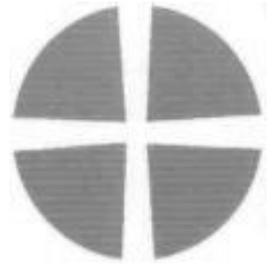


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Rev. Rosemary Nash

From the Minister's Study

Dear Friends,

I would like to tell you a story:

Once there was a father who called his three sons to him as he lay on his deathbed. He asked each to go outside, find a stick and bring it into him. They did as he asked. In turn, from oldest to youngest, he asked each son to break the stick. And each son did as his father asked. Each broke the stick he had found and broke it easily.

Then the father instructed his sons to go outside, find another stick and bring it to him. When they all returned, the father asked the eldest son to bind all three sticks tightly together with twine. The eldest son did as his father asked. The father asked his sons, starting with the youngest and perhaps strongest, to try to break the bundle of sticks. Each tried in turn but the bundle could not be broken.

The father said to his sons, "Remember this bundle of sticks after I am gone. Remember its strength as you build your families and your fortunes together. Unity is strength. Division is weakness."

We are living in "Interesting times." Now I am not normally a person given to commenting on the political scene, but I must confess that as the news of the European election results are revealed, my heart weeps. Not necessarily because of the Brexit stance, no that is not my anxiety.

My concerns are more about what appears to be a rise towards Nationalism. At times I am proud of being British, but that is definitely waning, and actually I have a greater love for humanity than the land of my birth.

As I observe events unfolding and listen to the political rhetoric from all sides, I see unfolding a divided Europe where barriers go up as polarisation begins to tear us all apart. And that worries me. We only have to look back a few decades and see how division breeds suspicion, fear and hatred.

Now, more than ever we need to listen to each other with respect and learn how to live together with difference not fight for our own understanding regardless of its impact on our fellow human beings. Never has living with contradictory convictions been more important...God sees us through eyes of love, we should do the same.

I leave you with this prayer.

Rosemary X

Eternal God, you set before us the promise of a new heaven and a new earth.

We long for the time when all is new,
when there is no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

We pray for glimpses of this hope in 'the now':

for new life where there is death;

for joy where there is sadness;

for healing where there is brokenness.

But also, we seek your sustaining help in 'the not yet':

may we comfort the dying and bereaved;

may we weep with those who weep;

may we tend the wounds of those in pain.

Inspire us, Lord, to live for a world transformed,

always trusting in your promises, all 'yes' in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Leslie Newton, Yorkshire North and East District Chair

June July



**Lazy summer,
cloudless days,
Explore new places on holidays,
Let's thank God for all his works,
As the beauty of summer fills the earth.**

Suzy Wake

Pause for Thought ..

Refugees

*They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way.*

*(But, remember, God tells us to view the world from His view-point –
now read the poem from bottom to top to find out the truth)*

Brian Bilston

Time for Reflection

Members of John Wesley's Holy Club, over 200 years ago, were expected to ask themselves 22 questions each day in their private devotions. Perhaps we should be doing the same.

Wesley's Questions.

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am a better person than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass on what was told to me in confidence?
4. Can I be trusted?
5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habit?
6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
7. Did the Bible live in me today?
8. Do I give time to speak to me every day?
9. Am I enjoying prayer?
10. When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
13. Do I disobey God in anything?
14. Do I insist on doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
16. Am I jealous, impure, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
17. How do I spend my spare time?
18. Am I proud?
19. Do I thank God I am not as other people, especially like the Pharisees who despised the publican?
20. Is there anyone I fear, or dislike, or criticize, or resent? If so, what am I doing about it?
21. Do I grumble and complain constantly?
22. Is Christ real to me?



Letter to Mary

19th May 2019

Hi Everyone,

This year is going along just nicely. Two more weeks and we'll be into the month of June and half way through the year. We've booked a holiday but that's not till October and there's lots to do before then, last but not least we've got a wedding at the church on 28th September. I've started looking for an outfit but I want to lose a few pounds before that.

