

Storyteller Chronicles



Easter Edition

The Magazine of Haxby and
Wigginton
Methodist Church

**STREET
ANGELS
YORK**



Puzzles

Jokes

Scarecrow Festival

Stories

Eco Church

Take Time Reflection



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“Story, as it turns out, was crucial to our evolution—more so than opposable thumbs. Opposable thumbs let us hang on; story told us what to hang on to.”

Lisa Cron, Wired for Story

Welcome back to the second edition of the Storyteller chronicles, here to paint a rich picture of the life of the Methodist Church in our Community.

I love this photo of the painted Easter Eggs. I love hearing the stories behind them. What made the painter choose the colours they did? Or the design or image on them? I wonder who they painted it for and whether it gave them as much enjoyment in painting it as it does to others who look at them.

This magazine is a chance to delve behind the scenes and find out more about some of the things our church is involved with. Or just to have a chuckle at the bad jokes!

Do you have a story to share from our Church or Community—from times past or right up to date? I would love to hear from you.

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Cake Quiz

1. What is cake in French?
2. What cake is named after Queen Victoria?
3. What cake contains a certain nut and a popular morning drink?
4. What fruit is the main ingredient in tarte tatin?
5. What two colours are in a traditional battenberg?
6. What coffee flavoured cake means 'pick me up' in English?
7. What cake does Miss Trunchbull make Bruce Bogtrotter eat in Roald Dahl's Matilda?
8. What fruit makes a black forest gateau rich?
9. Which icing used to decorate or sculpt cakes gets its name from the French word meaning "melting"?
10. What pastry are profiteroles made out of?

Answers on page 10

Jokes courtesy of John Freeman (brace yourself)

I have always tried to pay bills with a smile. Unfortunately they always want the money....

A child still at primary school was asked by his new teacher if he had any brothers or sisters. When he replied 'No', his teacher said 'Thank goodness for that!'



'Mum, you know that vase you were worried I might break?' 'Yes'. 'Well, your worries are over!'

A 13 year old girl went to buy a new dress from a boutique. She asked, when she'd chosen a dress, if she could bring it back if her parents liked it.

TOP TIP FROM JOHN:

If you would really like a kitten,
start by asking for a horse !

STREET ANGELS YORK

The Young People of Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church interviewed Jacqui Tankard and Lisa Shephard who volunteer for 'Street Angels' in York.

Q Why join the volunteering group/ what are the perks of street angels?

Street Angels is a Christian organisation, whilst not all members are Christians or are a part of a religion, many members find volunteering an opportunity to demonstrate their faith when helping those in negative situations.

Q What does the job include?

At the start of the evening, a steering group of around five volunteers (including a leader with a walkie talkie) meet at a base within the streets of York. During the shift, the group meets many different people, who the group may help by giving out water, giving directions, praying over/with them or comfortingly talking to them. The vast majority of volunteers have 1 shift per month that starts at 10:00pm until approximately 2:00am, however this may change depending on how much time is spent with each person they meet. Further jobs that you can do in street angels is organise the rota ,raise money for equipment such as defibrillators and giving talks about the organisation.

Q What are some negatives to the job?

Whilst the job is rewarding, it does have its challenges. Many volunteers find the late nights quite tiring and walking through the streets of York are very cold especially through winter. Whilst it may not be very often, sometimes it can become frightening when those the group helps become angry, forcing the group to leave the situation to the police.

Charlotte Jones, aged 13



Drawing by Eleanor Bowling



Jacqui and Lisa who attend Haxby and Wigginton Church are members of the Christian organisation Street Angels. Street Angels walk the streets of York town from 10 pm- 2 am, helping people in the nighttime economy. This may include those who are drunk, worried, homeless, or have been separated from their group of friends. Despite the size of the problems they deal with they treat every one of them with massive amounts of respect love and compassion, and giving hope to those who feel there is none. After a previous interview with Jacqui and Lisa, they believe it is an amazing, practical way of showing their faith and making the change they want to see in the world. They deal with a wide variety of problems and the things they bring and use to deal with them can include: bottles of water for those who are thirsty; flip-flops for ladies who struggle walking in heels; and a defibrillator for some rare medical emergencies.

