



UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

Dewsbury Rd, Rastrick, HD6 3QD



Oh God,

Whatever I can give up for Lent will never match what you gave. I'm not able to do what you have done, and my small actions serve only as desperate wildflowers waving in an open field of your mercy, in surrender to your majesty.

As I clear away distractions you invite me to let go of, hear my prayer of gratitude. That you are real. That you are truth. That you prepare a place for me whether I am in want or in plenty.

Thank you for the ultimate sacrifice of your only Son, Jesus, so that I can know that no matter what the world tempts me with...there is power to overcome. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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installed in church.





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Hello Everyone,

Daryll here – the new Pioneer leader for Upper Edge Baptist Church. Starting a new role in January is an interesting thing: it's cold, dark, wet and windy and the vast majority of people would happily hibernate until spring starts to burst through. So far I have travelled here through snow, torrential rain, 80mph gusts and (for one wonderful hour) a sky of the most beautiful blue. Each month brings its own qualities, each month brings its own beauty.

February will see us enter the season of Lent, where Christians spend time reflecting on the life of Christ and the events leading to Easter Sunday. A time where we traditional focus on 3 elements of our spiritual life.

Prayer

Fasting

Giving

As a Christian each of these are front and centre of my daily life. In prayer I have the opportunity to speak with God, to share my concerns, to ask for intercession and to praise God for this amazing world. By fasting I think beyond simply giving things up and consider what our personal life and wider world would look like if we shared the resources that are abundant. In giving I consider how I can give of myself to others, for one of the lessons life has

taught me is that time spent in company can heal many a sorrow.

This Lent I pray that you all find time to sit in the presence of the Lord and within those moments that you find the solace, comfort and encouragement that you need. You may even get the occasional beautiful blue sky.

Go into this period knowing you are loved and adored.

God bless.

Daryll



Get ti n g to know you

A few questions the Young Church asked Daryll

What music do you like?

Nick Cave and The Badseeds

Would you rather be a gymnast or a chef?

Gymnast

Do you have any fears?

Snakes

What do you do apart from Church?

Psychotherapist and performer

What do you do when you come home from church?

Sleep!

What's your favourite trick to do in a performance?

Pretend to give children fire

What's the riskiest thing you have done?

Travelled the world at 16



FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Wednesday 7th

10.00am Time To Reflect in church

Sunday 11th

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion led by Mrs Janet Lawton

10.00am Time To Reflect in church

Tuesday 13th SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Day

Wednesday 14th ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am Time To Reflect in church

12.15 for 12.30pm Church Lunch

3.30pm Funeral tea for Brian Whiteley in the Hall

7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service at St Matthews

Thursday 15th

7.00pm Deacons' Meeting at church

Saturday 17th

8.30am Men's Breakfast @ Toby Carvery Ainley Top

Sunday 18th 1st in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Wednesday, 21st – Friday 3rd

Lent Groups Rastrick Group of Churches

Wednesday 21st

10.00am Time To Reflect in church

6.30pm - 8.30pm Pie and pea Supper followed by Slide Show and Talk on Japan

Sunday 25th 2nd in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Lorraine Tatham and the Young Church



Wednesday 28th – Friday 1st March

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10.00am Time To Reflect in church

MARCH

Friday 1st

2.00pm World Day Of Prayer @ The Salvation Army Citadel

Sunday 3rd 3rd in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Wednesday, 6th – Friday 8th

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See Paul Armitage for full details about the

LENT GROUPS

Beer and Banter Dates for Men

1st Monday in the month 7pm at The Four Sons Rastrick

Monday 5th February Trekking in Majorca with Paul and Ken

Monday 4th March Teach yourself Yorkshire with Rod Dimpleby



Christian Mens Fellowship



TEN PIN BOWLING

Tuesday 20th February

Meet 7.15pm at Halifax Electric Bowl

Payment £7.50 for 2 games

Email: cmfhalifax@gmail.com or contact Paul Newman

News of and from the Fellowship

The church family sends its condolences to the family of our friend Brian Whiteley who died recently. The funeral service will be taking place at Fixby Crematorium on Wednesday 14th February at 2.30pm followed by a tea at Upper Edge Baptist Church.



if you would like us to pray for someone then please let us know.

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



Carols at The Rock Tavern



On a dark windy Sunday evening just before Christmas, many of us from Upper Edge Church, along with friends and family, went to The Rock Tavern with a keyboard and song sheets in hand. We sang carols, told jokes and stories and had a fantastic time as well as a few drinks and mince pies supplied by the pub. It was fabulous to have all the pub regulars and friends sing their hearts out along with us and laugh at the "hilarious" Christmas Cracker jokes!! We all had a joyous and uplifting time as we do every year at this annual event. As always, you could feel the presence of the Lord there with us.

