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Newsletter

April

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May 2019

Dear Friends

How do you understand the resurrection of Jesus?

Before Lent began, the Sunday readings included 1 Corinthians 15, St. Paul's great chapter about the resurrection. My sermon prompted some interesting discussion.

Some people were clear that they do not believe in bodily resurrection. For them, the amazing Easter story described in the Gospels is not about a corpse rising to life but about people discovering that Jesus is alive in a new way. The empty tomb does not need to be interpreted literally (just as we can believe that God created the world without thinking it was done literally in six days as poetically described in the book of Genesis). It's curious that the media tends to assume that literal faith is the only kind.

For other people, however, bodily resurrection is central to their faith. We don't need to explain it, the first disciples witnessed it, and we can believe it. From this perspective, the resurrection has to be understood as both spiritual and physical. Resurrection is about the whole of life. One person quoted John Updike's 'Seven Stanzas of Easter': "Make no mistake: if he rose at all, it was as His body".

I found the whole debate very encouraging. I'm glad to belong to a church where we can hold different views on really important matters. There isn't a 'correct line' laid down which we all have to follow. We're encouraged to think things through and discover answers that truly satisfy us.

That doesn't mean we can believe whatever we like. The resurrection of Jesus – and the promise of resurrection for us too – is at the heart of Christian faith. In the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu:

Goodness is stronger than evil.
Love is stronger than hate.
Light is stronger than darkness.
Life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours through Him who loved us.

Everything that is wrong - in us and around us - will be transformed into something new and wonderful. That's the amazing Easter message of resurrection!

Roger.

Sunday Worship

April Services

	Morning 10.30 am	Evening 6 pm
7 th	Rev Roger Smith Baptism	Mr Roland Henney
14 th	Mrs Joan Bosomworth Palm Sunday	Circuit Service at Christchurch
19 th	7-00pm Good Friday Service	
21 st	8-15 am Easter Communion Rev Roger Smith 9-00 Easter Breakfst 10-30am Easter morning service led by Deacon Jenny Parnell & Rev Leslie Holmes – Communion	No evening service
28 th	Mrs Liz Huddleston	United Service at Yeadon

May Services

	Morning 10.30 am	Evening 6 pm
5 th	Rev Roger Smith Followed by General Church Meeting	United Service at Guiseley Holy Communion - Rev R Smith
12 th	9 am Rev Leslie Holmes Holy Communion 10-30am Deacon Jenny Parnell Parade & Family Service	Easter offering at Burley in Wharfedale
19 th	Mr David Tate	No Service
26 th	Rev Keith Reed - Communion	Mrs Pauline Tate



April

Tuesday 2nd	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship – Card Making
Wednesday 3rd	10.30am/ 3.30pm	Quiet Day at Norwood led by Revd Cayte Norman
Saturday 6th		Group 13 – Spring Walk <u>CANCELLED</u>
Sunday 7th	2-30pm	Primrose Ct – Communion Service led by the Rev Roger Smith & Group 13
Wednesday 10th	7-00pm	Group 13 – Annual Dinner
Thursday 11th	7-30 pm	Aireborough Historical Society meets (See notice below)
Friday 12th	10am/ 12 noon	Children’s Easter Activities Morning
Saturday 13th	10am/ 12 noon	Coffee Morning – Joint Golden Wedding Celebration
Tuesday 16th	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship – Holy Week Service led by Rev Leanora Wassel
Monday 22nd		Bank Holiday Refreshments at Norwood
Thursday 25th	7-30pm	Aireborough Civic Society meets (See notice below)
Tuesday 30th	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship – TBA



May

Sat 11th	10 am	Yorkshire West District Synod meets at All Saints Catholic College, Huddersfield
Monday 6th		Bank Holiday Refreshments at Norwood
Thursday 9th	10-00 to 11-30 am	Tuesday Fellowship – Cake/Bookstall at Coffee Stop
Tuesday 14th	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship – AGM
Wednesday 15th	7-30 pm	Group 13 – Music to Amuse and Entertain
Friday 17 th	7pm	Special Remembrance service (see notice)
Monday 27th		Bank Holiday Refreshments at Norwood
Wednesday 22nd	6.45 pm	Finance Committee meets

EASTER ACTIVIES FOR CHILDREN



There will be a children's Easter activities morning held here at the Church on Friday 12th April 10am -12pm.



Children aged 5-11 are invited to come with an adult to explore the Easter story using stories, music, arts and crafts. Snacks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

An invitation

Rosemary & Ian (April), Lynne & Barry (Aug), Yvonne & Alan (Sept) all celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this year. To celebrate we are holding an "Open to all" coffee morning at Guiseley Methodist Church on Saturday 13th April from 10.00am to 12pm when coffee and cake will be served.

Please no personal gifts.

Should you wish to make a donation, this may be made to Bloodwise (the Leukaemia Research Fund) or Guiseley Cemetery.



