

# METHODIST SHARING TOGETHER

Hedon / Preston /Thorngumbald

Welcome  
to our  
Special  
edition  
Newsletter



## coronavirus

*Dear friends and members. We find ourselves in a strange place, unable to meet as we usually can. However this pandemic has opened up new ways of meeting and sharing together.*

*Within this newsletter we have tried to show what is happening around our fellowship and our different methods of communication. We hope you find it helpful*

*Keep Safe*



**There are times** when everything feels calm and other times when the reverse is true. For many self-isolation is a stormy experience. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones to COVID 19 and to others for whom the whole Coronavirus has changed everything. It certainly is an uncertain and scary place for us, our loved ones and for those in our community.

At times Jesus' disciples were scared. I am reminded of the events recorded in Matthew 8: 23-27. The story of Jesus calming the storm can bring perspective and hope. After preaching to large crowds near the Sea of Galilee, Jesus and his disciples took a boat to the opposite shore to find some time and solitude to rest. As they crossed the sea, a storm came up with winds so great that the disciples thought they would die. Jesus was below deck sleeping throughout the storm and they rushed to wake him and ask why he did not care. Jesus woke and told the storm to be still and the winds stopped immediately.

Are we like the disciples? *We are here Lord, we are in this rocky, turbulent boat called life, Lord. Do you see us? Do you care?* We try to shake and wake him. We know we only need his touch. We cry out and call. We want to know that he hears us and will not let us drown. And Jesus says to those on the boat and those of us with ears to hear *"You of little faith, why are you so afraid?"* And in this moment, they realise, he was with them the whole time. And the storm calmed.

Jesus is in our turbulent boat. Yes, the storm is raging, and we can feel isolated, but be assured that he will not leave our sides. Jesus call us to hold on tight to faith. For Jesus, his death on the cross was surely his biggest personal storm, yet that was not the end – the resurrection followed.

Jesus has already conquered all storms.

Revd Steve Barlow is employed by the Yorkshire North & East Methodist District and is guiding us at Hedon and working alongside the Circuit Leadership Team on a part-time basis until August 2020.



## The Junction

We were delighted to have a grant approved recently by The Matthew Good Foundation to support our work at The Junction. The Matthew Good Foundation is a local charity whose funding comes from a percentage of the profits of The John Good Group - a company established in Hull in 1833. In total £6,000 across 3 years will be paid to support us with training, sessional workers for crafts and other activities and to help support the costs as we look to employ an administrator to oversee all our admin and finance/planning for church and community activities. The Thursday afternoons at The Junction are a real joy, with many people coming along to find friendship, coffee, activities,



singing, a listening ear or a prayer.

We have now refurbished room 3 as an extension to The Junction as well. Thanks to all those who volunteer their time each



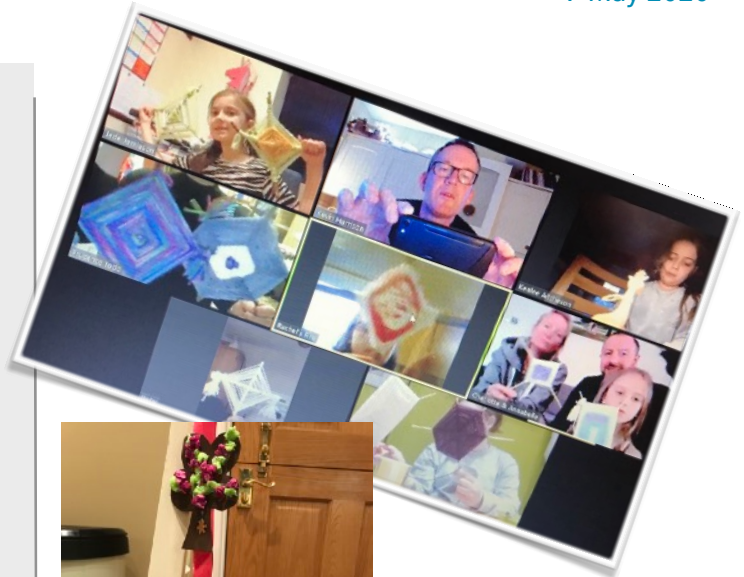
week and for the important part they play in opening our doors to the community.



