



UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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We will remember them



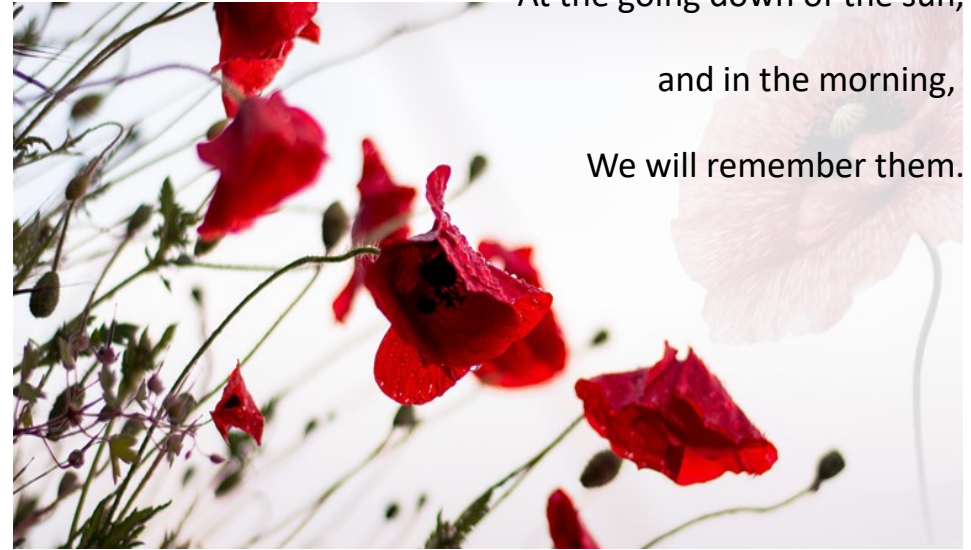
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun,

and in the morning,

We will remember them.



'The Ode' – as it is commonly known – is taken from a poem written by the English poet Laurence Binyon. It was first published in The Times on September 21, 1914, and has been recited at commemorative services since 1919. The Ode is the fourth verse of Binyon's poem For the Fallen.



A hearing loop is installed in church.



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Greetings everyone,

I watched an interesting news item not long ago. It was about a World War II RAF veteran aged 102. He had decided to do an abseil down a huge building. It looked precarious and dangerous.

While waiting at the top, ready to go over the edge, he was given some final safety instructions.

“Just let the rope slide slowly through your hands as it runs through the abseiling device.”

“OK. But, what happens if I take my hands off altogether”, he asked.

“ No worries”, came the reassuring reply. “I’ve got you on the safety line.”

Off he went, abseiling over the edge. As he went down what looked a very long way to the ground it struck me that is what faith is like.

As Christians, we commit ourselves to trusting in the person and promises of God revealed and made known in Jesus Christ. Throughout the Bible we are encouraged to believe that God is totally trustworthy in his love, care and commitment to us. When things get tough, as they inevitably do at times on our faith journey, he reassures us that he has a hold on our lives that nothing can break.

If life is precarious and difficult for you at this moment, I believe that God is wanting to reassure and comfort you. It’s like he is saying to you,

“I’ve got you on this safety line of my love revealed in Jesus, you are being held. Do not fear! “

The key to abseiling is trust. Trusting in the equipment. Trusting in the person who is holding the safety line.

The key to life and faith is trusting in the God who in Jesus Christ reveals that nothing can snatch us out of his hands of love and grace.

