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“So what are you doing whilst you’re on sabbatical?”

This is the question most frequently posed to me at the moment, with “what’s a sabbatical?” coming a close second. So to deal with the second question first, a sabbatical, or ‘sabbatical leave’ as my pedantic friend insists on calling it, is a period of three months when a minister is given time by the Church to step back from their rôle and spend time in reflection and prayer. It is not holiday, as one cheeky correspondent suggested recently, as we are required to have a project on which to work and report back. It is an opportunity to step off the treadmill of meetings and endless lists of things to be done, and reflect on where we are in ministry, and whether we need to refocus and refresh our approach. It is a chance to read some of the books that have been accumulating dust on our bookshelves and to recharge run down batteries - physical, spiritual or theological. It is up to each minister to decide what would be most helpful. Some people choose to visit other countries and experiencing the work of the church overseas; others undertake long pilgrimages. All ideas have to be approved by the District Sabbaticals Committee, so any suggestion of spending thirteen weeks investigating mission to the Costa del Sol will be rejected.



And to answer the first question - I am going to be working on a project using my interest in photography and poetry, to explore ways to enrich worship. Initially my plans were rather vague, but recently I have become aware of the richness of the stories of some of the northern saints



and I have been inspired by Caedmon of Whitby who saw the glory of God “in every God-created thing”. So now I am going to look at finding God in unusual places, and finding God’s glory in the mundane. I shall also be looking at the works of some contemporary and some historic poets - particularly Wordsworth and Coleridge, who not only saw God’s glory in all things, but also had strong social consciences and were not afraid to speak of it in their writing.

I have promised that I will publish at least one photograph and poem or meditation each week, to show where I have been and reflect what I have been reading. I shall be publishing them on a blog which can be followed either on Facebook (search for Kathie Heathcoat and send me a friend request) or on tumblr - www.tumblr.com and search for sabbaticalkathie. You do not need an account on tumblr to read it, but you will need to sign up to tumblr if you want to make any comments.



Apart from a holiday in the Lakes, I will be spending most of the time at home so you may see me out and about with the camera. If we do meet, you don’t need to ignore me, or pretend I’m invisible. I’m still happy to greet you, but please respect that I am on sabbatical leave and don’t mention church or circuit matters.

So thank you, for this gift of time for reflection and development. I look forward to coming back and sharing the fruits of my research when I return.

Kathie Heathcoat

NORTHALLERTON METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR



presents a concert of

MIDSUMMER MUSIC

Conducted by Carolyn Chambers
and accompanied by Linda Elsworth

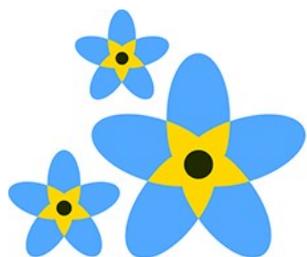


Saturday 17 June 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Collection in aid of Wendy's Wish

<https://wendyswish.co.uk/>

MHA Dementia Care



Working to become
**Dementia
Friendly**

The Circuit Missions Committee have been delighted with the way this year's special project has

been supported, raising £6,391.22 so far.

We are also pleased to be raising awareness of Dementia with the first two workshops, held in November and March, having been so successful.

Our third workshop is to take place on

Thursday 22 June 7.30 pm

Northallerton Methodist Church

It will be a talk entitled

"Show me I matter; working within a dementia friendly community"

with Janet Crampton and Chris Riley

Janet Crampton represents Hambleton Dementia Action Alliance <http://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/>

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and Chris Riley represents the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friends <https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/>

Together they will help us to look beyond the church and into the community.

EVERYONE WILL BE VERY WELCOME

AS SEEN ON TV

Rev. Alan Powers was recently a contestant on 'Bargain Hunt'. He had a great time!

'You have £300 to spend - you're not as poor as a church mouse' said one of the camera crew as he followed me around but I was proud of my bargaining skills until my colleague Chris reprimanded me for



wanting to buy an ancient book he said was tat. Then I saw a wonderful example of a military award with accompanying soldier's papers but my offer was refused. I reckon we'd have won if I'd got the book or the military cross. Perhaps I'm a bad loser or a hopeless dreamer but I'm certainly not a master when it comes to bargain hunting.