At Park Productions we performed The Witness on 26th and 27th April and it went off great. We enjoyed the music and the telling of the story of Jesus from the point of view of Peter. In the crucifixion scene everyone worked well together to make a very real scene of what happened on Good Friday. We ended joyfully with Easter Day when we found he hadn't died but had risen and we saw him again

Now that is over we look forward to our next show celebrating the music of Irving Berlin which will be on 20th and 21st of September. Oh yes, I forgot, there is also to be a talent showcase on 3rd August at 7:15 p.m. to raise money for one of our young members, Hannah. She is one of a number chosen from our area to go to Poland with the Guides. She needs to provide funds for this and our group has agreed to help. So if there is anyone reading this and would like to contribute with a song or dance or trick or monologue, just get in touch with our musical director and you can join in the fun.

As I write this we've just arrived at Clare's pub. We walked round to the back garden to see how everything is growing; it's looking good. Today we have two long window boxes to fill and anything left over I can put in 'my' garden round the back, it's getting bigger and better all the time. There are also 5 large hanging baskets to empty. It's gonna be a busy day today so I hope Rob will help me. The weather looks good so I hope Clare and Manuele get plenty of customers in the restaurant.

Well, they did well today. Manuele and his staff served up 164 Sunday Lunches and we got all our jobs done and even watered the window boxes and the welcome garden at the back. When we were packing up, we discovered a Blue Tit flying into a hole in the stone wall at the side of the pub which is part of the structure of the old railway bridge. Apparently there are two families of Blue Tits nesting in there. In the early evening light, you could hear the Blackbirds

singing their songs. Although we were aching with all we had done today we just couldn't help but enjoy being there. We are going back on Wednesday morning to finish off the hanging baskets, hope the flowers for these arrive in time!

Bye for now,
Lots of Love,

June

xxxx



Celebrations

Wedding Anniversaries

June

None known

July

21st Hugh & Olive Bevan

26th John & Kathleen Carter



Birthdays

June

1st Alan Hutchinson

3rd June Beeby

7th June Whitfield

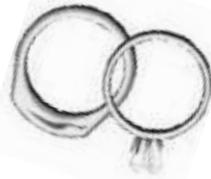
July

4th Margaret Caffry

6th Suzy Wake

7th JT Wake

17th Philip Wake



Can we celebrate your special day too? All you have to do is fill in the form and place them in the gold box at the back of the Church; spare forms to fill in are on the side of the box.



**It is not fair to ask of others
what you are unwilling to do yourself.**

Ann Eleanor Roosevelt

Poetry Corner

In Pastures Green.

*In pastures green?
Not always; sometimes He
Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways where heavy shadows be;
Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and bright,
Out of the sunshine into darkest night
I oft would faint with sorrow and affright,
Only for this – I know He holds my hand,
So whether in green or desert land,
I trust Him, though I do not understand.*

*And by still waters?
No, not always so;
Oft times the heavy tempest round me blow,
And over my soul the waves and billows go,
But when the storm beats loudest and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,
And whispers to my soul, 'Lo: It is I.'
Above the tempest wild I hear Him say:
'Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day,
In every path of thine I lead the way.'
So, whether on the hilltop high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valley where
The shadows lie, what matter? He is there,
Yea, more than this, where'er the pathway lead
He gives to me no helpless, broken reed,
But His own hand sufficient for my need.
So where'er He leadeth I can safely go;
And in the blest Hereafter I shall know
Why, in His Wisdom: He hath led me so.*

Author Unknown: sent in by Joan Hardy

Fun & Games

A Page for all the family

Colouring the Promises



COME
to ME,
all you who
are **WEARY**
and **BURDENED**,
AND I will give you
REST. -MATTHEW 11:28

Prayer Time



Thy Kingdom Come.

“I hear you differently!”

We regularly pray “Thy Kingdom Come” as part of the Lord’s Prayer; as Christians we need to mean this; we want God’s Kingdom to come in our world. But we live in uncertain times. Does our faith in Jesus transform the world for us? How can our faith change how we love and understand our neighbours? The time between the first Easter and Pentecost was

a time of uncertainty when the disciples were left asking, “What does all this mean?”