Every blessing, Allan

OCTOBER

Sunday 1st

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Julian Dowson

Wednesday 4th

10.00am Time To Reflect
 7.30pm House Group at Colin Kitching’s

Sunday 8th

10.30am Morning Worship including Communion led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Names for lunch on the 11th – TODAY please

Wednesday 11th

10.00am Time To Reflect
 12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch
 7.30pm House Group at Colin Kitching’s



Sunday 15th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

Wednesday 18th

10.00am Time To Reflect
 7.30pm House Group at Colin Kitching’s

Saturday 21st

8.30am Men’s Breakfast @The Toby Carvery Ainley Top

Sunday 22nd

10.30am Morning Worship led by Church members and friends

Wednesday 25th

10.00am Time To Reflect
 7.30pm House Group at Colin Kitching’s

Saturday 28th

British Summer Time ends
 CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR



Sunday 29th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Lorraine Tatham and friends

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st

10.00am Time To Reflect

7.30pm House Group at Colin Kitching's

Sunday 5th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Paul Newman and friends

Names for lunch on the 8th – TODAY please

Wednesday 8th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch

7.30pm House Group at Colin Kitching's

Sunday 12th

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.30am Morning Worship including Communion led by Rev Allan Wolfenden

Wednesday 15th

10.00am Time To Reflect

7.30pm House Group at Colin Kitching's

Saturday 18th

8.30am Men's Breakfast @The Toby Carvery Ainley Top

Sunday 19th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Julian Dowson

Wednesday 22nd

10.00am Time To Reflect

7.30pm House Group at Colin Kitching's

Sunday 26th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Lorraine Tatham

Wednesday 29th

10.00am Time To Reflect

7.30pm House Group at Colin Kitching's

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd

1st in ADVENT TOY and TIN Service

10.30am Morning Worship led by the deacons and friends .
'Preparing for Change'

News of and from the Fellowship



Please remember in your prayers those who mourn the loss of family members and friends especially. Help us to be there for them and often just to wait in silence and listen when they speak.

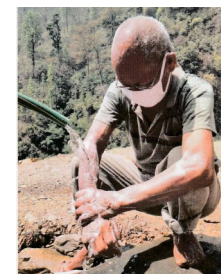
Don't forget to let someone know if you would like us to pray for them.

Father in heaven, may we share the light and life of Jesus with others



BMS Birthday scheme

When Kaku stumbled across a group of BMS World Mission-supported workers while walking back to his village, he had no idea it would change his life. Kaku lives high in the Nepalese Himalayas and he's part of one of the most marginalised people groups in Nepal . Life for him and his family is incredibly challenging - but because you chose to give, Kaku's life is that bit easier.



When Kaku met the BMS-supported staff, he was curious to learn more about the health and hygiene training they were conducting. As he learnt more about how he could help keep his family healthy and prevent water-borne diseases, Kaku determined to change his life. He was given a hygiene kit - complete with soap, water purification drops, toothpaste and more - and he set about encouraging not just his family, but his whole community, to change their habits and stay healthy.

Without Upper Edge Baptist Church's generous gift of £151.00 to the BMS Birthday Scheme, this incredible change in Kaku's life wouldn't have been possible.

Because Upper Edge Baptist Church is part of the BMS Birthday Scheme, your members are playing a key part in God's work across the world. Thank you!

This was for the first 6 months of this year from January to June.

Thank you to those who participate in this scheme.

See Christine Sunderland for details

Who is your hero or heroine?

The other week I was asked to stand up in a service in our church and speak about someone who I looked up to as a hero. I didn't choose a celebrity or a talented sportsman or anyone famous, I chose my Grandma, Laura Hinchliffe. She was and always will be my hero (heroine).



You see, when I was 5 years old my mother got cancer. At that time we were living in Blackpool, my mother was a landlady running a guest house. She had to go in for surgery quicksticks or she would definitely have died. My mum wasn't married, and I would have had to go into foster care or an orphanage. My Grandma came to my rescue. She and my Granddad came and fetched me back to Rastrick, Brighouse. It would have been I imagine on the train - I don't really remember to be honest, but they didn't have a car and if we ever went further than Huddersfield, we always used the train.

When I look back and think about my Grandparents and what they both did for me I'm just so grateful. They were 67 years of age when they took me in and when at age 11, I eventually went back to my mother, they would have been 73!! Those 6 years were the happiest years of my childhood.

