

Starbeck Methodist Church

The Link



June - July

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Looking out of my window, I see from the bushes opposite that there is a slight breeze, a rustle through the leaves. I can also see a lot of activity. There is something in the air. At first glance, it looks like a swarm of flies, all moving about in different directions. But ‘they’ are thicker, whiter... a bit of summer snow... in the form of pollen. Little clumps of seeds all swirling around, looking for a place to rest, to reseed. And they are doing - so much for trying to keep the lawn clear of dandelion clocks!

As I write this, we’re approaching Pentecost (4 June), a celebration of the birth of the church (see Acts 2). The swirling pollen reminds me of the work of the Holy Spirit. God’s presence is always around us, inviting us to respond. As we do, the Holy Spirit works within us and begins to reseed, growing the ‘fruits of the spirit’ love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5: 22).

Also in June we celebrate our church anniversary, the ‘birthday’ of Starbeck Methodist Church, a time of celebration and also one of reflection. Paul tells us that “if we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit” (5:25). The Holy Spirit moves and guides us in different ways within the life of the church and sometimes we need to be courageous and be able to change or adapt. Just as the pollen seeds can find crevices in which it takes root, so does the Holy Spirit encourage us to ‘fill the gaps’ and try something new, letting God’s work reseed in ways we have not tried before.

The Leadership Team is planning an ‘away day’ on 30 September, to pray and reflect on the different areas of life

within our church. If you would like to join us please let us know (details are to follow). It may be an opportunity to reflect on the life of the church and how our discipleship and spirituality may be guided and developed.

May the Holy Spirit be visible and present in our lives.

**God bless
Ann**



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Luncheon Club

Anyone interested, they do not have to be a Church member, the only stipulation is that they are over 60

single/widow/widower/couples

Three course lunch for £4:00 every

Tuesday at 12 noon



Also, if anyone would like to be a helper (on a rota system) we would be only too pleased for assistance

4 Services in June/July

Starbeck Methodist Church, 93 High Street, Harrogate HG2 7LH

www.starbeckmethodistchurch.org.uk

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Sunday 4th June

10:30am Mrs Susan Langley

Flowers donated by Mrs P Dawson

arranged by Anne

delivered by Leigh Neville

Sunday 11th June

10:30am Rev. Leonora Wassell (All Age Worship)

Flowers donated by Nancy's girls & Mrs D Wardell

arranged by Chris

delivered by Julie Hodson

Sunday 18th June

9am Rev. Ann Fox (Holy Communion)

Rev. Ronald Hicks

Flowers donated by Mrs Anne Cobb, Mr & Mrs Mosley & Mrs D Scruton

arranged by Julia

delivered by Pam Dawson

Sunday 25th June

10:30am Rev. Ann Fox (Church Anniversary)

Flowers donated by Mr Redshaw

arranged by Anne

Delivered Mr Redshaw

Sunday 2nd July

10:30am Rev. Diane Hicks

Flowers donated by Mrs R Cummings & Mr & Mrs Atkins

arranged by Julia

Delivered Leigh Neville

Sunday 9th July

10:30am Rev. Ann Fox (All Age Worship)

Flowers donated by Mrs C Stewart

arranged by Christine S

delivered by Julie Hodson

Sunday 16th July

10:30am Miss Anna Cooley (Local Preacher Sunday)

Flowers donated by Flower Fund

arranged by Chris

delivered by Pam Dawson

Sunday 23rd July

9am Rev. Ann Fox (Holy Communion)

10:30am Rev. Ann Fox (Holy Communion)

Flowers donated by Mrs V Brodie & Mrs D Sigsworth

arranged by Olive

delivered by Olive Duncan

Sunday 30th July

10am At Scotton

Flowers donated by Mr & Mrs Hoole, Mrs D Beer,
Mr & Mrs Kirkbright & Mrs Brassington

arranged by Anne

delivered by Joyce Routh

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<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/6200928/Link.pdf>

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version of this edition.

6 A Plea from Harrogate Homeless

As you know, both the hostel and Springboard rely on donated items to last a whole year. Below I've made a list of much needed items, but of course anything is welcome, particularly non-perishable food items that we can store.

Tinned meat products	Cooking oil
Cooking sauces	Tinned vegetables
Toilet rolls	Cleaning products
Deodorants (male/female)	Shampoo
Hair conditioner	Shaving gel
Disposable razors	Toothpaste
Toothbrushes	
Condiments and sauces (ketchup, brown sauce etc)	

As a general rule, I suggest to people that anything they use within their home, the hostel needs too!

I hope you can help with this request, if you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Liz

Chief Executive

Harrogate Homeless Project Ltd

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STARBECK METHODIST LADIES CIRCLE

The next meetings of the Circle will be:

Wednesday 7 June at 7.30pm:

Card –making demonstration and workshop by Sue Green.