There were some lovely moments away from the camera though. Our opponents lived near my 1980s Crook Circuit superintendency where I worked with Chris when he was leader of the local council. When he found that I advocated a church working for the community rather than navel gazing, we got on well. Between us we even persuaded Peter Ustinov to open a local home for disabled people. After filming ended, I invited opponents Susan and her son Ryan to visit us at home which they did.



Our dress rehearsal audition was in Harrogate in early autumn. I was asked what my job was and I replied that I was a retired 'religionless' minister; I was mainly interested in Jesus.

When the final was held in Darlington, it was no surprise when during a break in filming a young contestant asked me to explain further. You perhaps saw a lad with a white stick in the red team; he was losing his sight. I joined a group of young folk over lunch and was asked how a minister can be 'religionless'.



It's easy' I replied. 'Jesus was hated and crucified by the religious establishment. The captive audience listened attentively as in my Brummy accent I explained that Biblical events such as the feeding of the

five thousand and the wedding at Cana are stories, not actual history.

There are no losers in Bargain Hunt and I was pleased for the winners Ryan and Susan. Chris and I took the silver medal. Our heads would never have got through the door if we'd won! They leave so much out though - for instance the fact I have six sisters and the interesting history of the hat I was wearing. It belonged to SJG member Margaret Job's late husband, a member of the British Police Force in Kenya.



We enjoyed ourselves immensely - we laughed at ourselves especially when a green vase I bought was disparaged as not even being fit to put in the lavatory. A warm family atmosphere prevailed and the climax for me was when Charlie Ross said

'Wow, I love your sense of humour'.

(The full version of this article can be obtained from any member of the editorial team)

Circuit Walk

In our efforts to raise money for, and awareness of this year's special project, MHA Dementia Care, the Circuit Missions Committee decided a May Day Walk might be a good idea—and it was. Rev'ds Ian Johnson and John Sadler put their heads



together and decided the four mile circular which began near the gliding club, towards the North York Moors Visitors' Centre and on to the Cleveland Way path along the edge of the escarpment. There were stunning views to the west, over the Vale of Mowbray.

We followed the Cleveland Way northwards, along the wooded edge of the cliffs looking down on Lake Gormire about 150 metres below us at the foot of the cliffs. We turned right off the Cleveland Way to follow a path to Dialstone Farm and then back through a small wood and plantation towards the gliding club.

Having begun the walk under grey cloud and a chilly wind, the sky turned a glorious blue and the sun beamed down on us all.

We do thank Ian and John for their help with this event, and thanks too to the 17 enthusiastic walkers and two dogs who came to enjoy the fun. It was a very pleasant way to spend May Day 2017 and we managed to raise £132.50 for the project.



Annie Rothenberger



Kathie, (with help from
Val and Pippa), is
celebrating her return
from sabbatical by holding a



Garden Party

at 55 St Mary's Walk, Thirsk

on Bank Holiday Monday

28th August 2017

2-4pm



You are all warmly invited to
come and join them.