My Grandma and Granddad were kind people and I believe kindness is an important trait to have as a Hero or Heroine. They were also selfless, another excellent quality to have. You see I wasn't the first grandchild that they had taken in and looked after - they had my eldest brother for a good number of years as well as my middle brother..... I don't

think my mother coped well with small children.

Siblings disagree on many things but, the one thing my brothers and I would all agree on is how we felt about our Grandparents. Unconditional love.

Our Granddad taught us all (at various times), how to play draughts and he wouldn't let you win, until you did. I was on top of the world the first time I beat him!!



But it was my Grandma that I did most things with, she taught me how to read and write my name. She nurtured me and I always felt safe and secure in my Grandparents home. She also taught me how to make Yorkshire Puddings and we always ate them in the traditional way.... Yorkshire Puddings and gravy for the first course and then your Sunday dinner for the second course. Never together!!

One of the nicest things my mother said to me was that my pastry was as good as my Gran's. Well chuffed.

I remember one time when I was at Longroyde Junior School, I think I was about 9. My teacher Mrs Wilson set us a competition to compose a poem about Autumn. My Gran encouraged (another hero trait), me no end to put one together - and I won!! I won a big bar of Cadbury's Fruit and Nut chocolate. I remember running all the way home with it and racing down the back steps shouting, "we won, we won". We shared it, 2 squares of chocolate each night - my Grandma always used to say "chocolate is good for kids". She always had chocolate or chocolates in her cupboard. Black Magic, Terry's All Gold or Milk Tray, 2 squares or 2 chocolates every night after supper. I was so loved and

cared for.

So, that's what a hero (heroine) is, someone who makes you feel you are not alone.....that was my Grandma.

Someone who inspires you to be the best you can be.....that was my Grandma.

Someone who sacrifices their own life to take in a little lost 5 year old.....that was my Grandma (and Granddad).

My Grandma died when I was 18 and I never got to tell her how much I felt she had done for me. **So, if you have a Hero or Heroine in your life, go tell them before it's too late. Go make their day a little brighter and put a smile on their face.**

Jane Foley



Here are a few of the many inspirational and evocative quotes of Mother Teresa

Well done is better than well said.

“The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.”

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

“**Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.**”



What happens in heaven when you pray?

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was deputised to show me around.



Our first stop was a large room filled with angels. They were unfolding, reading and stacking thousands of bits of paper of all sizes. My angel guide explained, "This is the Receiving Section. Here all petitions to God said in prayer are received." I looked around the area, and it was terribly busy. Angels were sorting out petitions from all over the world. Some were long and involved and weighty, others merely a sigh on a scrap of paper.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section. The angel said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings that have been asked for are processed and delivered to the people who need them." I noticed again how busy the angels were. They were working hard to send back to earth all the blessings that had been requested.

Finally, at the far end of the corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, doing nothing much. "This is the Acknowledgement Section, my angel friend said quietly." He seemed a bit embarrassed. "How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked. The angel sighed. "Well after people receive the blessings that they ask for, very few send back any acknowledgement."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

"Simple," the angel answered. "Just say Thank you Lord. And mean it."

So I ask what should we thank God for? I leave you to think about that.



Biblical Names

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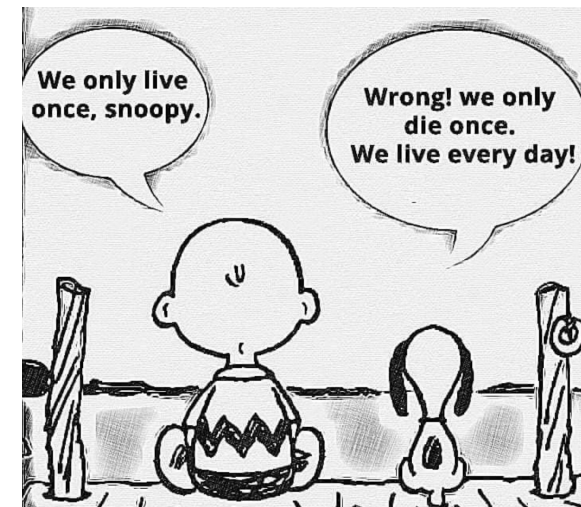
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ABRAHAM
ESTHER
BENJAMIN
DAVID
REBECCA
LEVI
DELILAH
JOSHUA
CALEB
ADAM
NOAH
GABRIEL
JESUS

My Daily Creed

Let me be a little kinder, let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me, let me praise a little more;
Let me be when I am weary, just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better those that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver when temptation bids me waver;
Let me strive a little harder to be all that I should be;
Let me be a little meeker with the other that is weaker,
Let me think more of my neighbour and a little less of me.

