



Darlington and Teesdale
Methodist Circuit

Darlington and Teesdale Circuit (I3/I)
Registered Charity Number: 1132005
PLAN: September - November 2023

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Dear Friends

There are so many New Years. For Methodists the new church year begins on September 1st. Our liturgical year begins with candles on the first Sunday of advent. Whilst our communities celebrate the calendrical new year on the first day of January, unless of course they are Chinese. Accountants? Well enough about accountants, but teachers? Teachers are like Methodists in that the school year also starts in September, though it is my understanding that teachers are most likely to celebrate the end of terms rather than their beginning; if they can keep their eyes open long enough.



It is a strange new beginning for me this year. I have spent the last twelve months undertaking a 'recuperative year'. I suppose the old word would be 'convalescing,' a word that means becoming strong or well. Elsewhere it is described as a period of time spent healing. Such a year is unusual in employment terms and a precious gift that the Methodist Church offers for which I am deeply grateful. Stress, depression and burnout are challenging experiences.

Time to heal is a deeply precious thing as any nurse knows. Of course sometimes healing is not about getting strong but about learning how to be properly and appropriately weak. The words of God to St Paul are rarely far from me: "My power is made perfect in your weakness, my grace is sufficient for you" Likewise healing is often about learning how to let go of things and there has been much of that this year. How successful I have been only time will tell. (insert your chosen Frozen reference here!)

Am I cured? I have no idea, I am not sure this language captures it. Have I had a breakdown? I guess you can call it that if you wish though it makes me sound like an elderly Ford Fiesta. I have images of jump leads and oil changes. Am I healing? Yes, "the grace of God has not been without effect." Am I back? Yes, and looking forward to getting back involved with you all. No, I will not need the circuit straitjacket, at least not for me.

What have I been doing? I have been learning Hebrew and Greek for fun. It is fun, honest. Teaching myself some basic calligraphy. I have had hours of therapy, many walks and I have watched copious amounts of rugby. I have read a great deal. Maisie, our King Charles spaniel, has been my constant companion. I have stopped, often and repeatedly and I have written word after word in journals. I have even tried writing the book that has been rattling around my head for too long. I am laughing again and determined to do much more of this. If I am listening to your sermon at the time my apologies likewise if you are presenting the accounts. And I have prayed: complained and confessed, thanked and threatened, sulked and shouted at God, such I believe is faithful prayer.

As our new Methodist year begins I invite you to such faithful prayer as the Circuit theme and invitation in the new year ahead. I thank you also for your prayers which have surrounded me and supported me over these months. Pray and keep praying. Learn new and old ways to pray. Everything is grace.

