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NEWSLETTER

for Bowburn, Shincliffe and
Elvet Methodists

Sedum:
a family of
small plants of
with fleshy
leaves,
found on
rock or bare
ground.



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

JAN - MAR, 2013

WORSHIP IN JANUARY

Bowburn

6th *Epiphany*

10.30am Mr Bill Offler

13th 10.30am Morning service

20th *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

10.30am Covenant Service - Rev Shaun Swithenbank

27th *Education Sunday*

10.30am Mrs Elaine Goy

Elvet

6th *Epiphany*

10.45am Mr John Scott

6.00pm Mr Bill Offler

13th 8.30am Holy Communion – Rev Shaun Swithenbank

11.00am **United Covenant service** at St Oswald's

6.00pm Mr Eric Watchman

20th *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

10.45am Miss Dorothy Hale

6.00pm Holy Communion - Rev Julie Lunn

27th *Education Sunday*

10.45am Rev Shaun Swithenbank

6.00pm Rev Angy Long

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

Bowburn

3rd *Homelessness Sunday*

10.30am Mr Sean Conroy

10th *Sunday before Lent*

10.30am Holy Communion – Rev Shaun Swithenbank

17th 10.30am Prof Mark Wilson

24th 10.30am Mr John Scott

Elvet

3rd *Homelessness Sunday*

10.45am Holy Communion – Rev Shaun Swithenbank

6.00pm Evening service

10th *Sunday before Lent*

8.30am Holy Communion – Rev Julie Lunn

10.45am Deacon Jane Middleton

6.00pm Mrs Elaine Goy

17th 10.45am Morning service

6.00pm Holy Communion – Rev Shaun Swithenbank

24th 10.45am Mr Bill Offler

6.00pm Rev Julie Lunn

A letter from our Minister

Dear Friends,

Holy Week

Jesus' ministry of preaching and teaching lasted about three years, yet Matthew, Mark, Luke and John each devote a third of their gospels to the events of one single week in Jesus' life. Two thousand years later the church still regards this particular week as special. As one of the oldest Christian celebrations (recorded in Jerusalem 390 AD), it predates the festival of Christmas and was originally known as Great Week, "because great deeds were done in it" (*St. John Chrysostom*), and thereafter it became known as Holy Week.

The drama of Holy Week begins as we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. The prophet Zechariah had written that the king would come in this humble fashion and not like a military leader. The people visiting the city for the Passover festival laid palm branches in his path. Palm Sunday reminds us that earthly power is not the same as God's power. God's will is done in humility, not in seeking glory for ourselves.

The Monday of Holy Week is when we remember Mary anointing Jesus's feet with costly perfume. The challenge is to those who want to get rich quick but the truth is that love is more valuable than money and faith works out its future in the reality of love now.

On Tuesday we remember the challenge that Jesus posed to others. Jesus describes his death not in terms of an end but as a seed of hope for all nations and a light pointing them to the author of faith and life.

Wednesday's story is about betrayal. The disciple who was to betray him was one who was closest to him and many others would eventually judge him but Jesus continues to act as teacher and guide – pioneer and perfecter of faith – and revelation of God's glory.

Maundy Thursday is when we remember Jesus' words "A new commandment I give you: Love one another". (Maundy comes from the Latin word for commandment.) Jesus showed this love by washing his disciples' feet and sharing bread and wine with them: "This is my body and my blood". Christ meets our deepest need so that we might serve others.

On Good Friday (God's Friday in parts of Europe) the story of crucifixion is told: The Christ who dies for us. Here in history the drama becomes real and the reality harsh, but also here, strangely, the story suddenly comes to life. We are asked to do more than hear the words, we are challenged to receive this truth and experience it for ourselves.

Holy Saturday is a time for exploring feelings of emptiness and expectation. A time of faith. The tomb is empty but then we discover new life. If we allow ourselves, we are led from winter to spring. "*Christ has turned our sunset into dawn*" (St. Clement of Alexandria)

Shaun

WORSHIP IN MARCH

Bowburn

- 3rd 10.30am Morning service
- 10th *Mothering Sunday*
10.30am Holy Communion – Rev Shaun Swithenbank
- 17th 10.30am Mrs Mary Tribe
- 24th *Palm Sunday*
10.30am Mrs Ramona Samuel
- 31st *Easter Day*
10.30am Miss Elizabeth Greener

Elvet

- 3rd 10.45am Holy Communion – Rev Julie Lunn
6.00pm Rev Calvin Samuel
- 10th *Mothering Sunday*
8.30am Holy Communion – Rev Shaun Swithenbank
10.45am All age and Parade service - Mr John Grocott
6.00pm Evening service
- 17th 10.45am Rev Canon Caroline Dick
6.00pm Holy Communion – Rev Shaun Swithenbank
- 24th *Palm Sunday*
10.45am Morning service
6.00pm Rev Shaun Swithenbank
- 31st *Easter Day*
10.45am Holy Communion – Rev Shaun Swithenbank
6.00pm Mrs Norma Nevin

Elvet's CCM has become "**Growth and Mission**".

