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SINCE EVE CAME LONG YOU BARELY HANG  
OUT WITH US ANYMORE

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# CONTACT

CHRIST CHURCH HALTON  
COLTON METHODIST CHURCH

July/August 2025



## Edward's Letter

This is my last letter for Contact Magazine before Esther, and I move to Hinckley at the beginning of August. I will have pastoral oversight of three churches - Hinckley at the heart of its community accommodating uniformed organisations, charity groups and a pre-school group: Burbage, an outward and forward-looking church with a new building, hosts or runs a range of weekly activities; and Sapcote, a warm welcoming church with a strong church family feel. People keep asking me whether I am looking forward to the move. The answer always has to be Yes and No.

Yes, I am looking forward to the move. I am ready for some new challenges. It will be exciting to meet new people and discover God at work in new ways and in new surroundings.

No, I am not looking forward to the move. The thought of packing and clearing the house does not fill me with joy! It has been a great house to live in for us as a family and we will miss it. I feel naturally apprehensive at the thought of meeting new people and having to get to know new churches. Will I be able to cope with the task? Will they like me, and I like them? And then of course, I will miss the people here. So many friends and colleagues at Christ Church, Roscoe, Trinity United, Colton, Garforth, Scholes, at other churches in the city and in the wider Methodist Circuit have been very supportive and encouraging over the last five years. It will be hard to leave.

I would like to use the Contact Magazine to say thank you. First of all, thank you to the members of Christ Church, Halton. I have been particularly grateful for the support that my colleague Rev Nicola Robinson and stewards have given me over the last two years. I have always felt that we have worked together well in a spirit of acceptance and cooperation. My final service at Christ Church is on Sunday 13th July at 10.30am and a special "Farewell Service" arranged for the four ministers leaving the Circuit is on Sunday 27th July at Christ Church at 4.00pm. It would be great to see many of you at the service.

I wish all of you God's richest blessing for the future. You will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Please pray for Esther, me and our family as we move. It has been good to be here.

- Edward Sakwe

## Fat Noise

Information obesity: am I alone in feeling that contemporary life has grown corpulent from an ingestion of news, data and all manner of external stimuli? Are our lives any richer, more wholesome from sitting so regularly at such great banquets of endless courses of information? Have we grown to appreciate and love the wealth of Creation from the calorie laden consumption of such heaps of facts, figures and bits of news items? I confess to feeling swollen and psychologically overweight from unending meals of information. I crave the lean luxury of stillness, of being able to wander peacefully within my own quiet self, to meet the unfolding of life slowly. That is my true hunger.



## The Spiritual Challenges of Growing Old

I am sure that thirty or even ten years ago, I would not have considered the most inescapable spiritual challenge to be remaining cheerful in the face of the inexorable atrophy of ageing. But with seven decades behind me, I now confront the small and at times sudden ways my body is succumbing to the years of wear and tear of just being alive. The secret, I suspect, of a full soulful existence as one's body begins to know the limits of its physicality is to accept the increments of bodily decay while celebrating daily the sheer wonder of still being a part of a world so bountiful in casual beauty, so prolifically surprising and so fraught with the simplest of pleasures. If one can transcend the disappointments one's body presents in the gathering momentum of ageing by gratefully rejoicing in moments of modest gladness, then one's physical demise may not cause the disconcerting anxiety which can asphyxiate any hope of basking in the comfort of ordinary existence. It is only grace which can extend such comfort. But opening oneself to grace, I believe, demands the most resilient courage as one's body approaches its "sell by date".

*(From "Musings Of A Wayward Pilgrim" by Mark Zenick and reproduced with the author's kind permission.)*

## **In Grateful Remembrance of Christ Church Members**

We send our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and friends of those whose funeral and thanksgiving services have been held or are soon to be held:

### **Maureen Lazenby**

Maureen was an active member of the church and served for several years as a Church Steward. After moving to Garforth, Maureen used to catch a bus to Halton but the timetables meant she arrived for the morning service well before the serving stewards and often needed to shelter at the bus stop until someone arrived! Maureen and family donated the side two sanctuary chairs in memory of her parents Eva and Reg Spencer and there are plans to add Maureen's name to the engraved plaques in to acknowledge this generosity. Her final years were spent at Ghyll Royd Nursing Home in Guiseley where Barbara Harris recalls she was always pleased to hear any news about Christ Church and the people she remembered.

