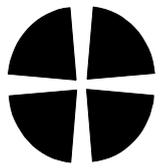


Guiseley Methodist Church



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Newsletter

February

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March 2020

Sunday Worship

February Services

	Morning 10.30 am	Evening 6 pm
2 nd	Rev Andrew Howorth Mission in Britain	
9 th	9 am Rev Keith Reed, Holy Communion Deacon Jenny Parnell, Parade Service	Circuit Service at Addingham
16 th	Rev Lesley Taylor <i>Themed Service 5</i> How wide and long?	
23 rd	Rev Roger Smith, Holy Communion <i>Themed Service 6</i> The greatest of these	United Service at Yeadon

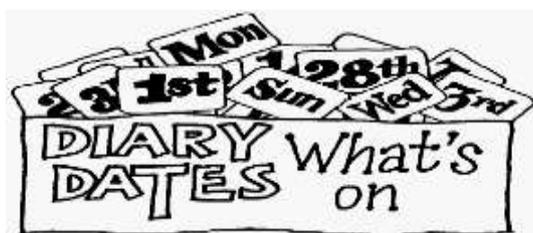
March Services

	Morning 10.30 am	Evening 6 pm
1 st	<i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> Rev John Sadler, Church Anniversary	
8 th	<i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> Rev Keith Reed, Holy Communion	<i>Circuit Service</i> To be arranged
15 th	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> To be arranged	<i>United Service at Guiseley</i> Café worship led by Rev Roger Smith
22 nd	<i>Mothering Sunday</i> 9 am Rev Roger Smith Deacon Jenny Parnell, Family and Parade Service	
29 th	<i>Passion Sunday</i> Rev Roger Smith All Age Worship, with Junior Church	<i>Circuit Service at Guiseley</i> led by Rev Roger Smith to include: <i>The Wesley Singers</i> <i>presenting "Olivet to Calvary"</i> <i>by J.H. Maunder</i>



February

Sun 2 nd	2.30 pm	Primrose Court service led by Tuesday Fellowship: Communion Rev Roger Smith supported by church members
Sat 8 th	for 3 weeks	Exhibition of work by The Brushstroke Painters at Hirst Lock (see notice)
Tues 11 th	7.30 pm	Group 13 Speaker: Lorette Porter Brown “My Work in Speech Therapy”
Tues 11 th	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship Speaker: Miss Marjorie Elmesley
Thurs 13 th	7.30 pm	Aireborough Historical Society (see article)
Tues 25 th	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship Musical Afternoon with Julie and Keith
Weds 26 th		Group 13 Guiseley Theatre “Sweeney Todd” (please ask Catherine Mouncey for details)



March

Fri 6 th	2 pm	World Day of Prayer at St Peter and Pauls' Church, Yeadon (see notice)
Tues 3 rd	2 pm	Daffodil Rally at Central Methodist Church, Batley (see article)
Sun 8 th	2.30 pm	Primrose Court Service led by Tuesday Prayer Group
Tues 10 th	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship Speaker: Mr Graham Hoult
Weds 11 th	7.30 pm	Group 13 Speaker: Sam Burnley, CAP
Sat 14 th	7.30 pm	Folk Evening with the Summercross Band, Norwood (see poster p.12)
Tues 24 th	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship Speaker: Mrs Emma Metcalfe

Don't forget!!

Mondays

9.30 - 11.30 am Knit and Natter in the Fellowship Room

Tuesdays

9.30 am (During term-time) Prayers led by different members each week followed by a cuppa and chat in the Fellowship Room

Thursdays

10.00 - 11.30 am Coffee Stop in the Main Hall



A Message from Deacon Jenny

Dear friends,

As I write this letter I am still clearing away Christmas decorations and trying to resist eating the remaining chocolates and treats that are in the cupboard. It still feels like winter and Christmas...

Winter brings with it shorter darker days and longer and colder nights. It is during this season of coldness and darkness that we celebrate Christmas which in contrast is so often associated with light and warmth. This could well be seen as mirroring the nativity narrative. In the gospel of Matthew, we're told of the birth of Jesus using the images of light and darkness – We read of a bright star and a dark night sky. Magi seeking Jesus to bestow him with gifts in contrast to Herod who wants to find Jesus to have him killed. An innocent newborn baby and an army ordered to take away the life of male children.

These contrasts are reminders that Jesus was born into a dark world. Do we sometimes feel that we live in a world where darkness is prevalent? At Christmas time we remember how light shines in the darkness...and defeats it.

We are now leaving winter behind and entering spring, with its promise of lighter and warmer days and the expectation of new life springing forth. Spring also brings with it the season of Lent. Lent is a period of preparation. Different preparations to our Christmas ones. We spend time during Lent looking at our relationship with God and with others.

