

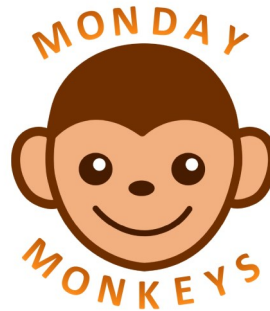
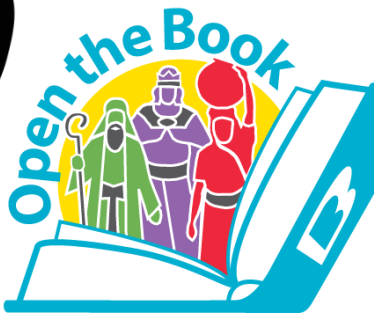
Storyteller Chronicles



Summer Edition

The Magazine of Haxby and
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Methodist Church



Crossword

Story

Interviews

Community

Garden Update



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People forget facts, but they remember stories.

Joseph Campbell

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Editors Note

Hidden Stories

Here is the 3rd edition of the Storyteller Chronicles, here to give you a flavour of the life of the Methodist Church in our Community.

This photo of the cat hiding behind the tree made me think about much of what goes on in the life of our church—many are unaware of what happens outside a Sunday or a Wednesday Worship. How much of our life is a story of faithful and committed ‘just getting on with it’, week-in-week-out ministry?!. Here’s a chance to find out a little more about those ministries that ‘just happen’ and allows you to meet some of the people behind them. This is also a chance to say a HUGE thank you to those dedicated people who just crack on with those ministries. You are SEEN and VALUED.

We would love to hear more about those ministries. Our young people would be happy to interview you, or you could write an article, appeal for help, or just have the chance to tell us about your group or role. We’d love to hear why you do what you do.

Thank You!!

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At the time of writing, an Oasis Reflection space is about to go into Wigginton School. Churches Together have put this space together to give the young people a chance to have some time to pause and reflect, to pray if they want to, in the midst of a busy day. There are 6 'stations', much like the prayer spaces we have in church sometimes. It will be left there for a week in the playground, and the children (or adults) can access them at break times. Some staff may choose to access them as a class in lesson time. It's entirely flexible so the teachers can make it work for the individual class.

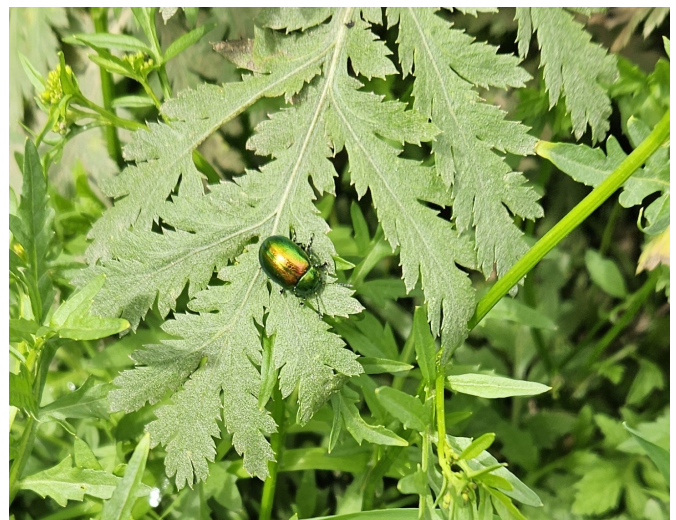
Our theme this term is about 'The Senses'; using all of their senses to appreciate the world around them. There are things to take a close look at through magnifying glasses, things to listen to—and things to smell!! We wanted them to have an increased connection to nature, a little bit of awe and wonder and some time to chill out.

Sarah and the ladder sky

A story by Eleanor Bowling, aged 6

Sarah was an ordinary girl that loved adventure. She has a mum and dad who adore her. One day on a Saturday Sarah spotted a ginormous wooden ladder in the sky. So that night she snuck out and climbed the ladder. When the young girl got to the top there was a house shaped like a hat. Sarah went in and a hatter was in bed. She walked over and helped him because he was ill. She has always wanted to be a nurse and there's some tips to help her when she is an adult. She said to the hatter "I have to go now, my mum and dad will be worrying and I am a bit hungry." She spent days trying to climb out of the sky. Finally Sarah got back home and they lived happily ever after.

Ed—excellent story, but maybe Sarah needs to take some breadcrumbs with her next time



Thank you to Helen Tulloch's husband Ken for this picture of a Tansy Beetle taken near Beningborough Hall. They are very rare but York has two colonies.

