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NEWSLETTER

for Bowburn, Shincliffe and
Elvet Methodists

Sedum:
a family of
small plants
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.....”

OCT- NOV-DEC 09

A letter from our Minister

Dear Friends,

Let me introduce Rebecca Ingrouille to you. Rebecca (who prefers to be known as 'Bex') is a student minister, training at the Wesley Study Centre. She is married to Steve, also a student at WSC. Bex will be on 'attachment' with me between October and December. She will be leading worship in both churches, attending various meetings, doing some pastoral visits, and in various other ways sharing in the churches' life. Bex will also be getting some insight into what I do in my capacity as Superintendent. So please look out for her, and make her feel at home, as I'm sure you will.

I am very conscious of the fact that I shall have a student minister working with me during part of the last year of my own 'active' ministry. The question which I have often heard from the lips of others, 'Where have all the years gone?', is more and more in my own mind. But there is much to be done before I become a supernumerary next summer, and this is not the time to be writing a farewell letter.

I trust that the final months of 2009, as we progress into Advent and then into Christmas, will be an enriching experience for us all.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Neil Dixon

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Bowburn

- 4th 10.30 a.m. Mr Bill Offler - **Harvest Festival**
- 11th 10.30 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon - Holy Communion
- 18th 10.30 a.m. Rev Raymond Hay
- 25th 10.30 a.m. Rev Julie Lunn - **Church Anniversary**

Elvet

- 4th 10.45 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon - Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. Mrs Rebecca Ingrouille (WSC)
- 11th 8.30 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon - Holy Communion
10.45 a.m. Rev Paul Golightly
6.00 p.m. Rev Neil Dixon & Rev Julie Lunn
- 18th 10.45 a.m. Mr Bill Offler
6.00 p.m. Rev Julie Lunn - Holy Communion
- 25th 10.45 a.m. Mrs Rebecca Ingrouille (WSC)
6.00 p.m. Rev Neil Dixon

WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

Bowburn

- 1st 10.30 a.m. Mr John Farish
- 8th 10.30 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon - **Remembrance Day**
- 15th 10.30 a.m. Mrs Margaret Wadge
- 22nd 10.30 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon - Holy Communion
- 29th 10.30 a.m. Mrs Rebecca Ingrouille (WSC)

Elvet

- 1st 10.45 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon - Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. Mr John Scott
- 8th 8.30 a.m. Rev Alison Wilkinson - Holy Communion
10.45 a.m. Mr Eric Watchman
Remembrance Day with Parade
6.00 p.m. Rev Julie Lunn & Rev Neil Dixon - **Taizé**
- 15th 10.45 a.m. Mrs Rebecca Ingrouille (WSC)
6.00 p.m. Rev Neil Dixon & Rev Nigel Johnson
- Holy Communion
- 22nd 10.45 a.m. Mr John Farish
6.00 p.m. Rev Dr Inderjit Bhogal (Former President
of the Methodist Conference)
- 29th 10.45 a.m. Dr Mark Wilson
6.00 p.m. Rev Julie Lunn

WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

Bowburn

- 6th 10.30 a.m. Mr C.S. Cockling
- 13th 10.30 a.m. Mr B. Blackwell
- 20th 10.30 a.m. Mrs Anne Offler (All Age)
- 25th 9.00 a.m.** Rev Neil Dixon
- 27th 10.30 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon - Holy Communion

Elvet

- 6th 10.45 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon - Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. Rev Alison Wilkinson
- 13th 8.30 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon - Holy Communion
10.45 a.m. Rev Neil Dixon (All Age, Parade and Gift)
6.00 p.m. Rev Raymond Hay
- 20th **3.00 p.m.** Rev Neil Dixon - **Carol Service**
- 25th 10.30 a.m.** Rev Neil Dixon
- 27th 10.45 a.m. Mr J. Hackett

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Elvet Methodist Church
Thursday Club Programme
2009-2010