Wednesday 5 July at 7.30pm:

Music and readings for a summer evening: Ann Abbott and Chris Robson.

All are welcome to these meetings, annual members free, guests £2.50 which includes refreshment.

Saturday 24th June 9.30-11.30 a.m. coffee morning to be held by the Circle with cake/preserve stall, proceeds to church funds. Please come along to support this fund-raising event.

Best wishes, Ann Abbott
Bookings Secretary



Thank you for our lovely flowers and all your kind messages and prayers over the last few weeks,

Pam, Val and Clare Rogers

Prayers

We ask that you hold these people before God in prayer.

The family of Pat Mills

Claire Barker and family

The Brassington family

Shirley Clark and family

Jessie Hall

Leslie Ternent

Leigh Neville

Rosemary Vasey

Please let me know if you would like your name added to the list.

Anne Hoole: Pastoral Secretary



Garden News.

It is good to be back in the Church garden. The spring colours have been lovely and the bulb planting has really paid off. I hope everyone has seen the new bird bath, enjoyed the Magnolia blossom and noticed the two new planters at the entrance to Church. We have decided to make the bottom border at the end of the car park white, and thanks to Chris and Taff we have covered the border with slate, which has made a big improvement and hopefully will cut down on the weeding.

Over the next few weeks or months we hope to improve the area near the fence on the car park side and the border on the lawn side near the wall. We are always trying to make improvements to make it easier to manage and to cut back on bedding plants.

Remember it is your garden and the gardening team hope you enjoy it.

Anne.



PARK GROVE and STARBECK METHODIST KNIT 'n' NATTER GROUP

Meet at 1:30pm on the first and third Monday afternoon of each calendar month [term time only - please see Church Notices] : Please bring your own knitting or help us with one of our Group Projects : More information from Rev Gillian Robertson 01423

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COFFEE SHOPS

June

- 3rd June Flowers & Gardens
Anne Hoole
- 10th June JMA (Wharfedale Room)
Fiona Sherwood
- 17th June Church Charity – CAP
Shirley Clapham
- 24th June Ladies Circle
Joyce & Mollie

JULY

- 1st July Brownies
Jessica Ramsay
- 8th July Church Funds (Wharfedale Room)
Aline & Keith
- 15th July Brigades
Mark & Vicki
- 22nd July Tea n Chat
Aline & Keith
- 29th July Church Funds
VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!

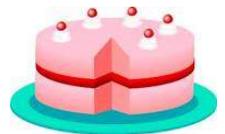
AUGUST

- 5th August MWiB (Methodist Women)
Gladys Simms

We always are grateful for donations of cakes, preserves etc. to sell on these mornings.



Please bring along your friends and neighbours for a social morning, and plenty of chat. Thank you to all those who give their time to run these mornings.



10 Foodbank and dates for your diary

HARROGATE FOODBANK

There has been an increased demand for the Foodbank this year, partly due to changes in the benefit system which means people waiting for payment for up to 6 weeks with no income.



The following are urgently needed:

Instant Coffee	Long Life Milk
Tinned Puddings	Custard (tined or instant)
Tinned Meat	

We have plenty at the moment:

Beans	Pasta
Toilet Rolls	Tinned Vegetables
Tea	Fish

Please make sure everything has a long date and no items from fridges please.

Thank you all again for your support – Aline & Keith

Church Anniversary

June 24th & 25th are our Church Anniversary 86 years since we opened. There will be a weekend of activities with a BBQ, games etc

A special Service on the Sunday morning.

Keep a look out for more details nearer the time but book the date in your diary now.

Church Notice

Please note that the Church Hall will be unavailable for any Bookings on Thursday 8th June 2017 because of the General Election, the Hall will once again be a Polling Station. Thank you

LEPROSY MISSION SPOSORE WALK

Rev Ann said a prayer at the start of the walk asking God to be with us and for the work of the Leprosy Mission. Nine of us set off from Church, Rev Ann, Chris T, Eileen, Margaret (Darlington), Les, Dave (Mosley), Ken and Heather and myself. We met Clive, Patsy and her friend Denise at the Bogs Lane bridge.

We enjoyed the walk along the Greenway path to Ripley taking in the views, especially off the viaduct. There were a lot of cyclists about but we managed to keep out of each others way!



Eileen, Margaret, Dave and Ken left us at Ripley, going home on the bus after going to the café. The rest of us had a break in Ripley having either a drink or an ice cream before we continued on our way to Hampsthwaite.

We walked through Ripley woods and saw the deer in the castle grounds. The bluebells were still lovely even though they had been out for a few weeks. We were really pleased we had not missed them!