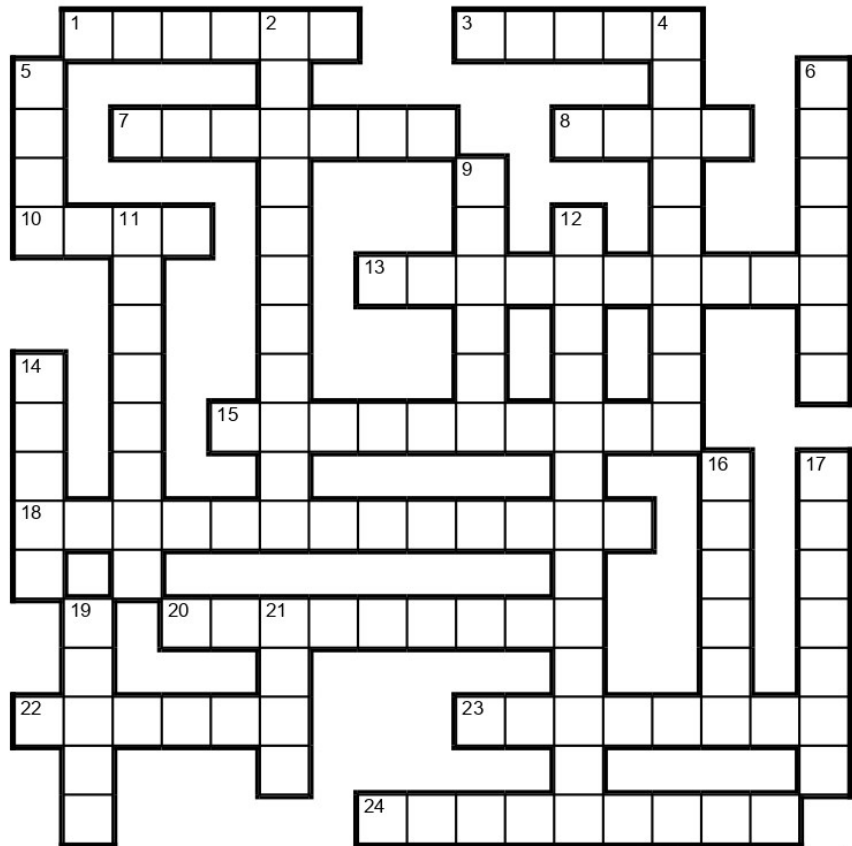
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Across

- 1 Not to be put under a bushel. (6)
- 3 Let yours shine before men! (5)
- 7 Moth and rust will do this to your earthly store. (7)
- 8 If you do this, you will find. (4)
- 10 These should not be done in view of men. (4)
- 13 The eight sayings by Christ at the beginning of his sermon. (10)
- 15 They sound trumpets in the streets when they are being charitable. (10)
- 18 The peacemakers will be called this. (8,2,3)
- 20 They were with Jesus when he gave the sermon. (9)
- 22 You can't serve God and this. (6)
- 23 Fellow believers. (8)
- 24 The earth is this to God. (9)

Down

- 2 Jesus gave this as example of how to communicate with God. (5,6)



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- 4 Don't lay these upon the earth. (9)
- 5 Whoever says this to his brother shall be in danger of the council. (4)
- 6 Those who are given happiness and good fortune. (7)
- 9 When engaging in this, you should enter into your closet and shut the door. (6)
- 11 Where the sermon was given. (8)
- 12 You should search for this first, before worrying about food and clothing. (13)
- 14 What you should do to your eye if it offends. (5)
- 16 They which do this shall be filled. (6)
- 17 The hypocrites disfigured their faces while doing this. (7)
- 19 If you are forced to go a mile with someone, this is how far you should go. (5)
- 21 The foolish man built his house on this. (4)



The 'Open the Book' Team go into the schools in Haxby and Wigginton (and also the Forest of Galtres Anglican/Methodist School) and bring Bible Stories to life. As we have said many times in the life of our Church, people remember stories. They make an emotional connection which they will remember for years (in fact I think it helps many of them through their GCSE RE!). Gill and John Freeman are retiring from the team this summer. Keira Freeman asked them all about their time taking part in Open the Book.

Keira: How long have you done it?

Gill: around 12 years.

Keira: I'll miss you! What is your favourite thing about OTB?

John: I enjoy telling stories. Bible stories are the most important stories because they teach you the way to live.

Gill: I enjoy watching the children's faces. They never know what will happen next (and often neither do we!!). I also love being part of the team.

