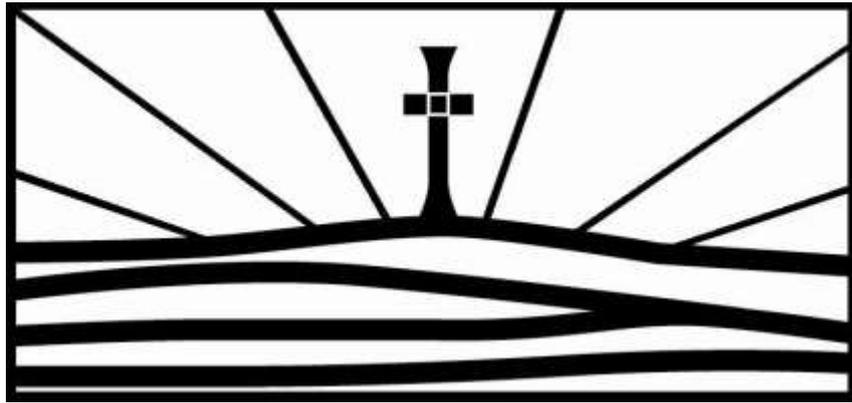
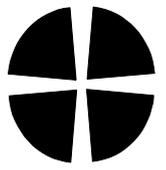


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Sunday Worship

August Services

	Morning 10.30 am	Evening 6 pm
5 th	Mr Michael Hardstaffe	Rev Roger Smith
12 th	Rev Roger Smith, Holy Communion	No evening service
19 th	Mrs Viv Pitts	United Service at Yeadon - Rev Keith Reed, Holy Communion
26 th	Mrs Pauline Tate	No evening service (see note)

September Services

	Morning 10.30 am	Evening 6 pm
2 ND	Rev Alistair Newton	United Service at Yeadon, Rev Roger Smith
9 th	Rev Roger Smith – Covenant Service	Circuit Service at Yeadon
16 th	Mrs Joan Bosomworth	Elizabeth Hall
23 rd	Rev Roger Smith	United Service at Yeadon, Rev Lesley Taylor
30 th	Mr Alan Sheath	Rev Roger Smith, Holy Communion

MINISTER'S LETTER

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

Familiar words from the book of Ecclesiastes. As I write this, the current season is one of hot summer sunshine. What does this season have in store for you?

Some people will be looking forward to going away on holiday, others will be spending the summer at home. Some can't get enough sunshine, others would like it to cool down. Gardeners (and the water companies) would like some rain - preferably during the night!

Whatever your preferences, I invite you to embrace the current season. Don't wish it away, autumn will come soon enough. God has given us the rhythm of the seasons – enjoy each one whatever it may bring.

It's the same with the seasons of the Christian year. Soon we'll be starting a new church year with our Covenant service in September and harvest festival in October. Before too long it'll be time for Remembrance followed by Advent and Christmas. But we mustn't jump ahead but rather enter fully into each season as it comes along.

There is a Christian tradition of 'practising the presence of God'. We can be so tempted to rush ahead in our thoughts that we miss the good things God wants us to enjoy right now. To practice the presence of God we must still our racing minds and give our whole attention to what or who is right here, right now. Take time to carefully observe what you see, delight in it, allow God to show you his presence in the here and now.

It's not as easy as it sounds, it takes practice but it's well worth the effort. Try using the Celtic prayer printed here – find a quiet moment and say the prayer slowly.
Roger.



A Celtic Prayer

Awaken me, Lord
To your light,
Open my eyes
To your presence.

Awaken me, Lord
To your love,
Open my heart
To your indwelling.

Awaken me, Lord
To your life,
Open my mind
To your abiding.

Awaken, Lord
To your purpose,
Open my will
To your guiding.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – A NEW VERSION

Our Father in heaven, you are awesome!
Show us who you are and how you want us to be.
Make earth more like heaven.
Please give us what we need to keep going each day.
Help us to know when we are wrong and clean us up on the inside.
Help us to let other people off and move on.
Keep us safe from bad stuff.
You're in charge!
You're strong and powerful and always there.
Forever.

Put together by children of Green Oak C of E Primary School, Godalming
As seen in "Magnet" magazine

Let's walk for the world!