Here are the notes from their meeting.

The group aims to explore all avenues for Growth in Church to see what we can do at Elvet. "Growth and Mission" is not a committee, since the Church **owns** everything they do. They feel the need to communicate their activities to both members and outsiders.

Therefore, meeting notes will be sent to secretaries of Elvet Groups, to be read out to inform all members. Weekly articles will be sent to the Durham Times.

Possibilities / Ways forward

1) **Time to talk of God** (Recovering Christian Conversation/How do we talk of God?). Communication with what Methodism is Saying; Methodism still has a unique role. How to converse one to one and in groups, gambling/debt etc.

2) **Start, Walk, Stop:** challenge – start something new, walk and see progress, stop and change, or stop.

3) **Alpha Courses:** challenging questions; helping people find answers.

4) **Talking of God:** involves more commitment to take us forward on our journey.

5) **Changing Church for a Changing World:** may be suitable for Elvet, covers changing traditional churches in different ways.

6) **Come as you are:** training in membership for Methodist Church (come as you are and explore with us the Christian journey)

7) **Patterns of Presence** : Elvet's presence in Durham?

Nature of presence: are we a priestly community? Yes.

Prophetic? Yes, e.g. mentoring project – children need help

Evangelising? We thought not as much as we could be – need to be the best we can.

Ecumenical? We do try to relate to all.

8) **Table Talk** : discussions in public places, coffee bars, pub rooms

9) **Compass**

10) **Step Forward** 32 week course

11) **Disciple Course** 34 week course

12) **Deepening Discipleship:** web-site

13) **Pilgrim's Way:** why set out on Christian Discipleship? / how to get from where we are to where we want to be/ how to find out what people need/resources.

14) **Mission Shaped Intro** (Reshaping for Mission). Changing world and changing Church. Course on offer around the Circuit.

15) **Music and Drama workshops**, for Circuit etc. Phil Summers for drama/comedy, and contact (Shaun knows) for music (musicians). What other talents do Church members have available to offer?

Durham and Deerness Valley Circuit Review: Action Plan sets out aims and plans for all Churches involved in Circuit, covering Mission, Worship, Discipleship, and Use of Resources, but individual Churches and the District Development Plan set out their own plan, drawn from this. The plan covers the period **2012 to 2015**.

MISSION

Home and overseas:

Advent offering to home mission

Project: covers home and overseas.

Activities: Cradle roll service/Back to Church Sunday/Church Lunch/ Mother and Toddlers group/Messy Church (Christmas Service)/Open Church.

Service **30th December** – to be ‘Messy Church’ with crafts and food.

Anne Offler spoke, providing ideas for family involvement (through local schools) starting with service on 30th December.

‘Messy Nativity/ Messy Christmas’ (books available) involves approximately 10 knitted sheep, placed in Durham City shops (where agreeable) a leaflet available to complete, with spaces for shop name and sheep name, the Christmas Story, dates and times of Services.

Participants will be invited to service on 30th Dec at 3pm when sheep gathered in. Explain format will be messy crafts, service, then

Project: Will still be co-ordinated by Growth and Mission Group. Meeting on Feb 20th, 2013 specifically for Project. Project slip issued to charities by Penny one month before this to remind them to submit presentations.

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ECO MATTERS.

Have you heard of the Transition Movement ?

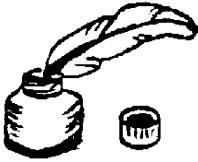
It is a dynamic, community-led charity that is strengthening the local economy. The main aim of the project generally is to raise awareness of sustainable living and build local ecological resilience in the near future. Communities are encouraged to seek out methods for reducing energy usage as well as their reliance on long supply chains that are totally dependent on fossil fuels for essential items.

Initiatives so far have included creating community gardens to grow food, business waste exchange – which seeks to match the waste of one industry with an other industry that uses that waste material - and even simply repairing old items rather than throwing them away.

Ways of cherishing God's world...