Keira: Why did you start doing OTB?

John: I used to go to Sunday School; there would be around 100 children, learning the Bible and being taught the way Christians live. Nowadays we have to find another way of doing it. This seemed a lovely way to do it

Going into schools and bring stories to life. It's important to learn about Jesus and how to live a Christian life.

Keira: What about you, Granny, er I mean Gillian..?

I went to the church that is now the Co-op near the hospital. It was part of our life: no running clubs or football like you do, it's just what you did.

Keira: You are keen to show it in Church, why?

John: The church family need to know what happens in other parts of the church family. Like so many of our ministries, it would be good if they were celebrated.

Gill: It shows that you don't need to be a brilliant actor or anything, you can be involved.

Lorraine to Keira: What's your most memorable story?

Keira: The one in the field where Granny was narrating. And Grandad was the greedy farmer.

(Hannah pipes up: Oh we did that one in Church!)



John: The stories which will help people live their lives. When I was a head teacher, there was an Open the Book Team that came. We looked at the Good Samaritan and we had said that was what we were looking at in school. It's when it means something to rather than just filling in time.

Gill: It's great that not everyone is part of this church, members come from all over.

Keira: What is the funniest story?

John: I like being shocked when people use their voices in ways you don't expect. We have a few people that were part of the church pantomime. It is funny.

Keira: I am happy that you get the children involved.

Gill: We like that too.

Keira: What is the best or worst costume or prop?

John: There is a green costume gives me a bit of trouble. It can malfunction!

Lorraine: We had Noah's Ark fall over once..

Keira: Is narrator a good job, Gill? I hear you really well from the back Granny.

Gill: It's a bit tricky that I have to keep my finger on the page so I can keep an eye on the action without losing my place.

Lorraine: What are you going to do with your Tuesdays?!

John: Sleep!

Keira: Gardening!

Gill: Probably!

John: I do want to say that you don't have to be a brilliant actor, it gets you out of your comfort zone. You are still nervous.

(Lorraine: I still get butterflies.)

Keira: How long does it take you to work it out?

John: We get the script about a month in advance and we can then learn our lines if we want to, but we don't have to.

(Lorraine: I certainly don't!)

John: I like that the children now we go to church and the people and children are happy to say hello. It's being part of the story.

Keira: Thank you, this is BBC live with Granny and Grandad, sorry, Gillian and John. Over to you in the studio.

Fancy being part of the team? It's every other Tuesday in term time. Contact

Lorraine families@hwmc.org.uk

A typical Tuesday for the Open the Book Team; you never quite know what you will end up carrying!





Eco Church

Check out some reading

The Eco Church team have put together a reading list for you to dip into. There's a huge range of books. The list is located on the Eco Church Board at the back of the Church hall.

Coming in September to your local churches - Green for now and the Future Eco Fair!!



Watch out for information on the York Environment Weeks Eco Fair coming in September. Huntington, Strensall and Haxby&Wigginton Methodists, The Community Garden and St Marys have got together to arrange a whole host of interesting events. From nature trails, to interesting talks to repair cafes and Creation Lego Church. From Saturday 21st September.

Can you go plastic free for a week..?

It's tough to do everything plastic free in your life, but what about picking one thing, like fruit and veg packaging or toiletries..? See what simple changes you can make.



REPAIR CAFE SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

Are you handy with a toolbox? Could you repair small electrical or mechanical items? Do you know your way around a sewing machine?

We need your help to run a repair cafe for the day.

It will be based at Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church. Contact Lorraine Jones for more details 07850 631168 or email localpastor@hwmc.org.uk

Being a Monday Monkeys

Volunteer

Our roving reporter Jame Roberts interviewed one of the Monday Monkeys playgroup volunteers.

1. How long have you been part of the team at MM?

I started in September 2023 so almost the whole year.

2. What made you want to join?

I love children and I thought it would be very good experience for me.

3. What was the trickiest thing to learn when you first got there?

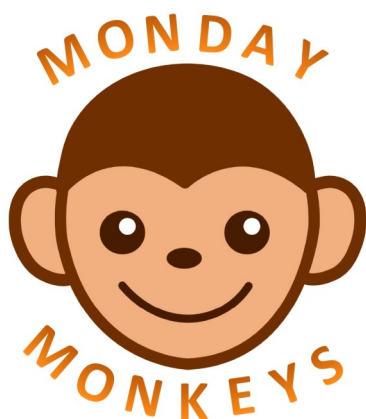
Everybody's names! There are so many children and adults. And also where everything goes at tidy up time.

