

# UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Newsletter

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Hello there,

#### Is God ever silent?

Do you have those moments in everyday life that you dread? I used to find it really difficult when I was out with a new group of people, my wife's work colleagues for instance, and the conversation would come round to what I did for a living. The circus and performing bit was bad enough — "Go on, do a trick for us," or "Could you do my son's party?" (Both would receive a resounding no by the way — so don't even think about asking!) However, the moment of pure dread would be when people cottoned on to the fact that I was a Christian. "...Oh, but I thought you were an intelligent man?" has been said to me on more occasions than I would like to mention — and by some people that are now very close friends.

For some reason, people have strange responses when I tell them I have a faith, it sometimes feels that to be a Christian I need to fit the criteria that has already formed inside their mind. Alongside this, a question I am often asked when people find out that I am a Christian is: "If God is so loving, then why..." The blank is then normally from a range of: "Does God allow children to suffer?", "Why would God allow any kind of poverty?", all the way to social injustice, and why seemingly evil people appear to prosper. I am sure you can fill in the blank here with your own suggestions without too much prompting.

I tend to find that the issue is not necessarily the one that is first presented; rather, the person asking the question is really seeking to make sense of a damaged world. It seems to me the real question people want to ask is, "Why is God silent?" Silent in a world, where over 2000 years after Christ, is still full of turmoil. These questions are nothing new; over 600 years before Christ, the prophet Habakkuk was asking the same things.

Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

#### Habakkuk 1:13

I tend to then spend the rest of the evening talking with the person, because to be honest, it is a question that we should all ask, irrelevant of having a faith or not. I believe there is no silence, rather that the voice is not always heard, or is attributed to something else. I feel that we see the cry of God in protests against injustice around the world; that God prompts people to take action on both micro and macro levels. I believe that some are called to roles within organisations because that is where God needs them to be at that moment, regardless of whether they have a faith. I believe that God is never silent, but we sometimes forget that we also need to listen.

Many blessings

Daryll

#### Dear Lord

Help us to protect your creation by being careful about how we use your resources, so that there will be clean water, clean air and plenty of wild birds, mammals and insects to maintain the ecological balance of our countryside. Bless all those who care for them, Lord.

We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown; First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Grant, O harvest Lord, that we, wholesome grain and pure may be.

Amen



A hearing loop is



## **Equipped Evangelism Workshop**

#### Friday 13th & Saturday 14th September 2024

"Equipping you to share the Gospel with confidence."

Refusing to remain silent about the hope we carry is one of the greatest acts of love we can show, whether to friends, family, or even strangers. With that in mind, we invite you to the Equipped Evangelism Workshop led by Rev. Kenny MacKay.

This workshop isn't about telling you how you should be a witness but about equipping you with a solid foundation and the confidence to share the gospel in your own way. Jesus commanded us to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). You may not be called to the office of an evangelist, but you are called to share the message of Jesus and the hope He offers. In this training, you will uncover your personal style of evangelism, deepen your understanding of the gospel, and learn how to share your salvation story effectively.

In 2010, Kenny and his wife, Jennifer, responded to God's call to leave their home in America and serve the people of the United Kingdom. With a vision to reach the lost and to train believers to be effective witnesses for Christ, they set out to create training workshops, evangelism resources, and to help mobilise the UK Church to reach people for Christ. We invite you to join us for this training as we seek to share the hope of Jesus with the world around us.

The training will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September at Upper Edge Baptist church. It will consist of a two hour session on the Friday afternoon and four hours on the Saturday. If you can't make the Friday please feel free to come along to the Saturday session – we can supply you with the content of the Friday session and give you a quick catch up. Ideally come to both but we understand that the Friday afternoon may be tricky for some.

Please bring a packed lunch on the Saturday – Tea/ Coffee and cold drinks will be provided.

For more information about the MacKays, the Equipped Evangelism Workshops, or their work, visit their website at <a href="https://www.equippedevangelism.com">www.equippedevangelism.com</a>.

#### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett and Mrs

Mavis Rouse

Wednesday 4th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 8th

10.30am Morning Worship including Communion led by *Mr* 

Daryll Hackett and Kenny Mackay

11.45am – 12.45pm Followed by Church meeting

#### Names for lunch on the 11th - TODAY please

Wednesday 11th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch

<u>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></u> Everyday Evangelism - see advert on previous pages

Saturday 14th for times

Sunday 15th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett including

Teddy Morgan's Baptism

Wednesday 18th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Saturday 21st

8.30am Men's Breakfast @the Toby Carvery, Ainley Top

Sunday 22nd

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

Wednesday 25th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 29th

10.30am Morning Worship led Mr Daryll Hackett and Mr Paul

Chapple (Homeless Pastor's charity in Halifax)