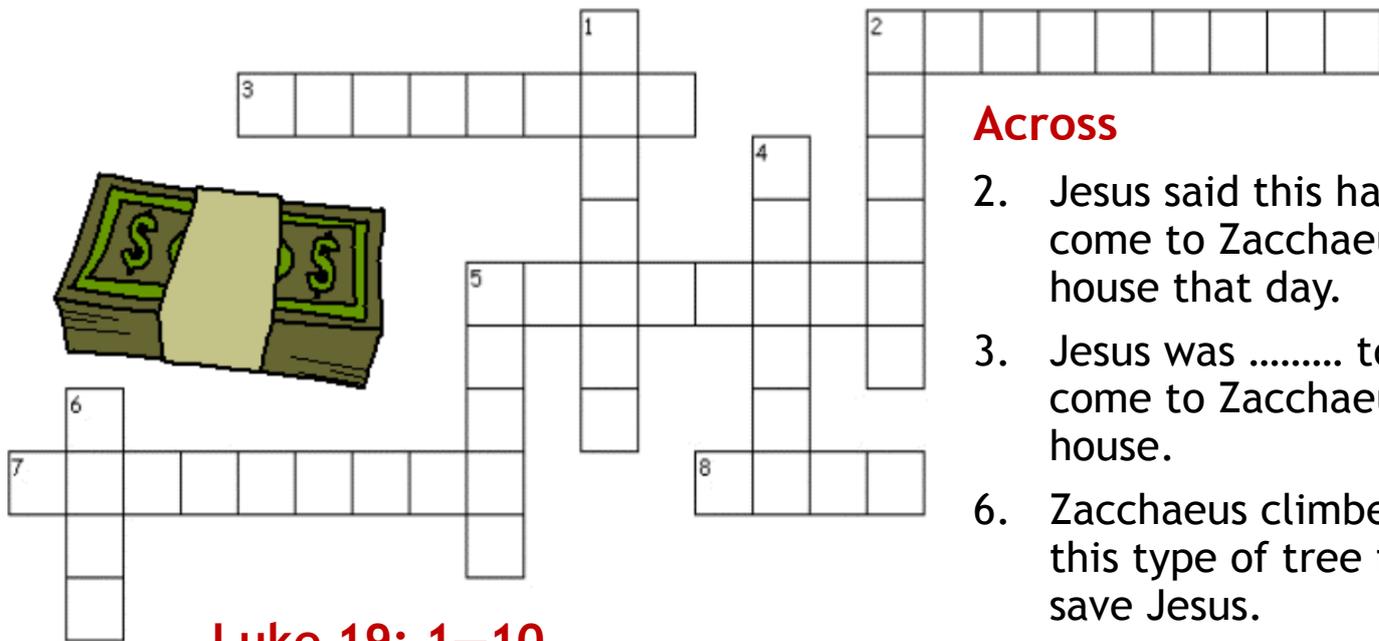


There is no charge for entry

or refreshments but, if you wish to make a
donation, any money received will be given to

All We Can.