Turn off lights; dust off your bike; go easy on weeding; buy recycled; don't waste food; wear an extra jumper; smile at a stranger; grow a wild space; feed the birds; share a cabbage; insulate the attic; buy a timer; share a lift; scrump for apples; re-use; make your own clothes; knit a hat; mute the adverts; go by bus; don't upgrade your phone; grow a meadow; grow wild-life friendly shrubs and flowers; pass on unwanted gifts.

Now add your own.....



EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

I'd like to welcome Elvet's new group, Growth and Mission - see pages 7- 9, where I've done my best to make some shape out the ideas Growth and Mission are buzzing with.

By the time you are reading this newsletter, the first venture organised by the new group will have taken place, the Sheep Nativity Service. I, for one, am looking forward to it very much.

We are not the only ones with a real focus on outreach. A church meets at my school: some of my colleagues are members there. They put a card into every staff tray inviting us all to a "Community Christmas Celebration". I hope some colleagues took them up. (I didn't because I was going to be at Elvet, of course.) Again, a fellow teacher sent everyone in our department an invitation to both a traditional and a modern Christmas Celebration; she was playing at both services, being the talented musician she is.

So - to return to my starting point - I wish the Growth and Mission group as much success as their enthusiasm deserves.

Yours in Christ,
Jackie

Have You Been Here?



I've been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear that no-one recognises you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; they drive you there. I have made several trips, thanks to my friends, family and work. I live close so it's a short drive.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I grow older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And, sometimes, I think I am in Vincible, but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in Denial, but I'm positive I've never been there before!

**The Revd. Ruth Gee elected President Designate
of the Methodist Conference for 2013 – 2014**

We are delighted that the Revd. Ruth Gee, Chair of the Darlington District, has been elected President Designate of the Methodist Conference for 2013 – 2014. The election was announced in July at Methodist Conference in Plymouth.

As well as being Chair of the Darlington District, the Revd. Ruth Gee is a member of the Wesley Study Centre Committee, here in Durham. She has taught on a variety of subjects here at the Study Centre and is currently Methodist tutor for the Death and Dying module. She also represents the Church on 'Churches Together in England', the Free Churches Group and the Joint Implementation Commission, which supports the Anglican-Methodist Covenant. She is passionate about sharing the Gospel and enabling people to grow in their discipleship.

In response to the announcement, Ruth said: "It's an enormous privilege and very humbling to be elected and I am looking forward very much to serving alongside Daleep (Dr Daleep Mukarji has been elected Vice-President Designate.)

"I believe that there is a need for us as Christian disciples to raise our eyes beyond ourselves to see glimpses of God's glory. We are called to walk so closely with Christ that we can instinctively recognise him at work in the world and be challenged and inspired by that."

Ruth and Daleep will be inducted as the first item of business at the 2013 Methodist Conference, which will take place at Methodist Central Hall in Westminster, London from 4th – 11th July, 2013.

What Next?

The *What Next? EDEV* website is now up and running!

What Next? is an exciting initiative from the Methodist Church and is for anyone who wishes to understand more fully their calling to follow Christ and how to live and grow as Christ's disciple in the world. Although designed primarily for Methodists, anyone from a Christian church can join a *What Next?* group.

If you think *What Next?* may be for you, then visit the website www.whatnextedev.org.uk which will be regularly updated with reflections and stories from group participants – you can also find out about courses in your area.

You could also check out the new *What Next?* leaflet which gives you further details about the programme. This can be downloaded from the WSC website www.dur.ac.uk/wsc.online then click on '*What Next?*' under 'Quick Links'.

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The Methodist Church is one of the largest Christian churches serving Great Britain, with nearly 265,000 members and regular contact with over 800,000 people. It has about 5,800 churches in Great Britain, and also maintains links with other Methodist churches totalling a world-wide membership of 70 million.

Its activities, both alone and with ecumenical and secular partners, are based on four aims known as **Our Calling**:

- To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love
- To help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care
- To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice
- To make more followers of Jesus Christ.

A Tribute to John Major

**Elvet member, John Major, is remembered by many.
Here is the tribute offered by his friends at
the Wesley Study Centre**

Dr John Major was WSC Treasurer from May 2007 up to his death in July 2012. John served the Methodist Church faithfully for many years in a number of capacities. He was in turn Treasurer of Elvet Methodist Church in Durham, a member of the Durham & Deerness Valley Circuit Finance Committee, and, of course, Treasurer of Wesley Study Centre.

