

Congratulations to St John's for gaining their EcoChurch Gold Award



From Settle Methodist Church Facebook page:

"We are truly delighted to share that St John's has been awarded a "Gold" Eco Church award by A Rocha UK. This is a huge achievement for the church and especially the eco team who have worked with amazing dedication to ensure that Climate action and Creation Care is a core part of our identity as the people of God.

Congratulations to all involved! Plenty more work still to do!

Please do get in touch if you would like to know more about what we do here at St John's, or to chat about how we can help to support church or community on your eco church journey!"

I am sure all readers will join in saying a huge well done to everyone at St John's who helped to achieve this award.



Ingleton Panto

Our annual Pantomime this year was Jack and the Beanstalk, held on Sunday afternoon, the 10th December. About 120 families and children came to Ingleton Methodist Church to enjoy an afternoon of fun and laughter in the chapel.

This event is offered by the church to our community and to hard up families as a gift of laughter and togetherness.

There is a travelling cast of three, from Shooting Star Entertainments, who play a number of different roles and the changing scenes are brilliantly enacted, with a great deal of audience participation!

We use the opportunity to invite our community to our nativity service the following week (which was also extremely well attended!) and children are given a free Christmas story book.

Next year's panto is already booked and will be Dick Whittington!! Get you requests in early for tickets!!





As this is the first time I have written for the Circuit Newsletter, I thought it would be a good idea to introduce everyone to EcoChurch and the vision we have for Settle Methodist Circuit. At St. John's in Settle we started our EcoChurch journey about 3 years ago and, as I write, we are in the process of being assessed for our Gold Award. If we are successful, we will be only the 6th Methodist church in the country and the 1st in the Yorkshire West District to achieve it.

Tim has sent out a challenge to the whole of the circuit to become an EcoCircuit, starting with Bronze Award and reaching Gold Award by 2030. The circuit meeting accepted the challenge and already Hellifield has taken practical steps towards reaching bronze: they expect to be able to submit their application within a few weeks.

We hope that the other churches will be able to embark on their own application soon. I am very happy to come to talk about the process; the bar is set deliberately low for the bronze award so that no-one should feel overwhelmed by the demands of becoming an EcoChurch. You are probably already well on the way without realising it!

Do contact me by email at philip@castlebergh.plus.com or by phone on 01729 823975.

On a more immediate note, please remember our feathered friends at this time of year by cracking the ice on your bird baths or puddles so that they have drinking water during heavy frosts and put out an extra fatball.

Philip
St.John's Eco Group

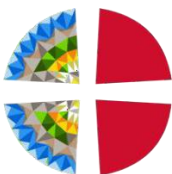
Advanced Safeguarding Training 9th March 2024

We have scheduled an Advanced Safeguarding course for Saturday 9th March 2024, 10am to 3pm at St John's Methodist Church, Settle. Laura Tunnacliffe the Assistant District Safeguarding Officer will be facilitating this alongside our circuit safeguarding officer Rhys Evans.

I am aware that we have quite a few gaps in this training so I am keen to ensure as many as possible can attend this training day, please pop the date in your diary now and I will aim to contact everyone who needs this training in January with full details.

District news

I have been asked to circulate the following two adverts. If you are interested, please use the contact details on the adverts.



FAITH & ARTS DEVELOPMENT LEAD (TOUCHSTONE, BRADFORD 2025)

We are seeking a person able to relate to spirituality, faith, and arts to appoint as the Faith & Arts Development Lead (Touchstone, Bradford 2025). The role will involve co-ordinating and developing opportunities for engagement between faith and arts, ultimately as part of Bradford 2025, in association with the Methodist Modern Art Collection loan programme.

Applicants will ideally hold a degree in an area of the Arts or theology, have experience of exhibition planning, art display and commissioning of creatives. The appointment also requires an enhanced DBS Disclosure. For full information about the responsibilities of the role, we encourage you to request an application pack.

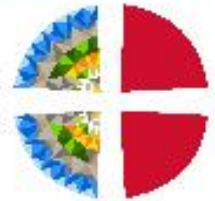
NEXT STEPS & MAIN TERMS

Hours of work:	Initially 20 hours per week worked flexibly, which may include some occasional evening and weekend work. Core hours will be agreed on appointment. You will not be expected to work on more than four days per calendar week. It is anticipated that the hours of work will increase as necessary, around the delivery of the loans and programming in 2025.
Contract:	Two Years' Fixed Term Contract
Rate of pay:	Between £17.50 and £23.00 per hour (actual salary between £18,200 and £23,920 for 20 hours per week), dependent on experience and qualifications, with enrolment in the District's NEST workplace pension scheme
Location:	Touchstone, 4 Easby Road, Bradford, BD7 1QX and the possibility of some work from home in agreement with the Line Manager
Next steps:	For more information and an application pack, please contact the District Administrator, Wendy Bentley, via 01274 442670 or admin@ywmethodist.org.uk
Closing date:	Friday, 19 th January 2024 at 12 noon
Interview date:	Wednesday, 31 st January 2024
Start date:	As soon as possible

To learn more about our District and the work that we do, please visit:

www.yorkshirewestmethodist.org.uk

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Are you a busy volunteer?
Have you always got things to do for Church?
Would you like to nurture your own faith more?