- Sept 17 **Holy Island - Rev Robert Cooper**
- Oct 1 **The Kwagala Trust - Joyce Shaw**
(Elvet Project for 2009-2010)
- Oct 15 **Life in the 60s - Phil Curtis**
- Nov 5 **Title to be announced**
- Nov 19 **Jewellery Demonstration - Sally Brice and Catherine Sara**
- Dec 17 **Christmas Festivities**
- Jan 14 **Peter Lee (The Life and Times of My Grandfather)**
- Win Coleman
- Jan 28 **Peru Encompassed - Anne Scott**
- Feb 11 **Title to be announced - Rev Neil Dixon**
- Feb 25 **Steam Boating - Malcolm Proud**
- Mar 4 **Asylum - Dispelling the Myths - Linda Harkins**
from the Methodist Asylum Project (Middlesbrough)
- Mar 18 **A Digital Presentation - Edwin Stanger**
- Apr 22 **New Discoveries (Slides of old photographs of**
Durham City) Michael Richardson
- May 6 **Three Paces Behind - Nora Fisher**
- May 20 **From A to B - Chris Harder**
- June 10 **Annual General Meeting**

Church Flowers



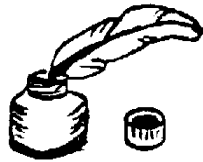
At a Flower Festival I overheard a lady say, “I wish we could have flowers like that at our church”. I thought of commenting but, due to shyness, decided to submit this article instead.

At Elvet we have an enthusiastic group of arrangers who readily go to buy the flowers and then spend a couple of hours arranging them. Inevitably expenditure is limited, whereas, at Flower Festivals, the exhibitors have more funding to develop the theme and arrangement.

Unfortunately, the provision of flowers is under threat due to rising costs and fewer people contributing. The contribution from those who give fresh flowers, sometimes in memory of loved ones, is much appreciated. However, the rota has spaces and it may not be possible to provide fresh flowers on all occasions.

Do you know, see or realise that occasionally silk flowers have been used? For some churches rotation of artificial flowers is the norm and may become more frequent at Elvet. This would also remove the distribution of fresh flowers to members who are ill and appreciate a visit from the distributor. Is this how we want it to be? The options are in your hands but perhaps consideration could be given to an underpinning allowance from Church funds: £500 per year would be adequate and affordable.

Chris Harder

**EDITORIAL**

Dear Friends,

Aren't holidays lovely? Of course, all our summer holidays will be just a memory when we all get to read this. Let's think back to the rest and relaxation. Where did you go? who with? what did you do? Just thinking about it makes you happy, doesn't it?

I had a lovely holiday, one which included visiting Assisi for the first time in my life. I was ready to be totally disappointed and to find the place a total tourist horror. I was wrong: Assisi was calm, prayerful, beautiful. I look forward to going back.

The art which I saw on my holiday in Umbria was amazing - I was mostly looking at frescos which were painted in about 1300 - 1400 by Giotto, Perugino and Pintoricchio. And I mustn't forget the ceramics by Della Robbia.

Italy is a treasure - but we Methodists have a treasure, too; we so enjoy our hymns. I realised today that I often print hymns in SEDUM. They mean a lot to me - and they mean a lot to you. May they come to mean a lot, to explain our faith, to those who read our magazine casually (and thank you to those people for doing so! - please make yourselves known to me).

Yours in Christ,

Jackie

A poem I heard on *Poetry Please*

'Atlas' by U A Fanthorpe



There is a kind of love called maintenance
Which stores the WD40 and knows when to use it

Which checks the insurance, and doesn't forget
The milkman; which remembers to plant bulbs;

Which answers letters; which knows the way
The money goes; which deals with dentists

And Road Fund Tax and meeting trains,
And postcards to the lonely; which upholds

The permanently rickety elaborate
Structures of living, which is Atlas.

