

Circuit Mission Fund

You may recall that at the last Circuit Meeting (2nd Oct 2023), it was decided that a central Circuit Mission Fund would be created for missional work. Initially, the fund would be started with £10K, with £6K to be added each September. Churches are reminded about this fund and encouraged to apply for funding for missional projects which may not be possible without such support. Each application would be considered on individual merits..... over to you. Application forms are available from Lucy.

Good news! Funding available for Yorkshire's Churches

The Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust is welcoming funding applications from places of worship across the county for repair, restoration, and maintenance work. Due to the generous donations and legacies received last year, the Trust is actively encouraging churches to apply for the next round of funding.

The application deadlines for 2024 are Friday 8 March for consideration at the April grants committee and Friday 23 August for consideration at the October grants committee. For guidance and how to apply please go to: www.yhct.org.uk/grants

In summary:

What you can apply for: Grants are available for repairs to the church fabric, the walls, roofs, floors, tower, bell frames, windows, stonework, repointing and rainwater goods. Grants are also available for the conservation of fixture and fittings, such as monuments, furniture and stained glass and repairs to bells, clocks and organs.

Applications are also welcome for investigatory work, eg where a cherry picker may be required to assess what repairs may be required. You can apply for this type of grant at any time of the year. Do contact Jonathan Stamp by email at grants@yhct.org.uk if you would like to discuss this.

The YHCT have no set funding amounts, but common grants range from £2000 - £10,000, depending on the size of the works. The Grant Committee looks at how much the total project is and how much effort has gone into fund raising locally, and which other funders have been approached or confirmed their grants. The YHCT ideally likes to be able to help a church or chapel who have neared the end of their fund raising and only have a shortfall of say £10 - £15,000 to be able to start their project.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Advanced Safeguarding Training 9th March 2024

Invitations will be sent out shortly for this training day on Saturday 9th March 2024, 10am to 3pm at St John's Methodist Church, Settle.

Unconscious Bias Training

This training is available online for anyone who would like it, but it is required training for members of church councils, the circuit meeting and the invitations committee. If you hold one of these roles please check if you need this training and contact Lucy for the link to book a place. It takes 75 minutes and the dates it is offered are:

Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 2:00pm

Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7:00pm

Friday 7th June 2024 at 7:00pm

Talk by Judith Allinson

Sun 4 February: Twenty minute talk on "Pilgrimage to London Climate & Environment Emergency Service and The Big One" April 2023 by Judith Allinson at Settle Methodist Church BD24 9JH at 11.50 am (Coffee served both before and after - from 11.35)

People are becoming more aware of climate change and biodiversity* loss. A small number of Christians have been raising these issues for many years and now their numbers are increasing. Judith Allinson of Langcliffe, has attended meetings in Germany, Austria, Sweden and the UK. In April 2023 as part of four days of demonstrations coordinated by Extinction Rebellion, and including groups from all the main line Conservation, Wildlife and Sustainability organisations there was a service held at St John's Waterloo attended by over 1,000 people (up to 1,400). After the service the group marched, led by the Salvation Army band and church leaders such as John Sentamu, over Westminster Bridge to join the other demonstrators. On the Saturday there were over 60,000 people on the Biodiversity March.

Judith is giving this talk so that you can share in her pilgrimage - both to London and on some of the previous ones. She invites you to think of journeys in your life as pilgrimages too.

We need the government to act with much more urgency to protect our world.

In Lent this year there will be a ten day 24 hour a day vigil at Westminster, the home of the UK parliament "No Faith in Fossil Fuels Lent Vigil" 14-24 Feb. Meanwhile, the biggest polluters who have caused this crisis make vast profits from fossil fuels. As creation groans, the poorest, who have done the least to cause the problem, are paying the price.

* Climate change includes: Storms, droughts, melting glaciers, floods at Lancaster, sea level rise etc.

* Biodiversity loss includes: The colourful hay meadows of our great grandparent's day are gone (Really species rich ones with many special plants and their dependent insects, not just buttercup meadows; loss of hedgerows with associated woodland wildflowers growing beneath them; loss of wild bees due to insecticide use. Less than 3 percent of larger animals in the world are wild ones - the other 97% are humans (1/3) and our domestic animals (2/3) - sheep, cows, camels etc.