Christingle Service



Tess, Penny and Caitlin (our Young Church) organised and delivered our Christingle Service as they have done every year. We all had a fun time with lots of laughing, joy and worship. They had planned for a full attendance of 36 people and were overjoyed to find that we ran out of oranges to make the Christingles, because even more people came to worship and

join in!

It was wonderful to see new people coming in to join at church and to see them enjoying their experience.

Upper Edge is a welcoming and friendly church and on that day, we saw it in action.

We were truly blessed by God.

Lorraine Tatham



Then there was our Church Christmas lunch where a good number of people joined with church members for a 3 course meal. It was a lovely festive occasion and really appreciated by all. It was followed that evening with the Annual Concert in aid of Overgate Hospice. On the night over £400 was raised and along with Sunday morning coffee money and proceeds from sales of marmalade a cheque for £1,180 was presented to Tracey the representative from Overgate. What a day that was!

Lorraine once again hosted her annual Christmas Soiree at her house for ladies from the church and friends. What a warm, friendly occasion this was as we chatted, sang carols, heard jokes or other items, ate supper and played a game after which we all went home with a present.

Thank you so much Lorraine and to all who contributed in anyway to any of the events which took place over this festive season.

And at last Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

After a sudden and heavy snowfall the local schools were closed for a day or two. When they re-opened one of the teachers went into her classroom and said she hoped that all the children had made good use of their extra holiday. They all nodded fervently.

"What did you do while you were at home Nicholas?" she asked.

"Oh, I prayed for more snow, Miss" he replied!

Message from Soul Station

We celebrated a successful Christmas Angel Mission 2023. Christmas Angel Sacks were delivered to 10 local Infant, Junior, and High schools, as well as 2 nurseries in our Community. Each sack was brimming with delightful gifts, fulfilling every Christmas wishlist and tailored to each child who was going through difficult times. They were all packed with the same care and attention I'd give to my own children.

We also supported children through our family support workers, including children going into care. Our last sacks went out three days before Christmas.

'My gorgeous 13-year-old boy, on Thursday after school for HOURS spent time helping me carefully and thoughtfully select gifts for children to put in each sack based on a child's preference. For a boy who doesn't always connect with the world, he was fully connected to the task in hand, and we had some really meaningful conversations about when times are tough for people. He was very insightful, saying, 'I think it matters so much what to put in (each sack). If this is all they get, I mean come on, it must mean a lot to their moms. I like to know we've made Christmas special for them.'

After every bag, he said, 'Come on, just one more. 'Until the wee hours, we did it together. For me, the Christmas Angel Mission goes back to the phrase in the Bible: *'What You do unto others, you do to me'* and that's why I do the Christmas Angel Mission.

I know we are wonderfully created in His image, and what is a more precious loving moment than children opening gifts and enjoying Christmas, a day that's so important to us as Christians? This is what I want to teach my children, that our actions count, how we are with



other people, and how we help and serve when we can glorify not ourselves but God.

The world can be cruel, and it can be hard, so making a small difference to ensure someone else has a happy moment means a lot. So thank You for supporting us. I had budgeted and planned really well and wasn't expecting the large church donation.

What's that phrase? 'God will provide.' One of the schools, one we hadn't supported before, reached out to us after the deadline, with several young people who were going through a tough time, when all the budget had been allocated. It was because of your unexpected generous donation, I could say Yes, fulfil their requests and help those teenagers who I'm sure know how much their families are struggling. Harder to hide it from them when times are tough.

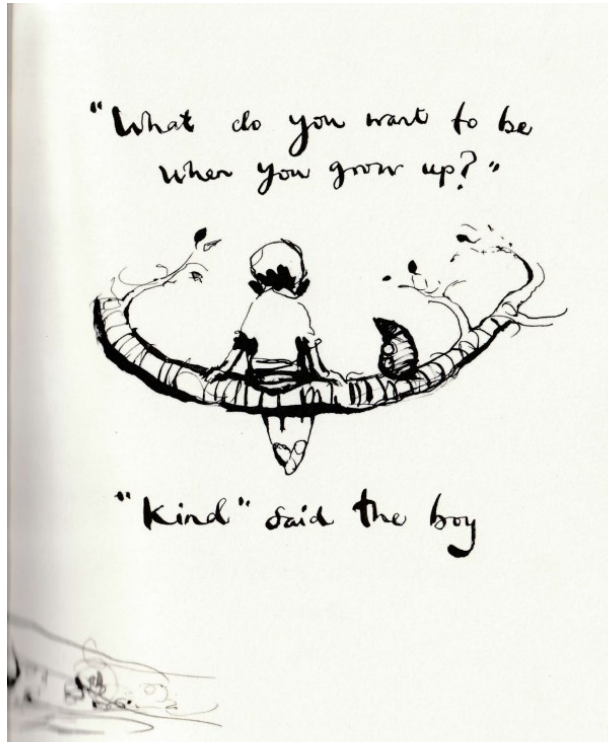
I got some great discounts and was able to spread the donations much further than expected, not only helping the teens but the younger children too who were referred from the family support workers.