And maintenance is the sensible side of love,
Which knows what time and weather are doing
To my brickwork; insulates my faulty wiring;
Laughs at my dryrotten jokes; remembers
My need for gloss and grouting; which keeps
My suspect edifice upright in air,
As Atlas did the sky.

A Day of Surprises: the Lindisfarne Pilgrimage, 2009



Guess the owners of these feet

*(Dick is opening this as a genuine competition - see him not me!
You can enter your guess for 50p and Dick will donate the proceeds
to the Elvet Project. He will also decide the winner and the prize.)*

Ten of our members set out on Saturday 13 June for the annual Pilgrimage to Holy Island by Churches Together in Elvet and Shincliffe. Ten was a welcome increase on the numbers from last year; we were part of a full bus load, with friends from St Oswald's, St Mary's, Shincliffe, and St Cuthbert's. We left Dunelm House on a fair summer morning, but it was to be a day of surprises.

The first was that the lavatories at Belford were closed. These have always been an essential comfort stop just before walking across the sands, so we had to rouse up the Bluebell Hotel to make coffee for us, and allow us to use their facilities. The second was to alight from the bus to see a young woman swimming in the river: fine, we thought, summer is *i-cumen in*, as the old poet said. So we walked where the monks walked, across the sand, surprised by its firmness: just as we were getting used to this, we sank into a gooey patch of

mud. We then had a picnic on the island. Half way through, there was a further surprise: a sharp shower of cold rain, which caused a hasty recourse to umbrellas and a sharp revision of the idea that summer was *i-cumen in*.

The shower stopped as suddenly as it had begun. We scampered through the puddles to the church, only to find another instance of the unexpected: the church was being used by another group. The vicar, full of apologies, offered us the vicarage garden. There, looking over the sand and the water, we had a short and simple service. It was led with dignity by Andy Doyle, from St Cuthbert's, with help from all the churches: Robin Harris read the first lesson, in which the Lord gave Jeremiah the gift of prophecy. We were each given a piece of paper with the name of a country, and invited to pray for the needs of the people in that place before placing the paper round a candle, praying that truth may be heard, that justice may be done, and that love may flourish. We sang new words to familiar tunes. We prayed to the God of Aidan, Cuthbert, Oswald, and all the saints. The rain held off. The service had been carefully constructed, but outside in the cool air it seemed happily makeshift, and deeply moving.

Afterwards we were free to explore: the wind had risen to near-gale force, and some of us took refuge by visiting the castle. There, as we looked out of the window, the showers returned again: was that hail, or was it snow? It was hard to tell. Winter was *i-cumen in*.

Back on the bus, the sun came out. Summer was back. And so, our clothes steaming gently in the warmth of the bus, we went to Sea-houses for fish and chips, and then back to Durham. It had been a memorable day, and a very good one. It had been full of the unexpected, but full, too, of goodwill and good fellowship. Once again, in spite of the surprises and adjustments of the day, the magic of Lindisfarne had cast its spell over us all, giving us strength to continue our own individual pilgrimages for another year.

Dick Watson

Electronic Advances!



Have you visited the Elvet web site, www.elvet-church.org.uk, recently?

News from *The Buzz*, the Methodist Church's Good News Stories

Remembering Wesley

From The New Room, Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit

How better to mark Wesley Day, May 24th, than at the world's oldest Methodist chapel on a blissfully sunny day?

The New Room in Bristol - <http://www.newroombristol.org.uk>, where John Wesley and the early Methodists preached, was the fitting setting for our celebrations.

We kicked off with traditional early morning Communion, followed by an energy-boosting breakfast and then later a Wesley-themed afternoon tour. Amongst the attractions were Charles Wesley's family home and St James Priory - the parish church that John and Charles Wesley considered their own.

The day was topped off by a Songs of Praise service with the New Room Singers leading the musical charge. Over 100 people came to belt out hymns by Wesley and the 'Messiah' composer, Handel, whose death 250 years ago was also commemorated.

