



Darlington and Teesdale
Methodist Circuit

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Michael Card wrote:

“We have so many pictures in our minds of what a faithful life should look like. Unfortunately, the images we have conjured up flirt with fantasy when they must eventually embrace reality. Nothing ushers us towards this truth quicker than a painful situation, especially one we cannot control.

What do we do when we walk faithfully and still suffer? How do we express our sorrow, confusion, anger, and doubt in prayer?”

I have seen so many of our good Methodist people in that place, a place where there has been a good deal of struggle and the question has been asked by many of our loving brothers and sisters of the congregations “Why? O Lord, why?”

If we reflect upon the lives of those in the Bible who have encountered suffering, we learn the relevance of lament in our own lives. We worship a God who is not a Kwik Fit Fitter, or a Mr Fix It, we worship a God of reality who feels what we feel, even more acutely. A God who sees the injustice of it all yet draws alongside with a tangible presence. I am not saying that God does not heal, but is healing always cure? The Lord begins His loving healing right where we are, in the confusion and shock of it all.

Our autumn studies have been looking at the topic of “The Prayer of Jabez”, but does it make any difference, prayer? Where are the answers to prayers for peace at this time? One expression of prayer is lament, a tradition lost in many expressions of the church.

We may find ourselves in the position of not knowing what to pray, or if we even can pray. What unspeakable peace belongs to men and women, alone in creation, that when there are simply no words, no clear thoughts, no appropriate physical expressions....there are ‘sighs too deep for words’...and the promise of the Presence “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

With love and many prayers

Rev. Graham

WINTER 2023 PLAN NO: 237	DECEMBER						JANUARY				FEBRUARY			
	3rd	10th	17th	24th	25th	31st	7th	14th	21st	28th	4th	11th	18th	25th
B. Castle 10:30am	A. Coustick	J. Selley	G. Cutler HC	OA CS	10am G. Cutler	Ian Tallentire	G. Cutler Cov/HC	P. Collins	D. Coggrave	Lorne Tallentire	G. Cutler HC	J. Howard	A. Coustick	J. Collins
3pm	–	G. Cutler Lego Church	G. Cutler 4pm. CS	G. Cutler 9pm HC										
Barton 10:30am	@ Parish Church	B. Simpson CS	S. Jaleel	T. Boocock HC		@ Elm Ridge	B. Carter	S. Sleightholme	Lorne Tallentire	G. Cutler Cov / HC	@ Parish Church	P. Law	K. George HC	G. Cutler
Cockerton 10:30am	J. Collins	Yemi HC / T	OA CS	J. Howard	9:30am T. Boocock	@ Elm Ridge	T. Boocock Cov / HC	C. Nurse T	K. George	Ian Tallentire	T. Boocock HC	B. Simpson Guild Service	T. Boocock	J. Selley
Elm Ridge 10:30am	T. Boocock	J. Howard HC	T. Boocock J2B	T. Boocock 5pm Christingle	10:30am T. Boocock	T. Boocock Yemi (T)	A. Coustick Cov/HC	P. Law	G. Cutler	T. Boocock	S. Sutcliffe	T. Boocock HC	J. Howard B	OA
				T. Boocock 11:30pm HC										
Haughton 10:30am	J. Bower HC	B. Hutton	J. Bower CS	@ H. Hill	@ H. Hill	@ Elm Ridge	P. Collins	B. Carter	S. Jaleel	Yemi T	B. Hutton Cov / HC	J. Selley	B. Simpson	B. Hutton HC
3pm			WAVE	B. Hutton AAW						WAVE				WAVE
H. Hill 10:30am	P. Collins	S. Sleightholme CS/PS	B. Hutton B	B. Hutton HC	9:30am B. Hutton	@ Elm Ridge	S. Jaleel	Yemi T	P. Law	B. Hutton Cov/HC	H. Sperring CA	J. Bower HC	C. Nurse T	@ Haughton
Hurworth 10am	B. Hutton PS	S. Sutcliffe	K. George HC	OA	S. Sutcliffe	@ Elm Ridge	J. Collins	K. George	B. Hutton Cov / HC	OA	P. Collins	Yemi T	B. Hutton HC	S. Sutcliffe
Staindrop 10:30am	Lorne Tallentire	–	J. Howard HC	–	–	@ B. Castle	B. Simpson	–	Ian Tallentire	OA	S. Jaleel	–	G. Cutler HC	A. Coustick
6pm		G. Cutler CS						G. Cutler Cov / HC				T. Boocock		
The Pathway 10:30am	–		J. Collins	G. Cutler CS	10am J. Howard	@ B. Castle	–	G. Cutler Cov / HC	T. Boocock	A. Coustick	–	G. Cutler HC	J. Tarn	S. Jaleel
2:30pm	G. Cutler Toy Service	5pm Village Christmas		5pm Christingle			S. Walton AT				J. Collins AT			
The Well 10:30am	S. Sutcliffe 7pm MS	T. Boocock HC	OA CS	S. Sleightholme 4pm CS	G. Bright 10am	@ Elm Ridge	B. Hutton Cov/HC	J. Bower	G. Bright	S. Sutcliffe	J. Selley	B. Hutton HC	G. Bright	Yemi T
Telephone Service 9am	B. Simpson	S. Walton	A. Coustick	M. Bagnall	M. Bagnall	J. Howard	M. Bagnall	T. Boocock	TBC	M. Bagnall	G. Cutler	S. Walton	M. Bagnall	Lorne Tallentire
Media Service	J. Selley	G. Cutler	Ian Tallentire	T. Boocock	T. Boocock	Livestream via Zoom	B. Hutton	S. Sleightholme	D. Coggrave	G. Cutler	Collins	J. Selley	J. Howard	T. Boocock

PLAN CODES

CS Carol Service
 HC Holy Communion
 PS Parade Service

OA Own Arrangement
 MS Memorial Service
 T Transport needed

AT Afternoon Tea
 AAW All Age Worship