Life is an uncertain endeavour and our faith in the risen Jesus involves ongoing discovery, which takes time and attention. The prayers published by the Methodist Church in conjunction with “Thy Kingdom Come” initiative are designed to open up some space for our own reflection and questions. We are invited to breathe deeply and give space for silence and focus each day. The prayer guide was written by the Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson, President-Designate of the 2019/2020 Methodist Conference and Team Leader at Touchstone, part of the Yorkshire West Methodist District dedicated to interfaith work. Copies are available at churches, from Rev. Rosemary Nash, or online from the methodist page below.

On the day of Pentecost, the crowd heard the apostles speaking and asked: “And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?” (Acts 2:8, NRSV)

The miracle was not so much that people were speaking in different languages, but rather that all those who were listening could understand each of them. I pray that as we live through this season together we will each discover a new way of listening to ourselves and to others that gives fresh insight; that we will all take a step closer to being able to love our enemies and, most importantly, discover the God who listens to us with profound attention.



Thy Kingdom Come is a global, interdenominational initiative, in which Christians are called to pray each day during the time between Ascension and Pentecost. We are invited to pray for God's Spirit to move within the Church, equipping us to share God's love with others and to pay attention to how God is speaking to us today. In particular, we are invited to pray specifically for 5 individuals known to us.

To find out more about Thy Kingdom Come, visit www.thykingdomcome.global or www.methodist.org.uk/thykingdomcome



There is also an App available to download free.

The App is packed full of amazing content to guide you through the 11 days from Ascension to Pentecost. So why not tell your friends and encourage them to join in the global wave of prayer?

The App includes:

- 🙏 Daily Bible readings
- 🙏 Video reflections
- 🙏 Podcast series from World-renowned theologian Tom Wright & Family Podcast series
- 🙏 Available in eight different languages
- 🙏 On App store and Google Play