A tribute to Arthur Hoyle

Arthur Hoyle was born on 2nd May 1944 in Horsforth. The Grove Methodist Church played a big part in his life with the young people's fellowship, MAYC, Guild and Whitsuntide weekends at Cliff College. Arthur and Elizabeth met as part of a large group of friends at The Grove. Even though Arthur was studying in York, he eventually asked her out, and she said 'Yes'. They were married on 13th April 1968.

Arthur trained as a teacher at St John's College, York and taught at Buttershaw Upper School in Bradford. He stayed there for 29 years from simple beginnings of woodwork and metalwork developing into design and technology. During his time at the school, Arthur took on many roles – in fact when Arthur was Head of Green House, our own Jean (Fletcher) was one of his students!

After taking early retirement, Arthur devoted much time to Guiseley Methodist Church, having a huge involvement in the re-building project, as well as serving as a pastoral visitor, property steward, church steward & Circuit steward, and audio-visual co-ordinator.

He and Elizabeth had many holidays around the world and closer to home, in his beloved Lake District where Group 13 members 'enjoyed' many of his challenging walks! It was a delight for Arthur and Elizabeth to celebrate their Golden Wedding last year cruising the Seine with close friends from Horsforth days who helped Arthur to enjoy all the wonderful sights along the way.

Arthur was chairman of the Aireborough Summer Activities Scheme, which gives children with special needs a summer break. He was also a leader for the Fish, Stars and Horizon groups.

In recent years dementia took its toll on Arthur's life, although he continued to be his gentle self. He moved to Ashcroft Care Home in December, and died there on 6th January 2019.

We give thanks for Arthur, his devotion to Elizabeth and his dedication to the life of this Church and to his Lord who he served so faithfully.



Four years ago the item which follows was contributed to the Newsletter from Rowland Hutchinson I thought it was appropriate to include it again in memory of all those challenging walks which Arthur led over many years!

From Elizabeth

A Prayer for all Walkers

Lord, bless all walkers that we may live long and healthy lives, especially bless our leaders, for they are all powerful and lead us through the wilderness.

Yea, though they lead us down the valleys and over the hills we shall feel no pain, for our hearts, minds and muscles are numb. Let them know their north from their south and their east from their west. Let the sun shine, so that we may have a faint idea in which direction we are heading.

Grant O Lord, that they curb their tongues and not tell us that we have walked 7 miles when we know that we have walked 10 and let them know the difference between a gentle slope and a steep cliff. Give them the ability to count, so they know the number of walkers, so none shall go astray. Make them prevent the leaders from starting to walk the minute everyone else has caught up. Curse those walkers who overtake the leader; let their laces come undone and their flasks leak.

Grant O Lord, sunshine at all times, but not too hot, cooling breezes but not strong winds and incomparable views when we are resting. Save us from brambles, nettles and other obstructions. Lead us not down wrong paths.

Finally, Lord, let us arrive back at our cars safe and sound, for we are children of the wilderness, the blind being led by the blind and we are shattered. Give us strength to turn up for the next walk for we are of the tribe "Gullible" and know no better.

We ask this with tongue in cheek, ever conscious that many a true word is spoken in jest!



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We're pleased to invite you to join us at a special service we're hosting on Friday 17th May at 7pm. It's an opportunity to pause and remember loved ones who have died. As last year, we're sharing the occasion with Full Circle Funerals.

At the service, we'll sing some hymns and listen to music, share readings, poems and thoughts, and have the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance.

May 17th is also a special fundraising day for St Gemma's Hospice so we will be giving thanks for the work they do and support they provide to patients and bereaved families. A collection will be taken to support this charity.

If you'd find this helpful, we'll be very pleased to see you there. Alternatively, if you would like to have a conversation at another time, please contact either of us.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served after the service.

Roger & Jenny

World Day of Prayer 2019

This years' service was hosted by Trinity Church Rawdon, and the theme was: "Come - Everything is ready" which was prepared by the ladies of Slovenia.

The service was well attended by 80 plus people, including some gentlemen, and the collection raised £355 with £285 gift aided. Our grateful thanks go to all who took part, Keith Reed our organist, Julie Boocock and the ladies of the choir and all the readers including the Rev Cayte Norman.

It was a really successful service, led by the Rev Helen Lambert whose reflection on the Reading from Luke 14 verses 15-24 was wonderfully thought provoking and I enclose a small section of her words. 'I wonder if you can cast your mind back to when you last declined an invitation from Jesus? When you were prompted by the spirit but you were too busy to visit that old friend living alone? Or that single mum who needed help?It's so easy to put off something that puts extra pressure on our busy day isn't it? But in those times when you ignored the Holy Spirit inviting us to reach out to the lonely, the lost, the sad and the needy you missed an opportunity to serve the kingdom, to share God's Love, to share the banquet ".

"So come everything is ready,
The meal is prepared the table is set.
Everyone is invited,
Come and share this feast in the kingdom of God."

So please remember these words next year when you are invited to join in fellowship and friendship at St Peter and Paul's Catholic Church on Friday March 6th 2020.