#### **OCTOBER**

Wednesday 2nd

10.00am Time To Reflect

Saturday 5th John Froud - See information on the back page

Sunday 6th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

and Mr John Froud

#### Names for lunch on the 9th - TODAY please

Wednesday 9th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch

Sunday 13th

10.30am Morning Worship including Communion led by Mr

Julian Dowson

Wednesday 16th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Saturday 19th

8.30am Men's Breakfast @the Toby Carvery, Ainley Top

Sunday 20th HARVEST SERVICE

10.30am Morning Worship led by the Young Church

Wednesday 23rd

10.00am Time To Reflect

Saturday 26th British Summer Time ends tomorrow

CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR

Sunday 27th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Wednesday 30th

10.00am Time To Reflect

**NOVEMBER** 

Sunday 3rd

10.30am Morning Worship led Mrs Janet Lawton

#### Time

We would like to give a shout out to the Young Church and Lorraine who led the service entitled "Time for God" recently. They gave us all a time piece to wear to remind us all to make time for God in our daily lives. It was very inspirational and uplifting.



We also would like to say thank to all who took part either by sharing their stories of when God touched their lives and to those who did readings and the choir.

God bless them all in their work and witness of our Lord Jesus Christ .

Dawn and Christine



Sunday 4th August

#### **Upper Edge Big Brew**

Christine Newman made a selection of her beautifully decorated buns, which were supplemented by some shop bought tray bakes.



The sum of £210.70 was raised for the Overgate Big Build Appeal.

Our grateful thanks got to Christine for her delicious buns and to all who gave so generously to the Appeal

David K

#### Dear Everyone at Upper Edge Baptist Church

Your incredible support has brought people together for a wonderful day of fundraising, games, and of course, brews, And you chose to do it so that future generations will continue to have a safe haven to turn to



when they face the unimaginable. On behalf of them, thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. You are the definition of community spirit.

You have raised an incredible £210.70, wow! This is the first time we have ever done a campaign like The Big Brew and its success would not have been possible without the dedication and generosity of individuals like you. Your willingness to donate, attend and volunteer shows your commitment to exceptional end of life care for Calderdale. Thank you for caring as much as we do.



Your support is truly humbling, and we can't wait to start work on the new hospice next year, built on the foundation of your kindness.

Thank you for helping to build a new hospice for Calderdale.

With heartfelt thanks,

Dru Brown (Capital Campaign Fundraiser)

#### Thank you so much!

Your church's generous gift of £162.00 to the BMS World Mission Birthday Scheme supporting children with disabilities in Nepal, and sharing fullness of life across the globe is helping people like Kamal.



Kamal is from Surkhet district, in the west of Nepal.

As a young baby, his parents started noticing his development was a lot slower than that of other babies. Worried about their little boy, they travelled to India and Kathmandu, spending all their money trying to find a treatment. Kamal was eventually diagnosed with cerebral palsy - but little help was offered by these hospitals to him or his mum, Mina.

That's all changed, thanks to everyone at Upper Edge Baptist Church. By giving to the BMS Birthday Scheme, your church helped enable Mina and Kamal to be part of a nine-day cerebral palsy camp. On the camp, run by a paediatric consultant at BMS-supported Green Pastures Hospital in Pokhara, Mina learned how to better support Kamal's development. She was taught exercises to do with him to help strengthen his muscles and improve his motor skills. She also learned different feeding techniques, so Kamal can now swallow his food more easily. Coming together with nine other children with cerebral palsy and their parents on this camp was transformative for Mina and Kamal. Mina now knows she's not alone. There are other mums and children like her and Kamal. She's also now better equipped to care for Kamal and help him have the best chance to develop and grow into all God has created him to be.

Miss Sunderland, you and all those at Upper Edge Baptist Church who have chosen to give life on their birthdays have made this possible.

Thank you! And your impact doesn't end with Kamal in Nepal. You're also helping to share the gospel in unreached places in North Africa and Asia. You're providing a lifeline for people displaced from their homes because of conflict or disaster. You're helping people in Uganda grow good food to feed and provide for their families. And you're bringing fullness of life across the globe.

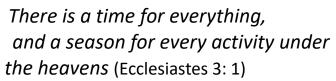
This gift was collected from those in the birthday scheme over the first 6 months of this year. Please ask Christine if you would like to know more.

Did you know there are *more than 100 verses* in the Bible that speak directly or indirectly about harvest?



Only in maths problems can you buy 60 cantaloupe melons and no one asks, "What on earth is wrong with you?"

