

## FORTHCOMING ROTAS

**8 March**      **Revd Neville Simpson**

Steward        Jeni Goodchild

Door Steward   Liz Litherland and Dyala Moon

Musician        Sharon Wright

Reader          Alison Harris

Property        David Peckett

Fire Steward    Nigel Harris

## 15 March

Steward        Ros Matthews

Door Steward   Sheila Hargreaves and Elizabeth Prime

Musician        Nigel Harris

Reader          Sheena Maberly

Property        Chris Kendrew

Fire Steward    Dyala Moon

## FIRE PRECAUTIONS

Please will all members of the 'fire watch' team meet before the service to delegate each person's area of responsibility in the building. Also - a reminder that all internal doors should be closed when leaving the building. Many thanks.

*Paul Toplis*

## ROOM BOOKINGS

Email: [bookings@yarmmethodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:bookings@yarmmethodistchurch.org.uk)

David Peckett 07837 567618

**NOTICES** . should be sent to June at: [notices.yarmmethodist@yahoo.com](mailto:notices.yarmmethodist@yahoo.com)  
or 07801549931 by 6pm on Thursday.

# Welcome to Worship at

Yarm  
Methodist  
Church  
*Serving with love & sharing God's grace*

**Sunday  
1 March  
2026**

*Today is the second Sunday in Lent  
Let go of form - embrace the Spirit*

<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Revd Martin Ramsden and Arkansas Mission Group</b>
Steward	Graham Clarke
Door Steward	Dianne and David Peckett
Musician	Nigel Harris
Reader	Eleanor Mackirdy
Property	Chris Frank
Fire Steward	David Peckett

*Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee  
in the Hall after the service.*

**Minister**    **Revd Dr Martin Ramsden**  
**07483863502**  
***[martin.ramsden@icloud.com](mailto:martin.ramsden@icloud.com)***

### ARKANSAS MISSION TRIP

This morning we welcome members of the Arkansas Mission Group, both students and staff. We look forward to what they have to share with us and hope they feel their time here is a blessing. There is a Youth Service here at Yarm led by the group, tomorrow evening. The time is tbc.

### THANK YOU

to Rev Martin as he continues to cover the work of Rev Vincent whilst on Sabbatical, as well as continuing with his own workload at Thornaby and here at Yarm. Please remember he may not get to you as quickly as you would like, but he will. Please pray for Martin in his role as Acting Circuit Superintendent and for Vincent as his Sabbatical continues.

### FAIRTRADE STALL

There will be a Fairtrade stall in the hall on TODAY after both the 9am and 10.30 services. There will be some Easter goods available to buy and we can also take orders for any other Easter products.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

Our after Sunday Service coffee making team is currently significantly short of members.

For various reasons several of our team are temporarily unable to attend.

If you feel you could help, either temporarily or (hopefully) permanently, to fill a vacancy, we would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

Please contact Margaret Walker for further details

### OCTAMAG

The deadline for submitting items for the Easter edition of Octamag is TODAY! I look forward to receiving your articles. Thank you.

Jacqui Fyfe

### THIS WEEK

Thursday 5 March - OCTAGO 10am  
Choir Rehearsal in the New Room at 7.30pm  
Lent Study Course - 43 Lingfield Drive at 8pm  
Friday 6 March - Bowls Club 2pm

### NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 11 March Meal for members in the Hall at 1pm  
Thursday 12 March OCTAGO at 10am  
Friday 13 March Bowls Club at 2pm

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

#### Friday 6 March 10am at Yarm School

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian people of Nigeria.  
All are Welcome

### WESLEY HALL ANNIVERSARY

Our Wesley Hall is 30 years old in November this year. Between now and then, we are trying to collect memories and memorabilia of the day of the official opening. We have managed to locate a copy of the order of service from November 16<sup>th</sup> 1996. (Thank you, Dyala.) Any help would be appreciated. The plaque in the Wesley Hall which was unveiled during the service, is at the moment hidden by the Project display board. A plan to make this plaque see the light of day (literally) is going to be considered. Thank you. Michael Salmon (Church Treasurer in 1996)

### LENT 2

Faith can sometimes feel like a checklist: rules to follow, routines to keep, boxes to tick. We may cling to what feels safe and predictable. But Jesus reminds us that the Spirit moves freely, like the wind; unseen yet powerful, surprising and alive. Lent invites us to loosen our grip on what feels fixed and open ourselves to mystery and transformation. Abram left everything familiar to follow God's call. Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, searching for answers. Both discovered that life with God isn't about rigid forms – it's about trust, openness and the Spirit. What would it look like to let go of the need for certainty and allow God to surprise you this week? Where might the Spirit be nudging you towards something new?

*Read John 3:1-17*

And a prayer: Spirit of life, you move where you will – unseen, unexpected and free. Help us to loosen our grip on what is fixed and familiar, and open ourselves to your breath of transformation. May we be light, open and ready to be moved by you. Amen

*Taken from the Methodist Church website.*

### Do you have any spare Snowdrops?

The Rev Neville and Mrs Joyce Simpson have recently moved back into their home in Stockton after serving the Methodist Church in North Yorkshire.



They have cleared the overgrown shrubs, neglected plants and weeds and would like to restock their garden. They wondered if anyone had any snowdrops they are dividing or plants they are splitting. If so, Joyce would love to hear from you.

You can contact Joyce on 07946523017 or joyce,simpson33@gmail.com

Rev Neville is leading worship at Yarm next Sunday, so you may find out more from him then.