The WDP Committee

WORLD CHURCH

Once again, on behalf of the World Mission Fund, thank you for your generosity. £442 was given in the World Church envelopes. I am now collecting and emptying your boxes and accepting annual donations. If you would like a box for your home or would like to give something annually to the Mission Fund, please have a word with me. Thank you.

Catherine Mouncey (Secretary)

AIREBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The April meeting of the society is a presentation is by Hanneke Dye entitled “Born a Hidden Child” – recounting her personal experience of the Kinder Transport. It will be held in Church on Thursday 11th April starting at 7.30 pm.

All are welcome to attend.

AIREBOROUGH CIVIC SOCIETY

The April meeting of the society is an illustrated talk by Veronica Bird OBE entitled “Women in Prison” and will be held at Rawdon Community Library on Thursday 25th April at 7.30 pm. (See the foyer notice board for information)

All are welcome to attend.

A PRAYER FOR JESUS' HELP IN EVERY NEED

In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying; Jesus, help me.

In all my doubts, temptations and troubles of mind, Jesus, help me.

When I am lonely or tired, Jesus, help me.

When my plans and hopes have failed, in all my disappointments and sorrows, Jesus, help me.

When others let me down, and your grace alone can assist me, Jesus, help me.

When my heart is heavy with failure and when I see no good come from my efforts, Jesus, help me.

When I am impatient, and when my cross is hard to carry, Jesus, help me.

When I am ill, and my head and hands cannot work, Jesus, help me.

Always, always, in spite of weakness and falls of every kind, Jesus, help me and never leave me.

PALM SUNDAY

Astride the colt and claimed as King
that Sunday morning in the spring,
He passed a thornbush flowering red
that one would plait to crown his head.

He passed a vineyard where the wine
was grown for men of royal line
and where the dregs were also brewed
into a gall for Calvary's rood.

A purple robe was cast his way,
then caught and kept until that day
when, with its use, a trial would be
profaned into a mockery.

His entourage was forced to wait
to let a timber through the gate,
a shaft that all there might have known
would be an altar and a throne.

Marie Post - 20th Century

GLITTERING MORN

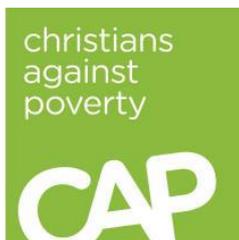
Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
Heaven thunders forth its victor-cry;
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
And groaning hell makes wild reply;

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 robed in light hath said,
'The Lord is risen from the dead'.

John Mason Neale
1818-66



The Wharfedale & Aireborough debt centre – a partnership between the Methodist Circuit and Christians Against Poverty – is up and running and needs your support.

Involvement in the project is open to all local churches and we're already encouraged by support from ecumenical partners.

MANAGER APPOINTED

Samantha Burnley has been appointed as our debt centre manager and she's doing her initial training in March & April. Sam lives in Otley and attends Guiseley Methodist Church. She will be making contact with people around the Circuit and can be contacted at samanthaburnley@capuk.co.uk or 07935 223663. Sam's normal working hours are Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.30am – 5.30pm.

FUND RAISING

We need to raise the debt centre's annual running costs of £20,000. This covers the part-time manager's salary, associated expenses and a £600-a-month contribution to CAP. Our first aim is to meet the costs for the first year and to date 3 Circuit churches have pledged £11,000. Churches' financial situations vary greatly but we invite all Circuit churches to consider how they might support this project reaching out to people in crisis in our local communities.

Individual donations are also welcome. Please contact the Circuit finance officer, Carol Tooke, at catooke@hotmail.co.uk or 0113 267 3995.

The Circuit is also seeking grant aid and has applied to a Connexional Methodist fund (we won't hear the outcome until December). We need a small network of people looking out for grant possibilities – if you'd like to play a part in this, please contact Rev Roger Smith at roger.smith@methodist.org.uk or 01943 874735.

Inner Wheel Club of Aireborough
60th Anniversary Year



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

a performance of

“DON’T LEAVE ME NOW”

by Brian Daniels

on Tuesday 18th June 2019
at 6.30 pm

Guiseley Methodist Church
Orchard Way, Guiseley, Leeds LS20 9EP

A discussion will follow, then Tea and Biscuits

Inspired by two real stories, the play explores with humour and insight the impact of early onset dementia on two very different families – a journey of love, loss and duty.

*‘the play is subtly powerful, sympathetic and sharp, sad and funny.....
Where dementia is the villain, words are priceless’* Howard Jacobson,
Booker Prize winning author (New Statesman, 2016).

This play has had more than 150 performances throughout the UK

As there is no charge for entry, donations for Dementia Awareness would be gratefully received.

If you wish to attend, please contact Viv Marks
0113 2505269, infoscript@btinternet.com



The **NEXT NEWSLETTER** is for June and July 2019. Please let us have your material by no later than 19 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 June or July, please give details by email, or call me on 07885 585946. Contributions should be sent to Mike Fawcett (admin@wandamethodists.org.uk) by the end of the first week of every month, for issue the following week.

Many thanks

Mike Fawcett
Circuit Administrator

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