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Christmas Services at Bowburn and Elvet

December 20th 10.30 a.m. BOWBURN All Age Worship
3.00 p.m. ELVET Carol Service
Christmas Eve 11.30 p.m. ELVET Holy Communion
Christmas Day 9.00 a.m. BOWBURN
10.30 a.m. ELVET

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Busy and Involved?

The Annual General Meeting and recent Church Council confirmed once again that Elvet is a busy church. I will not reiterate the list of all that happens, but I care about people and hope that ANON had a more active year and felt more involved. If I remember correctly, ANON criticised the lack of outreach. As we are about to embark on another project, I would like to restate the obvious, in that this is an opportunity to involve others in the social and spiritual life of Elvet, and, in doing so, to improve the lives of others.

Chris Harder

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Hymns and Psalms
Hymn no. 526

It passeth knowledge, that dear love of thine,
My Saviour, Jesus! Yet this soul of mine
Would of thy love in all its breadth and length,
Its height and depth, and everlasting strength,
Know more and more.

It passeth telling, that dear love of thine,
My Saviour, Jesus! Yet these lips of mine
Would fain proclaim to sinners far and near
A love which can remove all guilty fear,
And love beget.

It passeth praises, that dear love of thine,
My Saviour, Jesus Yet this heart of mine
Would sing that love, so rich, so full, so free
Which brings a rebel sinner, such as me,
Nigh unto God.

O, fill me, Saviour Jesus, with thy love!
Lead, lead me to the living fount above;
Thither may I, in simple faith draw nigh,
And never to another fountain fly,
But unto thee.

And then, when Jesus face to face I see,
When at his lofty throne I bow the knee,
Then of his love, in all its breadth and length,
Its height and depth, and everlasting strength,
My soul shall sing..

EDEV
- coming to a circuit near you!

Would you like the opportunity to explore and discover a renewed sense of God's calling in your life? Do you want to explore more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus? Are you seeking the next step in your walk with God? Are you wondering how best to serve God? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then *EDEV* might be just the right thing for you!



What is *EDEV*?

EDEV stands for *Extending Discipleship, Exploring Vocation* and is an exciting new initiative from the Methodist Church. The programme is for anyone who wishes to understand more fully their calling to follow Christ and to live as Christ's disciple in the world. *EDEV* is an exploration process -through conversation, prayer and reflection, it will help people to know themselves better, to identify their gifts and explore the various possibilities of ministry and service.

Who can join?

Any church member or regular worshipper can join. If you are already connected to the Methodist Church, are seeking a pathway into Christian Service, or you wish to discern the nature of discipleship and what God is calling you to do - *EDEV* is for you!

What is involved?

The programme is usually a fortnightly or weekly group meeting lasting anything from three to nine months, including holidays. The meetings are varied and lots of fun and involve visiting speakers, personal sharing, bible study and exercises to discover more about yourself and God. There is some material on the Methodist emphases and experiences of Christian life, and everyone spends some time gaining new experiences of Christian service e.g. prayer ministry, supporting asylum seekers, accompanying a local preacher or doing some children's work. This sampling is safe and supported.

Over the time of the *EDEV* group meetings, you are encouraged to discover what it is you are good at and can do in serving God, perhaps in a new way.

What does it cost?

Sessions are normally charged at £3.00 or £30 for the full length of the programme.

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Congratulations:

to all Elvet, Bowburn and Shincliffe
young people
who have been successful in recent
national examinations -
GCSE, AS level, A-level.

We especially commend **Naomi Woodfield**
who achieved a 2:1 in Marketing
from the University of Lancaster
and who is moving on to an M.A.
in International Marketing at
the University of Newcastle

and

Joanna Harrison
who also achieved a 2:1, this time in Social Work.

Joanne has joined the Promoting Independence team
in Derwentside.