John joined the Study Centre Team as it was undergoing a significant period of growth. His work on its finances helped to provide a context of stability in which the Centre could flourish and develop.

In the last three years of his time as WSC Treasurer, John helped to work through a significant series of negotiations which clarified the financial basis of the Centre's relationship with St John's College, where it is based. A revised Memorandum of Understanding between Methodist Council & St John's Council was signed in 2010, which was based in large part upon complex financial calculations which John helped to negotiate.

John's professional colleagues and former students will remember him as an able physicist, who made a significant contribution to his field of scholarship. Here in Wesley Study Centre, John will be remembered fondly for his sense of humour, his sharp analytical mind, his pastoral concern for students, and meticulous attention to detail. His commitment to the flourishing of WSC is something we have deeply appreciated.

Our prayers and thoughts, as well as our gratitude, remain with John's wife Helen, their son Richard and daughter Anne and their families.

The Fruitful Field and WSC

Friends and supporters of Wesley Study Centre will be aware of the major report on theological education which was presented to Methodist Conference in the summer.

The report, *The Fruitful Field*, proposed the replacement of our current colleges and theological education resources with a single Connexional Learning Network based around two centres at Cliff College, in Calver, Derbyshire and the Queen's Foundation in Edgbaston, near Birmingham and across a number of yet to be defined regions encompassing Scotland, England and Wales. Conference voted by a significant majority to accept the report and all of its proposals, including the withdrawal of support and students from all connexionally supported colleges and institutions by 2015, apart from Cliff College and the Queen's Foundation.

Up to seventy new learning and training posts are to be created across the new training regions, including around sixteen posts across the two Centres and up to five posts in each region.

Work is being undertaken to begin implementation of *The Fruitful Field* proposals in order for the Network to begin to take shape from September 2013. However, significant detailed work remains to be done. Our understanding is that Wesley Study Centre will receive its final intake of students in October 2012 and its operations are to be wound down by the summer of 2014.

The withdrawal of Connexional support from the Study Centre is likely to result in redundancies for some lay colleagues and moving into stationing for ministerial colleagues.

Unsurprisingly, our ecumenical and university partners in Durham have viewed the Conference decision with dismay and disillusionment. At a time when the Church of England is developing stronger links with Durham University and making a multimillion pound investment in practical theology and ministerial training based around Durham, our Connexion proposes to withdraw from what has been a fruitful partnership for a generation.

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We remain cautiously hopeful that a Methodist presence may be maintained in partnership with Durham University beyond 2014. However, it remains unclear precisely what form this might take and precisely the level of Connexional funding such a presence might require.

In the meantime, we look forward to what has been one of WSC's largest intakes in recent years and continue to offer Durham University courses for ministerial formation which are of the highest quality at undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels.

We would be grateful for your prayers over the next couple of years as *The Fruitful Field* proposals are implemented. Specifically, we ask for your prayers for discernment about a continuing Methodist presence in Durham.

Just as importantly, we ask for your prayers for those affected by *The Fruitful Field* decisions.

Please pray for:

- **Morale in our Colleges which will continue to train ministers whilst making plans for their own discontinuance**
- **Training Officers (TOs), District Development Enablers (DDEs), and One Participant Programme Managers (OPPs), whose posts are similarly affected by the proposals**
- **New opportunities for colleagues whose appointments will disappear**
- **Those who will take up the challenge of forging the new Learning Network out of the ashes of the existing structures**

CT Samuel WSC Director

Postgraduate Study and Ministerial Development Continues

The withdrawal of Connexional support for the Wesley Study Centre means that student ministers will no longer train in Durham in the way they do currently.

However, the partnership with St John's College extends far beyond initial ministerial training, and all of the cutting edge postgraduate courses will continue to be part of the outstanding opportunities for theological education and development offered in Durham.

The well-established MA in Theology and Ministry and the Doctor in Theology and Ministry programmes remain as leading degrees in this field and offer excellent opportunities for ministerial development for both lay and ordained students as well as exciting research opportunities in the full range of ministry. Within the MATM structure, there is a variety of modules which enrich and equip ministry in particular contexts.

The new Postgraduate Study in Missional Leadership programme is particularly appropriate for those leading larger teams, circuits, deaneries or other complex Christian organisations.

Anyone interested in these programmes or any stand-alone MA modules including: *Leadership for Mission; Chaplaincy; Forgiveness; How Mission can Shape the Church; Holiness, Wholeness and Mission; and Spiritual Direction* should contact:

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“as long as it takes”

The NCH/Action for Children slogan could not be clearer.



