

# Herald

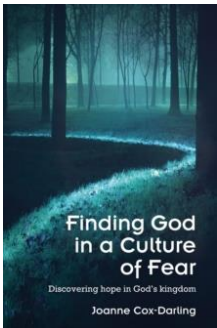
## Ripon And Lower Dales Circuit Newsletter

**Welcome** to this week's issue of the Herald. Our vision is to provide a helpful place for connecting with some of what God is doing across the Ripon and 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.

*'what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.'*  
[Micah chapter 6, verse 8]



### Book review in 100 words



'Finding God in a Culture of Fear: Discovering hope in God's kingdom' by Joanne Cox-Darling. Published last year, in this inspirationally challenging book Joanne Cox-Darling offers insights to help the reader engage more fully in their daily lives with afresh attentiveness to the Holy Spirit.

I found this to be a book to be one I would revisit, and one designed for sharing. Included are discussion questions for fuelling positive conversations around discipleship; about how we might approach mission and evangelism. The title and subheading demonstrate a prophetic perception of our times and it is spoken clearly throughout the chapters.

### Lockdown Lookout! This week we hear from Ruth Blachard in Finghall

I live on my own, I have done for almost 5 years, since my husband died. I have 2 cousins, one on Australia, one in the northeast. That is my only family. I have wonderful friends, some of my friendships span 40 years, some not as long, but still as valuable.

Some of these lockdown days seem never ending. My days start and end thanking God for all I have received from him. I thank him for loving me, I tell Jesus how much I love him. I find myself thanking God many times during the day for all the many blessings I have received.

I do pray that whatever I have to face alone, God will give me courage.

God is with me always, guiding me, loving me. I am Blessed not having to face Lockdown Alone.



### 2020 Ruth

Bible Month is all about encouraging a greater depth of Biblical understanding and is for everyone.

The HUGE plus with getting involved with Bible Month is the great resources available from [www.preachweb.org/biblemonth](http://www.preachweb.org/biblemonth) The digital download is free to order. We have enjoyed two Zoom Bible Month studies. Both have been stimulating and opened exploring the book of Ruth from new perspectives. Week two felt particularly pertinent for reflecting around current issues of injustice. If you would like to share in a Zoom Bible Month study looking Ruth please email Pip Smith on [riponlowerdalessup@outlook.com](mailto:riponlowerdalessup@outlook.com) to book a place and receive your Zoom invitation.

The next Zoom Bible Month study will be on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm till 9pm, all are welcome.



### Worship Album Highlight – Sovereign Grace Music “Collection”

*“For over 35 years, Sovereign Grace Music has been providing churches across the world with congregational songs that are theologically driven, gospel-centred, emotionally engaging, and musically accessible”....*

*...“And that’s our prayer as you listen to and sing these songs: that God sending his Son to save us would cause us to worship him not only with our lips, but with our lives”.*

One thing I love about Sovereign Grace worship music is that they are exactly as they claim in the quote above, Christ centred and biblically sound and easily accessible. In this new collection of 25 songs we find interpretations of old hymns (Before the throne of God; Turn your eyes upon Jesus), some familiar new songs and some gems to be discovered. “All I have is Christ”; “Show us Jesus”; “Behold our God”; “O Great God of highest heaven” and many more. The album is due for release on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Here is a link to the beautiful “Show us Christ” <https://youtu.be/Gk2Y7WoM4h4> cover

If you have a Worship album you would like to review and share with the Circuit please send it to me at [gpentelow@gmail.com](mailto:gpentelow@gmail.com)

**If you are able, please connect in with ALL WE CAN on their website or Facebook page.**



**Let us continue in prayer and pray for each other**

We pray for our global family, especially refugees. We pray for all those who find themselves with tremendous struggles due to war, conflict, and corruption.

We pray for the safety of all those living in refugee camps during this pandemic. We pray that people would be helped to know a future and life which

is a safe and fulfilling.

We also pray for the work of ALL WE CAN, for the love, support and care be shown to our global neighbours.

***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.***

**Note from the editor** – Thank you to all who have contributed to this week’s issue of the Herald and thank you for reading. The Herald is a Newsletter which seeks to hear different voices and perspectives from across the Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit. It welcomes first time writers and published authors alike. Please contact Revd Gareth Baron on Tel: 01677 989169 or email: [Gareth.baron@methodist.org.uk](mailto:Gareth.baron@methodist.org.uk)

*‘Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God’*

[1John chapter 4, verse 7]



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