The team helps adults with physical difficulties
and older people.

Joanna's sister, Rebecca, reached 18 years on
September 25th and we wish her, also, every good wish for the
future.

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The Kwagala Trust
Elvet Methodist Church Project 2009-2010



The KWAGALA TRUST is the chosen project for the coming year and members of Elvet and friends may like to know a little about this project.

In 2006 Joyce Shaw, a former music teacher in the Consett area, felt challenged to offer her services as a teacher with the African Children's Choir. After touring the U.S.A. and the U.K. she returned to Uganda and was concerned about the many vulnerable children there. The absence of a welfare system and the abject poverty caused much hardship and suffering. This experience motivated Joyce towards helping some of the orphans, particularly the babies.

In 2008 the Kwagala Trust was established with the intention of establishing a family unit with house parents, maintaining African and Ugandan culture whilst nurturing and encouraging Christian values. The first home has been established and the Trust is looking to buy land and build the 'family' home. With our help this vision will be achieved.

Project Kwagala was launched at Elvet on Sunday, 13th September with a lunch followed by a presentation by Joyce on the plans and development.

Please turn to page 25 for details of Project Kwagala events.

BAPTISMS

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

at Bowburn: 19th July Jay RAFTREE
at Elvet: 7th June Cara Mae MOODY
12th July Elizabeth Maria THOMPSON
Julian Friedrich Carl SCALES
Welcome!

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following on the celebration of their marriage at
Elvet.

5th June Darren SMITH and Emma HANSON
13th June Christopher STOREY and Pamela TRUBY
4th July Glen TURNBULL and Michelle WELSH
Wayne JONES and Jill GRAHAM
9th July Michael COWAN and Corinna LASH
23rd July Thomas VALLANCE and Joanne EMERY
25th July Andrew CORNFIELD and Tracy GREENER
8th Aug Geoffrey RIMINGTON and Lyn CARR
David MILLEDGE and Victoria HENSON
22nd Aug David LORD and Christina ELLIOTT

Congratulations!

FUNERALS

Our condolences to the family and friends of those whose funerals
were held at Bowburn

7th July Irene REVELER
13th July Edna SMITH
10th Aug Richard SHUTT

Elvet Church Council

I have been asked to write a brief account each quarter to inform readers of major decisions reached at Church Council meetings – so here goes.

The last meeting was held on 22nd June 2009. The main topic discussed was the installation of a lift from the office area to the upper room to enable disabled access to this room. Estimates had been received and it was agreed that the Property committee should be empowered to go ahead with the necessary work to install such a lift and to apply for any possible grants to help with the financing of this.

It was reported that to date the project had raised £13,500 and it was hoped that the final total would be in excess of £18,000.

The meeting thanked Dr Pauline Watson for her four years' service as Church steward and welcomed Fred Wilson and Val Harder as Church stewards. Farewell was said to Eric Watchman after more years on the Church Council than he or anyone else can remember. He was thanked for his 'presence and wisdom' - (I quote).

A further request was made that able-bodied members of the congregation use the car park in Territorial Lane on a Sunday morning so those with mobility problems can use the Church car park.

Gwynneth Watchman
(Church Council secretary)

Elvet Stewards' Report to the General Church Meeting, 2009

Last year's report registered the start of the Project for 2007-08 for the Cambodian street children through Global care. The initial promise was fulfilled: the commitment and hard work continued and a great deal of money was raised. This great effort could have led to a relaxation this year, and a failure to engage with the next Project, for a school for autistic children in Middlesbrough; but the enthusiasm and commitment have continued, and the current Project has already passed its initial target. This has demonstrated the way in which the people of Elvet are serious about extending Christian care and concern beyond their own immediate group to the less privileged and less fortunate of society. It helps to save us from becoming self-serving and inward-looking. We are aware that there are times when there is a struggle to raise enough money to maintain our own church and fulfil our commitment to the circuit, as well as raising money separately for the Project; but in our last month as Stewards, we would like to take this opportunity to restate the need to continue with this Project work.