## A Time for Everything





Below are a series of events that all took place on 4<sup>th</sup> September. None of those involved in them would have ever suspected that they would resonate down through history. Each event has affected more than those originally involved, some acted as inspirations others still have ramifications to this day. Almost all depended on people not remaining silent.

- **476: Western Roman Empire falls.** Romulus Augustus, the last emperor of the Western Roman Empire, is deposed by Odoacer, a German barbarian who proclaims himself king of Italy.
- **925: King Athelstan of the West Saxons** became the first king to rule all of England.
- **1781:** Los Angeles founded on this day in 1781, Spanish settlers laid claim to what became Los Angeles, now the second most populous U.S. city and the home to Hollywood, whose name is synonymous with the American movie industry.
- **1870**, Napoleon III who ruled France first as president (1850–52) and then as emperor (1852–70), was deposed and the Third Republic proclaimed.
- **1881: The Edison electric lighting system** goes into operation as a generator serving 85 paying customers is switched on.
- **1893: Beatrix Potter** sends a note to her governess' son with the first drawing of Peter Rabbit, Cottontail and others. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* is published eight years later.
- **1908: Novelist and short-story writer Richard Wright,** among the first African American writers to protest white treatment of

blacks, was born.

- 1944: British troops liberate Antwerp, Belgium.
- 1951, President Harry S Truman's opening speech before a conference in San Francisco is broadcast across the nation, marking the first time a television program was broadcast from coast to coast. The speech focused on Truman's acceptance of a treaty that officially ended America's post-World War II occupation of Japan.
- **1957: Arkansas governor Orval Faubus** calls out the National Guard to bar African—American students from entering a Little Rock high school.
- **1972:** American swimmer Mark Spitz won his seventh gold medal during the Munich Olympic games, the first person ever to do so in a single Olympics.
- **1975: Sinai II Agreement between Egypt and Israel** pledges that conflicts between the two countries "shall not be resolved by military force but by peaceful means."
- **1998: The American search engine company Google Inc.** was formally established as founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page filed incorporation papers.
- **2016: Mother Teresa,** founder of the Order of the Missionaries of Charity and winner of the 1979 Nobel peace prize, was canonized by Pope Francis.

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#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in

## SEPTEMBER

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Paul Armitage		Ma
Anne Inwood	9th	
David Peck	16th	Si
Lee Church	28th	Co

#### **OCTOBER**

Ken Inwood	3rd
May Wilkinson	6th
Simon Thompson	9th
Colin Kitching	11th
<b>Emily Wilkinson</b>	27th





congratulations to Miss Charlotte Thompson and Mr Kyle Sharp on the occasion of their wedding on Saturday 3rd August.

How lovely it was to see family and friends filling the church and then enjoying the church gardens with the lovely view for the many photos which were taken.

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"Of course I like your hat - I wore it for years before I gave it to the jumble sale."

So how many words did you get out of CHRISTIAN Here are 66 words for you!

7 letter words

tarnish (1)

6 letter words

nitric racist raisin snatch snitch starch strain tahini (8)

5 letter words

aitch antic astir cairn chain chair chant chart china crash irish ranch ratch saint saith satin scant scart shirt stain stair train trash (23)

4 letter words

airs anti arch cart cash cast char chat chia chin chit hair hart hast hint inch iris itch rain rant rash rich sari scan scar scat shit star stir. tarn than thin this tsar34

Wish

Did you get all these!?

NEXT challenge is the word

**FELLOWSHIP** — friendly association,

especially with people who share one's interests.

**Target:** for 4 letter words is 30 Good, very Good is 35, 40 is Brilliant

**Target:** for 5 or 6 or 7 letter words is 10 Good, 15 very Good, 20 Brilliant

Or total for 4 to 7 letter words 40 Good, 50 very Good, 55 Brilliant.

Answers in the next newsletter near the end of October

## John Froud @ Upper Edge Baptist Church Sat 5th October 2024 7pm (doors open 6.30pm)

"Pilgrimage of thankfulness - Froudy's last tour 2024" FREE ENTRY



John Froud is an accomplished singer/songwriter, speaker, performer, and former teacher, with many years experience to his name. The founder and director of the Zephaniah Trust, he has recorded twelve studio albums and performs concert sets to adults as well as praise party material to children.

John has been taking light into dark corners for nearly 30 years, both as a solo artist and as part of the Zephaniah Trust – an organisation he founded back in 1994.

During that time, he's says; "I've travelled everywhere and it's different everywhere I go. Sometimes schools, sometimes concerts, sometimes worship leading. Every day, every week is different."

Froudy's last tour 2024 is not a farewell, not a last hurrah, but the last time to faraway places with strange sounding names; sharing memories and songs with places and with people who have meant a lot to him over the years.

You can listen to some of John's music on SoundCloud or YouTube.