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Candles and Tea Cups!

The other day my mum asked a very simple question: Why must we always get new candles for the Advent wreath when they only burn down an inch or so? A simple question, but it got me thinking quite a lot. You see, every year we use new candles for our Advent wreaths, symbolizing the newness that Advent brings, but what does that mean for the old candles. They burn for an hour a week, sometimes 2, and then they get shoved in a cupboard and forgotten about.

It got me thinking about other questions
What (or even Who) else in our church are we not using to it's full potential?
What value are we putting on new things and used things?
What are the environmental impacts of waste like this?
How can we make sure we are not wasting God's resources?

Well, I have a solution for that last question...

Candle making!

Well, less candle making and more candle re-making!

Those teacups that have been hidden at the back of the Church cupboard. You know the ones, with the annoyingly small handles, the little chip in the rim, the mismatched saucers. Well, they make the best receptacle to hold your re-made candle! My youth group were given a box full of these from a church that closed, and our young people have given them new life as candle-holders.

Here's how you can do it yourself – it really is quite simple!

1. Break the old candles into smaller pieces, take out the remaining wick (you may need to get some new wicks), and melt them down in a pan over a medium-low heat. Don't stir it too often as this slows down the melting!
2. Whilst it's melting, prep the teacup by placing your new wick in the base of the cup. Wrap the top of the wick around a pencil, straw or skewer and place over the top of the tea cup. This will help to steady the wick as you pour the wax in later.
You may need to slightly warm the wick to make it bendy enough to wrap.
3. Once your candle has returned to liquid form, you can add a few drops of any fragranced oil and/or coloured pigment, stir it in and then carefully pour the wax into the teacup.
4. Leave the wax to set, and there you have your re-made candle! Perfect for placing in your own house, or gifting to family and friends, especially those eco-warriors in your life, or perhaps use them in flower displays!

Whatever you use it for, pat yourself on the back for contributing to saving the earth!



Regular Events around WEMC

Social and Worship events

Bolton Craft Monday 3rd & 17th, 10am-12pm at Bolton

Chatty Crafters Monday 3rd, 10am-12pm at Melbourne

Warm Wednesdays Wednesdays, 10:30-1 at St Johns and 11-1 at Melbourne
Tea, coffee, biscuits and Soup & a roll at both venues!

Coffee morning Fridays, 10-11:30am at Pocklington

Pock Praise Friday 28th, 7:30pm at Pocklington, in the foyer, followed by Faith Tea

Heritage Cafe Saturdays, 10-12 at Newton

Children and Family Events

Awesome Club Monday 10th & 24th, 3:10-4:30pm at Melbourne

Chat and Play Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 9:45-11:15am at Melbourne

House Groups

Step-By-Step, every Tuesday, 10:30am at The Wesley Centre (Behind St Johns, Market Weighton)

Wednesday 5th and 19th, 10am at Pocklington

Wednesday 12th & 26th, 2pm at Tony & Paulina's house

Thursday 10am at Janet Willson's house

Coming Up..

World Travels - New Zealand

8th March, 2pm at St Johns, Market

Weighton

Refreshments available

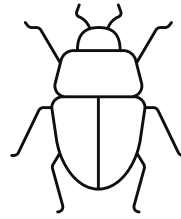
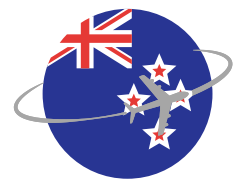


Table Top Sale

29th March, 10-1:30 at St Johns, Market Weighton

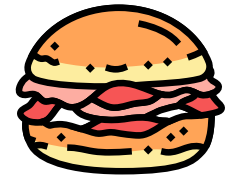
Bacon Sandwiches,

refreshments and lots of stalls



Beetle Drive

22nd March, 3:15pm at St Johns, Market Weighton
with a Fish & Chip Supper
£10 per person, booking essential
Contact Susan on 01430 873488



Melbourne Spring Fair

29th March, 1-5pm at Melbourne Village Hall
Bric-a-brac, cakes, jams etc
Raising funds for WEMC

Congratulations to Margaret Horsley for being nominated in 2 categories for the Yorkshire Choice Awards!

Please follow [this link](#) to vote for Margaret BEFORE 7th MARCH in the categories:
Kate Granger Outstanding Contribution Award 2025
Local Fundraiser of the Year 2025

Link To Hope

Would you like to send a Christmas present to some one who would be overjoyed?

A present that included toothpaste and a wooly hat? This is what you can do if you send a shoe box via Link to hope.

Link to hope is a Christian charity working in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova and Bulgaria with families and elderly people living in desperate conditions. Please visit [their website](#) to see what they do and their delivery of shoe boxes.

We have sent shoe boxes from Melbourne for at least 20 yrs and usually begin collecting shoe boxes and things to put in now. You can do either a family box or an elderly box. Both boxes have the same list of essential items, soap and flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, wooly hat, gloves, scarf, small games, candles plus holders or tea lights. A full list for this year will be available on their website or from Melbourne.

If you knit or crochet you can make the wooly items mentioned or you can also make 3 foot square blankets using squares, which get sent separately.

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Details of services at each location can be found on the preaching plan Melbournes OA on 19th Jan starts at 10am

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