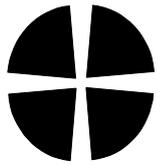


Guiseley Methodist Church



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Newsletter **April** **& May 2018**



FROM REV ROGER SMITH

The new film 'Mary Magdalene' seeks to affirm her status as a leading follower of Jesus and squash the myth of her being a prostitute. I'm sure Mary has a special place in many of our hearts particularly because of her encounter with her risen Lord in the garden. In Mark's telling of the story, Mary and the other women find Jesus' tomb empty and are told: 'He has risen! He is

not here ... he is going ahead of you into Galilee.'

On my Holy Land pilgrimage last May, we followed in the footsteps of Jesus from his birth in Bethlehem, growing up in Nazareth, ministry in Galilee and culminating with his death and resurrection in Jerusalem. For each event in Jesus' life you can visit the site traditionally associated with it (and sometimes alternative sites are available!)

In Jerusalem we visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the traditional location of the crucifixion and resurrection. A service was underway in the tomb chapel, the door was closed, and, bizarrely, a police barrier barred entry. We didn't join the long queue that was forming but instead went to the Garden Tomb site which feels a lot more like the setting of the Easter story.

But it was on the pebble beach at Tabgha on the shore of Lake Galilee that I felt closest to the resurrection. There was a sense of light, peace and freedom and I could readily imagine the risen Jesus preparing a barbecue breakfast for his disciples who'd been out fishing.

I've recently come across my dad's photo album from his visit to the Holy Land in 1945 whilst he was serving with the RAF in Egypt. He died over 30 years ago and it's very moving to see that he visited many of the same places as me. Some of his photos with local people traditionally dressed look like stills from the film 'Jesus of Nazareth'! The ones with British service personnel in their khaki shorts give the time period away. Israel/Palestine has changed hugely in the past 70 years but the Christian story has not.

However the Easter story speaks to you and whatever you make of it, Jesus' resurrection is clearly the most extraordinary event. Something truly wonderful and amazing must have happened to transform his dejected followers into a vibrant community of faith.

You don't have to go the Holy Land to encounter the risen Jesus. Wherever you are, I hope you experience the most wonderful news of this Easter season.

Roger



Sunday Worship

April Services

Morning

Evening 6 pm

1st

Easter Sunday

7.00am Sunrise Service, Chevin

8.15am Rev Roger Smith: Holy Communion
followed by Easter Breakfast

10.30am Family Communion Service led by Rev. Leslie Holmes
Bring a flower for the Cross

NO EVENING SERVICE

8th

10.30am Rev Helen Lambert

Circuit Service at Otley

15th

10.30am Rev Roberta Topham

United Service at Yeadon

22nd

10.30am Rev Cayte Norman
Holy Communion

Rev Roger Smith /
Deacon Jenny Parnell

29th

10.30am Rev Roger Smith

United Service at Yeadon

Sunday Worship

May Services

Morning

Evening 6 pm

6th

10.30 am Margaret Cook

Wendy Walker

13th

9.00am Rev Roger Smith
Holy Communion

10.30am Rev Roger Smith
Parade Service

Easter offering
at Bramhope

20th

10.30am **Pentecost**
Rev Keith Reed
Holy Communion

United Service at Yeadon

27th

10.30am **Trinity Sunday**
Neil Moffoot

Rev Cayte Norman
Holy Communion



April

Sun 1st	2-30pm	Primrose Court Service - Communion led by Keith Reed with Group 13
Sat 7th	9-15am	Group 13 Spring walk - meet at church
Tues 10th	2-15pm	Tuesday Fellowship - TBA
Thurs 12 th	7-30pm	Aireborough Historical Society
Tues 24 th	2-15pm	Tuesday Fellowship - Catherine from Women's Refuge
Weds 25 th	7-30pm	Group 13 Annual Dinner
Sun 29th	3-00pm	Come and Be.....Together

May

Sun 6th	2-15pm	Primrose Court Service – led by Tuesday Prayer Group
Tues 8th	2-15pm	Tuesday Fellowship – Musical Afternoon with Julie Boocock and Keith Reed
	7-30pm	Group 13 – Talk on Volunteer Teaching in Peru by Catherine Dowler
Thurs 10 th	10-00 - 11-30am	Tuesday Fellowship Cake Stall at Coffee Stop
Tues 22nd	2-15pm	Tuesday Fellowship AGM

In Loving Memory of Peter Mellor

Peter had a wonderful faith and served God in so many ways in our church and local community.