Sophie Bowling, aged 13



Eleanor's Story Corner (aged 6)

The Lost Bunny

Eleanor went to the park for a day. "Yay!" said Eleanor She found a lost bunny. She took it home. " Is this your home." Exclaimed Eleanor. "Yes." THE END

Grandad's Secret Giraffe

One evening Billy and Grandad were talking about a particular giraffe. The giraffe fixed the town clock, helped the cars across the bridge, saved Murfee the cat from the roof and caught Billy's Kite in the wind. Grandad said to Billy 'You will wake up at dawn and spot the giraffe' so Billy did and spotted the giraffe but when Billy saw the giraffe Billy screamed and ran away. When Billy turned back, the giraffe was gone because the giraffe was lonely and sad. So Billy went home to Grandad. They put Merfee back on the roof and hoped that the giraffe would come back. The giraffe did come back and rescued Merfee—but then he saw something happy—he was painted on the wall!

Ellie the Elephant

Ellie The Elephant lived in the zoo. Every day Eleanor visited Ellie in the zoo and she went there every day she went to see Ellie because they were best friends. Eleanor everyday she tried to get Ellie out of the zoo to take her home. One day she managed to get Ellie out and took her home. They lived together for ever and they had a very happy life together.



Saturday 6th April
10-12.30pm
at Haxby and
Wigginton
Methodist Church



Feel free to
bring any
spare,
labelled seeds



Seed Swap Event

Pick up some
other seeds

Come and give
'growing your
own' a try.

events@wholelifecommunitygarden.org



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Community
Garden





Eco Church

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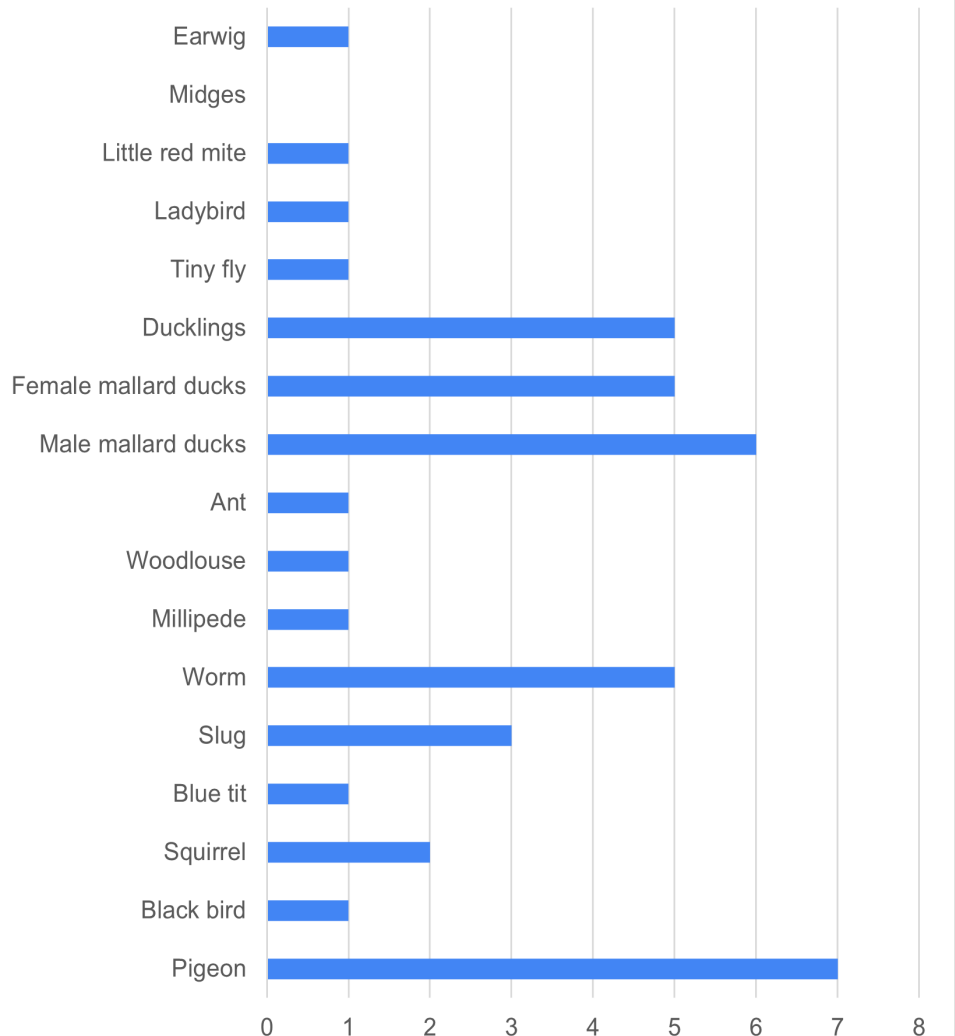
Is there anything you would like to know about that Eco Church could help you with? We are also talking about holding an event as part of York Environment Festival. What would be helpful for you to be able to know or to do? Upcycling? Growing your own? How to reduce plastic? Understand what you can do to have the most impact? Let us know. Localpastor @hwmc.org.uk