### **Joan Blamires**

Joan's family were very appreciative of the funeral and thanksgiving service led by Edward and also for the support our church family provided over the recent years. Our fellowship, in turn, are grateful for the monetary collection given to the church in Joan's memory and for the many years of service and dedication Joan gave to Halton Methodist Church and Christ Church Halton. Joan was amongst other things a talented choir member, a leader and mentor in the Sunday School 'Beginners Group' and participant sometimes organiser of ladies' fellowship events. She also supported Arthur in his many roles within the church and as was mentioned during the service, it's comforting to know they will be once more united in heavenly fellowship. Despite some testing times with mobility issues and several stays in hospital, she maintained her interest and caring attitude for those around her and those she remembered from her more active days within our community. - *Martin Lappage*

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### **Margaret Stevenson**

Margaret was a member of Christ Church and formally Halton Methodist Church for many years. She passed away peacefully on 16th June after living in a Garforth Care Home suffering from dementia for the last few years. I first met Margaret when I started at Girl's Brigade in the early 1970's where she introduced many girls to the Christian faith and was our Company Captain. As a working mum bringing up two children on her own, she still managed to find the time and enthusiasm for volunteering and sharing her faith.

Margaret served as a Church Steward and as our Registrar for weddings, and for many years organised our Church Summer and Christmas Fairs. She regularly attended our Thursday Bible fellowship group where she would openly speak about her faith and often would quote the saying "never judge a person without having walked in their sandals".

She was a loving person who faithfully served her Lord and I will always be grateful to her for teaching me and many others the meaning of the Girl's Brigade motto to 'Seek, Serve and Follow Christ'.

Margaret's Funeral and Thanksgiving service will be held at Christ Church on Monday 21st July at 11am followed by tea, coffee and cakes before a Committal service at Lawnswood. Please accept this invitation from her family to join them in celebrating a life well lived.

- *Helen Lappage*

## **CROSS GATES METHODIST CHURCH – TABLE TOP SALES**

5th July, 2nd August and 6th September, 9.30am to 12noon.

Why not come along for a drink and a chat and then browse round all the items for sale. You might find just the item you have been looking for at a good price.

If you would like more information or to book a table, at a cost of £5 for Church funds, please contact John Smith or phone 0779 9094472. Come along and pick up a bargain!

## Ministerial Support at Colton During August

As you are aware there are several changes to ministerial appointments this summer, so there will be a period of time when some of the churches, including Colton, won't have a specific minister in pastoral charge. From late July if you have any concerns that need to be dealt with prior to the arrival of Revd Janet, please contact the senior stewards at Colton (Kathryn Glasby or Elaine Preston) in the first instance, so they can discuss with an appropriate person how to deal with any matters arising. Details for our new minister will be provided in September.

A man visited his doctor, and the doctor checked him over before commenting, "it looks like you get a fair bit of exercise."

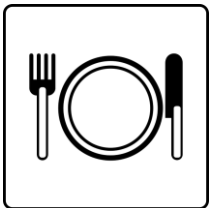


The man replied, "oh yeah, in fact, just yesterday I walked five miles over rugged terrain as I climbed over rocks and trees. I also waded along the edge of a lake, pushed my way through tall thistles, and even slid down sandy slopes while getting sand in my eyes."

The doctor was quite impressed. "Well," he said, "you certainly are a dedicated outdoor enthusiast."

"Not really," replied the man. "I'm just a terrible golfer."

## CHRIST CHURCH LUNCHEON CLUB



With deep regret we have decided to permanently close the Luncheon Club at the end of July. We have decreased in numbers and have been unsuccessful in attracting new members, plus, in the current economic climate, any grant we may have received would not cover future running costs. Thank you to our loyal members for your friendship over the years. We will miss meeting up each Thursday.

*- Joyce, Yvonne, Joan, Alison, Margaret, and Audrey*

## Thank You Reverend Edward

We will say a fond farewell to Edward as he moves onto his next appointment in Hinckley, Leicestershire at the end of July. We will miss his enthusiastic preaching and singing with his good sense of humour and hearty laugh. He spread his warmth and enthusiasm at Messy Church getting the children up moving and singing. He is also a very caring man, and pastoral care is one of his many gifts which he demonstrated by visiting many of our congregation in times of need, at home and in hospital and in care homes. Edward achieved all this whilst having two other churches under his care as well. After always asking "How are we?" Edward's calming and reflective introduction to worship has been much appreciated as has his invitation to be calm and still at the start of funeral and thanksgiving services.

