



# CROSSGATES METHODIST CHURCH October 2022 Newsletter

MINISTER: Rev Helen White

## **Same but different**

When I wrote my piece for last month's newsletter, I had no idea that by the time I was writing this one we'd have gone through a period of a national mourning, and have a King instead of a Queen as our head of state. I knew the Prime Minister would have changed, though as August became September, we didn't know who it would be. Some of you reading this have experienced a King before, even if only as a child. But for most of the population, we have only ever known the Queen as our monarch. Will the difference to our lives be any more significant than remembering to sing "God save our King", and "send him victorious", along with new stamps and coins - eventually?

Despite the changes of Prime Minister and monarch, we live in the same world, facing the same challenges: the cost of living crisis, climate change, and the on-going impact of Covid, even if we no longer live with the restrictions of the previous couple of years. The world is the same, even if some things have changed. And we are the same people, worshipping the same God. Prime Minister and monarch will change, but God remains God; the King of kings is the same yesterday, today and forever. Circumstances may be different, our lives go through times of transition, but God is with us through it all. If you look back through what the Queen has said during her lifetime of speaking to the nation, and in particular her Christmas messages, you'll notice how often she spoke of her faith in God, and the importance of that faith as she faced all the challenges and changes that life brought her.

In 2002, the year of her Golden Jubilee, she said:

"I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning, I know that the

only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.”

May we each rely on our faith in God to guide us through good and bad, put our trust in God and give of our best, whatever is the same or different in the month ahead.

**Helen**

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### **October Services**

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| 2nd October              | Holy Communion       | Revd Helen White      |
| 9th October              |                      | Mrs Susan Howdle      |
| 16th October             |                      | Mr John Summerwill    |
| 23rd October             |                      | Revd George Bailey    |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> October |                      | Mrs Dorothy Turnpenny |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> October | 4pm Memorial Service | Revd Helen White      |

*The communion stewards for October are Denise Durkin & Keith Westbrook.*

All are welcome to attend the Memorial Service at 4pm on 30<sup>th</sup> October. There will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory and refreshments will be served after the service.

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The Circuit has asked each Church to prepare a profile of their Church in order to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each Church. The Circuit will gather this information to inform the process of Churches working together and developing the circuit priorities. Each Church has also been asked to carry out a mission review – what are our priorities and how are we working towards them? This will be discussed at our next Church Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. Please think and pray about what our Mission should be, and if you have any suggestions please discuss these with a steward or other member of the Church Council.

## **Leeds Sanctuary**

Leeds Sanctuary will probably be better known to many of you by its former name of 'Leeds Methodist Mission'. For over 185 years the base for the Methodist Church in Leeds City Centre was Oxford Place Methodist Church. Following bold decisions taken by the Trustees in 2018 the Oxford Place Chapel closed. This decision enabled a new and exciting phase of Ministry in Leeds City Centre, now known as 'Leeds Sanctuary'.

It is a Christian Project for people of all faiths and none, run by the Yorkshire West Methodist District. It can be found at 43 The Calls in Leeds City Centre – and if you haven't been in that area recently, it is well worth a visit, the whole area has been upgraded and is unrecognisable from the scruffy, dark somewhat 'sleazy' area it used to be.

Leeds Sanctuary has 4 core values of 'Encounter, Justice, Sanctuary and Flourishing' they run events, courses and small groups on these themes as well as serving refreshments.

We have flyers in the Galilee at Church telling us some of what is happening in the coming weeks, why not go along and see, if nothing else you will be amazed at what has been done with 'The Calls'

Love and prayers, *Barbara*.

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## **Church Flowers**

If you would like fresh flowers in Church to be arranged for a special reason, for example in memory of a loved one, then please contact Georgina Cressey (0113 294 4906) or Barbara Leeming. Help with the cost is much appreciated.

