Malton Methodist Church

at the
Wesley Centre

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Sunday 1 November

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00
Preacher
Margot Taylor

We offer a warm welcome to anyone visiting this morning. Please stay behind after the service and join us for refreshments

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Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 12
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

The beatitudes

Seeing the crowds, he went onto the mountain. And when he was seated his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'Blessed all the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Blessed all the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed all those who are hungry and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they receive mercy.
Blessed of the pure heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed all those who are persecuted in the cause of righteousness for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven; this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.
Matthew 5:1-12

From the Prayer Handbook
Day 1

Let our souls rejoice in your power, O God, and our hearts in your love. As our mouths are filled with your praise, may our lives testify to your grace. Amen.
Sarah Crosby, Methodist Preacher (1729–1804)

We pray for the British Methodist Conference – President, the Revd Mark Slaney; Vice-President, Caroline Stead; Secretary of the Conference, the Revd Jonathan Hustler; Assistant Secretary of the Conference, the Revd Michaela Youngson; Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice, Joanne Anderson; Youth President, Gracie Silk; the Methodist Diaconal Order, Warden Claire Gill; Deputy Warden Michelle Legumi.

"In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, and cares and pleasures, Christian, love me more than these." (StF 250 v.4)

The Conference, the Connexional Council, the District Chairs and the Warden of the Diaconal Order have heard your call, risen Shepherd of the Church. Guide and direct them, we pray, that in their discerning and their decisions they may love you above all else. Loving you, may they follow wherever you lead, giving themselves away in your service. Through their self-giving, may your people be nourished, and through the flourishing of the Church, may your glory be revealed. Amen.
Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the British Methodist Conference.

From the Methodist News

Black History Month – Remembering Walter Tull

As part of Black History Month, we are looking at the incredible life of Walter Tull – the first ever Black British Army officer and footballer for Tottenham Hotspur and Northampton Town – who grew up in one of Action for Children's former homes in Bethnal Green around 1900.

Born in Folkestone near Dover in 1888, Walter was the son of Barbadian carpenter Daniel Tull and British woman Alice Elizabeth Palmer. His paternal grandfather was an enslaved person in Barbados.

Walter, and his bother Edward, faced early tragedy when their mother Alice died of cancer in 1895. His father remarried but died just two years later.

Their stepmother couldn't cope with five children, and it was recommended that the two boys should be sent to the Methodist Children's Home and Orphanage, founded and run by Methodist minister Thomas Bowman Stephenson, in London's East End**.**

This home formed the roots of what was later to become the National Children's Home in 1908, the forerunner of Methodist partner charity Action for Children.

Edward was later adopted by Glasgow's Warnock family and qualified as Britain's first mixed-heritage dentist.

Walter discovered his talent for football and began playing with nearby club Clapton FC where he was part of the side that won the FA Amateur Cup in 1909 – a competition for amateur clubs at the time.

The same year, at the age of 21, Walter signed to Tottenham Hotspur and became one of the very first Black players in the professional game. After a spell at Spurs, Walter moved to Northampton Town, where he made more than 100 appearances.

But all was to change dramatically for the young footballer with the outbreak of the First World War in 1914.

Walter joined one of the popular 'Pals Battalions', which were often comprised of friends or workmates in neighbourhoods, factories and mines across Britain.

After enlisting in the Footballers' Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, he saw the horrors of the trenches in many battles, including the Somme in 1916, where he served as a sergeant.

He rose rapidly through the ranks and was promoted to Second Lieutenant in May the following year, making him the first Black officer in the history of the British Army.

Walter served on the Italian Front from November 1917 to March 1918, where he was praised for his 'gallantry and coolness' after leading 26 men on a night raid into enemy territory.

Tragically, in the war's final year, he returned to France and was killed in action near the village of Favreuil in the Pas-de-Calais, aged just 29.

His body was never recovered.

The legacy of Walter Tull has lived on more than a century after his death on the Western Front, and he is commemorated with numerous memorials throughout the UK, including a garden next to Northampton Town's stadium.

Action for Children continues to remember him with the Walter Tull Award, which recognises those who champion equality, diversity and inclusion across the charity.

Dates.

14 Nov	19.00	Music and Dance at the Bowling Club, Norton. Tickets from The Topiary Tree, 11 Finkle Street. Proceeds in aid of St Leonard's building fund.
20 Nov	16:00 – 18:00	Hugh Bonneville – in conversation – Rory Sparkes and the Spy who Loved Tea.
28 Nov	19.30 – 22.15	Lesley Garrett in Concert.

Activities

Chapel Kitchen – open Tuesday to Saturday from 09.00 to 16.00.
Free Fridge – open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10.00 to 11.30.

Sunday 8 November

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Remembrance Sunday
9.30
at
St Michael's

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