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## Newsletter #60 December 2020

**Happy Christmas from all the District staff**

### News

Chair of District, Leslie Newton, will no longer be available via the landline; his mobile number is 07535 433178 and the email remains the same

- [chair@yorkshirenethodist.org](mailto:chair@yorkshirenethodist.org)

### Lay Employment Support

After a number of years acting as Lay Employment Advisor for the Yorkshire North and East Districts, Rob Cooper has decided that it is time for him to move on to 'pastures new'. This will mean that 31 December 2020 will be the last day that both Katie Roberts, as HR Administrator, and Rob will be available to answer questions and provide advice. The District is looking to appoint a new HR Officer and the advert for that post can be found at the bottom of this newsletter. We owe a big debt of gratitude to Rob and Katie and we wish them well in whatever lies ahead.

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## Seed-funding grant success

Copmanthorpe Church in York used a seed-funding grant to deliver Advent goody bags to their local community. The bags were prepared on Saturday and delivered to 1862 homes. 'The responses have been amazing! We have felt God's leading from start to finish. The 'seeds' have been planted so now we watch over our community in love.' If you could use a grant of up to £1000 to reach new people, use the form on our website to make an application.



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It is with sadness that we pass on the news of the death of Revd Irene Lincoln, a supernumerary in the Nidd Valley Circuit until last year.

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*NEXT YEAR FIVE DISTRICTS WILL ASSEMBLE  
TO BRING YOU A GIFT THAT IS...*

**BIG!**

**BOLD!**

**EXCITING!**

*A WEEK OF ONLINE EVENTS  
10.05.21 to 16.05.21*



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## **God is With Us - Methodist Christmas Campaign**

You can find ideas and resources [here](#) on the Methodist website

Offerings include an Advent 'calendar' of 24 individuals' stories with suggested social media posts, prayers, worship at home services, a video, a CD, posters and postcards.

Resources are either downloadable or only charge for P&P

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23rd Jan 2021

# SLEEP OUT 4 HOMELESSNESS

Everyone should have a home



Due to Covid we can't meet for this year's Sleepout For Homelessness, instead we invite you to join us camping out in your own garden for one night.

Tents, sleeping bags, warm clothing & dogs are allowed!



This year we are raising funds for SASH & CARECENT, two fabulous charities who help to prevent youth homelessness & provide warm food & clothing for rough sleepers respectively.

Want to join in?

Simply pitch your tent in your garden & ask your family & friends to sponsor you.

If you would like to donate just click on the link below.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sleepout-forhomelessness?utm\\_term=KvG6A4wyaK](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sleepout-forhomelessness?utm_term=KvG6A4wyaK)

No garden?

Maybe you could find an unusual place to sleep in your home? What about making a den with your children in the lounge?



**JOINING IN? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Contact [mark.gowlett@methodistyouth.org.uk](mailto:mark.gowlett@methodistyouth.org.uk)  
or [victoria@methodistyouth.org.uk](mailto:victoria@methodistyouth.org.uk)

## Learning Opportunities

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### **Ministry with older people: stories, songs, memories**

Our second webinar for anyone – volunteers, lay workers, ministers – involved in ministry with older people.

When: 20 January, 1 - 2.30 pm

Registration: [here](#) (Closes 17 January)

A recording of the first webinar is available [here](#)

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### **Transformational Leadership Webinar**

Introducing six core practices essential for seeing transformation in the local church

When: 27 January, 1 - 2.30 pm

Cost: free

Registration: [here](#) (Closes 72 hours before event)

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### **Positively Rural - Mission Communities and the Rural Voice**

The next in a series of webinars

When: 11 February, 1 - 2.30 pm

Who: led by Revd Richard Teal

Registration: [here](#) (Book by 8 February)

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### **Lay Leadership Skills**

Join the Learning Network Yorkshire Plus Team for a day exploring leadership for lay people working in the Methodist Church: youth; children; family; and community leaders; class leaders; lay missionaries; and local pastors.

When: 22 February, 10.00-4.00

Registration: [here](#)

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## **Being an Inclusive Church webinar**

When: 23 February 2021

Registration: [here](#) (Closes 72 hours before event)

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## **Joined Up Conference**

The day is aimed at anyone involved in youth, children's or schools' work and will include speakers and workshops.

When: 6 March

More information and booking: [www.joinedupconference.com](http://www.joinedupconference.com)

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## **Positive Working Together - Growing Through Conflict**

A one day online workshop to consider how conflict works in ourselves and in our church community, and to develop some simple tools to transform situations of tension and conflict.

When: 25 March, 9.30 - 3.45

Booking: there are only 8 places allocated to the Yorkshire region, so if you are interested in this workshop please book early. Book by emailing your name, postal address, circuit and district to [NWMannNetwork@gmail.com](mailto:NWMannNetwork@gmail.com)

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## **Vacancies**

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### **Volunteer Treasurer, Fund for Human Need**

The Methodist Church Fund for Human Need is a charity that gives one-off emergency payments to tide people over when they are destitute and desperate, irrespective of their faith, ethnic origin or circumstances. There has been a significant increase in the number of applications for help in recent years and some months as many as 100 people in need receive support. The trustees are looking to appoint a successor to the Treasurer from 1 September 2021. The trustees intend to introduce a new accounting system and are seeking a person who possesses the necessary expertise and experience to advise on and implement this project.

For further information please contact the Chair, the [Revd Roger Cresswell](#) by 28 February 2021.

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