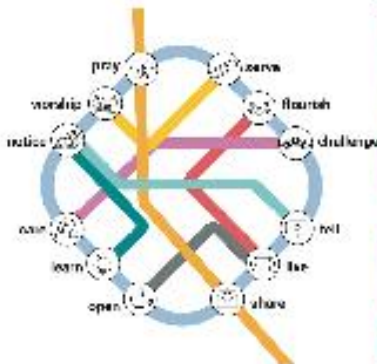
Then read on as this is for you ...

A Retreat for (Busy) Volunteers

across the Yorkshire West District

Saturday 3rd February 2024
10am to 1pm
@ Christ Church Hipperholme

Take a morning out for you, a space to connect with God, to be, to reflect on your journey of faith and look ahead to Lent.



Venue Details:

- **Address:** Wakefield Road, Hipperholme, Halifax, HX3 8AA
- **What Three Words:** holds.deeper.about

Bookings:

- Please email David Goodall (mission@ywmethodist.org.uk) to book.
- Please include any accessibility or other needs you have in your email so we can ensure you are fully able to enjoy the retreat.

Timings:

- Coffee from 9:30am for a 10am start
- Finishing at 1pm
- Feel free to bring a packed lunch to eat together at 1pm before you depart

For More Information:

- Please contact David Goodall by email (mission@ywmethodist.org.uk) or phone (07854 308513)

News from our Churches

St John's Settle

Sunday worship

7 th Jan	10:30am	Mavis Speight
14 th Jan	10:30am	Revd. Tim Broughton, Covenant service
21 st Jan	10:30am	Jane Mansergh
28 th Jan	10:30am	Revd. Roger Fox
	6:30pm	Revd. Tim Broughton, Quiet service of Holy Communion

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. On Wednesday 6th December we will be supporting Dementia Forward, who will be organizing the morning with live music and Christmas crafts. You are invited to share a mince pie and a special memory over a cup of tea or coffee.

Bible book club

Held after Coffee Pot on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Led by Revd. Tim Broughton, we discuss a book of the Bible or, in the case of a long book, half a book. People who are attending are encouraged to read the book in advance, although this is not compulsory! On 10th January we will be looking at chapters 40 to 66 of the book of Isaiah.

Bible study group

Led by Wendy Holt, this group usually meets in the lounge at Limestone View at 2:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and is open to both residents and non-residents. On 17th January we will be looking at Matthew chapter 8.

Movie night

Saturday 20th January at 7:00 pm we will be showing Charlie Chaplin in 'City Lights' with live musical accompaniment from Philip Taylor.

Bentham Methodist Church

Sunday worship

7 th Jan	10:30am	Revd. Tim Broughton, Covenant service
14 th Jan	10:30am	John Fox, Sermon series
21 st Jan	10:30am	John Fox, Sermon series
28 th Jan	10:30am	John Fox, Sermon series

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

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

Meet in church at 10:15am on Thursdays – contact Averil or Mavis for more details.

Newby Chapel

Sunday worship

7th Jan 7:00pm United Church In The Pub at The New Inn, Clapham
14th Jan 11:00am Margery Dowling
28th Jan 2:00pm Revd. Tim Broughton, Covenant service

Burton In Lonsdale

Sunday worship at All Saints Parish Church

7th Jan 11:00am Jane Mansergh, United service
14th Jan 9:30am Mavis Speight
21st Jan 9:30am Revd. Tim Broughton, Covenant service
28th Jan 9:30am Susan Wilson

Hellifield Chapel

Sunday worship

7th Jan 2:00pm Liz Whitfield
14th Jan 10:30am Pauline Wright, Lego Church
2:00pm Revd. Tim Broughton, Covenant service
21st Jan 2:00pm Jane Mansergh
28th Jan 2:00pm Pauline Wright, café style service

Ingleton Methodist Church

Sunday worship

7th Jan 10:30am Own arrangements
14th Jan 10:30am R Woodhouse
21st Jan 10:30am A Dennis, all age worship
28th Jan 10:30am Testimony service

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

Chapel party

The annual Chapel Party will be held on Saturday 20th January at 6:30pm. Please contact Claire Mottram for more information.

Online services & reflections

Don't forget that online services and evening reflections can be found on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/@SettleMethodistCircuit

Finally

Thank you to all who contributed to this issue, please send all future news & events to Lucy at settlemethodistcircuit@outlook.com or 07518 517 901

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