Climate Emergency Fund

Yorkshire West District Climate Emergency Fund (CEF) are now offering free energy audits to churches throughout the district. This would enable churches to have an assessment of their energy efficiency and to receive recommendations of the best way to make them even more efficient. On the back of this audit, churches may then be able to apply for funding of projects such as insulation, double glazing, heat pumps etc. CEF will only do this for two churches in every circuit. St John's in Settle have already been given a free audit by North Yorkshire Council, so they will not be applying for a CEF audit. If you would like to benefit from this, please contact me, Tim, or Lucy (circuit administrator) though it needs to be done quickly because the deadline for applications is 28th February 2024.

Ed: See also the District News section for details of an online webinar which may be of interest.

Looking after our feathered friends

Much more importantly, and thinking about our bird life who are finding it hard to find food at this time of year, here is a recipe for you to make your own delicious fat ball cakes:

Types of container	Ingredients	Equipment
Yoghurt pots	Lard or suet	Mixing bowl
Coconut shells	Bird seed	Saucepan
Small plant pots	Porridge oats	Mixing spoon
	Peanuts	Bowl warm water
	Raisins	Rubber gloves
	Kitchen scraps	String
	(cheese, cake, bread, crumbs, bacon rind, cooked potato, cooked rice, dried fruit)	

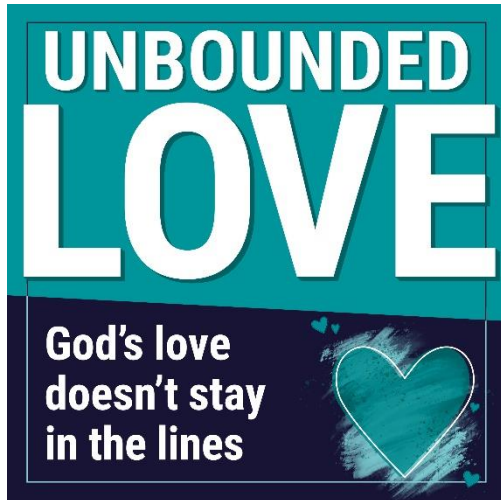
Method

1. Melt the lard/suet – don't let it burn!
2. Put all dry ingredients in the mixing bowl and add the lard/suet.
3. Get the string and tie a loop in one end big enough to go over a branch/hook etc. Put a big knot on the other end.
4. Press the soft mixture into the container and around the string with the knot at the bottom. Make it as compact as possible, so the string doesn't escape.
5. Once filled to the top (your string and the loop should be sticking out of the top) leave it to cool. Chill it in the shed, garage or the fridge if you are allowed.
6. After it's chilled you need to remove it from the container. The best way is to partially fill a bowl with warm water and place the container in it. Soon the mixture will slip around in the container, and you will be able to carefully remove it.
7. Sit back and watch the birds feast on your fabulous creation.

Philip

District news

Unbounded Love – Lent 2024



Charles Wesley's famous hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" talks about Jesus as "unbounded love" – a kind of love that cannot be contained, that works in our lives and in our world to free us and heal us. Unbounded Love is the theme of the Lent campaign of the Methodist Church in 2024 – holding together our commitments to be a justice-seeking church, and a people who experience and proclaim the good news of God's uncontainable love.

You can sign up to daily reflection emails throughout lent on the Methodist Church website:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/unboundedlove/>

Online event

Understanding Sustainable Buildings

12 February 2024, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, online.

How do we make our buildings green? Dr. Ho Lim, convenor of Stratford-Upon-Avon Methodist Church, will break down the story of their church creating a Zero Carbon building. Lim will also help us understand how we might do something similar according to our own budgets and contexts and talk about why it matters. This webinar, along with taught content, will offer space for conversation with others, and time for Q&A with Lim and others from the Southampton District Eco Group. Please follow this link for more information and to book:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-sustainable-buildings-registration-718460624067?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Job Vacancies

Wharfedale and Aireborough circuit currently have two vacancies:

Children's Worker based around Bramhope, Guiseley and Yeadon

CAP Debt Centre Manager, home based

please share with anyone who may be interested. Full details are available on their website at www.wandamethodists.org.uk

News from our Churches

St John's Settle

Sunday worship

4 th Feb	10:30am	Susan Wilson
11 th Feb	10:30am	Margery Dowling
18 th Feb	10:30am	Revd. T Broughton
25 th Feb	10:30am	Revd. D Philo, HC

Ash Wednesday

There will be an Ash Wednesday service, including Holy Communion, at 7:30pm on 14th February.