Work for the Project has not led to the neglect of the church community. This year has seen the revival of the church party: there were enjoyable games and activities for the children in the afternoon, and in the evening some hidden talents were revealed, not least those of the Minister. We would also like to thank those who helped with the Freshers' Tea and who stayed after the service to meet and welcome students: there was more support this year, and the students were very grateful. Other highlights were the Carol Service and the Covenant Service at St Oswald's, with the new Chair of the District as the preacher; and the Music and Meditation sessions at lunch-time led by the Minister. The church study evenings provided an opportunity for people to get together and air their views, sometimes vigorously. It would be good to continue with these in the future.

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CRADLE ROLL BIRTHDAYS

August 27th Taviah Coburn (Elvet)
31st Nathan Russell Kelly (Elvet)

September
2nd Owen Conley (Elvet)
28th Katherine Coventry (Elvet)

October
13th Lydia Pickering (Elvet)
27th Poppy Thompson (Elvet)

November
5th Thomas Churchill (Elvet)
7th Elizabeth Thompson (Elvet)
24th Caitlin Edwards (Elvet)

December
11th William George Smalley (Bowburn)

JUNIOR CHURCH BIRTHDAYS

October 1st Fraser Jardine (Elvet)

December
3rd Isla Jardine (Elvet)
13th Grace Lawson (Elvet)
16th Luis Arce (Elvet)
29th Chloe Smith (Elvet)
30th Annabel Zeta Frewin-Wood (Bowburn)

A Happy Birthday To You All

Elvet Stewards' Report continued from page 20

The year has also seen a considerable amount of illness and bereavement in the congregation. This has necessitated a great deal of caring work from the Minister, from Pastoral Visitors, and from other friends. We are very grateful for this. We remember those we have lost, and who, in the past would have been present at this meeting.

Although we are retiring this year, Jeannette will continue as a Steward in a supporting role for a further year. This new arrangement of serving as a Steward for three years, followed by a year as a supporting Steward, will continue next year and subsequently. It is hoped that this shorter period as an 'ordinary' Steward will encourage people to commit themselves to becoming Stewards; while the 'supporting Steward' will be on hand to offer advice and help.

We have enjoyed our four years' service: it has been a privilege to serve as Church Stewards. We are grateful for all the support that we have received from the whole church community and particularly from our fellow-Stewards, past and present, who have been wonderful.

Jeannette Bygate, Pauline Watson

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The Revd and Mrs Ray Short

Among the hundreds of people who came into Elvet for refreshments on Gala Day were Alan and Liz Barr. They entered a request in the prayer book for prayers to be said for Ray Short and his wife, Kath. Ray was Minister here from 1957 to 1962 and then went to be a Religious Broadcasting producer for the BBC, later becoming series producer for Songs of Praise.

Alan Barr, who still works for the BBC, was a colleague of Ray's and has maintained their friendship. He asked that the people of Elvet pray for Ray and Kath as Ray is far from well.

As a result, some of us who remember the Shorts wrote to them and we have since had phone calls from Kath who has fond memories of their time in Durham. She told us that Ray is undergoing diagnostic tests and asked that we continue to hold them and their family in our thoughts and prayers. I am sure that we can rely on the folk of Durham to do so.

Gwynneth Watchman

Bible Sunday
October 25th



Helping migrants count on God's Word

Alone, in an unfamiliar landscape, often confronted by hostility, migrant workers need to know they can *count on God's life-changing Word*. That's why this year's Bible Sunday is raising funds for migrant ministry - while encouraging us to discover the riches of the Bible.

With the theme Count on it - living in the certainty of God's Word - the 2009 Bible Sunday is based on Isaiah 55, 1-11, inviting us to explore the Bible in order to know God better and live his way.