Easter, like Christmas, is a season of contrasts. We think of the darkness of Good Friday when we remember the death of Jesus. We think of Jesus's body shut away in the darkness of the sealed tomb. We also celebrate Jesus bursting out of the darkness, alive again and to this very day spreading God's light and love into the darkness of the world.

Christmas and Easter are both seasons of hope. Today, in the midst of economic news that is hardly encouraging; in the midst of continuing wars in far-off lands; in the midst of the devastation of natural disasters, in the midst of injustice and abuse, we can be assured that God is with us and we are called to help show God's love and light to the world as we live out our lives and pray and speak God's love into the situations which we come across.

Every blessing, Jenny



Try to **THINK** before you speak!

In his sermon during the January communion service, Rev Roger offered that this was a way of reflecting on the things we say:

T: Is it true? As Christians we seek to be truthful even when that truth is uncomfortable for us.

H: Is it helpful? Just because something is true, it doesn't mean you have to say it.

I: Is it important? Small talk has its place but find the right moment to say things that really matter.

N: Is it necessary? Life's too short to do or say things that don't serve any useful purpose.

K: Is it kind? Last but really important. This can be about how we say things, what words we use, our tone of voice. It means thinking about the person we're speaking to and how they'll receive what we're saying.

Don't take this too literally or your conversations could take a very long time! Use it to reflect on things you've said.

Put THINK alongside these words of St. Paul:

'Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.'

Philippians 4: 8-9

Muriel Kirkbright

25th December 1925 – 26th November 2019

Muriel was a wonderful outgoing person and lived a full life. Her family and faith were central to her life's journey.

She followed her grandchildren's travel expeditions and experiences with great interest. She had loved her holidays at home and abroad and speculated that they had got their love of travel from her.

She came to church on Sunday mornings and was there just two weeks before she died.

The Church was full for her funeral, which reflected and affirmed her popularity and generosity of spirit. She had touched so many people's lives through the involvement and enthusiasm she brought to the many groups she had supported.

We miss her very much and our thoughts and prayers are with Nigel, Graham, Denise, Karen, her grandchildren and great grandchildren at this time. Muriel is remembered with love and lives on in our hearts.

God bless Muriel.

Contributed by Jean Abbott

I remember Muriel from a long time ago when I was at School with Nigel, but got to know her better when I joined the Rotaract Club of Aireborough, sponsored by Rotary, and supported by Inner Wheel, which of course included both Reg and Muriel. Since I joined Inner Wheel, I would call for Muriel, to bring her across from Frank Parkinson flats to take her to meetings, or to other outings and dinners, which she always very much enjoyed.

In 2017, Muriel was awarded her 50 years' service certificate from Inner Wheel, and the photograph taken on that occasion even appeared at the Annual Conference on the "big screen" over the platform, so she got wide recognition.

When deciding to move to Primrose Court, she rang me in a bit of a panic, so I tried to calm her down, and at least go and see what was on offer. Of course she settled in straight away, and having never played before, became one of the regular Scrabble players.

It was an honour to read a poem at her funeral since she had left instructions with Nigel to ask me. She had a remarkable memory and always a cheery smile and I miss her very much.

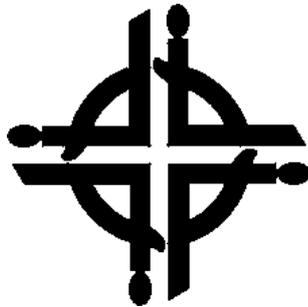
Contributed by Julie Hipkin

Mission in Britain

Guiseley continues to support Mission in Britain both in its donations and prayerful considerations.

In the last financial year £1840.62 was donated to help fund the work in more deprived areas of the UK. Unfortunately our total was slightly down on the previous year so hopefully this year we may be able to raise our giving. This can be done through box donations (see Yvonne for one) or envelopes which will be available at our annual Mission in Britain service on Sunday February 2nd. This year we welcome back the Rev Andrew Howorth who will lead our worship on that day.

Yvonne Sheath, Secretary Mission in Britain.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, 6TH MARCH

The Service will take place at Yeadon Methodist Church at 2pm.
Come and join us.

Refreshments and fellowship afterwards. If you need a lift to Yeadon please speak to Pamela or Nancy.



Wesley Singers to visit Guiseley Methodist Church

Our worship during Lent will be enriched this year by the Wesley Singers leading an evening service at 6.00 pm on Passion Sunday, 29th March, by singing 'OLIVET TO CALVARY' by J. H. Maunder.

The Wesley Singers is a choir of about 38 members who come from various churches within the Yorkshire West Methodist District. The group was formed in 1985 under the direction of David Carr specifically to introduce the new hymn book, *Hymns and Psalms*. Now, more than 30 years later, under the leadership of Barry Jordan, the choir gives ten or more concerts each year as well as taking part in worship services. They recently sang at Ripon Cathedral.

