



Pocklington & Market Weighton Methodist Circuit



"CONNECTED"

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"Outside the garden wall"

Many people have said how they've come to enjoy walks in their locality, on canal paths, dismantled railways tracks, and in local parks and gardens. If we're fortunate in having a garden we are enjoying it as much this spring as we did in the lockdown last year.

Hopefully in increasing number of people will continue to appreciate the wonder and beauty of the natural world and will come to care for it in every way they can, because we are realising how much it contributes to our mental and physical health and well-being.

I've recently been to the Tulip Festival in Burnby Hall Gardens. It's a delightful place in any season and I particularly like the dovecot. Sometimes lots of birds are there; at other times it's quiet because they like congregating on sunny roofs on the main road near the noise of the traffic.

There's a parable here somewhere!



In two old hymns the Church is likened to a garden. The old Dutch carol, "King Jesus hath a garden" comes from 1609, and I like Isaac Watts' hymn, "Christ hath a garden, walled around, a Paradise of fruitful ground; chosen by love and fenced by grace, from out the world's wild wilderness." Here is a picture of the Church as a walled garden, prized and lovingly tended by Christ the gardener. The Church of God is indeed precious, loved by Christ who gave Himself for it. It is a privilege to be a member through profession of faith and to have brothers and sisters in the faith. (You might like to read Mark 3:31-35.)

The doves on the roofs, though, point to another truth: we need to get out of the garden and look at the world outside which is also part of God's creation – to join in the noise, the rush, and our neighbours with all their needs. Our risen Lord sent His disciples OUT, and they were inspired and enabled by the promised Holy Spirit.

As the year goes on its way to a "new normal" the doves might help us value the Church more AND appreciate more the needs and struggles of everyone else.

Malcolm Smalley

EASTER OFFERING 2021
Into all the world

I want to say thank you to all, personal or through your church funds, who sent money for this year's Easter Offering for the World Mission Fund. I have a total for the Circuit of £650.00

Now you are a part of those who go into all the World taking the message and love of Jesus to those in need.

Thank you and may God bless you.
Anne

God is love



During May the circuit is collecting for the "All We Can" Covid in India Crisis Appeal (Follow the link for more details: <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/indias-coronavirus-crisis-urgent-support-needed/>)

There are 3 ways to donate:

By following the link or QR Code to the Circuit Just Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pmwcovidinindia>

Or by bank transfer to the circuit bank account, Sort Code 40-52-40, account number 00032870 with Covid in India Appeal as reference



Or by post to Keith Lownsbrough (Circuit Treasurer), 17 Beech Court, Pocklington, YO42 2NE, Cheques payable to Pocklington and Market Weighton Methodist Circuit, envelopes marked Covid in India Appeal please.

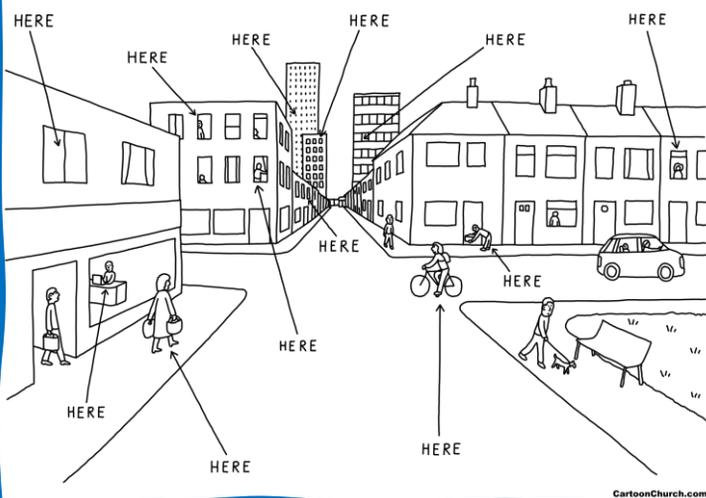
Below is a copy of a hand written card given to Ann Cox by her RE teacher, when she was in her second year of grammar school. Do you have things that you value that have been given to you? Do have something that you could share with others, either to an individual or in Connected?

*From prayer that asks that I may be
Sheltered from winds that beat on Thee,
From fearing when I should aspire,
From faltering when I should climb higher,
From silken self, O Captain, free
Thy soldier who would follow Thee.*

*From subtle love of softening things,
From easy choices, weakenings,
Not thus are spirits fortified,
Not this way went the Crucified,
From all that dims Thy Calvary,
O Lamb of God, deliver me.*

*Give me the love that leads the way,
The faith that nothing can dismay,
The hope no disappointments tire,
The passion that will burn like fire,
Let me not sink to be a clod:
Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.
(Amy Carmichael of Dohnavur.)*

WHERE THE CHURCH IS



The next CONNECTED will be compiled by Joyce Simpson. Please send items to be included by 4pm Wednesday 19th May to methnews@gmail.com or by phone to Tel. 01759 303354. We love to have your contributions to 'Connected'! However please note this is distributed mainly by electronic means (email, facebook, website, etc) and if you send material for future editions you are giving permission for this to be used in these ways, including, unless you specifically tell us, your name.

Worship Opportunities

Services in Circuit Churches

Pocklington (11am, weekly)

Sancton (10am, fortnightly)

next service 16th May

Details and booking:

Barbara Ball (Pocklington) 07812 414812.

Ann Southwell (Sancton) 01430 827283



Circuit Zoom Services

Thursdays at 9.30am (Approx 40 min)

Sundays at 6pm (Approx 60 min)

Uses the 'worship at home' sheets

which accompany this edition of 'Connected'

TV, Radio, Internet

Radio Humberside, Sunday service 8a.m.

Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10 a.m.

Radio 3 Choral Evensong 3 p.m.

BBC 2 Songs of Praise 1.15 p.m. on 9th May

(Please check your TV guide as times may change)

Plus, many live-streamed services.

For example:

Methodist Central Hall Westminster Sundays

11.00 <https://mchw.live>

Swan Bank Methodist Church Sundays 10:30

<http://youtube.com/user/SwanBank> &

<http://facebook.com/swanbank/>

Dial-a-Prayer

FREEPHONE numbers for prayers, reflections and news from the Methodist Church.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to a pastoral message from the President

and Vice President: 0808 281 2695

Listen to our news Podcast: 0808 281 2478

Dial-a-Sermon:

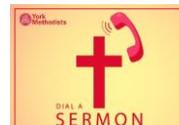
York Methodists have an audio file of readings and sermon (you will be charged your standard phone rate).

Dial 01904 948409 to listen.

Please note there is a short

welcome followed by a

20-second(ish) delay before the audio sermon (which lasts about 15 minutes) begins.



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