There is a wealth of *free* materials for the Bible Sunday service - including a talk outline, easy-to-use drama sketch, children's and youth activities, and prayer cards. And this year all resources are available on an easy-to-use CD ROM.

There's also an inspiring DVD featuring stories from migrants who have come to depend on the Bible's life-transforming message.

Bible Sunday is on October 25th, but can be celebrated any day. For more information visit www.biblesunday.org or call 01793 418222.



Elvet Communion Collections

Please give generously. If possible, information on charities will be on the church hall notice board.

OCTOBER - Centrepoint - Centrepoin works and campaigns to give homeless young people a future by supporting them directly, and by influencing practice, policy and provision. Every year they provide over 290,000 nights' accommodation to Britain's young homeless. They work directly with more than 800 young people each day. Since 1969 they have helped more than 73,000 young people. The work is about much more than just shelter. They support young people to help them turn their lives around, and develop to their potential. Their aim is to give young people the power to regain control of their lives, to give them back their future, and for that future to be brighter. Centrepoin is the place homeless young people can call home.

NOVEMBER - Royal British Legion - The Royal British Legion is a UK charity that provides financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependants. They are one of the UK's largest membership organisations and recognised as custodians of Remembrance. They also run the annual Poppy Appeal. They help serving and ex-Service personnel and their families. Not just those who fought in the two World Wars, but also those involved in the many conflicts since 1945 and those still fighting today. They provide welfare services, campaign on a range of issues affecting Service people.

DECEMBER - Riding for the Disabled - RDA North Region is a volunteer organisation overseeing the provision of riding and carriage driving for disabled people in Cumbria, Durham, Tyne & Wear, and Northumberland. They are dedicated to making a real and lasting difference to the lives of disabled people, enabling them to ride or carriage drive to benefit their health and well being and to achieve their goals. The North region groups provide for about 600 riders and a small number of carriage drivers, aided by over 400 volunteer helpers. This makes for more than 10,000 rides/drives per year for the benefit of the rider and drivers health and well being! The instructors work closely with physiotherapists and other health professionals to encourage every individual to aim for attainable goals - some modest, others far more ambitious.=====

Project Kwagala



Please tell your friends about the following fund-raising events so that they can be involved.

10 October Table Top Sale

A chance to clear out and make cash for the Project. Hire a table for £10 and sell those things which you don't want but other people do!

14 November Progressive Supper

Good company; good food - what more could you ask?

21 November Church Fair

Always enjoyable

27 November Christmas Flower Demonstration

EDEV

- coming to a circuit near you!

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Where does EDEV lead?

Throughout the *EDEV* process participants will explore possibilities for using their gifts in ministry and service, which could lead to:

- serving in the local community, either in church or secular settings;
- being involved in new ministries in the life of the church;
- gaining more confidence as a disciple in your paid employment as a place of service;
- moving towards more established ministries, such as pastoral leader, local preacher, youth worker, lay worker, deacon or presbyter.

Where do I find out more?

If you would like more information on how to join or form an EDEV group in your area, please contact:

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or

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An *EDEV* group is currently running at North Road Church. The organisers are Julie Lunn and Norma Nevin (known to us all) and the programme finishes in November, though there is no reason why readers should not join for single sessions. "The group is made up of a good mix of ages and backgrounds and there is a sense of informality," says participant Tracey Hume.

Every believer, by God's grace, has been given gifts and talents to enable them to fulfil a specific purpose in their lives and to contribute to the body of Christ. Indeed, we all have a vocation or 'calling' to serve the Lord and the community - and whatever we do, we are to do it unto the Lord.

Colossians Chapter 3 verse 23

THE WEEK IN BOWBURN

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| Sundays | 10.30 am | Morning Worship |
| Tuesdays | 5.30 pm | * Kids' Club |
| | 5.30 pm | "Messy Church" (1st in month) |
| 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

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| 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 wks) |
| 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) |

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