**We need to put our best foot
forward
So that the poor of the world
don't slip backward!**

Please join/sponsor the Christian Aid Walk. Sunday, 23rd September.
A wonderful walk in our local countryside, approximately 5 miles, starting from
Guiseley Methodist Church. Do watch for full details on the Notice Board in the
Foyer. Let's walk/sponsor for Christian Aid 2018

Many Thanks,
The Christian Aid Team

Aireborough Historical Society

The first meeting of the new season is a talk "Humbug Bill and the Bradford Sweet Poisoning of 1885" given by Kathryn Hughes.

It will be held in Church on Thursday 13th September commencing at 7.30 p.m.
A reminder also that the 2019 Calendar will be available to buy from early
September. Again, they will cost £5 and can be ordered in advance by seeing
me.

Roger Halliwell 878609

NORWOOD CHURCH & RETREAT CENTRE

You're invited to a
GARDEN PARTY & OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 26th AUGUST 2018

2.00pm to 5.00 pm, with Worship at 2.30 pm

Come and see the new developments and our vision for the future.

Join us as we welcome Rev Philip McDonald in leading our Church Anniversary Celebration. Refreshments will be served after the service.



In addition, there will be Cakes and Coffee/Tea available on Bank Holiday
Monday 27 August from 10 am to 4pm

If you are able to contribute a cake/traybake/biscuits
AND/OR help on the day, please contact Julie Hipkin 875950

Harvest festival - Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th October

In the last newsletter, the stewards asked if anyone would be able to provide entertainment in the form of a Concert for our Saturday evening celebrations. To date, I have received two offers only so **PLEASE** consider if you are able to help and perform your "Party Piece".

Deadline for this is the end of August - otherwise the Stewards will make alternative arrangements.

Please see Julie Hipkin or any of the stewards team.

A message from Rev Jill Pullan

Heartfelt thanks to Elizabeth & Arthur, Nancy & Keith & Rev Gillian Houghton for attending the Reception in to Full Connexion and the Ordination Service in Ashbourne, on the 1st July, where Rev Vicky Atkins and I were ordained. It was so special and meant an incredible amount to have such wonderful support on such a profound occasion. Heartfelt thanks too, for the deeply touching card I received on behalf of the whole congregation and for the cards, prayers, gifts and good wishes I have received from so many people. I am profoundly grateful for all that Guiseley Methodist Church offered throughout our years in Guiseley. From the very moment when Joshua & I first attended Toddlers, we always did feel like we were adopted by you and we were deeply blessed to have come through Toddlers, Stars and Fish. Bless you all and heartfelt thanks for all the love, support, nurture, care and encouragement we have received as a family.

Ministry in the Sheffield Circuit continues to be challenging, fulfilling, demanding, exciting and costly, but perhaps I may never have had the opportunity or the calling if such wonderful support and encouragement had not been offered by so many, including everyone at Guiseley Methodist Church. At the Methodist Conference, two nights before my ordination, I met up with Rev Nick Baker for a wonderful evening of sharing news and catching up. High on our agenda were the many great times we had shared when in different roles in the Wharfedale and Aireborough Circuit, not least when Nick had me on placement for three months as part of my discernment process and journey in to ministry.

I hope at some stage to make a flying visit to Coffee Stop and to catch up with some of you. Bless you all and heartfelt thanks for such wonderful love, support, nurture, care and encouragement.

With love, appreciation and gratitude,

Rev Jill Pullan



The **NEXT NEWSLETTER** is for October and November 2018. Please let us have your material by no later than 16 September via the box in the vestry or by email to:

gmcmonthlynewsletter@hotmail.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO HELP COLLABORATE THE NEWSLETTER - PLEASE SEE JULIE HIPKIN IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP ON A FRIDAY MORNING ON A TWICE A YEAR ROTA. THANK YOU!

Circuit & Church Noticeboard

'Viewpoint' will be our new monthly E-noticeboard for the Circuit. It will detail upcoming events within your church and will be emailed out to the circuit so that everyone gets a view of what is happening.

If you have any special services / events / social happenings etc. due to take place in September/October please give details by email, or call me on 07885 585946. Contributions should be sent to Mike Fawcett (admin@wandamethodists.org.uk) by the end of the first week of every month, for issue the following week.

Many thanks

Mike Fawcett
Circuit Administrator

The Circuit website address is
www.wandamethodists.org.uk