

Herald

Ripon And Lower Dales Circuit Newsletter

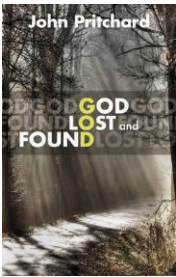
Welcome to this week's issue of the Herald. Our vision is to provide a helpful place for connecting with some of what God is doing across the Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit. To give voice to those experiencing the love of God in their daily walk of faith. To celebrate and share the good news of God's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

'So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.'

[Hebrews chapter 13, verses 6-8]



Book review in 100 words GOD LOST and FOUND by John Pritchard



A book published nine years ago yet with recent events it seemed an apt choice for today. News stories during the pandemic have sometimes spoken of new ways, rediscovery, of people connecting or reconnecting. Many positive stories about the life of the church. I want to consider the voices not being heard and appreciate other experiences. This book is bold in approaching some of the realities people experience in their walk with God, including the times people feel they have lost faith or feel far off from God. A book full of compassionate inspiration, a helpful read which is honest.

Lockdown Lookout! This week we hear from Isabella (aged 10).

In lockdown I have been having my Piano lesson's on Zoom and doing lots of gardening including strawberry picking. On hot days I've had the waterslide out. I've also played lots of a game called Roblox.

One day we went for a very long bike ride, it was 24 miles long and it was hot.

Home schooling is very boring but seeing my teacher on google meeting with my class is nice. My dog Pippa has been with me the whole time, Pippa also likes the waterslide.



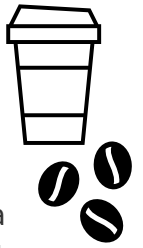
Holiday Club 2020



The holiday club team met recently and have reluctantly accepted that holiday club as we know it will not be able to take place, this year, but put provisional dates in our diaries for 26 July 2021!! We want to thank you all for your prayers for us and the work which is taking place with our children and young people in the circuit. We are thankful for so many talented people and organizations which are preparing online resources for children and young people and will be sharing links to these groups so that the children and young people (and also their parents) will be able to access material sharing the love of Jesus via online platforms from, among others, Greenbelt, Spring Harvest and Keswick. Please pray that these resources will speak to our children and their families and that the love of Jesus be spread throughout the circuit. The great thing about these resources is that they are professionally produced by groups who have had years of experience in producing quality materials for children and adults alike. Thank you again for your prayers and support and we will see you again next year!

Circuit Coffee Morning over ZOOM

I thought it may be a good idea to see if we can get a circuit coffee morning going on zoom. Anyone can join and there is no charge for coffee bring your own! If you would like to join on a Friday at 11.00 until 11.40 am please let me know at margsmit@yorks21.plus.com. I will then send you the joining instructions. If you have not used zoom, then email me with your telephone number and I will talk you through the process. It is very easy! A general chat and a short time of prayer at the end. We can discuss any format after this has started. It will be lovely to see you, Margaret Smith.



Worship Album Highlight - Graham Kendrick “Keep the Banner Flying High”

In a recent poll people were asked to name who they thought was most influential in current Worship music, and surprisingly Graham Kendrick didn't come anywhere near the top. His influence however is undeniable. His most recent album is “Keep The Banner Flying High” (2018), a collection of songs that “stir the listener to keep pressing on, keep praying and keep telling the story”.

Through these songs and in these days, we are “encouraged to take refuge in God alone, find our worth at the cross, keep worshipping and trusting during good times and bad, with Jesus' prayer ‘Your Kingdom come’ in our hearts and on our lips.”

Graham has again collaborated with other artists - Keith and Kristyn Getty, Martin Chalk, Jake Isaac and Ben Trigg with original songs and re-workings. Stylistically we have a full sound and skilful arrangements with orchestra, singers, some folk influence and of course Graham's distinctive voice.

This link will take you to the sublime “Holy Overshadowing” <https://youtu.be/8irziaoRPFI>

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

You have 1 new message – from the Superintendent Minister



This Saturday the 27th of June Deacon Nigel Perrott will be received into Full Connexion at Methodist Conference which is meeting online this year. The great news is we can all share with Deacon Nigel is this most precious time by watching the Conference Live Stream. The Live Stream will cover much of the Conference and on Saturday the 27th runs from 2.15pm. Reception in Full Connexion begins at 6pm, either us the link below to take you the Conference website and click on the Live Stream link below or simply search online. I am sure you we will all be praying for Deacon Nigel and Jane at this time of great joy. <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2020/>

The Methodist Conference begins today on the 25th June and closes next week on the 2nd July. As mentioned above you can engage with Conference through the Live Stream. Visiting the website, you will find other helpful links to things such as Daily Papers and a Conference bookshop. A good opportunity to experience something of the Conference and sharing with our brothers and sisters in the wider Methodist Church. Also, Revd Richard Teal who will become the President of the Conference begin his Presidential year. Richard is known by some from being in the Yorkshire North and East District as Superintendent of the Driffield-Hornsea Circuit. I would invite you to pray for our new President of the Conference along with Carolyn Lawrence our new Vice-President of the Conference. May we be attentive to hear what God speaks through them in their opening address and throughout the year.

Let us continue in prayer and pray for each other

As we begin to see changes across the country and places reopen, we pray for the continued safety of all. We pray for diligence in care for others whilst moving forward. Praying for all those feeling vulnerable, afraid, lonely, and who feel forgotten.

We pray for all whose prospects of employment in the future is unknown, remembering those struggling for food and money. We pray for those who are struggling with mental health problems at this time.

Please pray for the Circuit Leadership Team meeting over zoom on the 29th of June for a vision day.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Zoom Farewell for Revd Helen Bell – Sunday 19th July at 3pm

You are invited to gather on Zoom for a Farewell service for Revd Helen Bell on Sunday the 19th at 3pm. We want to say thank you to God and Helen for all that she has given over the years during her time serving in the circuit. This year is not how anyone expected it would be and although Zoom doesn't give the ability to shake hands and hug, it does allow us space to gather with God and each other to pray a farewell blessing for Helen and Fred and say goodbye. This will be Revd. Helen's final day of being a Circuit Minister here in the Ripon and Lower Dales before preparing to move into their new home and Circuit appointment in Leicester. Please email Pip Smith at Riponlowerdalessup@outlook.com to book a place and receive the Zoom meeting details.

A little reflection on the WOOD WIDE WEB – Whilst walking my dog in HACKFALL wood I noticed the position of some of the trees, separated. I began to reflect upon how each tree had space to grow, bathed in light and it prompted me to think about how we have been separated over the last months. We have seen the Church devoted to God - dispersed with our neighbours – deployed to love but not closed. During these months we have learnt and experienced worshipping God outside of church buildings, separated but still connected. Trees are not solitary and have a fungi network, the Wood Wide Web. They use this to help each other grow and to communicate. I wonder, 'how have we grown in the light of God during this time being rooted and grounded in love'. What's more, how can we help each other to grow and flourish?

2020 Ruth

If you would like to share in a Zoom Bible Month study looking Ruth please email Pip Smith on ripnlowerdalessup@outlook.com to book a place and receive your Zoom invitation.

The last of the Zoom Bible Month studies will be on Monday the 29th at 7.30pm till 9pm, all are welcome.

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

'For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.'

[Isaiah chapter 61, verse 11]



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