Young Church have been busy doing a nature audit on Church land. It was great fun looking on twigs and branches and turning over stones to see what we could find. They will do another soon and it will be interesting to see what creepy crawlies are lurking about at a different time of year and to do a comparison. Undertaking nature audits also help us on our journey to getting a silver award for Eco Church.

Simple switch to be more eco friendly

Think about switching from laundry liquid to laundry powder. It uses far less water and it's easier to get the right dose, so less waste.

Nature Audit on Church Land December 2023



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FAMOUS BIBLICAL CHARACTERS WORDSEARCH

RUTH

NOAH

DAVID

PAUL

PETER

JOSEPH

ABRAHAM

MARY

MOSES

SOLOMON

ADAM

DANIEL

EVE

JESUS

JOHN THE BAPTIST

GOD

My experience of Take Time Meditations

Jen Horne

I went along to the first Take Time Meditation session on a day I really *should not* have gone. It was December 20th; I had a big piece of work to finish by that evening...and it was December! No one has time in December for a bit of sitting still. But what I suspected then, and have had confirmed by every session I've attended since, is that the more I feel I "shouldn't" go to the meditations, the more I absolutely must go – indeed, I really need to 'take time'!

Of course, Take Time Meditations are not at all just "a bit of sitting still". They are very peaceful and very calming, but beyond that they are a way to meet with Jesus that we don't often have the time, space or quiet to experience in our modern, busy, noisy lives. (Yes, I know, not everyone has quite as much noise in their houses as I do – but we all have noise from 24 hours news on the telly, or websites that we check too often, even flyers through the door are noisy, clamouring for our attention.) It is hard to (briefly!) describe my experiences of meeting Jesus in the meditations but I come away each time with a new puzzle piece of faith, something that I'd not thought about before, something that I'd perhaps read one way but now I hear afresh. One time, Jesus reminded me

about an experience I had 16 years ago when I was very aware of Jesus sitting alongside me during a lonely time. During the meditation, Jesus gently reminded me that he's not stopped sitting alongside me, ready to talk, listen or simply be together. Another time, I threw all the bad things in the world at Jesus and asked how he copes with the sadness of it all. Ask me about that, if you want to know more. Regardless of what I talk about with Jesus, I always come away deeply refreshed and renewed.

So, what actually happens during a Take Time Meditation? Once everyone has gathered (Lorraine is always on hand to greet everyone and make sure we know which room to head to), Keith will light a candle, put on some relaxing music and lead us through a short relaxation meditation to help us step out of our distractions before he begins the bible story. The stories are always Jesus stories, something from the New Testament with Jesus at the centre. They are told in a way that is very true to the bible accounts but with space to think around the edges, to more deeply set the scene. If we are on a hillside, what can we also see or hear around us? Who else is present at this exchange? Do the disciples seem uncomfortable with this? As the story concludes, Keith "leaves us" with Jesus. There will be a gentle question or two that we might want to use but

there might be something personal to us, prompted by the story, that we want to ask Jesus about. After a while of silence, Keith gently brings us back out of the meditation and we slowly come back to “this time, and this place”. The whole meditation time lasts about half an hour, often a bit less.