***** Spread the word!*****

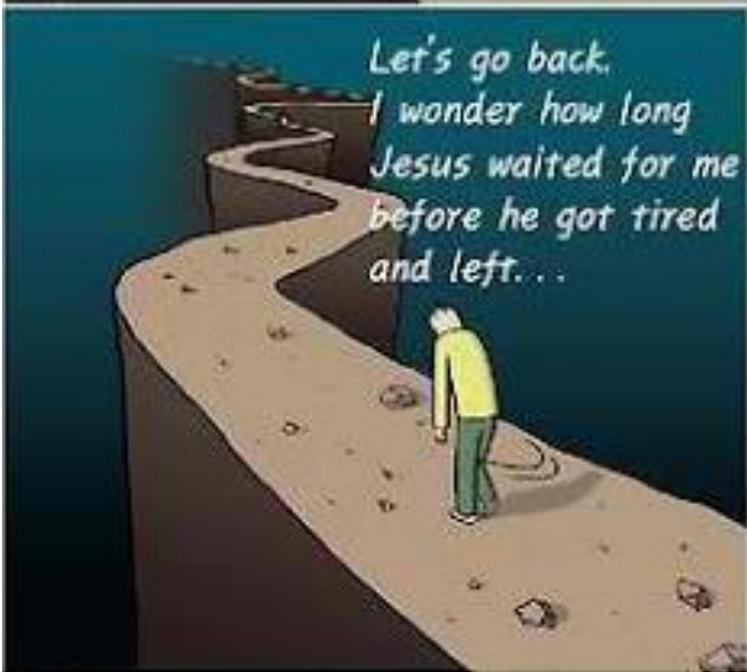
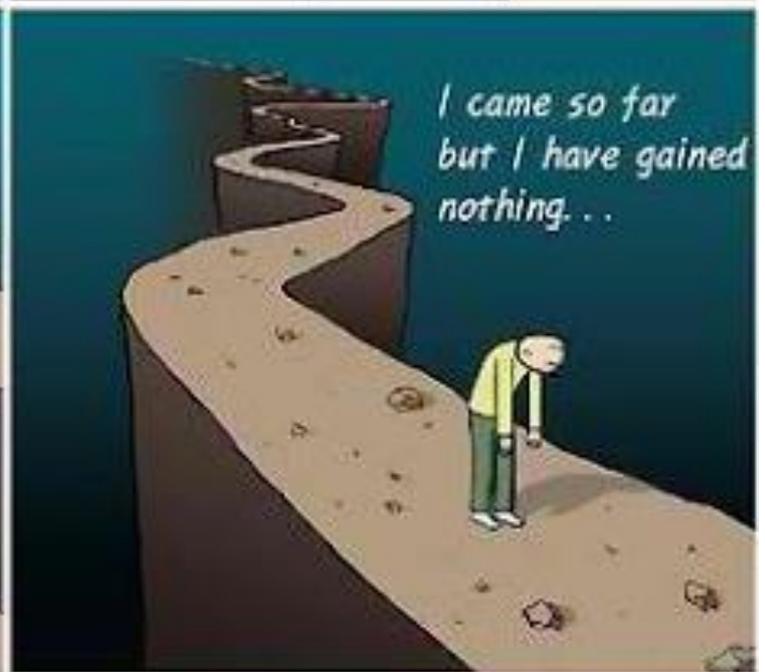
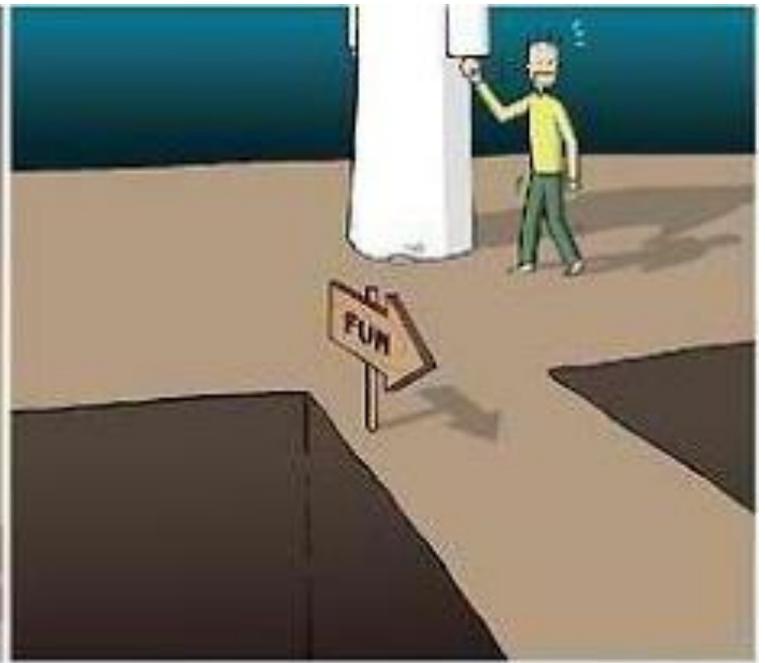
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10 SECOND SERMONS:

When you face the perils of weariness, carelessness, and confusion, don't pray for an easier life. Pray instead to be a stronger man or woman of God.

Luis Palau



Now for some funnies ...



What did the pirate say when he turned 80 years old?

"Aye Matey!"



It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.



After a church service, eight year old Lee said to the preacher: 'When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money.'

'Well, thank you,' the preacher replied, 'but why?'

'Because my father says that you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had.'



What is marriage?

It's an agreement wherein a man loses his bachelors degree and a woman gains her masters.



Tears are the hydraulic force by which masculine will power is defeated by feminine water-power!



What is a father?

A banker provided by nature.



Experience is the name men give to their mistakes.

Work Definitions:

CONFERENCE ROOM:

A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later.



THE OFFICE:

A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.



A CONFERENCE:

The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present.



THE BOSS:

Someone who is early when you are late and late when you are early.



Witticisms or Wit-less?