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## **Leeds South & East Foodbank**

Food donated for the Harvest Festival will be donated to the foodbank as part of our ongoing and very generous support. Items can be brought each Sunday but as always collection can be arranged via John Best.

**Thank you** to John who allows us all to support this worthwhile cause so easily and conveniently.

**If you are able to donate, please contact John Best, email [jvbest39@hotmail.com](mailto:jvbest39@hotmail.com) who will gladly collect from you.**

## **Table Top Sales – 1<sup>st</sup> October & 5<sup>th</sup> November**

If you would like more information or to book a table, at a cost of £5 for Church funds, please contact Lynda at Church or phone 0779 9094472.

*Come along and pick up a bargain!*

(There will not be a sale in December or January)

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### **Ladies Friendship Group**

Meetings are at 2.30pm in the Wesley Room on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. *All welcome.*

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Speaker/event</b>   |
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| 11/10/2022  | Rev. Helen White – “A tale of two journeys”                    |
| 25/10/2022  | Caroline Carr - “Tales from an inner city primary Headteacher” |

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### **Men of the Church – a note for your diaries**

Men’s Fellowship re-commences on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. All are welcome to join together in good fellowship with coffee and biscuits provided. Do join us in the Wesley Room.

Our starting programme:

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Speaker/event</b>            |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 04/10/22    | Revd Helen White                |
| 18/10/22    | Pauline Timms – ‘Ring em bells’ |
| 01/11/22    | John Blyth – My kind of music   |
| 15/11/22    | David Teal – Old Cross Gates    |
| 29/11/22    | John Best – Blue plaques        |
| 13/12/22    | Carols, readings and mince pies |

*And even more in the New Year!*

## **East Leeds History & Archaeology Society**

Methodist Church Hall Austhorpe Road Cross Gates  
Friday 28th October 2.00pm - Illustrated talk by Mr John Gilleghan MBE  
**'Temple Newsam – The Story of the Park and the Mansion near Leeds'**

Admission £2.00. All welcome

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## **WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE KING AND THE ROYAL FAMILY EAT?**

**JOIN US ON FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30 PM TO FIND OUT  
A TALK BY COLIN ALDERSON, ROYAL PASTRY CHEF**

**Yeadon Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, Yeadon, Leeds, LS19 7RG**

Tickets £10 each, including refreshments.

For tickets send payment & SAE to: Royal Pastry Chef Talk, C/O 76 The Whartons, Otley, LS21 2BS. Cheques payable to Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist Circuit.

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## **The Repair Cafe**

The Repair Café held at Cross Gates and initiated by Paul Coleman, opened its doors on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. A small army of volunteers including 'fixers' 'welcomers' 'hosts' arrived at about 9.30 am and set up their work stations and tools and welcomed people from the Cross Gates area who brought items to be repaired.

There was a generalized 'buzz' in the hall and I think many did indeed get their items fixed. Some were kindly told their item was irreparable! Karen Gray from Connecting Cross Gates brought several volunteers from her group who were a great help in the running of the group.

We hope the word will spread about the Repair Café at Cross Gates and it will go from strength to strength over the next few months. It will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 11 am to 3 pm. We will need volunteers from the church to man the kitchen serving refreshments.

A big thank you to Carol and Neil Smith who did it this week. *Barbara.*

## **History Corner**

**1921** – The Church's War Memorial Tablet was erected and a Commemoration Service held in the afternoon of Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1921 when the Tablet was unveiled by Rev Owen Spencer Watkins CMG, CBE, Assistant Chaplain General Eastern Command.

**1922** – The Post Office was transferred from Station Road to Church Lane.

**1923** – Electric light was installed throughout the Church premises (by Thomas Rygby Ltd). Change was not always thought to be good however and disapproval was expressed by the Leaders' Meeting in this year about Sunday trading in the wooden hut on the village green.