In gratitude and grace
Tim

| AUTUMN 2023 PLAN NO: 236 | SEPTEMBER | | | | OCTOBER | | | | | NOVEMBER | | | |
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| | 3rd | 10th | 17th | 24th | 1st | 8th | 15th | 22nd | 29th | 5th | 12th | 19th | 26th |
| B. Castle 10:30am | J. Howard | R. Bainbridge H | G. Cutler HC | B. Simpson | T. Boocock | B. Hutton AN | G. Cutler HC | B. Simpson | J. Selley | LA Shoe Box | G. Cutler | D. Coggrave | G. Cutler HC |
| 2:30pm | | | | | | | | | | G. Cutler 2:30pm MS | | | |
| Barton 10:30am | K. George HC | G. Cutler H | P. Law | S. Jaleel | @ Parish Church | B. Simpson | LA | G. Cutler HC | J. Bower | S. Sleightholme | I. Tallentire | P. Collins | K. George HC |
| Cockerton 10:30am | T. Boocock HC | LA | K. George | P. Collins | J. Collins | LA | T. Boocock HC | S. Sleightholme | P. Law | G. Cutler | B. Simpson | T. Boocock CA | T. Boocock HC |
| Elm Ridge 10:30am | B. Simpson | J. Howard B | T. Boocock HC | J. Howard B | D. Coggrave H | J. Howard | J. Howard HC | T. Boocock | C. Nurse T | LA | J. Howard | K. Albans MHA | J. Howard HC |
| 6pm | J. Howard | | | | G. Cutler | | | | | J. Howard | | | |
| Haughton 10:30am | C. Nurse T | B. Carter | B. Hutton H | P. Law | LA | A. Coustick | Selley | P. Collins | B. Hutton MS / HC | B. Hutton | @ St. Andrews 10am | K. George HC | J. Selley |
| 3pm | | | | WAVE | | | | | | WAVE | | | WAVE |
| H. Hill 10:30am | S. Jaleel | J. Selley | J. Bower HC | LA | B. Hutton P/H | K. George HC | C. Nurse T | J. Collins | B. Simpson | @ Haughton | T. Boocock HC | LA GD | B. Carter |
| Hurworth 10am | J. Bower | B. Hutton H / PS | C. Nurse T | J. Collins | S. Sutcliffe | LA | I Tallentire | B. Hutton PS | R. Andrew HC | K. George | @ All Saints | S. Jaleel | A. Coustick HC |
| Staindrop 10:30am | I Tallentire | | L Tallentire | LA | G. Cutler H | | Collins | K. George HC | J. Howard | S. Jaleel | | G. Cutler CA | J. Bower HC |
| 6pm | | G. Cutler HC | | | | L Tallentire | | | | | J. Selley | | |
| The Pathway 10:30am | | I Tallentire | S. Walton | G. Cutler HC | | G. Cutler HC | J. Tarn | L Tallentire | Laithkirk UTCT | | A. Wallbank | S. Walton | J. Tarn |
| 2:30pm | B. Simpson AT | | | | J. Howard H | | | | | J. Howard HC | | | |
| The Well 10:30am | S. Sutcliffe | LA | I Tallentire | B. Hutton HC | P. Collins CA | LA | B. Hutton HC | J. Selley | LA | LA | J. Selley | LA | B. Hutton HC |
| Telephone Service 9am | L Tallentire | M. Bagnall | S. Walton | M. Bagnall | I Tallentire | L Tallentire | M. Bagnall | S. Walton | A. Coustick | M. Bagnall | J. Howard | M. Bagnall | M. Bagnall |
| Media Service | J. Selley | T. Boocock | G. Cutler | I Tallentire | J. Bower | B. Hutton | G. Cutler | J. Collins | J. Howard | A. Coustick | T. Boocock | D. Coggrave | B. Hutton |

PLAN CODES

CA Church Anniversary
 HC Holy Communion
 PS Parade Service
 LA Local Arrangement
 H Harvest

MS Memorial Service
 T Transport needed
 AT Afternoon Tea
 UTCT Upper Teesdale
 Churches Together
 AAW All Age Worship

Preachers are expected to fulfil their own appointments or provide an accredited substitute and inform the Superintendent, the Circuit Office and the Church Steward(s) of the change.

Darlington Churches Hymn Books and Facilities

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| Barnard Castle | H&P, MPC, StF | CCLI ref: 3390 | WL |
| Barton | H&P, MPcp | | |
| Cockerton | StF, Pro | CCLI ref 74365 | WL |
| Elm Ridge | StF, H&P, MPcp, Pro | CCLI ref 32479 | WL |
| Haughton | StF, H&P, MP | CCLI ref 561024 | |
| H. Hill | StF, H&P, MPcp, Pro | CCLI ref 88557 | WL |
| Hurworth | H&P, MPCp, Pro | CCLI ref 252950 | WL |
| Staindrop | H&P, SoF, StF | | |
| The Pathway | H&P, SoF, StF | CCLI ref: 20247 | WL |
| The Well | StF, H&P, JP, MPcb, Pro | CCLI ref: 828243 | WL |

Key:

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| H&P | Hymns and Psalms |
| StF | Singing the Faith |
| MPcp | Mission Praise Complete |
| MPcb | Mission Praise Combined |
| Pro | Fixed Projector available, contact Steward for details |
| WL | Worship Leader/s available, contact Steward for details |