Zacchaeus Crossword

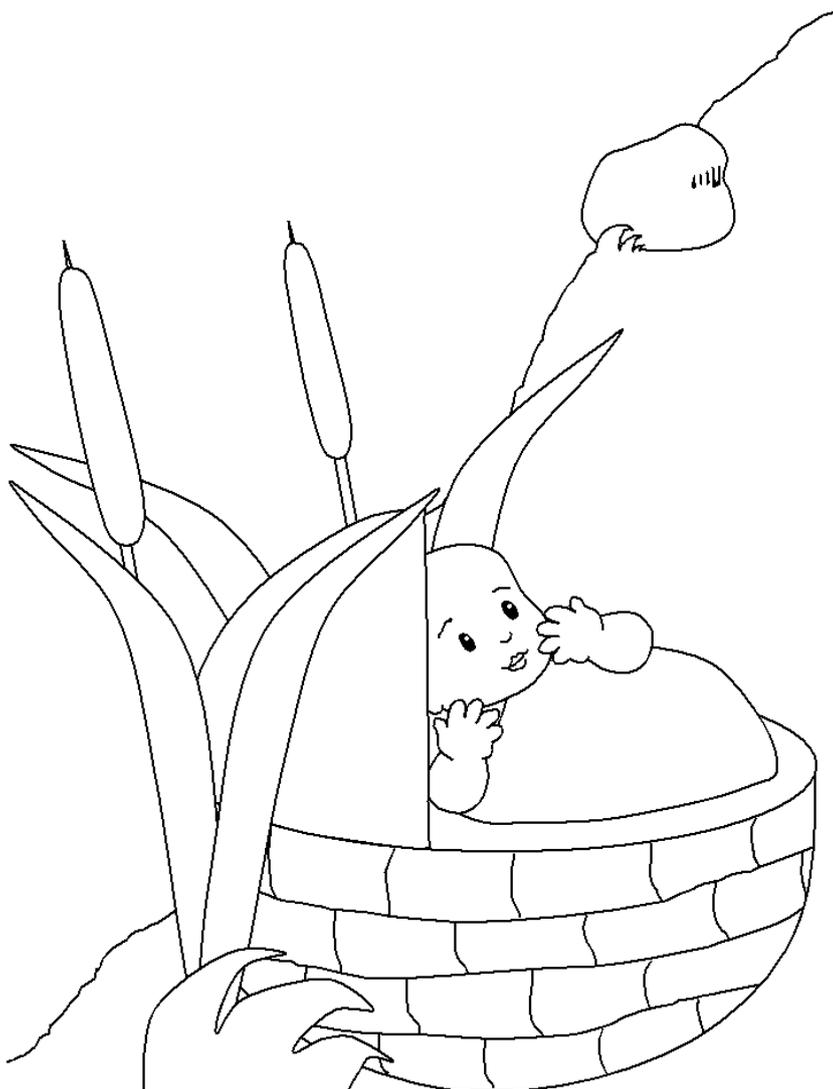


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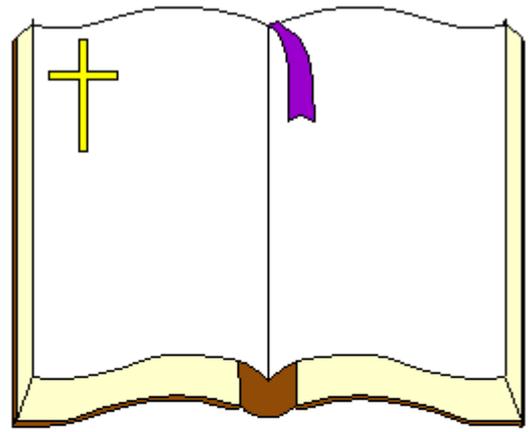
2. Jesus said this had come to Zacchaeus' house that day.
3. Jesus was to come to Zacchaeus' house.
6. Zacchaeus climbed this type of tree to save Jesus.
7. This was Zacchaeus' occupation: Tax
8. Jesus came to And to save the lost.

Down

1. This was the city where the story took place.
2. The crowd was surprised Jesus would go to the house of this type of person.
4. There were a lot of these surrounding Jesus.
5. Zacchaeus wasn't tall but this.
6. Zacchaeus didn't just pay people back but gave themtimes more.



About the Bible Anagram



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SAME DIFFERENCE



Dorothy and Elizabeth Manfield are twin sisters who are members at St. James Green, the church within sight of the family business which still bears the sign 'G.Manfield, Jewellers'. This is their story.

Aged 3 with Scampi and Fluffy

In the beginning

When a mother is expecting a baby nowadays, she knows whether it is a multiple birth and, if she wishes, can know the sex of the baby and any health problems picked up by the scan. In 1929 it was very different. Dorothy and Elizabeth were born at home in Victoria Avenue, Sowerby, to their very surprised 39 year old mother, one weighing six and a half pounds and the other seven ! Their parents had been paying sixpence a week to book a bed in the Lambert Hospital and after the birth, mother and babies spent some time there. As their 5 year old brother Arthur had whooping cough, a very serious disease then, it must have been a difficult time for all concerned.



Growing up

With their brother, Arthur

The first school the girls attended was the infant school in the old library. From there, they moved to the British & Foreign School on Long Street, where briefly one of their fellow pupils was Rev. Neil Graham. Thirsk Grammar School was housed in what is now Sowerby Primary School and both girls stayed on into the sixth form, which had all of 6 students! When they were pupils at the grammar school, a young geography teacher arrived; to their delight, Connie married their brother Arthur,

another cause for celebration. Having no children of their own, they delighted in a loving extended family. Arthur and Connie had 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Aged 5



Their paths diverge

During their education, both had excelled at Domestic Science and they decided to study this further, but at different colleges. It was hard for them to separate. Dorothy took a three year course in Domestic Science at Leicester which led to a teaching career at Eastbourne School in Darlington. She spent the week in lodgings, returning to Thirsk at the weekend and continuing to worship at The Green. Sadly, her kindly landlady died suddenly but Dorothy found lodgings next door. She retired from teaching in 1983, after spending 32 years at the same school, almost unheard of today. She also became a school examiner for County Durham.

Elizabeth went to study Domestic Science in Manchester - it was a 3 year course but her interest was not really in teaching and after 18 months, she left college to work in the laboratory at Glaxo in Barnard Castle, moving later to the main production unit in Ulverston. She progressed to more senior positions and gained a gold pin for 40 years service. Her work was in biochemistry, genetics and DNA.

Getting together and celebrating

Both sisters had their own cars and so saw each other and family members regularly. They were both sporty, badminton and hockey being their preferred sports. Their one regret is that they never learnt to swim. A family member had drowned but instead of ensuring that they were taught to swim, water activities were discouraged.