He was an enthusiastic leader of the Church Youth Club in the 60s. Over the years he was a faithful member of the Church Choir and also attended Tuesday Prayers and House Group.

He was a Church Steward for many years and also acted as Wedding and Funeral Steward.

With great diligence, also for many years, Peter compiled the Weekly Notice Sheet. Items were carefully hand written by him before he passed them to the typing team.

At Christmas, Peter was a very special visitor to the Tots Groups. He was always a little anxious that the children would recognise him, even through his heavy disguise, as their well loved Town Gate - Lollipop Warden. His second career!! His cheery greeting and ready smile endeared him to everyone as he saw his charges safely across the road in all weathers.

We give thanks for his life and extend our love and prayers to Ena, Wendy, Chris, Ben and all the family.

Thanks be to God for Peter's life, friendship, witness and service.

[a note from the Editor: as well as all the above, Peter was a stalwart performer in our Church Pantomimes and a caring leader on London MAYC weekends. God bless you, Peter.]

World Mission

Thank you everyone for your generous donations in the Self-Denial envelopes during January. The total was £484.75 plus Gift-Aid returns. In the next 2 or 3 months I will be emptying boxes and collecting annual donations for World Mission.

Many thanks. *Catherine M*

Some words from the Methodist Recorder on 11th March 2018

.....If there was ever a need in this country for people to think in human terms and with personal compassion, it is at this moment when the hysterical amassing of figures and statistics can blind us to the faces of our fellow human beings.

.....people burdened down with baggage, with children straggling behind bewildered and frightened as they leave a country they don't belong to, to come to a country that doesn't want them. Is there to be no voice of welcome among the hostile headlines and letters to the press ~ no hands stretched out to help?

The heaviest burden being laid upon us in this land at the present time is that of resisting with all our strength any kind of legislation that would decide who can live in our country solely on the grounds of the colour of their skin (or from where they are fleeing)

This was in a section headed 50 years ago, Methodist Recorder 8th March 1968. The article was titled "Let's lose that 'Britain ends at Dover' mentality. The words were spoken by Pauline Webb. It still has much relevance for this country in 2018.

Women's World Day of Prayer

After having to postpone the Service on March 2nd because of the snow, we arranged to hold it on the following Friday March 9th and kept our fingers crossed. Thankfully the weather was kind and 80 people attended the service held at St Johns Church, Yeadon.

The service was very well received and we have had many positive comments about the ladies taking part, the music and the choir, and the organisation.

Afterwards we all joined in friendship with tea and homemade cakes provided by the ladies of St Johns, a time to chat with others from the Church's in Aireborough.

Next year's service will be hosted by the Trinity Church Rawdon, with the title "Come, everything is ready", a very apt title as I would like to encourage all those who think this Service is not for them to COME and at least try it — you will be pleasantly surprised.

Every blessing, Pamela





“Morality will keep you out of jail, but only the blood of Jesus will keep you out of hell”.

It's the picture of violence,
Yet the key to peace.

A picture of capital punishment,
Yet the key to mercy and forgiveness.

A picture of suffering,
Yet the key to healing.

A picture of vicious hatred,
Yet the key to love.

A picture of death,
Yet the key to life.

A picture of supreme shame,
Yet the Christian's supreme boast.

A picture of utter weakness,
Yet the key to power.