4. What do you most like doing at MM

Playing with the children.

5. What's the worst job for you?

Cleaning the toilet!



6. Do you have a funny story you can share?

All the times we try to figure out how to make the craft each week!!

7. You are obviously lovely with the children, is this something you are thinking about studying further at college or doing as a career?

Maybe, I am not sure yet. I would like to do something like nursing maybe.

8. What's the best thing about MM? For the team? For the parents and children?

Monday Monkeys is a really good playgroup. Everybody looks after each other and the children have lots of fun. I enjoy leading the songs as I love seeing all the children's excited faces. It gives parents somewhere to take their children to play in all weather. The parents and children can make new friends as well. I enjoy being part of a team of nice people.

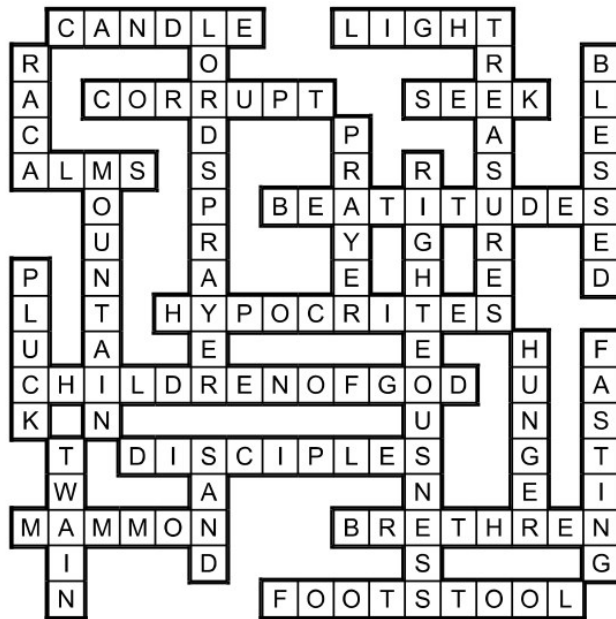
Joke from Keira

The toilet was broken, they got someone in to look at it but couldn't get to the BOTTOM of it and by the end they were all WIPED out..

Wise words

If at first you don't succeed, try and try again, unless you are bungee jumping.....

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Candle, 3 Light, 7 Corrupt, 8 Seek, 10 Alms, 13 Beatitudes, 15 Hypocrites, 18 Children of God, 20 Disciples, 22 Mammon, 23 Brethren, 24 Footstool.

Down: 2 Lord's prayer, 4 Treasures, 5 Raca, 6 Blessed, 9 Prayer, 11 Mountain, 12 Righteousness, 14 Pluck, 16 Hunger, 17 Fasting, 19 Twain, 21 Sand.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.org.uk



School Uniform Bank

Drop off your child's clean outgrown uniform, shoes, coats and PE kit and pick up the next size a few days later.

DROP OFF POINTS:

AROMA COFFEE SHOP: MONDAY 15TH JULY - 24TH JULY

HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH:

9.30-4PM WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY

Pick up the next size on Saturday 27th July 10-2pm and have a cuppa and cake while you are there. It's free but any donations will go to Refugee Action York



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If you have any queries, please contact Lorraine Jones our Family Worker on 07850 631168 or email at families@hwmc.org.uk

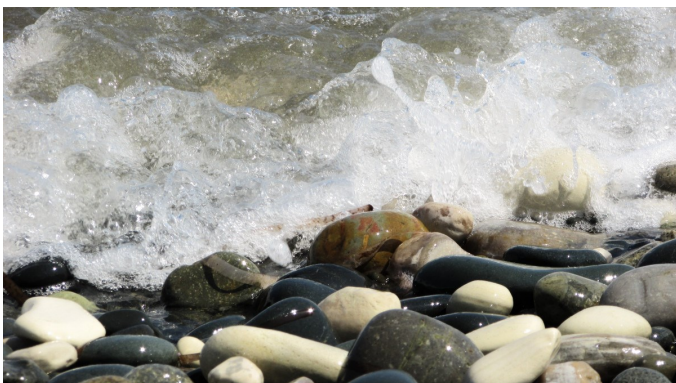
The 4th annual School Uniform Bank Event is back! Taking place in the first week of the school holidays, it is very much appreciated by parents, who save themselves a bob or two. Uniforms are expensive, particularly the high school ones. We also get to keep a lot of clothing out of landfill, which also helps us to reach our Eco Church silver award! Although the Methodist hosts the event, it is very much an ecumenical partnership. We have lots of lovely folk volunteering already but there's always room for more people and more cake!! The sign up sheets are on the noticeboard by the kitchen. Any school uniform left over and financial donations go to Refugee Action York.



