



years later he sailed to China as a missionary and started the huge missionary society, The China Inland Mission.¹

Samuel Marsden was born in Farsley and worked in Horsforth. He was the first man to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to New Zealand. Captain James Cook, also from Yorkshire, had been there years earlier. Marsden arrived in the Bay of Islands on Christmas Day, 1814 and preached on the Bible verse, 'I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.'

Sadly, today in Yorkshire there are many people who do not follow the Lord Jesus. Even though we are all guilty of sinning against God, Jesus loves us, died for us and rose again. He desires that we should turn from our self-centred, godless living and receive the new life that He offers.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke fits perfectly, and the burden I give you is light."²

Whether you live in Wetwang,

Blubberhouses, Idle, Swillington or the Land of Nod³, or for that matter anywhere else (even Lancashire!), your greatest need is to make sure you are right with God. We Yorkshire people love a good bargain, and there is no better one than that both forgiveness and heaven are not earned but given as a free gift by God.

Anne Brontë wrote words, which you could pray and make your own:

**My God! Oh let me call Thee mine!
Weak, wretched sinner though I be,
My trembling soul would fain be Thine,
My feeble faith still clings to Thee.**

**Not only for the past I grieve,
The future fills me with dismay;
Unless Thou hasten to relieve,
I know my heart will fall away.**

**I cannot say my faith is strong,
I dare not hope my love is great,
But strength and love to Thee belong,
Oh do not leave me desolate!**

**I know I owe my all to Thee.
Oh! take my heart I cannot give.
Do Thou my Strength, my Saviour be:
And make me to Thy glory live!**

The Bible says: 'Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'⁴

I love my county, but I have to say, I love the Lord God more: He made me and gave Himself for me. He has saved me, and brought me into a relationship with Himself that will last through life, death and into eternity. And the Bible makes it clear that heaven is far better than even Yorkshire!

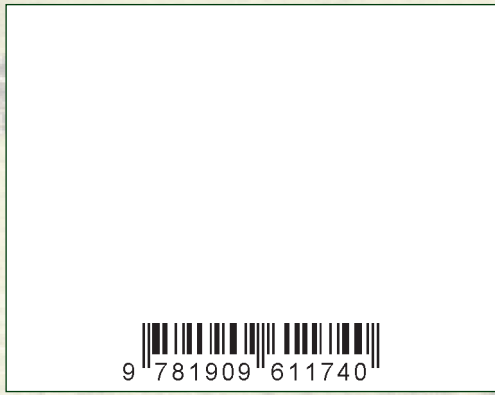
¹ Now called, Overseas Missionary Fellowship

² Matthew 11:28 - 30

³ A real place near Holme-on-Spalding Moor

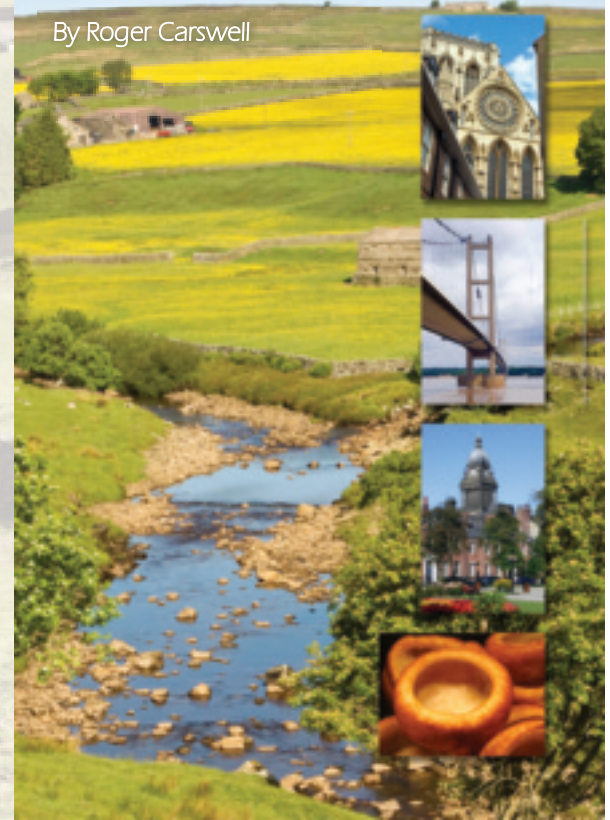
⁴ Romans 10:13

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A bit of heaven on earth in Yorkshire

By Roger Carswell



You have to be born in Yorkshire to realise how much this county means to us, and how irritating it is when others don't understand our love of all things Yorkshire.