Edward will lead his final service with us on 13 July, followed by refreshments. Please come and join us as we share in saying goodbye. We send our love and prayers with Edward and Esther as they move on to their next calling and trust they will find reward in their continued work and enjoy the benefit of being a good bit nearer to some of their family.



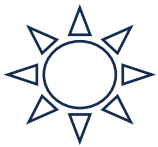
## Circuit Farewell Service

Just a reminder that the Circuit Service when we say farewell to Revd George Bailey, Revd Edward Sakwe, Revd Becki Stennett and Revd Mark Stennett will be held on Sunday 27 July at 4pm at Christ Church Halton.

## Circuit Stewards

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Sijmen Op Den Brouw from Colton as a Circuit Steward. Well done, Sijmen, for volunteering to serve in this role! The team of Circuit Stewards would still welcome additional stewards to help further spread the workload. Anyone interested can have a conversation with Revd Tanya Short.

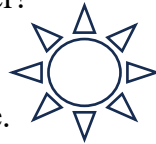




## Summer

It's the hazy days of summer time,  
with flowers and fruit and vine,  
Enjoy, take the time to stare,  
At all God's harvest, resplendent there.  
While some will plant and work the land  
We all can give a gentle hand.  
Wherever nature's show appears,  
We need an audience, to enjoy and cheer!

Pauline Hardman  
Summer Blessings of warmth and love.



## Messy Church

**Can you quite believe it? Christ Church's Messy Church has just completed its 15<sup>th</sup> year! Grateful thanks to all helpers for their dedication and support – without them, we wouldn't be able to continue. It's our Saturday Church and we welcome all who attend. We meet on 12 July, where we'll be thinking about holidays, amongst other things, and then we take a break for August, returning on 13 September.**

## Christ Church Cleaning

A huge thank you to all those volunteers who have been cleaning the church worship area for many years: Joe and Barbara, Audrey and Peter, Alison and Elizabeth, Joan and Sue. They have kept it clean and ready for worship each week and we do appreciate their time and commitment. From August this work will be taken up by Debbie, our cleaner, in her revised contract. We also say a big thank you to her for all her care and attention in keeping our church spick and span.

## Colton Eco Church

Our Colton Eco Church Group is working to lead us through the A-Rocha process to achieve Bronze Eco Church award. This is all with the aim of helping us to take better care of God's Earth - land, nature, wildlife and of course ourselves. There are five defined categories Eco Church asks us to focus on – Worship & Teaching; Buildings; Land; Community & Global Engagement and Lifestyle.

Thanks to all the things we've been doing as a community such as No Mow May; raising funds to Twin our Toilets; using Fairtrade tea; having our prayer walk; replacing our back door; responding to monthly Eco Info in Contact and so much more, we're nearly there!

We still have lots of things going on now as well as in planning which church members and uniformed groups are working on to move us forwards e.g. installing bird boxes for church, planting up planters with wildflowers, investigating green energy sources.

Simply through having conversations about Climate Change and its impact on our world, we are making changes.

We'll keep moving forwards and keep you informed.

If you have any ideas about eco related actions we could be taking, please let us know.

If you'd like to join the group you'd be very welcome to – please just have a word with one of us.

Let's keep going – and thanks to everyone for all we are doing!

*- Ali, Alison, Elaine, Jo, Kathryn and Robert.*

'But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?' – *Job 12:7-9*

## Celebrating Colton Church Children

We are delighted to celebrate the recent accomplishments of two of our youngest members, Prince and Verity!



At just eight years old, Verity has become a published author with the launch of her inspiring book, *Verity the Visionary: A Little Girl's Story of Her Entrepreneurial Journey* (Available on Amazon). The story is about her (and her brother Prince's) experiences of creating products and businesses from when they were much younger and it encourages young people to believe in their ideas, use their voice, dream boldly and make a positive difference in the world.

The book even caught the attention of the Lord Mayor of Leeds 2024-2025, Councillor Abigail Marshall Katung, who invited Prince and Verity to the Civic Hall in April 2025 and presented Verity with a Certificate of Recognition, and later wrote the foreword to her book!

Prince was also given a gift to acknowledge an act of kindness regarding money he found on the ground, whilst going to school one morning. When nobody claimed it after it was shared in the Colton Community Facebook group, he donated half of the money to Colton Primary School PTA and the other half to Colton Methodist Church, last Christmas.