### Youth Club Online

The club now meets weekly on Zoom, led by Pru Todd with craft sessions and children and parents every Monday night. It has been a great experience putting this together and has connected us up with the families at youth club and Sunday Club with 10 children plus parents now joining us.

Craft Boxes – we plan to distribute craft boxes to our congregation to make things to go in their windows to celebrate events in our community or the Christian calendar and then bring them all to church when we are able to meet again.



Made for  
V.E. Day  
celebrations



Working from home



*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake.*



### Café Church and Worship Group

Since Tom's departure we recognised the need for our church to explore how we maintain our Sunday worship when there is a shortage of local preachers and circuit staff. Like others in the circuit we all have regular LA services so we decided to make the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month Café Church and an LA service led by the recently formed Worship Group at Hedon. We have breakfast in the Junction from 9.30 and have had a great mix of service styles from a relaxed interactive service in discussion groups to 'sharing faith stories and testimonies' to a more traditional service.

To date they have been really well received and in total we have had 18 people participate in various ways from prayer, readings, a message, live music and drama. It has been nice to welcome one of our youth club leaders Emma Taylor to sing a worship song for us regularly and we focus on using Isingworship during these services as well as linking with the monthly singing group to try out new and favourite hymns and songs. Although we have a temporary pause on these due to CV-19 this has also led us into another new initiative.....



### Greetings from Thorngumbald.

It's not easy for any one when you cannot get out and about, but we all seem to be coping.

Yes there are those who are house bound and fed up, especially when they cannot get out for a walk, which most of us do.

**Jasmine Glencross** will be 90 this month, we wish her a Happy Birthday I hope you are all using the Service sent to you each week by Debbie. I am finding it a great help. Wishing you all Gods Blessing.

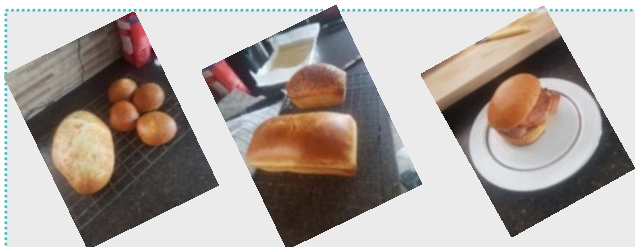
If anyone feels the need to talk give me a ring. Brenda.

Lord Jesus,

WE THANK YOU THAT BEFORE WE LOVED YOU, YOU LOVED US FIRST.  
 WE RECOGNISE YOUR LOVE FOR US TODAY IN ALL THAT WE DO.  
 DURING THIS CURRENT LOCKDOWN WHEN IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE THOSE WE LOVE,  
 WE KNOW WE CAN MEET WITH YOU, LAYING BEFORE YOU ALL OUR CONCERNS,  
 ALL OUR WORRIES AND ALL OUR SADNESS,  
 BUT ALSO SHARING WITH YOU OUR JOY AND JUBILATION.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN WE CAN ALL MEET TOGETHER AGAIN,  
 SHARING OUR STORIES OF OUR TIME IN ISOLATION,  
 SHARING EVENTS THAT HAVE HAPPENED SINCE WE LAST MET,  
 SHARING OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

LOVING GOD, YOU ARE THE ROCK THAT WE ALL HOLD ON TO,  
 THE SURE FOUNDATION THAT KEEPS US FIRM,  
 OUR FATHER THAT FEEDS AND SUSTAINS US,  
 OUR REDEEMER AND FRIEND. AMEN



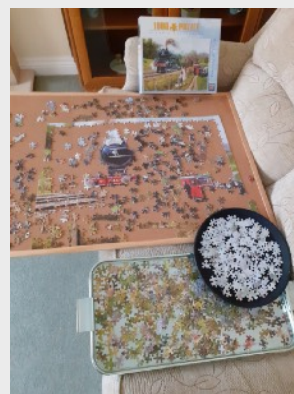
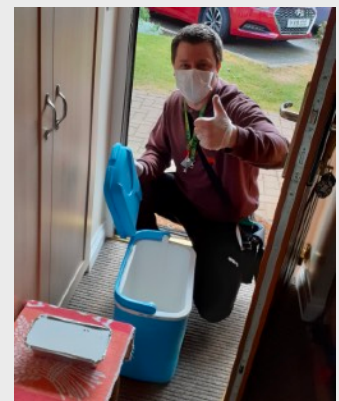
Val and her daughter Stephanie have been spending some time in the kitchen and have been making bread and pasta which both turned out better than expected – they are not taking orders though!!

