

NOVEMBER 2024



# UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Newsletter

Dewsbury Rd, Rastrick, HD6 3QD



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May be used as a prayer  
or sung to the music, *Finlandia*, by Jean Sibelius

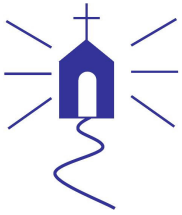


Grant peace, O Lord, across our strife-torn world,  
Where war divides and greed and dogma drive.  
Help us to learn the lessons from the past,  
That all are human and all pay the price.  
All life is dear and should be treated so;  
Joined, not divided, is the way to go.  
Protect, dear Lord, all who, on our behalf,  
Now take the steps that place them in harm's way.  
May they find courage for each task they face  
By knowing they are in our thoughts always.  
Then, duty done and missions at an end,  
Return them safe to family and friends.  
Grant rest, O Lord, to those no longer with us;  
Who died protecting us and this their land.  
Bring healing, Lord, to those who, through their service,  
Bear conflict's scars on body or in mind.  
With those who mourn support and comfort share.  
Give strength to those who for hurt loved-ones care.  
And some there be who no memorial have;  
Who perished are as though they'd never been.  
For our tomorrows their today they gave,  
And simply asked that in our hearts they'd live.  
We heed their call and pledge ourselves again,  
At dusk and dawn - we will remember them!

At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

We will remember them.  
*Charles Henrywood, 2009*





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Walking in the pouring rain

Hello,

Have you ever been caught in a massive downpour, one of those sudden, devastating showers that leaves you absolutely sodden? I can't believe for a moment that none of you are exempt from this experience, in fact I wonder who has the most exotic tale to tell?

Years ago I lived in Galway and learnt first-hand the reason for the beautiful lush green Irish landscapes (and also one of the explanations as to why the pubs were so full every afternoon!). The rain there was of a different league, many times I saw it rain on just one side of the street; it sometimes felt like it had been pre ordered for certain locations. If you have never seen that happen, you are missing out on one of nature's beautiful wonders.

One summer whilst I was working the festival circuit, 90% of the gigs were cancelled due to rain. I can't remember the exact year but it was around the early 2000s, a summer of mud and puddles, and the start of my umbrella selling empire. It got to the point where you were surprised to be working, often spending the day sat in a field trying to console the organisers.

However, by the end of that summer we had created a number of shows that could work in any weather; necessity truly is the mother of invention. I am now quite notorious amongst fellow performers

for continuing with a show regardless of any deluge, my mantra being that if any of the audience are prepared to stay, *"I will deliver a show"*. In fact some of these are amongst the most memorable and enjoyable performances I have ever done. There is some kind of extra connection felt amongst those present, as sense of facing the issue head on and ploughing on through.

And that is the thing about rain, it may be unwelcome but in its wake it leaves growth. As we meander through autumn and winter it is always good to remember that spring will be here in a breath, and with it we will see new life blossoming. The same I believe is true for our lives, that after dark or difficult times we can start to see hope, a renewal of life, a re-energising. Sometimes this means seeing life in a different context from previously, as though the time of difficulty was able to leave a path for this to take place.

When rains fall we get wet, life becomes harder, things are left damaged and it can be a far from enjoyable experience. But the rain can also leave a rainbow, produce amazing food, and create magnificent landscapes. I ask you to reflect on the hard rains that have fallen in your life and consider what growth may have followed when you look back now with the gift of time passed.



If you are going through a rainy period at this moment my prayers are with you and please know that the church door is open if you ever need an umbrella.



Take care and God bless.

*Daryll*



## NOVEMBER

### Sunday 3rd

10.30am Morning Worship led Mrs Janet Lawton

### Monday 4th

7.00pm Future Vision

### Wednesday 6th

10.00am Time To Reflect

### Sunday 10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.30am Morning Worship including Communion led by Mr Daryll Hackett

### ***Names for lunch on the 13th – TODAY please***

### Wednesday 13th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch for the Community

### Saturday 16th

8.30am Men's Breakfast @ The Toby Inn, Ainley Top

### Sunday 17th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

### Monday 18th

7.00pm Beer and Banter for men at the Four Sons - Yorkshire Air Ambulance by Pat Lee

### Wednesday 20th

10.00am Time To Reflect

### Saturday 23rd

7.15 for 7.30pm Barn Dance in the church hall - see back page

### Sunday 24th

10.30am Morning Worship led Mr Julian Dowson

### Monday 25th

7.00pm Deacons' Meeting

### Wednesday 27th

10.00am Time To Reflect



### Saturday 30th

9.30am Decorate Church and Hall

## DECEMBER

### Sunday 1st

1st in ADVENT Toy and Tin Service

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett



## Evangelism Training Course



On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, an Evangelism Course compiled and led by a young American, Kenny, who now lives in Bradford, was offered in church.