We walked out of the woods and up to Clint Bank and over the road where we walked down the field into

Hampsthwaite. We paused at the Church to see the two Thompson mice on the lychgate.

Pauline met us at that point and we went back to her home where she and Frank very kindly made us tea and coffee accompanied by cake and some lovely freshly made scones. It was the perfect end to a lovely afternoon.

Everyone enjoyed themselves but I think one or two had walked far enough!

It was good to have this time together and raising money for the Leprosy Mission



A total of £341 was raised.

Thank you all so much for your generosity. The Leprosy Mission do such good work.

Thank you once again to Chris Thomas for doing the sponsor forms and being the official photographer!

Thank you once again for your support

Margaret Light



**THE LEPROSY
MISSION**

ADVANCE NOTICE

Christmas Fair at Starbeck Methodist Church

Saturday 18 November 2017

10 am - 2.30 pm

At this fundraising event, our Church will be running refreshments, cakes, preserves & book stalls. Help with these would be greatly appreciated.

However, we are also hoping to have a number of other different stalls, eg Christmas decorations, Christmas wrapping, stocking fillers, Bran tub, games etc. We are open to ideas! The charge for a stall/single table is £10, payable on booking the stall.

If you or your organisation would like to run a stall, please contact Christine Atkins on 887918 or email chrismatkins@aol.com

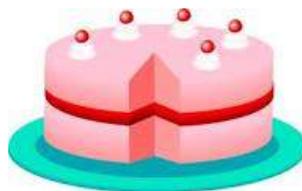
TEA 'N' CHAT

You may have heard that we are delighted that Tea 'n' Chat is starting up again, in the same format. Tea , cake and chat and plenty of fun.

All over 60's are invited to join us, men, women, non Church people for a social afternoon. There will be a minimum donation of £1 to help cover the costs. We will meet on the second Monday of the month as before starting on June 12th at 1.30pm until about 3.30pm. There are leaflets in the Porch with details of dates.

So we are looking forward to seeing you on Monday June 12th, 10th July, 14th August, 11th September, 9th October, 13th November and 11th December.

If anyone wants any other information then please speak to Aline or Keith.





Sundi Club Report Link June 2017

We are working well in Sundi Club with a group of children who attend regularly.

Our last session will be Sunday 23rd July before we break for Summer

Sunday 10th September will be Church Parade service so we will return on the 17th September 2017.

Pauline Mulholland

Refreshments at Wesley - Saturday 23rd September, from 10 am onwards

Our next fundraising event at Wesley in the town centre is taking place on Saturday 23rd September.

Please make a note in your diaries as we would very much appreciate baking/offers of help on the day. Thank you.

Christine & Julia

Congratulations

Congratulations to Peter Hoole on receiving his long service certificate in recognition of 32 years of service to Christian Aid. Peter has recently retired from his role as Christian Aid secretary and organiser for Christian Aid Week for the Harrogate District.

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The Brigades



We have been so busy lately that it's difficult to know where to start!

We continue to see our numbers grow, so we must be doing something right.

Anchors & Explorers

Since our last update we have finished looking at Spring and all that the season brings with it. We thought about new life and new beginnings, how things and we grow, as well as following the Easter story in the build up to Easter. The children really embraced the imagery. We then moved on to getting animated for our display item, exploring more about the story of Gideon and ultimately presenting a drama about it for you all. Our next topics are Summer based and we are looking forward to spending time outside playing games and enjoying something a little different. We started the module by using our imaginations to conjure up pictures in our minds triggered by stories or by music. We'll see how what we can imagine compares with what we see around us.

Juniors

This term we have been mainly focusing on our display item, we have learnt all about Scottish dancing, and have had such fun practicing to show you all. Many Thanks to those of you who took part in our display item-you all did very well! Aside from the display, we always enjoy food in junior section and made some Easter cakes and sampled various Scottish delights whilst we were learning how to dance.

We have welcomed a couple of new starters into junior section, we seem to be expanding week by week which is fantastic!

The Company boys have been learning about Kali, a Filipino stick martial art. We have learnt katas as a way of focusing on the movements for meditations and then moved on to a combative forms of single stick drill. We have also looked at team work and communication skills by building lego models and discussing.

The Senior Lads have recently started a couple of wood working projects. They started with a hedgehog box, made using 6x1" and 1x1/2" leftover timber. The aim

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of these projects is to show the lads not only how easy it can be to design and make something useful or fun but how easy it is to recycle.

Their current project was of their own choice, a go-kart! After raiding the tip and garages for spare parts, utilising an old golf club kart, a fence post or two, a set of wheels from a bike trailer and an old Sunday school chair, the lads have almost finished and it's looking good.

