

# Fellside News



September 2006

## Bumper BBQ!

Yes, we're turning the car park into a sizzling barbeque for the evening!

Join us on

Saturday  
2nd September

5.00pm

## FRESH!

Hard on the heels of 'Powerzone' and 'That Saturday Night Thing', the young people of Fellside have started another series of contemporary worship events.

The next two are on

September 15th

October 13th

7.30pm

Be there!

## Ian's First Year

It's now a year since Ian and Anne Bell moved north from Sheffield to Tyneside. Ian left to become Superintendent of the South-West Tyneside Circuit of churches, and Minister of Fellside. Asked what his impressions and reflections on the year were, he said:

"Tyneside is a very exciting place to live. Although I was born in Carlisle, this is the first time that I have lived in the North East and we have enjoyed exploring the area and its culture. We have found the people very welcoming and friendly, and have quickly come to feel at home here. We love being so close to the River Tyne and to the coast, and are enjoying the very distinctive atmosphere that living near the sea brings. Whickham is a good place to live and we have been trying to get to know the community and are beginning to feel part of it.

Fellside Methodist Church is an excellent church and we feel privileged to be ministering here. The congregation is made up of people of all ages, including a significant number of teens and under 30's, as well as a lot of families. There is a real buzz about the contemporary



morning worship when the singing is led by a band of seven or eight musicians, and the worship is suitable for all ages. The evening service has its own more traditional style and serves a real need too. In all the services there is a sense of God's presence and it has been a delight to see people wanting to go deeper in their faith and to put that faith into practice in

their daily lives. I have also been impressed by the way in which the church sees itself as being part of the surrounding community, and endeavours to serve that community and share God's love in practical ways.

So, all in all, we feel that we are where God needs us to be. The year hasn't always been easy; my wife Anne had a very serious heart scare just after we moved here and spent most of September in the Queen Elizabeth hospital. We have shared with people in the church and in the community in times of bereavement and many other difficult experiences. But we have always found that God is faithful and good and is sufficient for all our needs. We are looking forward to seeing the church grow and being able to share the love of Jesus Christ with our community."

## Return of Alpha

You may have seen Alpha courses reported in the media, or noticed the ad on the back of buses. Alpha is a free 10 week course for anybody interested to find out what the Christian faith is all about. Without any pressure, open discussion is encouraged in a relaxed environment. The evening starts

with a meal, and a different topic is covered each week.

Fellside have successfully run Alpha courses in the past, and through popular demand are starting another with a 'Taster' session, including a meal, on Wednesday 20th September at 7.00pm in the

church. Everyone is welcome, without any obligation.

If this is something you would like to try, email Fellside at:

info@fellside.co.uk  
or phone 496 0072  
for more information.



## Harvest at Fellside

As well as ploughing the fields and scattering, harvest is also a good time for ... a Scarecrow Trail! So we're having one during the day on Saturday 7th October followed by a Quiz Night and Supper in the evening.

This will get us ready for the best bit ...

### Harvest Festival Services

Sunday 8th October

10.15 am

6.15 pm

## Welcome Erin!

Hailing from Lisburn, Northern Ireland, 18 year old Erin Morrison will be joining Fellside for her gap year placement in September. Erin is already experienced in youth work and outreach events with her present church in Northern Ireland, and is looking forward to putting her talents to good use at Fellside. She is also an accomplished singer and dancer, and hopes to be able to develop something within the church using these skills.

Erin is excited at the prospect of working amongst the people of Fellside, and we are excited to have her. Roll on September!

## Out of Africa

For three weeks in July, Fellsider Janette Cranney has been working with the organisation *Soapbox* in Tanzania, helping to build a school, and work with the children of Kilolo. Janette had a wonderful experience, and can't wait to tell everybody about it!



She says: "I travelled to the small village of Kilolo, mid South Tanzania, as part of a team of 14. Once there, we worked on a building site every morning, constructing a block of houses for teachers. In the afternoon, we would organise games, crafts and dramas for the local children, who welcomed us with huge grins.

I was accepted into such a loving community, and learnt so much from the people who have so little, but still wake up smiling. It was the best experience of my life."



## Did you know ...

... that all these things go on at Fellside?

Prayer Groups, House Groups, Young Peoples' Groups, Praise and Worship, Healing Services, Modern Services, Traditional Services, Youth Services, Bible Teaching, Outreach Events, Away Days, Away Weeks .....

..... Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures, Playgroups, Parent and Toddlers, Youth Clubs, Day Centre, Fellside Ladies, Social Events of all kinds!

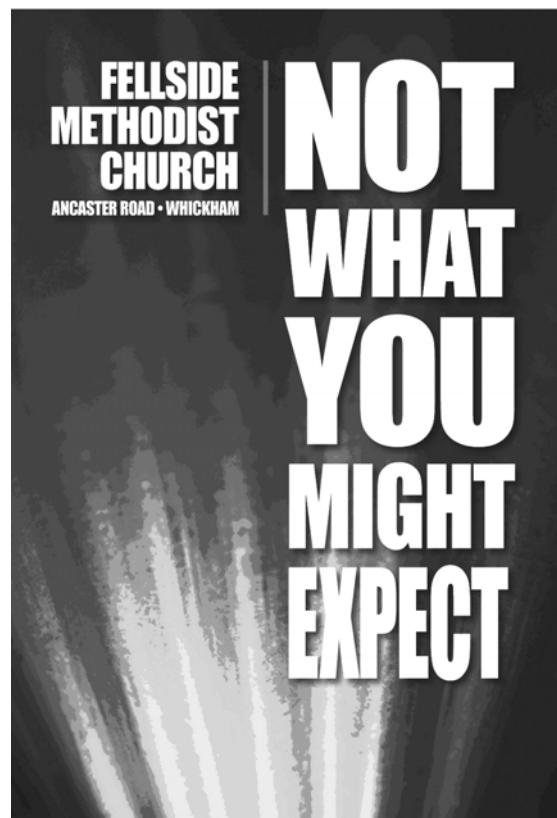
Email: [info@fellside.co.uk](mailto:info@fellside.co.uk) or phone 496 0072 for further details ...

or ... see for yourself!

## Sundays

10.15 am Contemporary Worship

6.15 pm Traditional Worship



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