We felt truly blessed! A Christmas miracle. Together, we've genuinely created a magical Christmas for all.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for helping to make Christmas day special in our community."

Jodi Paige-Hirst





The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse
Book by Charlie Mackesy

According to a calendar I have been given

Saturday 17th February 2024

is

Random Acts of Kindness Day

Fasting and Feasting William Arthur Ward

- ' Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- ' Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.
- ' Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
- ' Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

- ' Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
- ' Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- ' Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
- ' Fast from worry; feast on divine order.

- ' Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- ' Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
- ' Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
- ' Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.

- ' Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- ' Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
- ' Fast from discouragements; feast on hope.
- ' Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.

- ' Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
- ' Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- ' Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
- ' Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that sustains.

[Thank you to whoever submitted that a while ago]

Reflection



Once a young boy stood watching a stranger as he drank from a well in the town square.

After drinking, the man continued to gaze into the well, as though looking at someone; he was a giant of a man but had a friendly face.

So, the boy approached him and asked: 'Who lives down there?'

'God does,' answered the man.

'Can I see him?' said the boy.

'Sure, you can,' said the gypsy.

Then, taking the boy into his arms he lifted him up so that he could see down into the well.

All the boy could see, however, was his own reflection in the water.

'But that's only me,' he cried in disappointment.

'All I can see is me.'

'Ah,' replied the gypsy, 'Now you do know where God lives. He lives in you.'



So how many words did you get out of CHRISTMAS?

Here is Christine's answer. Did you get all these!?

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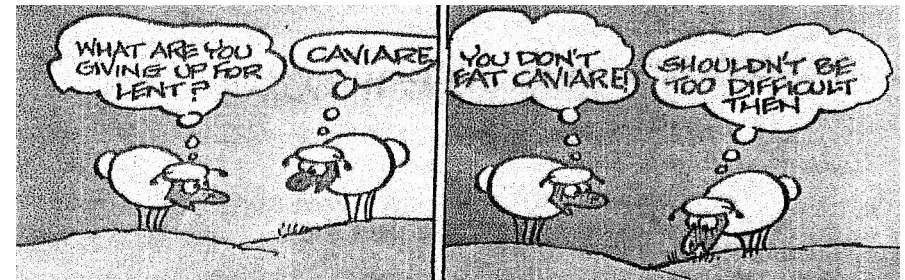
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84 words

How many words can you make from TEMPTATION? They must be 3 letters or more. Answers in the next newsletter.



St Matthew's Church & Parish Centre

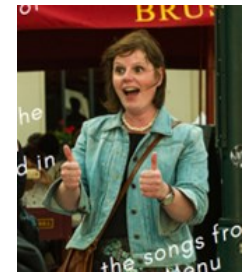
Present a Cabaret evening on

16th March 2024 – 7.30pm

NICOLA MILLS

Sings

POPULAR OPERA and SONGS FROM THE
SHOWS



Interspersed with anecdotes from her life in opera and with tales of her background to singing in the finest Opera houses.

Plus 'Songs for the Soul' from The Space Singers

Venue: Rastrick Parish Centre

Tel 07769 710623

Tickets £10 inc Glass of Wine or soft drink, plus nibbles

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed.
We're having a meeting.

An elderly lady carefully climbed onto a bus and asked the driver to go steadily as she was going to hospital. When she got off the driver



helped her off and asked if she was well. The old lady relied "I just made a jelly to take to the hospital for my husband and it hadn't quite set when I left home."

What's on and when in the church hall

Tuesday	Stitch group	Fortnightly 10.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday	Time To Reflect	10.00am – 11.00am
	Lunch	12.30pm (2nd 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	10.00am – 4.00pm (3rd Sat in the month)
	Bound To Be Good	Quarterly + November



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in

FEBRUARY

MARCH



Dawn Swaine	5th	Joyce Kaye	1st
Joseph Church	24th	Charlotte Thompson	10th
		David Kaye	11th
		Tess Goodman	14th
		Jane Foley	20th

Special birthday wishes to Joseph who will be 18 in February.
Another important milestone!



May we pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Gaza and Israel and other areas of conflict in whatever way we are able and remember them daily in our prayers.

Japan

PIE & PEA supper
 Followed by a **Slide Show and Talk on**
"By Bike and Bullet train in Japan"
 - their latest adventure
By Ken and Anne Inwood
 Upper Edge Baptist Church, Rastrick
@ 7.30pm on Wednesday February 21st 2024

Pie and peas will be served from 6.30pm before the
Slide Show and Talk
 Suggested donation £5 head. *Vegetarian/vegan option available*

ALL Welcome

Please sign the sheet available in Church for
 your order Or contact Anne Inwood
 on 07932537140

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