David Watson

Glittering Morn

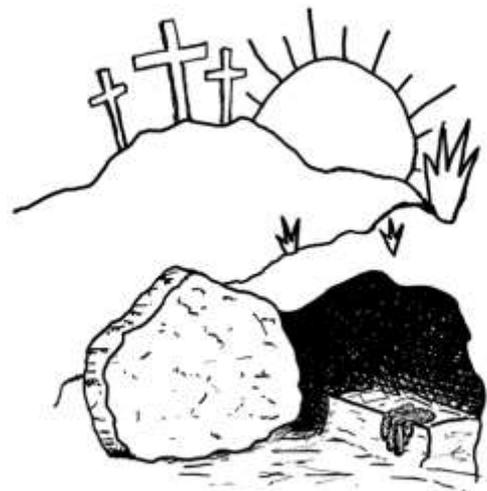
Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
Heaven thunders forth its victor-cry;
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
And groaning hell makes wild reply;

While he, the King, the mighty King,
Despoiling death of all its sting,
And, trampling down the powers of night,
Brings forth his ransomed saints to light.

His tomb of late the threefold guard
Of watch and stone and seal had barred;
But now, in pomp and triumph high,
He comes from death to victory.

The pains of hell are loosed at last;
The days of mourning now are past;
An angel in light hath said,
"The Lord has risen from the dead."

John Mason Neale, 1818-66.



He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6

Aireborough Inner Wheel Club

Invites you to an evening with

The Arbeau Dancers

Friday 13th April, 7.30pm

Guiseley Methodist Church,

1 Orchard Way, Guiseley,

LS20 9EP

Historical Dance Demonstration

With a chance to learn some Regency dance steps for
yourself

- £7.50 per person to include a light supper
- Raffle

Tickets available from any Inner Wheel member. If you wish to pay at the door please book a place with Caroline Jenkinson (for catering purposes) email: carolinejenkinson631@gmail.com
Tel: 01943 879689 or 07946 703996

AIREBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The April meeting of the Society is a talk by Jackie Depelle, well-known local historian, on Thursday 12 April in Church commencing at 7:30. The title is:

“Remnants of a lost life – A brief encounter with life and the First World War”

Entrance donation £2 for non-members. ALL WELCOME.

Roger Halliwell 874609

***CAN YOU HELP WITH
PAINTING AND
DECORATING?***

**There is still a lot to do
and we need help!**

**We are refurbishing Norwood
Chapel and need volunteers to help
us repaint and decorate the
interior of the chapel cottage.**

We are organising working parties on
Tuesday 3rd April, Wednesday 4th April, Monday 9th
April 2018

If you are able to help, please contact Julie Hipkin for more
details on 01943 875950 or email julie.hipkin@gmail.com
as soon as possible

Many thanks
from the Norwood Management Team

SPEAKING OF NORWOOD The chapel will be open for refreshments on Monday 2nd April (Bank Holiday) following a Pilgrimage around the Washburn Valley, from around 1pm.

ALL WELCOME!

AND finally something to make you chuckle

Cost of a Sermon

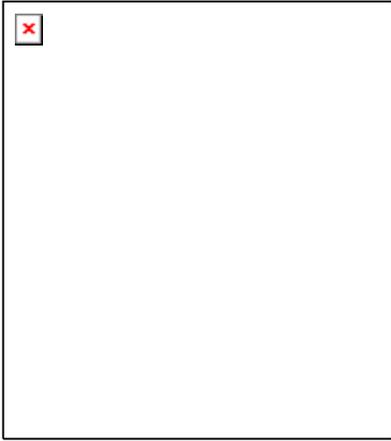
One beautiful Sunday morning, a minister announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons ... a £500 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £250 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a £100 sermon that lasts a full hour.

"Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

Dear Lord So far today, am I doing all right? I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have spent nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think I will really need your help then.





The **NEXT NEWSLETTER**

is for

June & July 2018

Please let us have your material
by no later than 20th May

via the box in the vestry or by email to:

gmcmonthlynewsletter@hotmail.co.uk

Circuit & Church Noticeboard

'Viewpoint' will be our new monthly E-noticeboard for the Circuit. It will detail upcoming events within your church and will be emailed out to the circuit so that everyone gets a view of what is happening.

If you have any special services / events / social happenings etc. due to take place in May or June, please give details by email, or call me on 07885 585946. Contributions should be sent to Mike Fawcett (admin@wharfedaleandaireboroughmethodists.org.uk) by the end of the first week of every month, for issue the following week.

Many thanks

Mike Fawcett
Circuit Administrator

The Circuit website address is:
www.wandamethodists.org.uk