Coffee Pot

Every Wednesday 10:30am – 12:00 noon.
Tea, coffee, cakes etc.
The first Coffee Pot of each month is always in aid of a charity.

Bible book club

Led by Revd. Tim Broughton and held after Coffee Pot on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. On 14th February we will be looking at the 1st Letter of John.

Bible study group

Meeting in the lounge at Limestone View at 2:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, led by Wendy Holt, this is open to both residents and non-residents. On 21st February we will be looking at Matthew chapter 26.

Warm space film club

We will be showing a film in the church at 2:30pm every Thursday afternoon in February and March. Refreshments will be served from 2pm. A warm welcome (in every sense!) is guaranteed.

Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Folklore and Future

Bob Swallow will give an illustrated talk on Saturday 24th February at 7:00pm. Admission is free. All are welcome.



Walk and Prayer for the Environment

This takes place on the 1st of each month. Details available from Judith Allinson

Prayer Meeting

Members of all churches in Settle meet for prayer at the Catholic Church of St Mary and St Michael on Tillman Close at 12.00 noon on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Bentham Methodist Church

Sunday worship

4 th Feb	10:30am	Revd. T Broughton, Holy Communion
11 th Feb	10:30am	Mavis Speight
18 th Feb	10:30am	Maurice Longton
25 th Feb	10:30am	Brian Carter

Toddle In

Toddler group meet every Monday in term time 10am to 11:30am, new volunteers welcome – contact Sue Broadbent

Bentham Praise

Practice in church on Monday at 2pm

Men's Breakfast

Meet twice per month at Bowland View, contact David Bayes for details, 8:30am, 13th & 27th February

Farming Community Network Shed

Wednesday morning at Bentham Auction Mart, supported by Churches Together in Bentham

Bentham Pantry Club

Open 11am-12:30pm and 3:30pm-4:30pm every Wednesday run by Churches Together in Bentham. There is a collection box for donations in the porch.

Bible Study & Prayer meeting

Fortnightly meeting Thursday 1st, 15th & 29th Feb at 10am – contact Averil or Mavis for more details.

Christian Literature

The Bentham Hub charity shop have asked Bentham Methodist Church for help in distributing a large donation of Christian literature. The books are available at the back of chapel, please help yourself.

Newby Chapel

Sunday worship

11 th Feb	11am	Liz Whitfield
25 th Feb	2pm	Revd. Roger Fox, HC

Burton In Lonsdale

Sunday worship at All Saints Parish Church

4 th Feb	11am	Wendy Holt, United
11 th Feb	9:30am	Jane Mansergh
18 th Feb	9:30am	Margery Dowling
25 th Feb	9:30am	Revd. Roger Fox, HC

Hellifield Chapel

Sunday worship

4 th Feb	2pm	Revd. T Broughton
11 th Feb	10:30am	Pauline Wright, Lego Church (with pancakes!) 2pm
		Own Arrangements
18 th Feb	2pm	Wendy Holt, HC
25 th Feb	2pm	Revd. T Broughton, café style service

Welcome Mat Mondays 12th and 26th February, 2:30 – 4pm

Strong and steady sessions Monday 5th and 19th February, 3:30 to 4:30pm

Community Pantry will operate each Friday from 2pm to 3pm.

Warm Spaces

Every Monday to end of March, 12noon to 1:30pm warm space with complimentary soup and sandwiches in the Wesley Centre.

Every Friday to end of March, 1pm to 3pm warm space with hot drinks.

Mrs Jean Lister continues her recovery after having her ruptured appendix removed 2 weeks before her 90th birthday in early January.

Ingleton Methodist Church

Sunday worship

4 th Feb	10:30am	The Longtons
11 th Feb	10:30am	Revd. T Broughton, Covenant service
18 th Feb	10:30am	D Gorst, AAW
25 th Feb	10:30am	Pauline Wright

Warm Spaces

Coffee mornings, Fridays 9:30 – 11:30am

Online services & reflections

Don't forget that online services and evening reflections can be found on our YouTube channel

www.youtube.com/@SettleMethodistCircuit

Thank you to all who contributed to this issue, please send all future news & events to Lucy at

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If you have any questions or comments about this newsletter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.