

# ALLHALLOWGATE METHODIST CHURCH

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Circuit website: [www.riponlowerdalesmethodists.org.uk](http://www.riponlowerdalesmethodists.org.uk)

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

We offer the warmest of welcomes to all our regular worshippers and visitors to this community today.

*O Lord, keep us each day from all sin.  
Protect us in the hour of temptation and  
guide us with the light of your presence;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Reminder** Members of the congregation who desire special prayers for themselves or others are asked to contact one of the stewards who will deal with their request in the strictest confidence. Please remember our members who are currently suffering ill health and carry those thoughts on through the coming week.

**For any other special needs please contact your Pastoral Carer.**

**Please ask me for a large print version of this notice if you need one.**

We are here to provide weekly information that will hold us together as a loving, lively community. Not everyone has access to a computer but it is important that the contents of these notices are made known to them.

Would anyone wishing to post notices here, please send them to Harold by email, pigeon mail or telephone, preferably by Wednesday mid-day.

## Pruden's Prudence

Dear Friends,

This Sunday afternoon we will have an important church review. How are you feeling about our church? It doesn't seem possible in a few months I'll be beginning my third year with you. At District Synod last Saturday, I went to a workshop on well-being and you had to choose a postcard from lots of them on a table that spoke to you about where you find yourself. I chose a picture of a man emerging into the light coming out of a very dark tunnel. We need to acknowledge the last two years haven't been easy but maybe now at last we are emerging. Maybe there's a new beginning with God to explore as life opens up again.

Last Sunday was the first time I've led worship in the Circuit seeing everyone's faces. Last Sunday was the first time since 15 March 2020 I put bread and wine into people's hands as we stood in a circle together. The Church Council have now agreed face coverings in services from this Sunday be a matter of personal choice.

I'm now at last getting invitations to go into schools and care homes and I'm beginning to go to things in the city that have nothing to do with church but where I can be seen. I'm sorry you've had to wait so long due to my vulnerability health wise for normal service to be resumed. It will now be good to come and visit you at home when I can, but for the next few months you will need to be a bit patient as I'm spread as thinly as Lis likes the marmite on her toast. Very thinly spread!

Our worship numbers on a Sunday morning have slowly increased. I do think we need to keep thinking about live streaming that service. Sunday evening service twice a month is a lovely space. I'll try and do some different things in that. We may even try and be a bit less formal in how we put the chairs out!

Our regular activities are slowly emerging back – the bowls on a Wednesday and coffee on a Thursday are important occasions. At last I'm now able when I can be here to meet people who come and join us. We thanked God for the witness of our ladies fellowship this year. The Lads Night Out is back, I'll join that when I can. The 11am prayer time on a Thursday is a good time. We wish more would come but numbers don't matter. Prayer needs to happen at the heart of the church. I know you opened the church to pray for Ukraine with little take up. I'll be trying some Saturday morning gatherings to see what happens. I think we need to be bolder in our advertising of stuff. We need to think about size of notices outside and where we put them. Be honest – what does the outside of the building, notice boards, the foyer and notices on windows look like from outside? I've loads of examples now of inviting spaces that draw people in.

Young at Heart and Soft Play are going really well. I'm sorry Nigel is leaving us in July. We will need to look at church involvement in both of his projects. An advert has gone out again for a local pastor to work with me across the patch and the persons brief will be community development. We hope to appoint someone for September. Lis has started a craft and chat group on a Monday. It's growing. Last week I did a home blessing for one of the members and her partner which was lovely. The premises are well used and a good place to meet the city appreciate. You know I'd love us to use the church more – to me it just feels wrong it's shut up all week. In April you did a community meal. I'm so pleased that happened and hope we can build on it.

I want to say thank you to all of you who make our church what it is. The stewards team, the finance and property committee, pastoral visitors. The boiler dying was a scare but we managed to sort that. We've lost some dear friends to glory recently and others have gone into care. We are in the main an older congregation. I counted up how many members I have across my eight churches who are under 70. My

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2. From Laura Johnson at Bishop Monkton:

I'm chair of the Wedding Dress display in BM Chapel on Friday & Saturday June 3rd & 4th.

We are in need of more music stands to support our information cards with the dresses. We understood we could borrow from the local school but they've today told me we can't borrow any at all. So I'm searching for alternative sources & wondered if you would be able to source any from other chapels for us? I would need 15 total since there's already 5 in BM.

Let me know if you might be able to help.

Thanks in advance.

Laura Johnson

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Rev Ian Pruden

Methodist Presbyterian for Allhallowgate, Harrogate Road, Bishop Monkton, Boroughbridge, Dallowgill, Grewelthorpe, Kirkby Malzeard, and Sawley

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## **ATTENTION ALL WOMEN**

Methodist Women in Britain Celebration Tea Party (10+ yrs) Barlby Methodist Church, YO8 5HG 17 June 4-7pm(ish!) followed by "Surprising Entertainment!" Donations on the day for MWIB funds.

Please inform Ann Baarda (01757709057) or Janice Clark ([clark.janice@gmail.com](mailto:clark.janice@gmail.com)) the numbers from your circuit.

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ABOUT YOU. Are you called to and passionate about the place of lay ministry within the life of the whole people of God? Do you have a heart to see Christian communities flourish in their habitual settings, from small city, market towns to rural villages?

**JOB VACANCY** Hours of work: Contract: Rate of pay: Location: Next steps: Closing date: Interview date: 37 hours per week Fixed term contract for 5-years £21,109 - £27,433, depending on qualifications and experience Due to the geography of the Circuit it is anticipated the successful applicant will live within the area. Ongoing relocation assistance may be available for the duration of the contract, which can be discussed at interview Email the circuit office at [riponandlowerdalesadm@outlook.com](mailto:riponandlowerdalesadm@outlook.com) for an application pack 27th May 2022 14th June 2022 Local Pastor [www.riponlowerdalesmethodists.org.uk](http://www.riponlowerdalesmethodists.org.uk)

**MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES** The Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit is looking to appoint a Local Pastor to work side by side with the Presbyterian and sharing the pastoral responsibility of seven churches across the circuit as it renews and develops its witness, ministry, and mission. ABOUT YOU Are you called to and passionate about the place of lay ministry within the life of the whole people of God? Do you have a heart to see Christian communities flourish in their habitual settings, from small city, market towns to rural villages?

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Dear Lads of the Nights Out,

I have now been able to arrange a BBQ for Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> at David Williams' home in Wath. I will be sending you an invitation which will contain a RSVP to be returned to me by Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please will you honour that date so that I can get on with the planning of the event.

David lives at Sunnycroft, Wath, HG4 5EN. The invitation will be to you and your wife or partner. I am trying to keep the cost down but I will let you know before the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. I would like to know also on your RSVP whether you are vegetarian / vegan, again for planning purposes.

Thank you.

Roger

Roger Le Duc-Barnett

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**Thought for the week: Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life but it will add life to your years.**