

THE OUTLOOK

Dear Friends,

September 17th is the feast day of St Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179). The church in her days, much like the church in our days, was troubled by various scandals. There were some rotten apples in the clergy basket. Hildegard, at a time when women were not allowed to preach, took it upon herself to deliver apocalyptic sermons to her male clerical superiors. In one of her most daring ones, she described *Ecclesia*, the Mother Church, as giving birth to the *Antichrist* after her own priests had defiled her. She didn't mince her words!

However, saints always turn to positivity, rather than dwell on negativity. Hildegard was a true 'positivist'. She suffered, what we now believe to be a series of severe migraine attacks. She describes feeling great pain and seeing concentric circles of colours and patterns of light, which she interpreted as visions of divine light and of the Creator orbiting his creation. The pain, she wrote, was the result of facing God's holiness.

In the aftermath of each vision/attack, Hildegard was able to create wonderful works of music, poetry and painting, many of which survive to this day. Each of these works contains profound theological reflections. I quote her description of God's divine energy in creation: "*I, the fiery life of divine essence, am aflame beyond the beauty of the meadows, I gleam in the waters, and I burn in the sun, moon and stars ... I awaken everything to life.*"

St Hildegard was in many respects ahead of her time. She was entirely unafraid to criticise elements of the institutional hierarchy, she was a feminist, she was an ecologist, she held science and faith in fine balance, she pioneered holistic medicine, she was a fan of spelt bread, and she also believed that beer was 'most wholesome and pleasing to God'! What can I say? We need more saintly positivists!

Love and prayers,

Rev Johannes Nobel

Heslington Church is a partnership between the Church of England and the Methodist Church together with the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of York. Our congregation is an eclectic mix of ages, backgrounds and nationalities. See our website for more information.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Services

Sunday 2nd September

10am Morning Worship

2pm York Korean Church

6.30pm Methodist York Circuit
Welcome Service

Sunday 9th September

10am Holy Communion

2pm York Korean Church

Sunday 16th September

10am All Age Worship

2pm York Korean Church

Sunday 23rd September

10am Holy Communion

2pm York Korean Church

Sunday 30th September

10am Holy Communion with
prayers for Healing

2pm York Korean Church

Weekday Services

Wednesday 5th September

10am Mothers' Union

Corporate Communion

Every Thursday

9.15am Holy Communion

Every Friday

10.30am Christian Meditation

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & GROUPS



Local Venues for Hire

Church and Meeting Rooms

Tel: Church Office 01904 412300

Heslington Village Meeting Room

Tel: 01904 422130

The Holmefield Centre

Tel: Mike Emmans-Dean 01904 415261

The Outgang Pavilion

Heslington Sportsfield

Tel: Travis Crouch 07854 114259



Local Community Groups

Heslington Parish Council

www.heslington.org.uk

Badger Hill Residents Group

www.badger-hill-residents.org

University of York - Good Neighbours

www.york.ac.uk/about/community



Local Pre-schools

Heslington Pre-school, 077 08155484

www.heslingtonpreschool.org.uk

Little Badgers Pre-school, 079 63134008

www.littlebadgers.org.uk

York Campus Nursery and Pre-school,

01904 323737, www.york.ac.uk/nursery



Mobile Library

Heslington

Heslington Court 12pm to 12.20pm;

Memorial Cottages 12.25pm to 12.35pm;

Peel Close 12.40pm to 12.50pm, all on alternate Tuesdays.

Badger Hill

Near the shops in Yarburgh Way

between 10.50am to 11.10am on

alternate Tuesdays.



Local Religious Worship

More House RC Chaplaincy

Sundays 11am at Derwent College room D/L/047, during term time only.

www.uyc.org, Fr Kevin, 078 58 391 727

York Elim Church

Sundays 10.30am at Archbishop

Holgate's School, Hull Road,

www.yorkelim.com, 01904 422 322.

York Korean Church

Sundays 2pm at Heslington Church,

Korean Language service.

World Community for Christian Meditation

Fridays 10.30am at Heslington Church,

www.christianmeditation.org.uk,

Anne French: 01904 426 961 or

annejrench@hotmail.co.uk.

COMMUNITY NEWS, EVENTS & NOTICES

Welcome Service for the Rev Dr John Schofield, newly appointed Methodist minister at Heslington Church and Chaplain to the University of York. Sunday 2nd September at 6.30pm. All are welcome!

The Northern Branch of the **Jane Austen Society** presents *History Wardrobe* with 'Bad Girls and Bonnets' on Saturday 15th Sep at 2pm at Heslington Church. Enquiries to Heslington Church office. *Marilyn Joice*

MacMillan Coffee Morning will be held in the Heslington Village Meeting Room on Friday 28th September 2018 from 10am until noon. Produce, cakes, preserves, cards and raffle. Please come and support the wonderful work of the MacMillan nurses. *Kathleen Pearcy*

Celebrate **National Poetry Day** at Heslington Church on Thursday 4th October 2018. Bring a poem or two to read with others reading too. Tea and light refreshments included in £2.50 entry fee. *Susan Roome*

Mothers' Union. On September 20th we welcome Rose Drew Masters to give us an insight into social history with a talk about women of the 17th and 18th centuries. Members and friends welcome, 2pm, Church Meeting Room. *Ann Forder*

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th September 7.30pm in the village meeting

room, when our speaker will be Malcolm Walker about "Grandmas, Grays and Guides". The competition will be a wooden ornament. Thank you to all who supported our Strawberry tea afternoon in August. New members most welcome. *Maureen White*

Fishergate, Fulford and Heslington Local History Society meet on Saturday 15th September at 10am at Fulford Church Hall. Barbara King will give an illustrated talk on Fulford's lost shops. *Peter Mott*

Do you (or did you used to) play a musical instrument and would like to play in an orchestra? Then come and play in the **Cobweb Orchestra** at York Steiner School in Fulford on Wednesdays (7.30-9.30pm, 5th Sep to 12th Dec). Established in 2008, the York group is a friendly and vibrant bunch. We enjoy playing an eclectic variety of music and then rewarding our efforts with tea and biscuits (and sometimes cake or curry!). All instruments and abilities welcome and there is no weekly commitment. Contact Patrick Burnett, patrickcburnett@gmail.com or 077 33266792, or just turn up!

Want to add your news, events or notices here? Please email the editor outlook@heslingtonchurch.org.uk. We only publish non-profit, local, and one-off community events. Deadline for the October edition is Saturday 15th September.