

CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2024



Read Luke 5 verses 27-32 “I have come not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance” (vs 32)

Dear Friends...

In the above passage we read of how Jesus was comfortable in the company of “tax collectors and sinners” – presumably many of whom were not particularly devout people. Certainly, the Pharisees did not approve of them and nor were they impressed by Jesus keeping their company. And yet Jesus uses this occasion to point out his mission – which is to call sinners to repentance.

Two thousand years later I would argue that the mission of the church is still to call sinners to repentance. Evangelism is not a dirty word,- it is the lifeblood of the church- and despite some of the ways in which the church has lurched in recent years and despite an ever-increasing number of compliance forms churches now have to complete, our main reason for existing is to tell people about the love of God in Jesus Christ – and that His love is there for them.

There is nothing wrong in mixing with the “tax collectors and sinners” of our own day (whoever you may deem them to be – or wherever they may gather). There is nothing wrong with meeting people in the pub, the snooker hall, the golf club, the sporting event or the bingo hall. If you and I only ever mix with Christian people, how are we ever going to see anyone new coming to faith?

Bishop J.C. Ryle once said, “The Church is the only institution that exists for the benefit of its NON- members.” We exist for the benefit of our Non-members. I invite you to take a moment to think about that...

So often it seems to me that we spend our time in Church Council and other meetings debating the minutiae of our buildings or which tea bags we should use, while neglecting the needs of those beyond our walls – the primary one being the need to hear the Gospel message.

I am not talking about hitting people over the head with a King James Bible or standing on street corners singing choruses at them. That will only put people off. So where might we start? If my daughter were with me, she would be able to tell me exactly how many days there were until Christmas! I haven’t started to think about it yet, but I understand that people in a variety of circumstances will be doing so. If that is you, as you start to prepare for Christmas, I invite you to start thinking and praying about who you might invite to one of your Christmas services. Some of those people might say “Yes.” For some it might be the beginning of a Christian journey.

The call to repentance might come to someone through a simple invitation.

May you know God’s blessing as you partner with him in his mission to all the world.

Rev Peter Barnett

Special Events and Notices

Drifffield Methodist Church will be holding a service of remembrance for those who have passed away in the last year
Sunday 4th November, 4.00pm

Aldbrough Methodist Church Autumn Fayre with refreshments, tombola and Stalls.
Saturday 9th November, 10.00am

Brandesburton Methodist Church Christmas Coffee Morning with refreshments, raffle and stalls.
Saturday 30th November 10.00am

Hornsea Lights Night
The Church will be open for light refreshments and stalls selling crafts and gifts.
Friday 29th November, 6.00pm

Nafferton Methodist Church Christmas Craft Fair
Over 20 stalls selling a variety of gifts and crafts. Refreshments served all day. All money raised for Nafferton Methodist chosen charities.
Saturday 23rd November, 10.00am

Advanced Notices

Brandesburton:
Tuesday 3rd December
10.30am – 3.30pm.
Christmas Holiday at Home, 'Jingle All the Way!' There will be various activities, lunch, tea and fun! For further details contact Deacon Jackie.

New Ellerby:
Saturday 7th December, 10am – 1pm.
Christmas Fayre, with refreshments, craft stalls, cake stall & tombola.



New venue: **UNIVERSITY OF YORK**

The Methodist Church

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13/02/26 – 15/02/26

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REGULAR EVENTS AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Aldbrough

2 nd Saturday	10.00am	Coffee Morning
2 nd Tuesday	2.15pm	Bible Study
Last Tuesday	2.15pm	Network

Beeford

2 nd and 4 th Saturday	10.00am	Bacon Butties
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Brandesburton

Fortnightly Mondays	Bible Study - for further details, contact Hazel Adamson	
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Driffield

Mondays	9.00am	Toastie Tots
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Mondays & Wednesdays	1.30pm	Chat and Games
Tuesdays	2.15pm	Tuesday Fellowship
Wednesdays	10.30am	Worship on Wednesdays
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee and Conversation

Hornsea

Fortnightly Tuesdays	7.30pm	Singing Group
Wednesdays	2.00pm	Afternoon Fellowship
Fridays	10.30am	Shoppers Service
Saturdays	10.00am	Coffee Morning

Hutton Cranswick

Mondays	4.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Tuesdays	7.30pm	House Groups - ask within the Church
Fridays	10.30am	Friday Friends
1 st Saturday of Month	9.30am	Mens Group - Cranswick Garden Centre
Fortnightly Saturdays	2.00pm	Art Group

Leven

Wednesdays 10.00am Drop in for a Coffee and Chat

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Tuesdays 10.00am Coffee Morning in the Chapel Hall

Nafferton

Mondays 10.00am Mustard Seed Café
7.00pm Singing for Fun
6.45pm Ecumenical Prayer Meeting
Tuesdays 9.15am Little Bears
Wednesdays 10.30am Activities Group
1.30pm Social/Craft Group
Thursdays 6.45pm Ecumenical Study Group

New Ellerby

1st & 3rd Saturday 10.00am Coffee Morning
Fortnightly Wednesdays 2.00pm Men in Sheds

Skirlaugh

Tuesdays 9.30am Coffee Morning
Wednesdays 1.30pm Women's Bible Study

The Wolds

3rd Wednesday 10.30am Coffee Morning

Wetwang

Mondays 7.00pm Youth Club
Wednesdays 10.00am Coffee Morning

The next Circuit Newsletter will be published on Thursday 28th November (For distribution on Sunday 1st December)

Please send any items for inclusion in the next Circuit newsletter by 8am on Wednesday 27th November.

Circuit Office

Please contact Alice to check she is in the Office before you travel!

Office hours: Tuesday 1pm-6pm, Wednesday + Thursday 8am - 1pm.

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Office Closures:

- December 13th - 23rd

- **Christmas Hours:** 24th Dec - On Call ONLY; 25th Dec - CLOSED; 26th Dec - Closed; 31st Dec - On Call ONLY;
1st Jan - CLOSED; 2nd Jan - On Call ONLY; 7th Jan - Open as Normal