A 'Sunshine Committee' was established in 1923 to provide flowers for the Church each week and afterwards arrange their distribution to sick members. A small card was printed to be sent with the flowers and the visiting ministers were asked to write the text for the service to be sent to the sick person with the flowers.

**1924** – In September the tram service was extended from Seacroft Hospital to Cross Gates Police Station and in the following year the National Provincial Bank opened at the corner of Austhorpe Road and Station Road.

***Extracted from the booklet 'Highlights & Milestones which was compiled by Jean English and Michael Teal in 1982.***

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### **A Prayer**

God, whose name is Love,  
Whose gift is life,  
whose world holds all in being;  
bless your church and your world  
as we seek to grow together  
into the truth of our humanity and longings,  
into the communities where all find welcome,  
into the fullness that is your image in us;  
through the Word made flesh,  
and our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen

***It may seem early but there is a nip in the air and Christmas is on the way! Preparations are underway:***

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**Christmas Fair – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10am to 2pm**

We would be very grateful for donations of cakes, toys, Christmas items, craft or tombola prizes. We also need general help on the day.

Refreshments, including breakfast baps and turkey sandwiches, will be available so why not come along and treat yourself after choosing some Christmas presents from our stalls.

*The proceeds will be shared between Church and charities.*

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**Christmas dinner and concert – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Serendipity are coming along to entertain us during the afternoon of 4<sup>th</sup> December. You will also be able to enjoy a Christmas dinner after the entertainment.

The details have not been finalised but please make a note of the date and let a steward know if you would like more information.

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**Christmas Greetings**

Why not send Christmas greetings to the Church family via this newsletter and support Action for Children at the same time. You will reach everyone and save money on cards and postage. In return for a small donation your messages will be printed in the December edition of the newsletter. There will just be one December newsletter this year. The deadline for messages is **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** and can be sent to Tracy via any of the methods below. Donations should be brought to a Church service, sent to Linda Booth (clearly separated from your collection), or posted to Church.

Tracy Dick [tracylouisedick@gmail.com](mailto:tracylouisedick@gmail.com)

**Service Options:** If there are any people or situations you would like included in the prayers in worship, please let Helen know by Saturday morning, (having got permission from the individual to be named in our prayers). Please do contact Barbara if you would like to receive details of worship via email or would like to have printed worship sheets delivered.

**Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:** All those people in our prayer book and those we know who are unwell, in hospital, in Nursing Homes, going for tests at Hospital, recently bereaved and who find this time of year particularly difficult.

**Free phone service to hear prayers and news from the Methodist Church:**

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514. Listen to news: 0808 281 2478.

Pastoral message from the President & Vice-President: 0808 281 2695

Content is updated weekly on a Thursday evening.

**Websites:**

Circuit: [www.leedsnandemethodist.org.uk](http://www.leedsnandemethodist.org.uk)

District: [www.yorkshirewestmethodist.org.uk](http://www.yorkshirewestmethodist.org.uk)

**Your Financial Contributions:** Thank you to all those who have continued to contribute to the Church's running costs. If you do not attend Church, please continue sending them to Linda Booth to the Church's address. If you would like to change to contributing via **standing order** please get in touch with Amanda Brow. She can be contacted email [amandajbrow@gmail.com](mailto:amandajbrow@gmail.com)

**Spotlight On:** Please consider writing a few words about your life for inclusion in a future Newsletter, as have many of our Church family already. Please send your contribution to Tracy Dick (contact details below).

**Newsletter:** Please email contributions for the Newsletter to Tracy Dick [tracylouisedick@gmail.com](mailto:tracylouisedick@gmail.com)

Deadlines coming up: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November (for December and January editions), Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

#### **CROSS GATES METHODIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

**We are a group of people who are seeking to celebrate and share God's love for all.**

**Through Worship, Witness and Service in the Community we aim to follow Christ's example of open arms, hearts, minds and doors**

*Cross Gates Methodist Church, Austhorpe Road, Cross Gates, Leeds, LS15 8QR*