We thank you for your interest and pray it brought you pleasure.

As the arrangements are dismantled and we put away the stands we thank you most sincerely for so many willing hands.

And we thank you, Sheila and all the people of New Brancepeth, for showing us what is possible when everyone works together.

Gwynneth Watchman

A Meditation by St Claire of Assisi (1194 –1253) (Taken from David Wilkinson's

*Life, The Universe and Everything)* 

Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear, for he who created you has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother.

Blessed be you, my God, for having created me.



## of CRADLE ROLL BIRTHDAYS August 1st Daniel Churchman (Elvet) 2nd Isobel Leask (Elvet) 13th Nathan Russell Kelly (Elvet) 23rd David Scott (Elvet) 25th Caitlin Brown (Bowburn) September 10th Jack Evans (Elvet) 12th Skye Kelsey Hutchinson (Bowburn) 17th Joseph Dillon Cairns (Bowburn) 23rd Charlotte Davison (Bowburn) 28th Matthew Powell (Elvet) JUNIOR CHURCH, BOWBURN DROP-IN AND SUNDAY CLUB BIRTHDAYS August Septem 1st Milena Scales (Elvet) 2nd Vodie Dellapina (Bowburn) 7th Courtney Tyler Holt (Bowburn) 8th Benjamin Bell (Bowburn) 17th Rebekah Lapham (Elvet) 22nd Robyn Hill (Elvet) September 12th Ellis Jackson (Bowburn) 13th Jenna Cave (Elvet) Sharron Oni (Elvet) 25th Katy Woodfield (Elvet) Rebecca Harrison (Elvet) 27th Christopher James Gray (Bowburn)

#### **ELVET COMMUNION COLLECTIONS**

The communion collections in August will be given to our **Benevolence Fund** and in September to the **Leukaemia Trust**.

Many thanks for all donations.

#### HOPF

You will probably know that my preferred reading is fiction. However, occasionally, a non-fiction book attracts my attention and sometimes I actually get all the way through it without becoming overwhelmed by facts. Thus it was with *Developing Emotional Intelligence* by Richard J. Bodine and Donna K. Crawford.

The book had a very interesting paragraph on hope, the gist of which I paraphrase here.



Hope is a powerful force in people's lives because it represents an inner confidence that we can do what is best. We <u>can</u> find the self motivation to accomplish our goals through our own resourcefulness. At the same time, hopeful people are flexible: if necessary, we seek different ways to achieve our goals; if necessary, we

adapt our goals. Hope breaks down a huge task into manageable mini-tasks. Because we have hope, we will not allow ourselves to be defeated by challenges, nor even by setbacks.

Jackie Fielding

## THE WEEK IN BOWBURN AND SHINCLIFFE

Sundays	9.30 am	* Sunday Club (Shincliffe)
	10.45 am	Morning Worship (Bowburn)
	5.30 pm	Evening Worship (Bowburn) on some Sundays - see notices
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 Crèche	
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship	
	7.30 p.m.	MethSoc (term-time)	
Mon	2.00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting (2nd & 4th Mon)	
	6.00 p.m.	Cubs (Open Group) [Boys and Girls 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) [Boys and Girls 6-8]	
7.10 p.m.		Scouts (Open Group) [Boys and Girls 10½ - 14½]	
	8.00 p.m.	Housegroup at Gilesgate (alternate weeks)	
Wed	2.30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship (1st & 3rd wks)	
Thurs	s 10.00 a.m.	Arts & Crafts Workshop	
	7.45 p.m.	Thursday Club for All (alternate wks)	
	7.45 p.m.	Housegroup at Shincliffe (alternate wks)	
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