After that, there is some time to share about our experiences, perhaps a question we asked Jesus or something we were reminded of. It is very much up to each individual there whether they share anything. There’s absolutely no expectation to share anything. The group has varied in size between about 8-15 people and perhaps half of those attending share something. I’ve shared twice but not the third time. After a little bit of response altogether, it’s time to put the kettle on, have a cuppa and a biscuit and chat a bit more. Perhaps still about the meditation or about life in general. It’s a very comfortable space to talk in.

Take Time Meditations currently happen at 2pm on the third Wednesday of the month at church and the third Thursday, at 7pm, in Aroma. You can also try them out online at <https://taketime.org.uk/> - while this loses the community aspect, it does have the benefit that you can repeat a meditation more than once if you find it particularly helpful or if there’s something tricky in it you need to mull over. Hope to see you at the next Take Time Meditation.

ANSWERS to CAKE QUIZ: Gateau, Victoria Sponge, Coffee and Walnut, Apple, yellow and pink, tiramisu, chocolate, cherry, fondant, choux.



take time together Meditation

A guided meditation followed by hot drinks and biscuits. In the hustle and bustle of life, come and find a small oasis of rest and peace.

Wednesday 20th March, 17th April and 15th May 2024,
2pm-3.30pm
Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church in the Sun Room

Thursday 21st March and 18th April 2024 at Aroma Coffee Shop, Haxby

Please contact Lorraine Jones to find out more or book a place: localpastor@hwmc.org.uk or call 07850 631168

Whole Life Community

Garden Update

If you have ventured to the GP surgery recently you will have noticed a digger, some ‘crop circles’ and a load of gravel! The Garden Pixies are excited to announce that NHS Properties have found funding to get us some accessible paths and various other things like raised beds, compost and guttering to harvest rainwater. It’s going to look a bit of a muddy mess for a while, but hang on in there, before you know it there will be lettuces and wildflowers and sweetpeas growing, and not to forget to mention the ‘Flourish Rose’ which was donated by the Methodist District.

A Scarecrow Tale

By Charlotte Jones, aged 13

To find out more about the behind the scenes of the scarecrow festival, Martyn Holman was interviewed about this special event. Martyn Holman is the treasurer of this event, meaning that he is responsible for collecting the money raised from the event and ensuring that it is delivered to the chosen charities.

When asked about how the event came to be, Martyn explained that some locals had noticed that a nearby village was hosting a scarecrow festival and thought it would be a good way to fundraise. 16 years later, this annual event is still going strong!

There is a lot of difficult preparation required, which takes place from November until the event in May, such as encouraging people to create scarecrows and put them in an accessible location. There is always a worry about the weather, too.

The 16th Haxby and Wigginton Scarecrow Festival is Open for registration!

Register at

<https://www.hwmc.org.uk/>

Despite this, the team manage to create a wonderful setup, including stalls with information about the charities it is supporting, 5 trails, refreshments, all resulting in a lovely community event and around £5000 to give to charity!

This year, the charity is the Red Cross. We would love for you to support this if you can. Some other charities the team would love to raise money for in future events are Oscars and the Wilberforce trust.

Scarecrow weekend is 4th—6th May





Dear friends

As we come to the end of Lent, we start to think about coming out of the “wilderness”. What might we have learnt about ourselves over this time I wonder? For myself, as part of the new Community Garden Team, it feels like we are very much coming out of the wilderness as the diggers go in and help the garden to get going and start to take shape.

It has been over 2 years since we first had conversations about getting a garden up and running on the site by the GP surgery. There have been many times when, I’m sure, all of the team have wondered if it was ever going to happen and that there seemed to be so many obstacles in our path. But we have kept faith and kept our head down and done what we could in terms of the ‘background’ work. A lot of foundations have been built in the wilderness time and seeds have been sown. We have learnt how to work well together and built partnerships with people and got plenty of admin done. I have long since learnt that God wastes nothing. No ‘wilderness time’ is wasted and the knowledge we have gained and relationships we have built will go on and bear fruit when the time is right. It’s a tough lesson learned for someone who is impatient; all good things will happen at the right time.

I wonder where you have had times of ‘wilderness’? I wonder what important, but maybe hard, lessons you learned? Right, where are my wellies..?

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

For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand; he has known your walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the Lord your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing.

Deuteronomy 2:7