Joan Richardson

celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on 28<sup>th</sup> April. It wasn't quite the celebration she had envisaged but she had a 'zoom' party with her family and a birthday cake with candles (although not 70!!). Many happy returns Joan from all your church family.

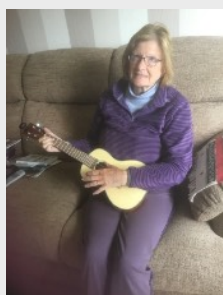


Sent from Peter at Holderness grange Francesco delivering food cooked in the restaurant by wife Maria. He has been doing 60+ meals four times a week which is a great service for those who cannot get out.



And Peter is attempting another jigsaw!

Michael has been gardening while the weather was good. One big job was cleaning the patio with the power washer.



Picture of Anne practising the ukulele. She was having lessons which have of course had to cease so she is trying to keep up the practicing on her own.

*(Is that why Mike is in the garden ?)*

Susan at home “exercising” her grey cells working on a SUDUKO puzzle



### Greetings from Preston Church

*A very happy birthday to Doreen Bray who will be celebrating her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on 7<sup>th</sup> May from all your friends at Preston Methodist Church.*

*Christine will be decorating the outside of the church for V E Day, 8<sup>th</sup> May, with flags and bunting.*

*Preston Methodist Church wish everyone well and the best of health at this time – keep washing those hands and keep safe. God Bless.*

**Tony & Melanie**  
enjoying themselves in the garden



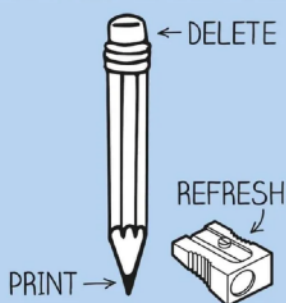
**FREE** phone lines for prayers and news from the Methodist Church

**Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514**

**Listen to news: 0808 281 2478**

Content is updated weekly on Thursday afternoon

**WHEN I WAS A KID, THIS WAS MY COMPUTER:**



DAN BACKLAND FOR GRUMPY OLD GITS | @LITTLE CHURCH MOUSE LTD MMXX

**Thank you** to all those who have set up standing orders or direct debits to the church to cover their offering during this time. I know there has been some issues with identifying the account so I have set out below the details again with the full account name if anyone had difficulties or would like to start giving in this way. If you use the envelope system then please put your envelope number as the payment reference so can allocate it correctly, particularly for Gift Aid.

Bank: Lloyds  
 Account name: Hedon Methodist Church c/o Mrs V J Hoff = Tel 896508  
 Account number: 13221268  
 Sort Code: 77-12-25

**WE RECEIVED** OVER £5,000 FROM HMRC FOR GIFT AID FOR THE YEAR TO AUGUST 2019 WHICH WILL COME IN VERY USEFUL AT THIS TIME. ALTHOUGH THE CHURCH IS CLOSED WE DO HAVE ON-GOING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAINTAINING THE BUILDING AND WE WILL STILL HAVE OUR QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT TO PAY AT THE END OF MAY SO ANY MONIES WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

**Online Services and community outreach during**

With our church having to close due to the CV19 lockdown, we were suddenly faced with no church services or activities other than what is on the TV. We were aware of some churches already doing 'church online' and following a stewards meeting with our Minister Rev Steve Barlow (On Zoom!) we agreed to test the water with online services ourselves. It has been a real learning curve but with some time and collaboration, advice from the District and learning from others we have got there. As well as this we started a number of new initiatives to keep our congregation and community connected which include:

**WEEKLY ONLINE SERVICE ON OUR "FACEBOOK" PAGE AND YOUTUBE - SEARCH FOR: "HEDON METHODIST CHURCH".**

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*The church is trying different ways of contacting members and friends. Phone calls, Video , Zoom, Sunday on-line worship. We think we are reaching most people this way. However there maybe a few who have slipped through the net unintentionally. If you are one, or you know of anyone who needs assistance or just needs to talk please contact the following: **Val on 896508 or Ida on 893454***