The Church held a 'staycation' day on Saturday 15th June. It was a day for sharing hopes and dreams for ourselves, our Church and our Community. With the guidance and inspiration from Leslie Newton, our District Chair, and Rory Dalgliesh our Minister and opportunities to chat, reflect, worship and pray, we left the day feeling hopeful for the future and that we were going to move forward together.

As a Church we will work together on 'next steps' and discerning where God is leading us. Exciting times. Maybe a little scary too, but we have to remember that we take steps into the future knowing that God has taken those step ahead of us.

Jen Horne was inspired to write a poem in response to the prayer stations, while thinking about how she felt about our church (and 'The Church'!!) and what God might have to say about it.



Geological Time

What do we hold in hands and hearts?

Lovingly created, deep time, deep compression.

Made fast...and very slow.

Joys, pains, inside press hard.

The pebble in my hand

Shows years, and changes; layers, light and dark.

For the one who can read it

Stories of events, ancient circumstance,

The keys of its formation.

Cut me open, see my layers

Some, rightly forgotten,

Some boldly etched, very present.

Some fade, making space,

Some the core of me, unchanged.

Stubborn, some overstay their welcome

And the sandpaper must work

God's hand rubs away,

The callous or the careworn

Change rock to sand:

Soften, shrink, not quite erase.

Can I imagine the new into existence?

Could the pebble know that I would hold it?

God's time is not my time

But even the geological

Has sudden, seismic shifts.



The Community Garden is open whenever the pharmacy or Surgery is open, which for most days is 9pm.

You can get to it via the car park—go down to the end of the car park and go right. The entrance is by the tree.

Whole Life Community Garden News

Recently, some of you may have walked along the footpath next to the Wigginton GP Surgery and wondered what is happening next to the car park? We were very fortunate in March to receive a huge boost towards the setting up of our community garden as the NHS Social Responsibility Fund offered to create the hard landscaping, including accessible footpaths, raised beds and a pond. We also received hedge plants from the NHS Forest scheme, enabling us to plant a hedge around the boundary of the garden. An amazing transformation has taken place over the last few months as our team of regular volunteers have planted vegetables in the raised beds, many of them now ready for harvesting!

It's been lovely to welcome people into the quiet space of the garden where you can do as much or as little as you want, sit on a bench and watch the mayflies near the pond, or enjoy the birdsong and wildflowers in the orchard! At least one of the Trustees will be present on Friday afternoons 4 – 7 pm during July and August. We'd love to see you there and share ideas for the garden's development, such as the sensory garden, bog garden or labyrinth! Please do get in touch with myself or one of the other Trustees if you'd like to find out more.

Mark Whiteman (Lorraine Jones, Amy Shepherd, Bev Crapper, Jackie Thompson)





Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 31: 24

Dear friends

I was inspired by a book I read recently by Gil Rendle entitled “Quietly Courageous: Leading the Church in a Changing World.”. The author tells the story from the Jewish Midrash of a young man named Nahshon. The Midrash relates that when the Israelites reach the Red Sea in the exodus, it did not automatically part. The others stood at the banks and wailed with despair but Nahshon quietly waded into the waters. It wasn’t until the waters were up to his nose did they part.

The book makes the case that we, the Church (across every denomination) are trying to ‘solve a problem’ - reduced finances, low membership, fewer volunteers, etc, etc, etc. In fact the world has changed and what we have done for so long no longer works. We need to change and be adaptable. The world will continue to change and there is no obvious problem to solve and no easy answers to be had. Together, we need to listen closely to our environment—our neighbours, our community, to each other and to God—and to adjust our direction accordingly. And keep changing as the world changes.

For all the world is changing, core values remain the same, through the generations. We all seek meaning, purpose and belonging in our lives. Rendle describes the analogy of a ‘one footed rock’. One foot of our church remains on the rock; our core values, the things that never change; our trust in a God that loves us all and wants everyone to live ‘life in all its fullness’. But the other foot can swivel around; testing and scanning it’s environment, learning and adapting, discerning our next steps.

It feels like we are at something of a crossroads, or maybe on the shores of the Red Sea, and we know things need to be different. We are looking all around us for answers. Perhaps there are no answers; perhaps we just need to step out with quiet courage.

Lorraine Jones, Local Pastor, Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church.