Anon (sent by Heather Callander)



What are peat bogs? They are dense areas of wetland filled with partially decayed vegetation. The water-logged conditions and the acidity levels prevents the vegetation from fully decaying when it dies. It builds up slowly over thousands of years to become peat. The peat can be metres deep. They are usually found in the northern hemisphere where there is high rainfall and low drainage. Scotland is home to almost 70% of the UK's peat lands.



Why are peat bogs important? They form some of England's most scarce form of habitat, which provides a unique home for a wealth of plants, animals and insects. They are an important feeding and stopping-off point for native and migrating birds. Due to their age they contain layers of historical data. Healthy peat bogs act as 'carbon sinks' storing huge amounts of carbon. When damaged peat bogs dry out they release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, which speeds up climate change.

Peat bog destruction For many years peat was removed from peat lands for gardener's to add to their soil. This has dramatically reduced the biodiversity. Due to the length of time for peat to form it is a non renewable source.

How can I help? The easiest thing you can do is to buy peat-free compost. Which is great for the climate and the environment. By swapping to peat free you are preserving our rare and precious peat lands which is vital for the unique biodiversity they support. Or you could make your own free compost at home using a compost bin or heap.

Keeley Hawkins , Climate Ambassador, Trinity Belles WI

What's on and when in the church hall

Tuesday	Stitch group	fortnightly
Wednesday	Time To Reflect Lunch	10.00am – 11.00am 12.30pm (2 nd Wed in the month for the community)
Thursday	Table Tennis	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Friday	Line Dancing	10.15am – 11.30am (coffee, tea and biscuits after)
Saturday	Creative Edge Bound To Be Good	10.00am – 4.00pm (2 nd Sat in the month) Quarterly + November



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in



OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

Ken Inwood	3rd	Isabelle Dowson	10th
May Wilkinson	6th		
Simon Thompson	9th		
Colin Kitching	11th		
Emily Wilkinson	27th		

Belated Birthday greetings to David Peck who was 80 years old on September 16th. Sorry I missed it.



May we support the people of Ukraine, Turkey, Syria, Morocco and Libya in whatever way we are able and remember them daily in our prayers.

HARVEST 2023



On Sunday 24th September our harvest service was led by the Young Church, Mrs Lorraine Tatham and helped by members of the congregation. Gifts of tinned food, dried packets or donations for the Salvation Army to distribute were brought out at the beginning and then our first activity was for everyone to help prepare in the making of vegetable soup which was then ready for us all to share by the end of the service.

During the service 7 people volunteered to hold up each of the letters which make up HARVEST whilst a passage was read to them about sharing. As various words were read out e.g. SHARE or HAVE then the volunteers had to rearrange themselves to make this word.

So the **Challenge** for you is this, 'How many words of between 2 to 7 letters can you make altogether from the word HARVEST - no plurals?' **Target** is over **34**.



Christmas Concert for Overgate Hospice

At Upper Edge Baptist Church, Rastrick
Wednesday December 13th 2023

at 7pm



Carols at The Rock Tavern 10th or 17th Dec - date to be confirmed.

Look out for the poster in the pub or on the screen at the front of church.

More dates in the next newsletter out on Nov 24th



Two little boys were at a wedding when one leaned over to the other and asked, "How many wives can a man have?"

His friend answered, "Sixteen Four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."



No One Can Do
Everything But Everyone
Can Do Something.

Oliver is
growing up fast
says Joan!



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