Their next project is to plan and organise a coast to coast race, car vs train! So watch this space for updates!

Brigader & Senior Girls worked really hard on their display item depicting the life of Jesus in a shadow theatre. We were really proud of how well they did and how hard they worked to come up with each scene, make the props and practising the display item. Since display we've had a couple of really fun nights mixing with the older lads and doing all sorts of different activities. We're really looking forward to going to the Big Night Out at Light Water Valley on 20th May! Even more exciting is our Summer Camp which is approaching rapidly, we can't wait for it to arrive and have now planned a jam packed programme for the week!

The Display was on Sunday 7th May and it was a great late afternoon of entertainment. With each section contributing various items that they have been working on throughout the year. The event had a great energy and a massive thank you to the young people who made it possible and the thank you to all those who joined us to enjoy it.

Upcoming Events

Annual Awards and BBQ evening is Friday 21st July starting at 7pm. A Great evening where we celebrate the achievements of all our young people, we hope you can join us.

Prayer Points

Thank you for your prayers! Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of our young people and staff, as many of



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them journey through their own difficult times. We also pray that our numbers continue to increase and that our Fridays continue to be a hive of energy and excitement, where our young people feel safe and able to explore their own faith.

New Members

We need your help as ever, we are always looking for new members so if you know a young person between the ages of 4 and 17 who would enjoy being a member of Boys' or Girls' Brigade please tell them more about us and encourage them to come down or contact us by email. (thebrigades@hotmail.co.uk). If you know of an opportunity for us to promote The Brigades either by putting up posters or attending events please let us know. Together let's see our Brigades grow and develop.

Help wanted!

As our numbers are growing so is our need for helpers. We're not just looking for people to help on a Friday night (although if you'd like to we'd be thrilled!), we'd also appreciate one-off help with fundraising, recruitment, coffee mornings, mini bus driving, and ideas for Friday night sessions. If you've got a skill or an interest and are interested in helping us we're sure we'll be able to find a way for you to help! Just speak to any of our leaders or email us at thebrigades@hotmail.co.uk.

In the past people have helped us by organising visits such as going to the fire station and Pets at Home, or by coming down on the occasional Friday to demonstrate a specific skill such as baking, nail care etc. These evenings are a fantastic opportunity for our leaders to be able to enjoy learning alongside the children rather than always leading from the front.

If there's any way that you think the Brigades might be able to help you or a cause close to your heart please get in touch and we'll see what we can do!

The Brigades



We have been working on our debating skills recently at ProjectB. Malcolm and Chris Binks came down for an evening and ran a very interesting session around debating and get your point across. This was a fun evening to sit and listen too. We led on from there to

look at the 3Generate Youth Manifestos, a collection of topics that young people are interested in. As part of this we spoke about school life and Mental wellbeing, as well as discussing their opinions on the refugee crisis and poverty. We have a group on very caring young people, who feel comfortable to share with group and offer help and suggestions to each other.

In the coming weeks we are looking forward to having Rev Ann come and talk to us about Prayer and taking a collection of young people to a Christian festival weekend called Unite. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, 7pm-9pm in church.

New Members

We are looking to let as many people know about this new venture as we possibly can so if you know a young person in year 7 or above, please tell them about us and encourage them to come down or contact us by email at projectb.youthgroup@hotmail.com.

Help wanted!

In order to provide Project B members with a broad experience of faith and life, and to give them the input they ask for, with the subject matters close to them, we are looking for helpers. We're not just looking for people to lead or help on a Sunday night (although if you'd like to we'd be thrilled!), we'd also appreciate any help with ideas for ways to expand the experience of projectb, whether it is getting us involved with events, ways in which we can engage with circuit, or new topics to cover in our regular Sunday meetings. If you are interested in helping us we're sure we'll be able to find a way for you to help! Just speak to Mark, Vicki, or Dave or email us at projectb.youthgroup@hotmail.com. Also thank you to the people who've kindly volunteered to help with preparing food – we'll be taking you up on your offer!

Please pray for all involved, both young people and leaders, as we learn more about God together. **The Project B Teams**



LADIES ENJOY SINGING?

Available Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.30

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Barbershop Chorus at
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Call Sue 07880803349

Space available

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Harrogate Foodbank

A special request for Long life milk
and long life fruit juice , coffee,
sponge puddings and custard and
sugar. Also toiletries such as soap,
toothpaste, brushes, Toilet Rolls
Thanking you all for your support.

Aline & Keith

Harrogate Homeless Project

Donations of tinned, dried foods,
coffee, tea, sugar etc and toiletries
are needed please.

Please continue to support this
project as the need is ongoing.

Thank you - Pam & Ian

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@ the Manhattan Club

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