Having a birthday on 27 December often means getting joint Christmas and Birthday presents and birthday parties being incorporated into Christmas gatherings. When they were 21 though, they had 'a big do' at the chapel which gave them great pleasure. To celebrate their 80th birthdays in 2009, they again had a lovely party at The Green. Also in 2009 The Green celebrated its Centenary with a large party for which Dorothy baked the cake, and both worked hard to produce an exhibition of the life of the church.

Concern for others

Even when in failing health, Dorothy and Elizabeth contribute generously to the Mission Market (the marmalade, jam & lemon curd started life at their home) and Action for Children via the sponsored swim. When The Green held seasonal markets, their plants and produce were much sought after, especially the 30 Christmas cakes made annually. For many years Dorothy organised the fairs and coffee mornings at The Green.

During Elizabeth's time at Ulverston where she made many friends, the church had raised a great deal of money for and given support to a children's centre in Sri Lanka. In the 1990s, a ministerial student, Rev. Soba Sinnathamby, was on placement in Thirsk and Sowerby. When chatting to him, Elizabeth and Dorothy found he had been closely associated with the centre. Elizabeth was also heavily involved with the work of Oxfam, and was the treasurer of the Ulverston local group for more than 20 years. Alongside that she gave time at Christmas to deliver parcels to the needy from Glaxo, her employer.



Typically, when they found some of the older people at the Green (probably younger than they were) didn't get out much, they arranged outings to places in the Dales and Moors area, usually finishing with tea at a village church.

Finally

Those of us who know them well can tell them apart but as with other identical twins, there have been problems. Elizabeth has been greeted by people saying she taught them to bake, mistaking her for Dorothy and people have told one person something, being puzzled later when the other denied all knowledge of it. They tell innumerable fascinating stories including being involved in baking Prince Charles' christening cake and having a godson who sang 'Once in Royal' at Nine Lessons & Carols at Kings College, Cambridge. Frequent holidays at Guild centres especially Abbot Hall were enjoyed but they travelled further afield, climbing a lighthouse on Anglesey and going to the top of the Eiffel Tower.



Two remarkable ladies then, who still take a great interest in the life of the church and support its work as they are able.

Elizabeth and Dorothy at home

Circuit Worship Team

The Circuit Worship Team has been planning and leading worship for more than 3 years. They take 2 services each quarter, and not all members need to be available for every service.

They would welcome new members—no experience of leading worship is necessary. You would work as part of the team and take on as much or as little as you feel comfortable with.

If you would like to know more, please contact Margaret Stevenson (01845 522227 or margaret964@btinternet.com)

Live Music, A fantastic evening and funds raised for Charity!



Brompton Methodist Church was delighted to welcome back James Breckon on Thursday 20th April for an evening of exceptional music. The audience were treated to wonderful piano playing, with a programme of music ranging from James' own compositions, of which

there were a good number, classics like *Somewhere Over The Rainbow*; a Beatles' medley; and his own version of music by Ed Sheeran, Billy Joel and David Bowie. Jazz and contemporary music were also part of the evening. The audience were shown a film showing scenes of Liverpool to which James had composed the sound track. An old black and white silent film of Charlie Chaplin amused the audience as James played the background music. The finale was *Bohemian Rhapsody* by Queen.

James is a 21 year old musician who now lives and works around Liverpool and the North West. He went to Romanby Primary School where his love of music developed and he learnt the guitar and saxophone. He attended Allertonshire School and Northallerton College where his musical ability grew, he took up the piano and was part of the College orchestra and jazz group and played for many of the college shows. He was piano accompanist for Northallerton Variety Company's annual pantomime for a few years.



James went on to York College where he studied music and then on to university in Liverpool where he achieved a First Class BA Honours Degree in Music from the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, receiving his degree in July 2016 from Sir Paul McCartney.

He has toured Canada and America as keyboard player for 80s group China Crisis and performed in Japan as keyboard player for up and coming artist Natalie McCool. He is an accomplished cocktail and wedding pianist.

The concert in Brompton was to raise funds for Brompton Methodist Church and the charity L.I.A.M.

