



UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

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Hello there,

*“Go stand at the crossroads and look around.
Ask for directions to the old road,
the tried-and-true road. Then take it.
Discover the right route for your souls.*

Jeremiah 6:16 - Message

About eight months after I first learnt to juggle I quit my job, left my house, sold most of my belongings and said goodbye to my friends and family. I bought a one-way ticket to Australia and packed my two bags: a tiny hand-held one with all my clothes and a massive holdall with an unbelievable amount of circus equipment in it. I had no plans, no contacts, and yet surprisingly no worries.



About three days after arriving in Perth, I was practising some tricks in a park by the hostel I was stopping at. A bloke came up to me and told me he was part of a circus troupe in Freemantle and asked if would I like to go and meet everyone. The rest, as they say, is history. Within a matter of months I was a performer, working at festivals, theme parks and corporate functions. A series of seemingly unconnected events had come together to turn my life around in a short period of time and set me on a new path.

Thirty years later, I look back at that time and wonder whether I would make the same decisions now. If an opportunity arose,

would I have the confidence to follow as instinctively as I did when I was a young man?

The brilliant thing about standing at a crossroads in your life is that you rarely recognise it at the time. When I made those decisions in my early twenties, I had no real idea of where it would lead, but without taking the path I did I would not be the person I am today. Fortunately, the road has been littered with great people, fantastic opportunities, amazing experiences, plus a fair share of mess-ups, heartache and soul searching. For as we all know, taking the right paths does not exempt you from life's ups and downs.

I do not think there is necessarily a "right" road for you to follow; as what may seem like a wrong turning can lead to new opportunities. However, I do feel that there is a road that will be better for your soul, where you will know that you are on the right track and have a deep sense of peace and belonging. I pray that whenever you stand at the crossroads, you have the confidence to listen to that voice: the one that calls your name and has known you from your conception.

God bless.

Daryll



Pentecost Praise at St Matthew's with our Fire Breathing 'vicar' Daryll Hackett



Post Election Day Prayer

God of all nations,

We lift up to You our newly elected leaders and government officials. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and a spirit of service as they undertake their duties. May they be guided by a commitment to the common good, justice, and the welfare of all citizens.

May they govern with compassion, humility, and a deep sense of responsibility towards the most vulnerable and marginalised in our society.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Sent by The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) which is a partnership between the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

The purpose of JPIT is to help the Churches to work together for peace and justice through listening, learning, praying, speaking and acting on public policy issues.

A hearing loop is
installed in church.



JULY

Wednesday 3rd

10.00am Time To Reflect in Church

Sunday 7th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Names for lunch on the 10th – TODAY please

Wednesday 10th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch



Sunday 14th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Wednesday 17th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Saturday 20th

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

Sunday 21st

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Julian Dowson

Wednesday 24th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 28th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

Wednesday 31st

10.00am Time To Reflect

AUGUST

Saturday 3rd

12 noon Wedding of Charlotte Thompson to Kyle Sharp at Upper Edge Baptist Church

Sunday 4th

10.30am Morning Worship led by the Young Church

Wednesday 7th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 11th

10.30am Morning Worship including Communion led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Names for lunch on the 14th – TODAY please

Monday 12th

7.00pm Deacons' Meeting at Church

Wednesday 14th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch



Saturday 17th

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

Sunday 18th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Wednesday 21st

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 25th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Simon Thompson

Wednesday 28th

10.00am Time To Reflect

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett and Mrs Mavis Rouse

Please make a note about the following event which Daryll has arranged at Church

"Equipped - Everyday Evangelism" training

on Fri 13th and Sat 14th September

(times to be confirmed)

BARN DANCE - Saturday 21st September at Upper Edge Baptist Church. Full details in the next newsletter

WORDS TO PONDER

Our words to ponder this month are from Brian Andreas, an American writer and artist, widely known for his simple and poetic short stories of around fifty to a hundred words, often accompanied by distinctive colour drawings.

“You may not remember the time you let me go first.

Or the time you dropped back to tell me it wasn’t that far to go.

Or the time you waited at the crossroads for me to catch up.

You may not remember any of those,

but I do and this is what I have to say to you:

Today, no matter what it takes, we ride home together.”

Brian Andreas

Do reading those words evoke any particular memories? Do you think of a specific person or time in your life? Is there anyone that you wish you could ride home with now?

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Jeremiah 6:16 - Message

The passage from scripture points us to the fact that God has that very same longing for us, that same desire for us to come back home into their loving arms. Home to a place where our soul will find peace and our whole life makes sense. You get to stand at the crossroads, you get to decide which road to take.

Homeless Pastors

On the 7th June, Upper Edge Baptist Church supported the Homeless Pastors, who are based in Calderdale, by supporting their fund-raising Bakeathon and raised £142.

This was supported by many churches in Calderdale, where we made buns/cupcakes and all donations from the 'goodies' purchased went to this charity.



Often, churches and charities are the first place that rough sleepers go to for help. But offering support to homeless people is complex and difficult at times. Organisations are often ill-equipped and the task can seem overwhelming.

Homeless Pastors provide a network for pastors and charity workers serving homelessness with in-depth, practical training covering key areas of homeless outreach. This enables those on the margins to find a supportive community and begin the process of rebuilding their lives.

If you would like to know more about the Homeless Pastors, please follow the link <https://www.thehomelesspastors.org/>

We look forward to hearing more about their work from them in one of our services in the coming weeks.

We shouldn't look down on others
unless it is to help them up.

