

# OTHER NOTICES

I was fortunate to be able to attend the recent **Releasing Creativity in Worship** workshop day in Malton led by our President of Conference, Rev'd Michaela Youngson. We reflected on why we 'do' worship—that God is at the centre and that our 24/7 life is also worship. We talked about how our church signage forms part of our invitation to worship to those passing by and approaching the church; that when we say 'all are welcome' it might mean that we have to change in order to achieve that; and how do we encounter transcendence when we walk into church, ie creating space for God to exist? We recognised that as worshippers we bring with us our joys, griefs, worries, frustrations, expectations, respect, hope etc and our confession helps us to approach God by putting ourselves right with Him at the beginning of our worship. We were reminded not to ask people on the day to read, but to allow them time to prepare. After the plenary time which Michaela led, we then broke into various workshops. As it had been snowing, and my time was limited, I didn't stay for the whole day but enjoyed Julia Skitt's workshop on the Worship Leading and Preaching course, which can be found online at <https://elearning.methodist.org.uk/> and those interested can log in using the same username/password 'guestaccess'. There are lots of resources there, including videos, so do have a look. *Lin*

**A big thank you to Ray and to Anna**, who are continuing to work very hard behind the scenes to regulate the heating—especially in the Hall—as we seek to balance saving as much money as possible with being sufficiently comfortable and welcoming to paying renters of rooms. Many of you may not realise, but the main hindrance in the hall is the lack of flexibility in the boiler's thermostat, so we cannot actually set lots of alternatives for a week in advance in the way one might imagine. Ray has been trying to accommodate this, but we have recently found the Hall too cold for some bookers, and too hot when empty. So he is now having to check it every day as none of our days are the same in terms of room usage. We value your feedback and patience as we continue trying to get this right.

**The next Worship meeting** has been fixed for Thursday 21st February 7.30pm in Room 2. Anyone interested in the worship life of the church is welcome to attend, so please do come along, and this is particularly so if you would like to help in any way in our Own Arrangement services, the next of which is on 3rd March, and the following one on 28th April.

Our friends at **Poppleton Methodist** are holding their **Pantomime** from Thursday 28th February to Saturday 2nd March at their Church Hall. Times are 2.30pm (Saturday matinée) and all evenings at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 adult and £5 child. For details of how to obtain tickets, please see the notice board at the back of church.

There is a chance to explore key issues around **climate change** at an event at Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church on Friday 15th February 7.00pm led by Bishop Graham Cray. Again details on the board.

For anyone who might be recommending the services of **York Citizens Advice** who visit our Community Café every week, for February only they are only able to attend on 13th and 20th February. Then in March it is back to weekly.

**Sundays!** On Sunday afternoons, not long after the end of our services, our church space is let out to (often) music groups to rehearse—which of course brings in valuable and much-needed income. But for the space to be suitable it needs to be clear of all Sunday morning furniture and any other items. **So... before leaving the services on Sundays, please could we possibly ask that you...**

- 1) take home your service sheet
- 2) take any bible or service book back to the shelves
- 3) stack your chair on top of a nearby chair/chairs (4 chairs in each stack maximum)
- 4) return all crockery to the serving counter to be washed
- 5) (And for Café Services) put all the pens etc back in the containers on the table, take home anything you have lovingly made, and put any rubbish in the bin near the serving counter. Give the table a quick wipe, fold up the tablecloth, and fold up the table and replace onto the rack.

**We don't have Ray's caretaking services on a weekend, so if each of us does some or all of the above, it makes clearing up so much easier and less onerous for those who finish up having to put all the chairs away, sweep floors etc.**



**Monday 18th February**  
**Thursday 21st February**  
**Thursday 28th February**

**Friday 1st March**  
**Sunday 3rd March**  
**Tuesday 5th March**  
**Saturday 9th March**

**Tuesday 7th May**  
**Thursday 16th May**

**18th-20th October**

Ladies' Leisure Group Meeting—Jean Stubbington: Writing with the U3A.  
Worship meeting 7.30pm Room 2  
Stewards 7pm and Leadership 7.30pm Meetings

World Day of Prayer Service 9.30am & 5pm for tea followed by Service  
Circuit Service: Celebrating Preaching & Leading Worship, 3pm at Haxby/Wigginton  
Church Council 7.30pm  
Men's Breakfast 9am; Messy Church 3pm

Property Committee 7.30pm  
Stewards Meeting 7pm; Leadership Meeting 7.30pm

*Flourish* District Gathering in Scarborough

**Please do have a look at the new notices on our Church notice board, which are updated regularly**