The Revd Dr Thomas Bowman Stephenson began NCH more than 100 years ago as a response to the perceived needs of children then - are their needs so different now?

It can be difficult for modern middle-class families to understand the exigencies of families or children not like their own.

With suitable research, we can recall the practical nature of Dr Stephenson's love and care and the forthrightness of his denunciation of social injustice.

Now, we pray that following on Dr Stephenson's denunciation of the injustice of neglect, our voices may be raised and our commitment to practical care may grow.

Dear Lord, inspire the work of Action for Children that it may work with integrity, passion and hope to meet the needs of children, young people and families who need their love and care the most, for as long as it takes.

Amen.

Our loss or our gain?

Justin Welby has been our bishop for such a short time, only since November 2011. On 21st March, 2013, he will be enthroned as the Archbishop of Canterbury, a responsibility which few envy him.

I remind readers of Bishop Welby's qualities as published in the July - September, 2011 issue of SEDUM.



Rev. Godfrey Butland, an Anglican priest who has spent his entire ministry working in the diocese of Liverpool told the editor: "Justin is a man of deep faith and real integrity who has a rare gift for getting alongside people of different Christian traditions and other backgrounds. He has made an amazing contribution to the life of the cathedral and the diocese, and the cathedral has become - in the less than 4 years he has been Dean - a real centre for renewal and regeneration for both church and City. He seems at home as much in the informal gatherings for praise and worship as in the great diocesan and civic occasions. He has warmly encouraged 'fresh expressions of church' and the mission statement he has given to the Cathedral is 'a safe place to do risky things in Christ's service'."

BAPTISMS

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

At Elvet

Oct 21st Daniel CHURCHILL

Dec 9th Jacob FENWICK

Welcome

WEDDINGS

At Elvet

Oct 13th Gavin ROBINSON and Sophie MITCHELL

Dec 2nd Simon NAGI and Joanne-Marie CAIRNS

Congratulations

FUNERALS

Our condolences to the family and friends of those whose funeral was
held in our churches:

Thomas Fleming 9th November (Bowburn)

Violetina Smith 3rd December (Bowburn)

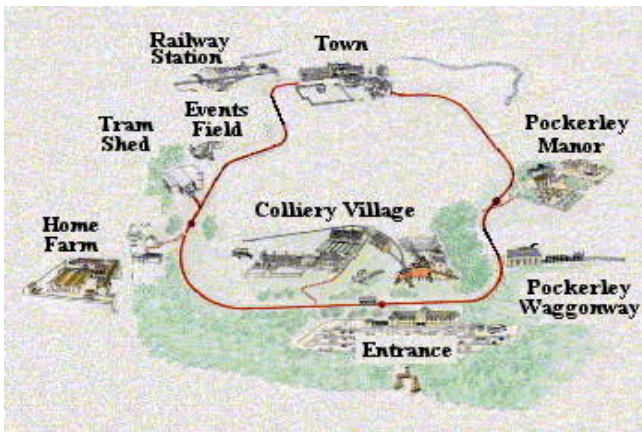
Mary Dawson 29th November (Elvet)

In Memoriam

**THURSDAY CLUB
at ELVET**

The programme continues -

- January 10th Social Evening: *Something Old, Something New* -
come along and share
- January 24th Street Lights - Tina McLellan
- February 7th Beamish Museum - Helen Barker



- February 21st Restoration at Hardwick Park - John Fitzpatrick
- March 7th To be arranged
- March 21st Some special books in the Cathedral Library-
Gabriel Sewell
- April 18th India and Sri Lanka, The Long and the Short of It -
Euan Ross
- May 2nd An A-Z of Photography - Janet Thackray
- May 16th Annual General Meeting

Satnav Poem

I have a little Satnav.
 It sits there in my car.
 A Satnav is a driver's friend.
 It tells you where you are.
 I have a little Satnav;
 I've had it all my life;
 It does more than the normal one -
 My Satnav is my wife.
 It gives me full instructions
 On exactly how to drive.
 "It's thirty miles an hour," it says,
 "And you're doing thirty-five."
 It tells me when to stop and start
 And when to use the brake
 And tells me when it's never ever
 Safe to overtake.
 It tells me when a light is red
 And when it goes to green.
 It seems to know instinctively
 Just when to intervene.
 It lists the vehicles in front;
 It lists those to the rear;
 And, taking this into account,
 It specifies my gear.
 I'm sure no other driver
 Has so helpful a device;
 For when we leave and lock the car
 It still gives its advice.
 It fills me up with counselling—
 Each journey's pretty fraught.
 So why don't I exchange it
 And get a quieter sort?
 Ah well, you see, it cleans the house,
 Makes sure I'm properly fed;
 It washes all my shirts and things
 And - keeps me warm in bed!