Church Stewards / Contact

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|-----------------|---|
| Barnard Castle | Margaret Wills |
| Barton | Joan Marwood Marjorie Brentley - Hymns |
| Cockerton | Alison Hunter |
| Elm Ridge | Tony Allen Julie Watson |
| Harrowgate Hill | Brian Simpson |
| Haughton | Valerie Tooth Ann Thubron |
| Hurworth | Eric Miller |
| Staindrop | Julia Petty |
| Pathway | Ruth Tallentire |
| Well | Graham Bright |

Contact details are available on the 'Contact List' distributed with this Plan

Local Preachers

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| Jean Sharp* | 1960 |
| David Hogg* | 1963 |
| Philip Law | 1964 |
| Sheila Walton | 1964 |
| David Armstrong* | 1964 |
| Beryl Coatsworth* | 1964 |
| Barbara Carter | 1970 |
| Lorne Tallentire | 1976 |
| Ian Tallentire | 1979 |
| Audrey Williams* | 1986 |
| Jennie Collins | 1987 |
| Peter Collins | 1987 |
| Christine Nurse | 1990 |
| Margaret Wearmouth* | 1998 |
| Pam Martin* | 1999 |
| Bill Bartle | 2002 |
| Debs Coggrave | 2004 |
| Janet Stark* | 2004 |
| Margaret Bower * | 2006 |
| Graham Bright | 2006 |
| Brian Simpson | 2011 |
| Stephen Sutcliffe | 2015 |
| Jenny Selley | 2019 |
| Susan Jaleel | 1990 |

* retired or currently not active

Worship Leaders

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| Josie Pollard | Barnard Castle |
| Judith Tarn | The Pathway |
| Jan Cossins | Cockerton |
| Peter Gallop | Elm Ridge |
| Ali Dinsdale | Elm Ridge |
| Sue Seightholme | Elm Ridge |
| Mary Everitt* | Elm Ridge |
| Mary Haves | Elm Ridge |
| Eric Miller | Hurworth |
| Jane Miller | Hurworth |
| Hazel Neasham | Hurworth |
| Lyn Hatch | Hurworth |
| Ben Conner | The Well |
| Morvyn Sanderson | The Well |
| Helen Hamilton | Harrowgate Hill |

Lectionary Readings for this Quarter

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| 3rd Sept | Exodus 3: 1-15 | Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c | Romans 12: 9-21 | Matthew 16: 21-28 |
| 10th Sept | Exodus 12: 1-14 | Psalm 149 | Romans 13: 8-14 | Matthew 18: 15-20 |
| 17th Sept | Exodus 14: 19-31 | Psalm 114 | Romans 14: 1-12 | Matthew 18: 21-35 |
| 24th Sept | Exodus 16: 2-15 | Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 | Philippians 1: 21-30 | Matthew 20: 1-16 |
| 1st Oct | Exodus 17: 1-7 | Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 | Philippians 2: 1-13 | Matthew 21: 23-32 |
| 8th Oct | Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 | Psalm 19 | Philippians 3: 4b -14 | Matthew 21: 33-46 |
| 15th Oct | Exodus 32: 1-14 | Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 | Philippians 4: 1-9 | Matthew 22: 1-14 |
| 22nd Oct | Exodus 33: 12-23 | Psalm 99 | 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 | Matthew 22: 15-22 |
| 29th Oct | Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 | Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 | 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 | Matthew 22: 34-46 |
| 5th Nov | Joshua 3: 7-17 | Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37 | 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 | Matthew 23: 1-12 |
| 12th Nov | Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 | Psalm 78: 1-7 | 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 | Matthew 25: 1-13 |
| 19th Nov | Judges 4: 1-7 | Psalm 123 | 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 | Matthew 25: 14-30 |
| 26th Nov | Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 | Psalm 95: 1-7a | Ephesians 1: 15-23 | Matthew 25: 31-46 |

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