Since having her book published, Verity has been given various speaking opportunities – including leading a school assembly (where she donated copies of her book to her school) and speaking at various business events. A few weeks ago, Verity received a 'Use Your Voice' award at the Global Learning Leeds awards ceremony, held at the Civic Hall.

Britta (Prince and Verity's mother), wishes to thank the entire Colton Methodist Church community for being a huge part of their lives. She says the warmth and kindness everyone shows their family has helped to nurture the children in wonderful ways. She wants to thank Amanda for the awesome work she does with Junior Church and finally wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to Reverend Becki for the brilliant ways she's helped to create a nurturing environment for the kids through family JAM.

We're so proud of these two bright young lights in our church family and pray that God continues to guide, bless and use them for His glory.

## John Clay's Final Service at Colton

One of the local preachers in our Circuit, John Clay, has preached at Colton Church on a number of occasions. John is now stepping down as a local preacher and his final preaching appointments will be during the summer, at a number of churches requested by him. We are delighted he has asked to preach at Colton and his final service with us will be on Sunday 13 July. We thank John for his dedication to preaching over the years and for all the time he has devoted to this.

### ***A Christian Aid prayer for a just peace in the Middle East***

*God, hear our prayers for peace in the Middle East.  
May all people in the region be protected, safe from harm.  
We pray that this crisis will end now, with no further loss of life.  
God, may the injured and distressed know your healing presence.  
May the powerful and the decision-makers follow the paths of justice,  
mercy and peace.  
We pray for recognition of the dignity and value of every life.  
May the clamour of violence cease,  
Replaced by the beating of swords into ploughshares.  
God, in your name,*

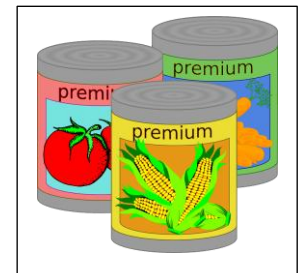
***Amen***

## Community Fridge and Pantry for LS14/LS15

This can be found at St James' Manston Church Hall. Unlike a food bank the Community Fridge is open to all. You can choose 12 items for £3.50.

The food is sourced from surplus so it is a simple solution to the problem of waste, through the sharing of good quality food. The Community Fridge is open Thursday 2pm – 4pm, 6 – 7pm and Friday 9am - 11am. For more information contact the Food Project Manager:

Andy@connectingcrossgates.com or 07840 033637



### Colton Dates for your diary

Monday 7 July 7.30pm: Colton Church Council Meeting at church.

Sunday 31 August 10.30am: Joint worship at Christ Church Halton  
(no worship at Colton that day)

Saturday 18 October: WOW Concert. Further details including how to obtain tickets will be in September issue of Contact.

### Food Bank & Meeting Point Donations

Continued thanks for all the donations made at Colton Church for the Food Bank and Meeting Point all year round. During the month of July all contributions donated at Colton will be going to Meeting Point Cafe. If you find you are able to contribute any items the following would ideal: tomato ketchup, tins of tomatoes, tins of baked beans, brown sauce, toilet rolls, cooking oil, tomato ketchup alternatively anything that could be put into an emergency pack for anyone in dire need. Thank you.

### Family JAM at Colton

On Sunday 22 June we enjoyed a final Family JAM session with the Stennett Family before they leave the Circuit. Rain prevented our planned walk and picnic, so an indoor picnic was held instead, with time to reflect on what we like best about Family JAM (and it's not just the food!). We are grateful for all Revd Becki has done to get these sessions going and hope to continue Family JAM with anyone who would like to get to know more about Jesus! We'll be taking a break during July and August but hope to restart on Sunday 28 September at 4pm. Further details will be given nearer the time.

Q: Where do birds stay when they go on holiday?

A: Somewhere cheep!

Q: What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish?

A: Swimming trunks!

### Rev Becki

Two years have flown by since we welcomed you, Becki, to our church here at Colton, however in that short time you have helped us as a church achieve a great deal. Gamely you've sat through many a Church meeting, F&P, Church Council and Vision Group, plus helping set up the new Wednesday JAM and Family JAM sessions.



You've organised joint meetings, encouraging us to work closer with the other churches in your section, including worship planning with the various church stewards and conversations about property matters, as well as shared worship, all with the added benefit of making new friendships along the way. We feel sure that these groups will continue in the future.

