



Darlington and Teesdale  
**Methodist** Circuit

**Darlington and Teesdale Circuit (I3/I)**  
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It is an extraordinary privilege to be a worship leader and a preacher in the Methodist Church. For some of us the call to preach or to lead worship was simple and straight forward: we discerned a call and we responded. For others, the call might be clear, but can be followed by sometimes years of resistance, until at some point, you give in and say, 'Here am I. Send me.' Sometimes we wonder.



In many ways, John Wesley is an enigma – yet an enigma we might sometimes recognise in us. He was by most standards (ancient and modern) a good and devout man. He was pious. He served the needy. For a while he was a missionary overseas (though not successfully). And yet for all that, there was something missing. He felt an aching need for acceptance and assurance from God. And whilst scholars have debated when John Wesley was 'converted,' his experience at Aldersgate Street on 24th May 1738 at 8:45pm was profound:

*'In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society at Aldersgate Street, where one was reading from Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change that God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation. And an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.'*

That never meant everything was straightforward after that. Being invited to preach in the open air was utterly shocking to him:

Saturday, 31 March 1739: *'In the evening I reached Bristol, and met Mr. Whitefield there. I could scarce reconcile myself at first to this strange way of preaching in the fields, of which he set me an example on Sunday; having been all my life (till very lately) so tenacious of every point relating to decency and order, that I should have thought the saving of souls almost a sin if it had not been done in a church.'*

Monday 2: *'At four in the afternoon I submitted to be more vile and proclaimed in the highways the glad tidings of salvation...'*

And maybe the rest, as they say, is history!

To those who have tested a call to preach or to lead worship, thank you.

To those who may be wondering whether to explore a call from God, do speak to me or to another Minister, preacher or Worship Leader. After all, if Mr Wesley could 'submit to be more vile', who knows what God might be calling you to!

Grace and peace to you.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. H. H.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

SUMMER 2026 PLAN NO: 247	JUNE				JULY				AUGUST				
	7th	14th	21st MHA	28th	5th	12th	19th	26th	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
B. Castle 10:30am	P. Clarke	LA	G. Cutler HC	M. Elms	Ian Tallentire	G. Cutler HC	Lorne Tallentire	B. Simpson	D. Hinchliffe	G. Cutler HC	LA	C. Nurse T	K. George
Barton 10:30am	G. Cutler HC	C. Nurse T / CA	LA	S. Sutcliffe	At Parish Church	A. Coustick	Ian Tallentire	G. Cutler HC	LA	J. Selley	J. Howard	G. Cutler HC	L. Daynes
Cockerton 10:30am	L. Daynes	G. Hume HC	C. Roberts	LA	C. Nurse T	C. Roberts HC	G. Hume	Yemi T	LA	G. Hume HC	S. Sutcliffe	C. Roberts	D. Hinchliffe
Elm Ridge 10:30am  6pm	D. Hinchliffe P/B/CA	A. Coustick HC	P. Collins	S. Jaleel	D. Hinchliffe AGM	LA	D. Hinchliffe HC	K. George	M. Elms	LA	G. Cutler	D. Hinchliffe HC	Yemi T
	D. Hinchliffe HC				B. Simpson				D. Hinchliffe SoP				
Houghton 10:30am 3pm	S. Sutcliffe	L. Daynes	G. Hume AGM	A. Coustick HC	M. Elms	LA	Yemi T	G. Hume HC	J. Heap VP	D. Hinchliffe	G. Hume HC	LA	S. Jaleel
			WAVE				WAVE				WAVE		
Hurworth 10am	B. Carter	Yemi HC / T	LA	J. Squares	P. Collins	G. Hume P	H. Bainbridge VP	LA	G. Hume	B. Simpson	P. Clarke HC	G. Hume	C. Nurse T
Staindrop 10:30am  6pm	Ian Tallentire	-	B. Carter	P. Collins	LA	-	K. George	J. Selley	L. Daynes	-	B. Simpson	LA	J. Selley
		D. Hinchliffe				G. Cutler HC				G. Cutler HC			
The Pathway 10:30am  2:30pm	-	Ian Tallentire	LA	G. Cutler HC	-	B. Simpson	G. Cutler HC	P. Collins	-	LA	L. Daynes	Lorne Tallentire	G. Cutler UTCT
	J. Selley				Lorne Tallentire				G. Cutler HC				
The Well 10:30am	G. Bright	D. Hinchliffe AGM	G. Bright	Yemi HC/T	S. Sutcliffe	D. Hinchliffe	G. Bright	D. Hinchliffe HC	Awesome August				
Telephone Service 9am	M. Bagnall	S. Walton	B. Simpson	G. Cutler HC	M. Bagnall	Lorne Tallentire	G. Hume	S. Walton	M. Bagnall	D. Hinchliffe	Ian Tallentire	D. Hinchliffe	M. Bagnall
Media Service	J. Selley	J. Howard	G. Hume	P. Collins	A. Coustick	Ian Tallentire	D. Hinchliffe	G. Hume	L. Daynes	D. Hinchliffe	J. Selley	G. Hume	Ian Tallentire

**PLAN CODES**

AT Afternoon Tea  
 B Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
 CA Church Anniversary

HC Holy Communion  
 LA Local Arrangement  
 P Parade Service  
 SoP Songs of Praise

T Transport needed  
 AGM Business Meeting  
 UTCT Upper Teesdale Churches Together  
 VP Visiting preacher

# Lectionary (Year A)

## 7th June

Genesis 12: 1-9  
Psalm 33: 1-12  
Romans 4: 13-25  
Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

## 14th June

Genesis 18: 1-15 (21: 1-7)  
Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19  
Romans 5: 1-8  
Matthew 9: 35 – 10:8 (9-23)

## 21st June

Genesis 21: 8-21  
Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6: 1b-11  
Matthew 10: 24-39

## 28th June

Genesis 22: 1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6: 12-23  
Matthew 10: 40-42

## 5th July

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Psalm 45: 10-17  
Romans 7: 15-25a  
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

## 12th July

Genesis 25: 19-34  
Psalm 119: 105-112  
Romans 8: 1-11  
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

## 19th July

Genesis 28: 10-19a  
Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8: 12-25  
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

## 26th July

Genesis 29: 15-28  
Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b  
Romans 8: 26-39  
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

## 2nd Aug

Genesis 32: 22-31  
Psalm 17: 1-7, 15  
Romans 9: 1-5  
Matthew 14: 13-21

## 9th Aug

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28  
Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Romans 10: 5-15  
Matthew 14: 22-33

## 16th Aug

Genesis 45: 1-15  
Psalm 133  
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

## 23rd Aug

Exodus 1: 8 – 2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12: 1-8  
Matthew 16: 13-20

## 30th Aug

Exodus 3: 1-15  
Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c  
Romans 12: 9-21  
Matthew 16: 21-28

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