

HERALD

RIPON AND LOWER DALES CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this issue of the Herald. Our vision to provide a helpful place for connecting with some of what is going on around the Ripon & Lower Dales Circuit. To give voice to those experiencing the love of God in their daily walk of faith. To celebrate and share the good news of God's kingdom.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:10

unlocked Lookout !

I was having a conversation with Gareth the other day about editing this newsletter while he was away on his holiday. He said that he had not had a contribution for his “Lockdown Lookout”. As we talked, he explained that he thought ,we were not really locked down anymore. I wonder what you think about that?

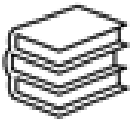
As I entered the supermarket today, I was greeted by busy shoppers, all sporting their new face masks, today is the first day when it is mandatory to wear a face covering in all shops. I used the sanitiser on the trolley, duly gave my hands of a dose of sanitiser, and entered the store. For the most, customers went about their shopping trying to keep their distance and the long queue for the checkout was orderly and each person a good distance from the one in front.

Walking through the streets of Ripon City Centre, the sight of people wearing masks, the signs on the lamp posts urging people to keep their distance and the Perspex screens in the shops are now common place. Eve dropping on conversations, the topic is generally “how are you coping. It is clear that although we are now “unlocked”, we are far from free. There are still many others who are still shielding and worried about what is going to greet them on their return to the outside world.

Having said all this, I don't want to be the bearer of doom and gloom! I feel a sense of thankfulness for things that I have taken for granted in the past. A simple trip for a coffee or meal, a holiday in Devon, and of course the opportunity to tend the garden.

I have been unlocked to take time to be still and reflect on scripture, found the most amazing diversity in worship being held in many creative ways. We are also all unlocked from the more rigid ways in which we have done things in the past. I see a community being unlocked and coming together in ways that are amazing. God is certainly in all things and as we emerge our heads over the parapet I am thankful that although there is a need to be careful and safe, we are indeed unlocked, unlocked because Jesus came so that we may have life! I am sure that you will join me as I continue to pray for all who are still affected by this dreadful virus, holding them to God and at the same time thankful for the blessings we have in him.

Deacon Nigel



Kate Adie Corsets to Camouflage

Women and War



This weeks book review is brought to us from Audrey who is a resident in The Moors Care Centre.

Kate Adie - Corsets to Camouflage

Kate Adie was brought up in Sunderland and was educated at Sunderland Church High School. She has a deep admiration for “maids in Armour” i.e., women who were prepared to go to war and fight their cause as nurses on the frontline and often do what was often considered a man’s job if necessary.

She admits that her admiration for independent women began with her interest in Joan of Arc, Queen Elizabeth 1st, Emily Pankhurst, and Florence Nightingale ECT.

In this book, “Corsets and Camouflage”, she presents a vivid history of ordinary women and their extraordinary deeds through world wars and beyond. The 20th Century was a time of tumultuous change for women in war and on the home front. In this account Kate Adie records the often unacknowledged heroism of women, nurses, women pilots, service women of the ATS, WAAF, WRENS, THE Land Army, and the incredibly brave spies who worked to help the French resistance to sabotage enemy plans. She records the experiences told by the women themselves, stories recounted with humour and nostalgia. The stories show a timeline of events and bring to light the brave deeds, show many happy times as well as the bad.



Circuit Coffee Morning over Zoom

Friday’s at 11am, a place of welcome

The Circuit coffee morning over Zoom is a great place to catch up and connect with familiar faces and make new friends.

Everyone is welcome, so why not make a cup of tea or coffee just the way you like it and pop along to the **Zoom Coffee Lounge**. If you would like to attend, please contact Margaret Smith at margsmit@yorks.21.com for details.

** Please note help is available for those wanting to engage online with Zoom.*

Opening of Buildings

There is a great deal of work being done behind the scenes to look at how and when our buildings may be opened. This includes the purchase of PPE and a deep clean of all our churches. Do look out for a letter from Revd Gareth, coming very soon, which will give you an update on how things are progressing.

In the meantime, we hope you are enjoying the variety of ways we connect as the people of God.

Worship Album Review: Praise is Rising (live worship) 140 years of the Keswick Convention



Summer – the time for festivals, events and gatherings of all sorts, including the world renowned Keswick Convention. This year the evangelical gathering has moved on-line along with many other events, and thousands will be joining in the teaching, prayer and worship from their homes.

This live album of songs and hymns take us right to the heart of what it is to gather together as fellow Christians and worship the one true God as one body.

The 2 CD album contains old favourites like To God be the glory and Great is thy faithfulness, and popular modern worship songs such as In Christ alone and 10,000 reasons (and plenty in between), all to raise our voices and sing along to wherever we happen to be.

Here is a link to “Jesus is the name we honour” <https://youtu.be/H7D3Xn6c3dQ>

If you have a worship Album you would like to share with others in the Circuit, be it traditional or contemporary, please contact Graham at gpentelow@gmail.com or phone 01677 470904

Note from the editor

This will be the last edition of the Herald until September, but don't worry, it will be retuning again with all the good news and information we love to hear.

However, we have decided that it will become a monthly letter. This will allow more time, and the opportunity to include more content. Each month there will be a different editor, so please save all your good news stories and information from the summer and pass it onto us. We will include it in next edition .



Rev Ian Pruden and his wife Lis will be arriving in Ripon soon. There will be a welcome service held on the 6th of September at 6.30pm. As things stand we are unsure how this will take place, either a live stream, or Zoom, however, we will keep you informed on the details. In the meantime, save the date. We also continue to pray for Ian and Lis as they prepare to move. Ian is excited to join us, and is looking forward to meeting you all.