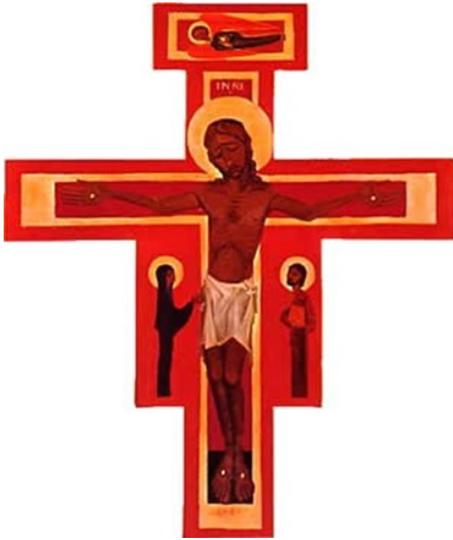
L.I.A.M was set up in memory of Liam Miller who was tragically killed in York in 2015. Liam attended York College with James and then Liverpool University and was a passionate artist and musician. The charity has been set up by his family and is Liam's legacy. It raises funds to support young talented artists and musicians in their studies.

The evening was very well attended and a cheque was presented on the evening to Peter and Natalie Miller for £300 for the charity. A further £230 was raised for Church funds.

More information on James can be found at www.jamesbreckon.co.uk or www.facebook.com/jamesbreckonmusic

For more information on L.I.A.M check out www.doingitforliam.co.uk





At Sowerby and Topcliffe there are regular Taizé-style services, offering a more reflective style of worship, based on worship in the Taizé community in France, who are an ecumenical monastic order with a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation. The 100-strong community of Roman Catholic and Protestant monks is drawn from 30 countries across the world.

It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger who felt called by God to found a community of prayer and looked for ways to respond to this call. He moved to live in Taizé, a small village in central France. During the Second World War, he was able to offer shelter to refugees fleeing Occupied France and the war, and to encourage them to practise their faith. From this community of refugees and peace workers grew the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé, and they took as their symbol a cross which is also a dove of peace.

Prayer, singing and silence, focussed on the words of Scripture, are at the heart of Taizé worship and it rarely contains any preaching element. The emphasis is on silence and reflection, and waiting on God, and allowing God to speak to us through music and silence.

Singing is one of the essential elements, usually short chants, repeated several times, giving it a meditative character. Using just a few words, these chants express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. The use of a variety of languages reminds us that we join with all God's people in worship.

So why not come and join us- second Sunday of the month 6.30pm at Sowerby, and fourth Sunday 7pm at Topcliffe.



Circuit Diary

June			
Saturday	10th	10am– 4.30pm	One Way UK Puppet Training Day. For information contact Hayley on 07477 827188
Tuesday	13th	7.30pm	Circuit meeting at Romanby
Saturday	17th	5pm– 7pm	Tea and Singalong at Maunby Methodist Church
July			
Saturday	17th	5pm	Strawberry Tea run by Thornton-le- Beans Methodist Church in Village Hall.
Saturday	22nd	12– 2pm	Maunby Methodist Church salad meal
August			
Saturday	19th	5pm– 7pm	Tea and Singalong at Maunby Methodist Church
Sunday	27th	5pm	Welcome Service for new Chair of District at Ashville College, Harrogate
Monday	28th	2pm– 4pm	Garden Party at Thirsk Manse. All Welcome.



The Forum Northallerton

Sunday 16th July, 2pm

*A tribute to
Diane Henry and
Wendy Reed*

Tickets £10

Thirsk and Northallerton Circuit

from the Registers

Baptisms

Isobel Alana Thirling at Northallerton on 2nd April
2017

Maximus Jasper Dennison at Thornton-le-Beans on
14th May 2017

Alexander Thomas Hodgson at Borrowby on 14th May 2017



Weddings



Darrel Mulholland to Pippa Calvert at Sowerby
Methodist Church on 27th May 2017

Funerals for the late:

- † Mrs Betty Everington at Northallerton Methodist Church on
Friday 31st March 2017
- † Mrs Pat Sinclair at Sowerby Methodist Church on 3rd April
2017
- † Mrs Ruby Shaw at Sowerby Methodist Church on 13th April
2017
- † Mrs Betty Farndale at Sowerby Methodist Church on 18th
April 2017
- † Mr Ian Gallagher at Darlington Crematorium on Friday 28th
April 2017
- † Dr Roelof Boersma at Northallerton Methodist Church on
Wednesday 24th May 2017.