We know we are a county of characters, but we don't mind that. We don't even mind people laughing at us. We're proud of Dickie Bird, Lesley Garrett, Michael Parkinson, Roy Castle, Jeremy Paxman, Michael Palin, Darren Gough and Henry Moore, as well as the Tykes with whom we regularly rub shoulders, and finding ourselves chatting with on the bus, local chippy, train, pub, or in the queue. And Marks and Spencer didn't start in just any county, but in Yorkshire!

We are famed for our Yorkshire Pudding, Yorkshire Parkin and fish and chips, Wensleydale cheese, rhubarb and liquorice, as well as Rowntree's chocolate and Yorkshire Tea. We have more dry stone walls than any other place in the U.K. (18,900 miles of them), and England's longest waterfall. And who doesn't love the Yorkshire terrier?



We have our Dales (38 of them), the Three Peaks, the Moors and coastline, with its 12 lighthouses. Our cathedrals (eight of them) and abbeys (10 of them, Whitby's dating back to 657AD), enrich the county. It's not long ago that our skylines had many pit heads, dark symbols of the coal mines underneath (there were 50 in Yorkshire).

Yorkshire people have contributed greatly to the world: Joseph Priestley discovered oxygen and John Harrison solved the riddle of longitude. The spring-loaded mousetrap, the hansom cab, cat's eyes, the kilner jar, the glider-type aircraft, the Bailey bridge, the crow's nest and Sheffield steel were all invented by Yorkshiremen. We are known for our wool and textile industry.

Sports

Famous for its cricket, Yorkshire was home to Herbert Sutcliffe (who scored 38,558 runs in his career), Freddie Trueman, George Hirst and Geoffrey Boycott. Len Hutton said, "In an England cricket eleven, the flesh may be of the South, but the bone is of the North, and the backbone is Yorkshire." Yorkshire is the birthplace of both rugby league and quitois.

And after the 2012 London Olympics



you had to look hard in Yorkshire to find a red pillar box - Yorkshire had had so many painted gold in commemoration of the local gold winning Olympians!

We have produced some of the greatest writers: Anne, Charlotte and Emily Brontë, W.H. Auden, Ted Hughes, J.B. Priestley, Arthur Ransome, Alan Bennett, and Ian McMillan, to name but a few. We can also boast the artists, Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, David Hockney and John Atkinson Grimshaw and cabinet maker Thomas Chippendale.

Politics

We've only produced three Prime Ministers, and arguably none of those was very great. Guy Fawkes was a Yorkshireman! Perhaps politics is not our strength.

But we do have a great Christian heritage. 7th century Caedman of Whitby was the first English hymn writer. John Wycliffe, who has been called 'the Morning Star of the Reformation' and was the first man to translate the Bible into English, was born near Richmond in N. Yorks.



Miles Coverdale who helped William Tyndale translate the Bible into English was born in York in 1488.

Through the preaching of John Wesley in the 18th century, tens of thousands of ordinary people put their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. William Wilberforce was born in Hull and became Member of Parliament for Yorkshire. He was converted to Christ when he was an MP and then devoted himself to social reform and Christian work. He fought for the abolition of slavery in the Empire, and started 70 different charities including the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals. (A biography of him was recently written by Yorkshireman, and former Foreign Secretary, William Hague.)

Adventure

Hudson Taylor was born in Barnsley. He was 15 years of age when he read a gospel tract in which were the words 'the finished work of Christ'. For the first time he understood that Jesus had died paying the punishment for sin, so that men and women could be forgiven. There and then he asked Jesus to take over his life, to forgive the past and guide the future. Six