It was to be a great weekend as Teddy's baptism was to take place on the Sunday. As the baptistry was open, the lower hall was out of bounds [in case anyone fell in] so we were to meet in the Upper Room.

Ten of us hoped to refresh our ideas as we sat around tables and were presented with workbooks to fill in as we went along. I hope Kenny wasn't daunted as he looked around to see most of us were advanced in years. But you're never too old to learn.

I must say it was absolutely freezing, and if it had not been such a full and interesting course, I would not have returned on the Saturday, but it was and I did.

We considered how our personality influences our way of sharing faith and how the Holy Spirit leads us and equips us with boldness when the time is right. We are all called to be witnesses for Christ and we each do that in our own way. We are not all preachers or leaders, but God speaks through our own personal approach to others.

Prayer is essential, to help us be alert to God's prompting in our encounters with others. We need to prepare the Way by praying for those we come in contact with and those we are concerned about.

We do this as a church too, not only on Sundays in our Prayers of Concern, but especially in the Wednesday morning Time to Reflect.

We were encouraged to think through and be prepared to share our own personal stories of how we came to know the love of our Saviour, Jesus. We should also notice when compassion is arising within us, as that is how the Spirit leads us.

Kenny asked us to write down our personal faith histories. These are stories without end, so I suspect that most of us didn't finish. After all, God hasn't finished with any of us yet!

Many thanks to Daryll for arranging the course.

*Louise Armitage*

*Ann Gilmore* kindly gave me her impressions of the course:

Kenny presented the Evangelism Training Course in a relaxed and relatable way and made me realise that we all evangelise on a daily basis with the people we come in contact with.

It happens naturally without having to prepare to persuade people of our faith and love of Jesus, to just be ourselves and sincere in our interactions and, as Kenny says, "be real."



The Saturday evening with John Froud was a most enjoyable experience. The mixture of songs and stories of his travels worked well together.

We particularly liked his story of the small boy at a school he visited. John mentioned God's call to Samuel, and translated Samuel's reply into modern English to be told by a small boy that Samuel's reply was actually "Speak Lord for your servant heareth," which were not the words John used.

Thank you and God Bless.

*Joyce and David Kaye*

## News of and from the Fellowship

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### ***A Joyous Celebration of Faith***

On 15 September, we had the immense joy of witnessing our daughter's baptism at my dad's church in Upper Edge Baptist. The ceremony was particularly special as she chose to be baptised as an adult, by total immersion, reflecting her deep and personal journey of faith.

Our daughter's testimony during the service was a touching revelation of how her faith gradually grew, almost like a gentle whisper, guiding her through life's moments. She shared heartfelt memories of how attending church as a child laid a strong foundation in Christianity, providing her with a sense of direction and a moral compass. Her words resonated with many, as she spoke with a wisdom and grace beyond her years.

What truly moved us was seeing her take the initiative to embrace this significant step in her spiritual journey. The service itself was beautiful, filled with love, reflection, and a sense of community. The support and warmth from the congregation made it an unforgettable experience, not only for our daughter but for everyone present.

As her parents, we couldn't be prouder of her courage and





commitment. Her decision to be baptized and the sincerity of her testimony reaffirmed the importance of faith in our lives. It was a day of profound joy, reflection, and celebration, one that we will cherish forever.

*Kathryn Morgan*



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in

**NOVEMBER**

Isabelle Dowson	10th
Daryll Hackett	24th



Harvest - Fruits of the spirit  
 What a wonderful Harvest service we were treated to on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October! Our young church once again excelled in giving us a service to remember.

It was innovative, uplifting and joyous - a wonderful way to thank God for both the beauty and bounty that this world offers. They spoke to us about the gifts of the spirit, encouraged us to make fruit kebabs and created a Godly atmosphere for all to enjoy. We are truly blessed to have such fantastic young people. Praise the Lord!

*Daryll*



**Fruits of the Spirit are:-  
 Faithfulness, Generosity,  
 Gentleness, Joy, Kindness,  
 Love, Patience, Self Control,**



*We all ate our own kebab which we had prepared.*



*We all received one of these to take home*

## Songs/Hymns we have been singing

As I was reporting to CCLI about which hymns/songs we had sung in church over the last year or so I thought you might be interested to know which ones they were. The most popular songs sung from 17 July 2023 to 30 September 2024 are as follows.