POEM FOR



The poem is about love but not from a romantic, hearts-and-flowers point of view, but rather from a realistic, down-to-earth perspective.



Atlas by U.A. Fanthorpe

*There is a kind of love called maintenance,
Which stores the WD40 and knows when to use it;*

*Which checks the insurance, and doesn't forget
The milkman; which remembers to plant bulbs;*

*Which answers letters; which knows the way
The money goes; which deals with dentists*

*And Road Fund Tax and meeting trains,
And postcards to the lonely; which uploads*

*The permanently rickety elaborate
Structures of living; which is Atlas.*

*And maintenance is the sensible side of love,
Which knows what time and weather are doing
To my brickwork; insulates my faulty wiring;
Laughs at my dry rotten jokes; remembers
My need for gloss and grouting; which keeps
My suspect edifice upright in air,
As Atlas did the sky.*

Contributed by C G

FOLK EVENING AT NORWOOD
SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2020, 7.30 PM.



NORWOOD CHAPEL & RETREAT CENTRE

Lower Norwood Road, Norwood, Otley, LS21 1RA

TICKETS £10.00 EACH INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS

**FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY SUMMERCROSS BAND AND SONGSTRESS HEATHER
WOODHEAD**



**FOR TICKETS SEND PAYMENT & SAE TO: NORWOOD FOLK EVENING, C/O 76 THE
WHARTONS, OTLEY, LS21 2BS. CHEQUES PAYABLE TO WHARFEDALE & AIREBOROUGH
METHODIST CIRCUIT**

MAXIMUM 60 TICKET SALES DUE TO FIRE REGULATIONS

GET YOURS EARLY!!

Norwood Events Plan for 2020

- March** Saturday 14th at 7.30 - Folk Evening with the Summercross Band Tickets £10
- April** ***Circuit Quiet Day on Saturday 4th April – Rev Cayte Norman***
- April** Easter Monday 13th April Bank Holiday Refreshments Bramhope to serve these
- May** Saturday 2nd May at 7.30 at Otley Methodist Church Cantare Singers. Refreshments Tickets £10
- June** ***Circuit Quiet Day on Monday 22nd – Rev Lesley Taylor***
- July** Saturday 4th at 7.30pm - Speaker – Dr Martin Kappel (no fee) to talk about the KinderTransport and the Holocaust + refreshments
- July** Saturday 18th July at 2.00pm - Together in Harmony Singers for PAFRAS at Norwood With Afternoon Tea
- August** Sunday 23rd - Chapel Anniversary + refreshments District Chair Kerry Tankard to take the Service
- September** Friday 25th -An evening Speaker – Malcolm Johnson - Remembering the 60s + refreshments
- September** ***Circuit Quiet Day – Rev Shannon DeLaureal – date tbc***
- November** Saturday 14th at 7.30pm - Speaker + refreshments Colin Alderson, Royal Pastry Chef

Also the Bank Holidays for other possible Refreshments are:
Friday 8th May, Monday 25th May and Monday 31st August.

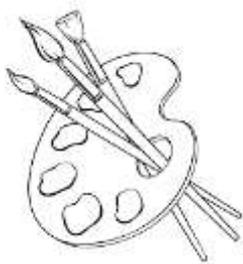
AIREBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The February meeting of the Society will be on Thursday 13th February commencing at 7.30 pm in Church.

Christine Roberts will give a talk entitled "Uncle Willie a Yeadon of Yeadon", a nostalgic look back at the early days of Yeadon Life.

All welcome to attend.

Roger Halliwell
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The Brushstroke Painters exhibition

8th – 28th February at Higher Ground Café, Hirst Lock, by Saltaire.

The Brushstroke Painters is a group of 3 friends:
Janice Halliwell, Julie Bruce and Carol Warne Ford.

If you would like any more information please contact
Janice Halliwell - 878609.



Daffodil Rally

This will take place on: Tuesday 3rd March at 2 pm

at: Central Methodist Church, Batley, WF17 5DS

Speaker - Rev Paul Wilson (Liverpool)

Leader - Mr J Wilson (Mirfield)

Organist - Mr Keith Webster

Heckmondike Grammar School Senior Girls' Chamber Choir

Tea and biscuits will be served after the service.

Date for your diary:

On **Saturday 6th June** there will be musical entertainment with The Dalehurst Trio and Yeadon Handbells during afternoon tea.

This will be in aid of Christian Aid. Further details later.



The **NEXT NEWSLETTER** is for April and May. Please let us have your material by no later than 17th 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 April or May please give details by email, or call me on 07885 585946. Contributions should be sent to Mike Fawcett (www.wandamethodists.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