Digging Methodist history out of the attic

Historians are inviting people to dig up stories about Methodists in their family tree and share them on a new heritage website.

My Primitive Methodist Ancestors provides a space where people can share information about every aspect of Primitive Methodism. The easily-searchable site is part of a community archive network, supported by the Methodist Church and Englesea Brook Museum, and developed by volunteers.

Jill Barber, project Director for the Englesea Brook Museum, said: "We get hundreds of enquiries every year, from all over the world, from people tracing their family history. Many have no experience of church, but are fascinated to find out more about the faith of their ancestors. Some discover their ancestors were put in prison for preaching in the open air, others became Chartists or trade union leaders, and transformed the lives of working people".

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Save money on rising energy costs

A new scheme will offer thousands of Methodist churches the chance to save money, time and energy on their electricity, gas and oil bills.

The Methodist Church is recommending that all Methodist properties buy their energy through 2buy2. **2buy2** is the Church's approved buying group, offering negotiated energy tariffs from suppliers that they manage on behalf of signed up member churches. This allows them to 'bulk buy', identifying the best suppliers of gas, electricity and oil at the best prices.

The scheme doesn't just apply to churches - any property that is managed within the circuit, such as schools and manses, can be included.

Churches don't even have to wait until their current energy contact expires before registering for the service.

More information can be found online.

Poverty and Homelessness Action Week: 26 January - 4 February 2013

'Can you cast the first stone?' Are people to blame for being poor or homeless?

Poverty and Homelessness Action Week 2013 tells stories that don't suit the press agenda. It encourages churches to speak out against the blame game.

Resources include worship materials, a DVD telling people's stories, information about the issues and ideas for fundraising and practical support.

For more details, look on their website.

Inspiration?

Explore [Singing the Faith Plus](#), the free website that supports and supplements the new Methodist hymn book, to discover:

- hymn and song suggestions to accompany lectionary readings
- worship resources for Advent and special Sundays, including Advent candle liturgies for four hymns
- a growing library of background notes on the hymns and songs plus creative ideas for using them (see hymns 189 and 558 for the latest examples)
- extra hymns for Advent and Christmas from Singing the Faith Plus contributors.



CRADLE ROLL BIRTHDAYS

January 18th Abigail Rose Coventry (Elvet)
22nd Cara Mae Moody (Elvet)
23rd Holly Sandra Dunn (Elvet)
& Abbie Barnes (Elvet)
& Matthew James Green (Elvet)
25th Martha Middleton (Elvet)

February 15th Zara Jane Johnson (Elvet)

March 27th Ellis Charles Hall (Elvet)

JUNIOR CHURCH BIRTHDAYS

March 4th Lisa Cave (Elvet)
8th Callum Hall (Elvet)
25th Rebecca Carter (Elvet)

A Happy Birthday To You All

MISSIO



Missio is a Roman Catholic group meaning “Mission” which I came across during a visit to Italy in late 2012. Here is their prayer; it can be our prayer, too.

I believe - and so I spoke.

Father, You have given us Jesus, Your word made flesh.

Give us also a full realisation, both human and Christian, of FAITH, which helps us to welcome Your manifold gifts, to believe in Your presence amongst us and to speak to the World about You.

In Your Spirit we can be Your children alongside Christ, Your Son; we can share Your Word; we can be, as He is, a gift to all the World.

Let it be so every day of our lives.

AMEN

THE WEEK IN BOWBURN

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

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.	House Group at Newton Hall (alternate weeks)
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	2.00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship (1st & 3rd weeks)
Thurs	10.00 a.m.	Arts & Crafts Workshop
	7.45 p.m.	Thursday Club for All (alternate weeks)
	7.45 p.m.	House Group at Shincliffe (alternate weeks)

ELVET and BOWBURN METHODIST CHURCHES

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Rev Shaun Swithenbank BSc

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and

University Chaplain

Rev. Julie Lunn, BEd, MA

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DON'T FORGET

Copy for the **April - June** Newsletter
should reach Jackie Fielding by

February 24th

via the pocket in the rear entrance hall at **Elvet**,
by phone on Durham 384 7305
or by e-mail at fielding@durhamcity.org.uk

Alternatively, those at **Shincliffe** and **Bowburn** can contact
Liz Atkinson on Durham 377 0687.