Your help with our property matters has been invaluable and we are so very pleased that you are able to see the replacement door and window come to fruition. As a uniform group leader yourself, you've always been keen to be involved with the uniform groups at Colton, supporting their various activities such as Christingle Services and just dropping in. They know who you are, Becki, as our minister and the feedback is that your Parade services may be chaotic at times but very enjoyable and organised!

Feedback for your ministry here at Colton has always been positive – variety of worship styles and communion liturgies, alongside getting us thinking about a different approach through your Susanna's Table project. Whilst the responsibilities and number of churches under your care mean you couldn't get involved with everything in person, you've encouraged us in all our endeavours and are very present at times of pastoral concern.

Thank you to you and your lovely family who have always supported our events here at Colton, quite difficult when you have so many churches within your remit. We see you as always approachable, welcoming, warm and friendly with a wonderful smile plus being a bit of a whirlwind! It has been wonderful to see you grow into your role in ministry. As you move on to new adventures in Coventry we wish you and your family well. A very big THANK YOU for all you have helped us achieve and the ways you have supported us at Colton over the past 2 years. You will be missed!

## Brian Poulter

“Brian and Jenny moved to Leeds in 1981 and joined the Congregational Church in Chapel Street and following the formation of Christ Church Halton, in 1992 we all moved together into new premises.



Brian has always been very active in the newly formed Church and put to good use his digital skills with PowerPoint during services and in compiling a hymn audio collection.

He has been a member of the Wesley Guild and applied his talents there both as a projectionist and in putting together selected items for such events as musical evenings. He has been a member of the Planning Committee for many years making suggestions and booking speakers, proofreading the programmes, etc. He also became involved in the Guild internationally with two visits to Nigeria with the Health Care Team as we met with Church Leaders, doctors and nurses, in remote areas of the country. Brian's sense of humour often relieved tensions as we travelled along dangerous roads. On one occasion we were about to be overtaken by a grossly overloaded lorry on a mud road and Brian shouted 'Gordon Bennett!' to everyone's amusement.

Brian and Jenny, while on holiday in Ghana, also met up with a Guild delegation to celebrate the Guild Centenary there.

One of my lasting memories of Brian was seeing him at Church fairs, plant sales, etc with his head in a book at the book stall, supposedly there to sell them. He never could resist a good read!

Brian will be greatly missed in many ways, for his skills, his sense of humour, but most of all as a very good friend to many of us.”

*- Peter Grubb*

## Brian Poulter – Service of Thanksgiving

“Jenny, Kathie, Dave, Rob and all the family would like to thank everyone for thoughts and prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls, emails and offers of help received since Brian's death on 21 June. We have been touched by them all. Thank you, too, for all the love and support you gave to Brian and me in the last months of his life. We both really appreciated it and it enabled us to make good memories which will keep me and the family going in the difficult months ahead.

The service of thanksgiving for Brian's life will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 22 July at Christ Church with refreshments afterwards in the hall. All are welcome. Do come and share your memories of Brian.”

*- Jenny*

## A Note from Hilda

“Back in the midst of the Covid pandemic, Revd Ruth Crofton started to post messages and prayers for her congregation on the noticeboard outside her church in Durham, at the time churches had to remain closed. Once things had returned to normal, the now late Revd Ruth collected all those messages and prayers into a book which she entitled 'Getting Through'. I find it an excellent resource to spend time with when I can't get to Christ Church for worship, and I would highly recommend it to anyone who can get hold of a copy, it's very inspiring.”

## Temple Newsam Road Closure / Restriction Proposal

For anyone who wasn't already aware, in an effort to reduce anti-social vehicle usage around the Temple Newsam area, Leeds City Council have proposed the complete closure of a stretch of Elm Tree Walk, and the closure of some other roads every night between 10pm and 6am. If you haven't already commented you may be interested to do so using a web search or the following link - <https://leedshighways.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/temple-newsam-estate-overnight-closure/start>

The survey is open until 16th September.