1. Wanted: Man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.
2. Get rid of aunts: Zap does the job in 24 hours.
3. Auto repair service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.
4. No matter what your topcoat is made of, this miracle spray will make it really repellent.
5. Buy your new bedroom suite from us, and we will stand behind it for six months.
6. Kids Make Nutritious Snacks [Do they taste like chicken?]
7. Presenter: Who killed Cock Robin?
Wit-less Contestant: I did not know that he was dead.
8. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
9. A closed mouth gathers no feet.
10. A fool is the witticism of nature.



Diary Dates

Preachers at Burn Park for June and July:

June	July
There will be no Sunday worship during June and the first two Sundays of July – instead we will be meeting on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m.	21st Rev Rosemary Nash <i>Sacrament</i> 28th Mrs Maureen Simpson

Important Dates to note around and about:

- Sun 2 Jun: 6 p.m.: High Southwick: Circuit Service: MWiB Easter Offering Dedication
- Tue 4 Jun: 7:30 p.m.: Burn Park: Park Productions rehearsals begin for "Let's face the music of Irving Berlin"
- Thu – Sun 6 – 9 Jun: Thu, Fri at 7:15 p.m., Sat, Sun at 2:15 p.m.: Walkerville Community Centre, NE6 4SZ: "Sister Act"; £10 tickets on the door 
- Sat 8 June: 10 a.m.: Brunswick Methodist Church: Newcastle District MWiB World Church Day event: faith lunch
- Sat 8 Jun: 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Chester-le-Street Methodist Church: ECG & Thy Kingdom Come Prayer event for all ages – workshops & celebrations
- Tue 11 Jun: 10 a.m.: Jesmond URC (NE2 3AE): At the heart on the edge: a day with Sam Wells and guests.
- Sat 15 Jun: 10 – 12 noon: Burn Park: Park Productions Coffee Morning and Car Wash
- Sat 15 Jun: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Trinity Methodist Church, TS5 4JS: Worship Academy 
- Sat 22 Jun: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Humbledon: Quiet morning
- Sat 22 Jun: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Great Lumley Methodist Church, DH3 4JB: Bible Roots: a study day to explore the origins of the Bible – the histories, events and people which gave us the books 
- Tue 25 Jun: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.: Wrekenton Methodist Church, NE9 7JL: The Story Project Workshop Day; seminars and resources to help us share our story; contact deeassistantne@gmail.com to book.
- Thu 27 Jun: 2 p.m.: John Carter's house: Bible Study
- Sun 30 Jun: 6 p.m.: East Boldon: Circuit Service led by Suzy Wake & Nick Thompson
- Tue 2 – Fri 5 Jul: Minsteracres Retreat Centre: MWiB Area 3 Event: booking form & information on notice board 
- Thu 18 Jul: 2 p.m.: John Carter's house: Bible Study
- Sat 20 Jul: 10 – 11:30 a.m.: Burn Park: monthly Coffee Morning
- Mon 22 – Fri 25 Jul: Burn Park: 10 a.m. – 12 noon each day: Holiday Club for children from reception to year 6: "Circus of Stories": see Katrina for a booking form

For more details about these and other events,

please see your weekly printed notices or posters on the notice board

If you have any notices to be published, or articles for the next magazine, please contact Suzy Wake

*at Church, tel: **5226257**, by e-mail on WaSus654@aol.com,
 or at 119, Tunstall Rd, by 9 p.m. Thursday.*

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and make the Love of Jesus known,
in our welcome, outreach, and care for all.



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To book rooms for an event, please contact Melvyn Morgan on Tel: 5251930.



Regular Events at this Church:

Sunday

10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship & Sunday Club
11 a.m.	Mustard Seed Church led by Pastor Sunday Raji
1 p.m. - 3 pm	Deeper Life Church Worship
6 p.m.	Churches Together Drop-In for Homeless people

Monday

10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Drop-in Lunch for asylum seekers and others
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Ladybirds (1 st Monday of month)

Tuesday

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Club
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Park Productions

Wednesday

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Deeper Life Church Bible Study
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Thursday

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Coffee@Burn Park
1 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Stroke Club
2 p.m.	Bible Study (3 rd week of month)
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts

Friday

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Toddlers Group
4 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Ballet Classes

Saturday

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Coffee Mornings (3 rd week of month)
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