A Time for Everything

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under the heavens* (Ecclesiastes 3: 1)



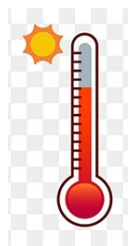
We looked at the idea of a 'crossroads' earlier in this newsletter. The trouble with a crossroads is that we never know where the unchosen paths may have taken us, or whether our path was the right one. Sometimes we just have to accept that we are at the right place, at the right time. Below is a series of events that took place on July 4th throughout the centuries. I wonder if the people involved in these events spent time reflecting on their decisions?

- **1634** The city of Trois-Rivières is founded in New France, later to become the Canadian province of Quebec
- **1776** US Congress proclaims the declaration of independence and independence from Great Britain.
- **1826** Past presidents Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both die on the 50th anniversary of the declaration of independence.
- **1827** Slavery abolished in New York
- **1829** The first London bus "omnibus", operated by George Shillibeer, begins service between Marylebone Road and Bank Junction
- **1837** Grand Junction Railway, the **world's first long-distance** railway, opens **between Birmingham and Liverpool**
- **1838** Huskar Colliery Mining Disaster in Silkstone England: mining pit floods drown 26 children, leads to 1842 'Mines and



Collieries Act' which bans women and children working underground

- **1840** The Cunard Line's 700 ton wooden paddle steamer RMS Britannia departs from Liverpool bound for Halifax, Nova Scotia on the first transatlantic crossing with a scheduled end.
- **1855** In Brooklyn, New York, the first edition of Walt Whitman's books of poems, "Leaves of Grass" is published.
- **1862** Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) creates Alice in Wonderland for Alice Liddell on a family boat trip in Oxford.
- **1865** First edition of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll is published
- **1892** James Keir Hardie chosen 1st socialist in British Lower house
- **1934** Hungarian physicist Leo Szilard patents the chain-reaction design for the atomic bomb
- **1941** Howard Florey and Norman Heatley meet for the first time, 11 days later they successfully recreate penicillin
- **1945** Field Marshal Henry Maitland Wilson gives Britain's agreement to use the atomic bomb against Japan at the Combined Policy Committee in Washington D. C.
- **1954** Meat and all other food rationing officially ends in Britain, nine years after the end of World War II
- **1996** Hot Mail, a free internet E-mail service begins
- **2023** Hottest global temperature ever recorded as average global temperature tops 17.18 degrees



You really need to read this.....

Lying between California and Hawaii, The *Great Pacific Garbage Patch* is three times the size of France and is the world's biggest ocean waste repository, with 1.8 billion pieces of floating plastic which kill thousands of marine animals each year.



And if that wasn't bad enough, there is also a similar patch in the North Atlantic Ocean, hundreds of kilometres across, consisting of human created waste, mainly plastic.

The surface of these 'islands' consists of micro plastics, broken down from polythene and polypropylene which many common household items are made from. Most of it is not biodegradable. Marine animals eat these micro plastics and they are passed along the food chain, eventually ending up in humans, the consequences of which are unknown, therefore very scary!

How can we stop adding to it? Many things can now be bought plastic free and I know many of you are actively trying to avoid it - keep going!

- Choose natural fibres when buying new clothes/ linen/ furnishings.
- Use a micro filter bag (guppy bag) when washing synthetics to prevent micro plastics entering our waste water system.
- Use plastic items for as long as possible, re-use carrier bags, wash out plastic bags and, when it is finally worn out, recycle it.

Recycled plastic requires less energy to convert into new products than virgin plastic. We're all in the habit of placing our plastic bottles and containers in our weekly recycling bins and most supermarkets have recycling bins for plastic bags and film.

Try checking each week as you put out your recycling and ask yourself '**Am I doing my bit to cut back on plastic waste?**'

(From an article in the Fixby and Brighthouse WI magazine)

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



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

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

So how many words did you get out of **SHAVUOTH** or **SHAVOUT** the Jewish festival of Pentecost

Here are 23 words for you!

5 letter words

Hosta Shoat Shout South (4)

4 letter words

Auto Hast Hath Host Oast Oath Shot Shut Thou Thus Vast (11)

3 letter words

Ash Hat hot Huh Oat Out Sat Vat (8)

Did you get all these!?



NEXT challenge is the word

CHRISTIAN

Target: 40 Good, 50 very Good, 55 Brilliant. Answers in the next newsletter near the end of August

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



JULY

David Wilkinson 30th

AUGUST

Christine Lister 2nd
Penny Goodman 31st

Special birthday wishes for Penny who will be 14 this time.
Hope you have a great day!

Congratulations to Daryll and Jo Hackett who will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday 31st July.

Happy 25th Anniversary



Upper Edge Baptist Church
Saturday 3rd August at 12 noon

We look forward to celebrate the wedding of
Miss Charlotte Thompson to Mr Kyle Sharp

Parents as you enjoy your children during the holidays, remember ...

Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.

Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

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For Hire

Good size room suitable for a variety of activities for all ages plus kitchen

Disabled access and toilet facilities

Prices from £20 per session

Contact 01484 714944 for more information



What's going on here? How will Daryll get out of this then?

Many thanks to one of our wonderfully talented ladies who has made this new banner for upstairs in church.



What is the connection between all of these items — a lighthouse, a paper chain, a telephone and cereal boxes with GOOD NEWS on?

Do come and find out for yourself what goes on on a Sunday morning in some of our services. We would love to see you.



Sunday 4th August
10.30am



Upper Edge Baptist Church invites you all to come and support this appeal.

After the service which will be led by the Young Church we shall be holding our own BIG BREW to raise funds for the Overgate Hospice Big Build Appeal.

Instead of simply biscuits there will be some gorgeous home made decorated buns to eat straight away and also to take home. All donations for cakes and a brew will be sent to this Appeal.



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