## Colton Eco Church – July tips

**Plastic free July:** this is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution, so we can have cleaner streets and oceans, and more beautiful communities. To find out more about how you can reduce single-use plastics in your life, visit [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org)

**Big Butterfly Count - 18th July to 10th August:** Join the growing group of citizen scientists in helping to assess how much support nature needs through counting butterflies. The data from this and other counts helps to identify important trends in species numbers that will assist in planning how to protect butterflies from extinction, as well as understanding the effect of climate change on wildlife. [www.bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org)

**Bees' Needs week 14th to 20th July:** Building on Ali's Bee stall at May's plant sale, how about taking part in Bees' Needs week? This is an annual event run by Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), working with a range of organisations including conservation groups, businesses and charities. The aims are to raise awareness of the importance of bees and other pollinators, and to share ideas, actions and activities to highlight the ways in which everyone can help them to thrive. If you want to take part, email [beesneeds@defra.gov.uk](mailto:beesneeds@defra.gov.uk)

**Flower-insect timed (FIT) counts:** If you enjoy getting involved in 'citizen science,' why not try this one? All you need to do is spend 10 minutes watching flowers and insects in good weather. FIT counts can be done anywhere, including gardens and parks in warm, dry weather, any time from 1st April to 30th September.

Every single count submitted to the UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme (PoMS) helps make the data collected more meaningful, to help understanding of where pollinators live and how their numbers are changing. More info at [www.ukpoms.org.uk/fit-counts](http://www.ukpoms.org.uk/fit-counts)

It does seem strange writing this on Pentecost Sunday, the second Sunday in June for the combined July & August edition of Contact. When I was working, a few chapters ago, I used to call this the silly season. Some people had just come back from holiday while others were planning and looking forward to theirs. I am taking this opportunity to talk about the Guild before we prepare to be hosts to friends and family staying with us and then our own holiday plans.

## Christ Church Guild

In the last week we enjoyed a wonderful lunch at The Tea Room in the Courtyard of Temple Newsam. This was honouring the memory of one of our former members Patricia Wragg. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the meal and the service, as we savoured the delicious food and reminisced and enjoyed each other's company. We are so fortunate to have Temple Newsam on our doorstep, as you are aware this is a Tudor-Jacobean house, a Grade I listed building, with grounds landscaped by Capability Brown.

Saturday last was the Christ Church Summer Fair; the Guild has a big part to play with the Mystery parcel stall, the plant stall and organising the raffle, not to mention all those who have worked so hard providing refreshments: very tasty hot sandwiches and delicious cakes. A big, big thank you to all those who helped in this way. It takes considerable energy as we all add another year to our age! Yet it is very satisfying meeting Church members, people from neighbouring churches and local people. It cannot be done without your help in donating items for the mystery parcel stall in advance of the day and helping out on the day.

For continuity, during the summer months, when there isn't a Tuesday evening Guild programme, members generously invite us into their homes to share tea, cakes and fellowship. By the time you are reading this article, we will have already enjoyed an afternoon tea at Joyce Rudge's home.

Currently we are planning the new programme, which will run from the 9th September through to 16th December. The plan is to offer this at our next coffee afternoon which will be in church on Wednesday 13th August. I look forward to seeing you and hearing your news before we go off on our cruise around the Norwegian Fjords. The Guild would not be the same without you, tell others and come along with a friend. – Tony Pickles, Joint President

## Forthcoming Services at Christ Church

6 July	Rev Angela Hughes
13 July	Rev Edward Sakwe Holy Communion
20 July	Rev George Bailey
27 July	10.30am Rev Nicola Robinson 4.00pm Circuit "Farewell" Service
3 August	Rev Tim Lowe
10 August	Mr Andy Birkett
17 August	Rev Nicola Robinson Holy Communion
24 August	Mr Paul Spencer
31 August	Christ Church Worship Team (Joint service with Colton, Cross Gates, Garforth and Scholes)

The Circuit Welcome Service for Revd Janet (our new minister from September) along with Revd Nigel Wright and Revd Emily Young will be held on Sunday 31 August at 2.30pm at Lidgett Park Methodist Church. It will also include the welcome of Deacon Judith Marshall who has been appointed by the District to work at Leeds Sanctuary.

## Forthcoming Services at Colton

6 July	Rev Becki Stennett Church Anniversary & Parade Service (for all ages, Holy Communion included)
13 July	Mr John Clay
20 July	Mr Ted Britton
27 July	Mr John Summerwill
3 August	Mr Steven Jones All-age worship
10 August	Rev Norma Davey Holy Communion
17 August	Miss Mary Patchett
24 August	Mrs Susan Howdle
31 August	Joint service at Christ Church, no service at Colton

### "Contact" Deadline

Please let Andy have any articles or contributions for September's "Contact" by 7pm on Tuesday 1 July. Many thanks.  
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