I, The Lord of sea and sky	<i>Daniel Schutte/ Bernadette Farrell</i>	13
How great Thou art	<i>Stuart Hine</i>	10
Light of the world/Here I am to worship	<i>Tim Hughes</i>	10
The Lord's my shepherd	<i>Stuart Townend</i>	9
The splendour of our king/How great is our God	<i>C Tomlin, J Reeves &amp; E Cash</i>	8
Shine, Jesus, Shine	<i>Graham Kendrick</i>	7
Great is Thy faithfulness	<i>Thomas Chisholm</i>	6
Be still for the presence of the Lord	<i>Daniel J Evans</i>	5
In Christ alone	<i>Stuart Townend</i>	5
King of Kings, Majesty	<i>Jarrood Cooper</i>	5
My Jesus, my Saviour	<i>Darlene Zschech</i>	5
What a friend we have in Jesus	<i>Joseph Scriven</i>	5

Altogether we sang 126 different hymns/songs in this period at least once. I wonder how many of these you know or have heard of. Perhaps you could let us know the names of some you remember you have sung and would like to hear again. Do you see that with time many things have changed and moved on.

## WORDS TO PONDER

*"You don't need to pray to God any more when there are storms in the sky, but you do have to be insured."* Bertolt Brecht

Our words to ponder are from Bertolt Brecht, a German theatre practitioner, playwright, and poet. When the Nazis came to power in Germany in 1933, Brecht fled his home country, initially going to Scandinavia. During World War II he moved to Southern California where he established himself as a screenwriter, though unfortunately whilst there he was put under surveillance by the FBI. He later moved back to Europe, finally settling in East Berlin.

I love the comic tone in Brecht's words, but I would like us to contrast Brecht's word with those from psalm 93:3-4 (Message version)

*Sea storms are up, God,  
Sea storms wild and roaring,  
Sea storms with thunderous breakers.  
Stronger than wild sea storms,  
Mightier than sea-storm breakers,  
Mighty God rules from High Heaven.*

Brecht points out that previously people did not understand how weather worked and would therefore pray to God for them to cease. However, sometimes life can feel like a furious storm, can't it? Those moments where all around you appears to be on the brink of calamity. The psalmist reminds us that in all things God is stronger, that God has the comfort, advice and solace that may be required.

We simply need to ask...

But there will be times where that can be the hardest thing to do. We may have felt let down by God or by Christians before, or we may simply be tired and frustrated. Whatever the circumstances, know that God is still there, waiting for you to reach out. God may not send the storms but He can provide the insurance.



# Christmas Concert for Overgate Hospice

at  
Upper Edge Baptist Church, Rastrick  
Dewsbury Rd, HD6 3QD

Wednesday December 11th 2024

at 7pm



Featuring

**Rastrick High School Choir Groups**

Director - **Charles Rhodes**

Also **The Overgate Hi-notes** and

**Paul Whittaker's Signing Choir**



A collection will be taken during the concert for the work of Overgate Hospice



Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served at the end in the Community Hall downstairs



So how many words did you get out of **FELLOWSHIP**

Here are some words for you!

7 letter words **lowlife wolfish** (2)

6 letter words **fellow lowish pillow polish** (4)

5 letter words **fills flesh flips flops flows hello helps hills howls poise shelf shell slope spell spill spoil swell swill welsh whelp while whole whose wipes** (24)

4 letter words **fell file fill filo fish flew flip flop flow foil fowl hell help hill hole hope hose howl isle lies life lilo lisp lope lose owes peso phew pile pill pole poll pose posh self sell ship shop show sill silo slew slip sloe slop slow soil sole spew swap well whip wife will wipe wise wish wisp wolf** (60)

Did you get all these!?



NEXT challenge is the word

**ARMISTICE** Meaning :- A cessation of

arms for a short time - by convention; a temporary suspension of hostilities by agreement; a truce

Did you know that Armistice is an anagram of 'It's a crime'?

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

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

**Target:** for total number of words 40 Good, 50 very Good, 55 Brilliant.

Answers in the next newsletter near the end of November



PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup> CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.

Fundraising Evening for Parkinson's UK Halifax

With special  
thanks to

*Joy of Flowers*

Morrisons

Wednesday 6th November

ELLAND  
for their donation

7.15pm for 7.30pm

**At Upper Edge Baptist Chapel  
Rastrick  
HD6 3QD**

Florist and presenter

*claire*

Tickets are £12 each and includes  
tea / coffee + a piece of cake

Contact: Anne Hunter on 07985038280

*All welcome*

Tickets also available from Anne Inwood 07932537140



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**BARN DANCE**

**23RD NOVEMBER 2024**

UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH  
DEWSBURY ROAD HD6 3QD

**£7.00 per ticket - pre-book only**

Please either see or call Anne  
on 01484 718887 or 07932537140

Pie and Pea  
Supper  
Vegetarian  
and vegan  
option  
available



Doors  
open  
19:15pm  
for  
19:30pm  
start

BYO Beer, Wine or Cider

**Proceeds For Overgate Hospice**

Come and join Laurie and his band for an evening  
of dancing and fun with plenty of laughter