



UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

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LENT

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Lord send your blessing down on us like snow.

'Come now let us reason together ,' says the Lord.
'though your sins be like scarlet they shall be as
white as snow;

though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.'

Isaiah 1 v.18.

Lord, send your blessing down on us like snow, deep
snow,
silent and gentle, covering all our fears and doubts,
quietening our spirits.

Send your blessing down on us, Lord, like snow,
a beautiful mantle, covering every blemish,
sprinkling on our hair like confetti
till we are pure, glistening white, from head to foot,
your chosen.

Send your blessing down on us, Lord, like snow.
Gloriously, like falling snow,
shower your joy into our hearts,
so that we may turn to you with laughter,
so that our spirits may run and play
like children in the snow,
wading, rolling, sliding,
gathering armfuls to throw into the air
and catching it on upturned faces.

Lord, fill our lives with your love,
our very being with your blessing
like the beauty of the snow.

Louise Armitage



A hearing loop is
installed in church.



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Dear All

I woke up early on the morning of 31st January 2025, the morning of my father-in-law's funeral. I woke with wonderful images of him in my head, memories of precious moments etched on my mind. On a day of grief I felt lifted. As I was slowly rousing myself into the day, I received a beautiful text from a dear friend: simply letting me know they were with me my wife and family today. Reminding me that we were not alone.

I then received a call from my own mother, she was fighting back tears explaining that she couldn't come to the funeral as her partner was been rushed to hospital. Her partner has been in and out of hospital for the past few years, this clearly was not good news and from her tone I sensed that she was fearing the worst.

At this point my head was pretty full and very messy: emotions running wild.

I switched on the radio.

There are two things that may be good for you to know about me.

- 1. I am a big fan of Nick Cave.*
- 2. I love Desert Island discs.*

On this morning of confusing thoughts and emotions as I switched on the radio, the marvelous Lauren Laverne announced that her guest this week on desert island discs was... Nick Cave.

I have no words to fully describe how I felt in that moment. But I do know that I could feel God's presence keenly... it felt like a gentle nod to let me know that He was there, even as I felt I was falling into a wilderness.

In the four weeks that I have passed since that morning, I have struggled at times to feel that presence as keenly. Not because God has not been there but because the fog of life has got thicker and thicker and at times, I have found myself retreating in an attempt to seek protection from it. I suspect I am not alone in this and that each of us will have had similar experiences. If this is the case then I wonder how we then find our way back into the fullness of life? The truth unfortunately is that many people never truly do, the fog can get stronger and grow apace within them.

My mist is still there but dissipating, and it is doing so because I have been able to share my thoughts, concerns, grief and upset with others. Slowly working through the fog and confusion.

Whatever you may be facing at the moment know that you do not need to face it alone, if possible, find people to speak to and share your worries. If for whatever reason you feel there is nobody to turn to know that we are here at Upper Edge, feel free to pop in and say hello, drop us a line via email or give us a call.



Know that you are not alone, know that you are loved.

Many blessings *Daryl*



Prayer - not just for emergencies only.

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Seven days without prayer makes one weak.

MARCH

Sunday 2nd

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Tuesday 4th

SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Day

Wednesday 5th

ASH WEDNESDAY

10.30am Ash Wednesday Service at St Matthew's

7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service at St John's

Friday 7th

2.00pm Women's World Day Of Prayer

Sunday 9th

1st in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion led by Mrs Janet Lawton

Monday, 10th – Thursday 13th

Lent Groups Rastrick Group of Churches

Wednesday 12th

10.00am Lent Group at Church

12.15pm for 12.30pm Church Lunch for the Community

Saturday 15th

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

Sunday 16th

2nd in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Monday 17th

7.00pm Beer and Banter for men @ The Four Sons

Lenten Juggling – Daryll Hackett

Monday 17th – Thursday 20th

Lent Groups Rastrick Group of Churches

Wednesday 19th

10.00am Lent Group at Church

7.30pm Pie and Pea Supper and talk on Morocco see advert

Sunday 23rd

3rd in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett including Dedication of Benjamin Robinson

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th

Lent Groups Rastrick Group of Churches

Wednesday 26th

10.00am Lent Group at Church

Saturday 29th

British Summer Time CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR tonight

Sunday 30th

4th in Lent Mothering Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Monday 31st – Thursday 3rd

Lent Groups Rastrick Group of Churches

APRIL

Wednesday 2nd

10.00am Lent Group at Church

Sunday 6th

5th in Lent Passion

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr John Froud

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th

Lent Groups Rastrick Group of Churches

Wednesday 9th

10.00am Lent Groups at Church

12.15pm for 12.30pm Church Lunch

Sunday 13th

6th in Lent Palm Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship tba

Monday 14th

7.45am Prayer Breakfasts for Holy Week (Blackley)

Wednesday 16th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Thursday 17th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm

Holy Communion with Foot Washing at St Johns

Friday 18th

GOOD FRIDAY

11.30am

Procession of Witness from St John's

11.40am

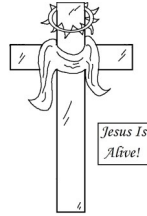
The George, Brighthouse for a hymn

12.00pm

United Service for Good Friday (Central Methodist)



Saturday 19th Men's Breakfast @ Toby Carvery Ainley Top
Sunday 20th **EASTER SUNDAY**
 10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett
 8.00am Joint Service at the Round Hill
Monday 21st **EASTER MONDAY**
Wednesday 23rd
 10.00am No Time To Reflect
Sunday 27th
 10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Julian Dowson
Monday 28th
 7.00pm Beer and Banter for men @ The Four Sons
 Wire-in Calderdale - Paul Thompson
Wednesday 30th
 10.00am Time To Reflect
MAY
Sunday 4th
 10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett



News of and from the Fellowship

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.

Apologies for not producing a news letter in February when the following few articles should have been published. I hope they bring back happy memories of the last month's activities of 2024



Brian's Christmas Party

Brian's Bequest for the Church and Community

Brian Whitehead, who used to live next door to the church before he moved into the flats, was a good neighbour to us in lots of ways. He kept his eye on the place, attended 'special events' like Anniversary Services and enjoyed the monthly Community Lunches here. So much so, in fact, that in his will he left us £1000 to be used for a Christmas Lunch for the church and Community, including his old friends from the old New Road Sunday School, where he was a lifelong member.

So, our great catering team led by Lorraine, rose to the challenge, and invited the New Roaders, the community, and the church to come and enjoy a Christmas celebration in December.

DATES for LENT and EASTER

March 4th	Shrove Tuesday
March 5th	Ash Wednesday Start of Lent
March 10th	1st Sunday in Lent
March 30th	Mothers' Day 4th Sunday in Lent
April 13th	Palm Sunday 6th Sunday in lent
April 14th	Holy Week commences
April 17th	Maundy Thursday
April 18th	Good Friday
April 20th	Easter Sunday

We can just squeeze in 36, and 36 came, including eight of Brian's old friends.

The church hall was transformed. There were 2 long tables beautifully decorated by Lorraine and Alan, using baubles and streamers and multi-coloured 'Christmas trees' made by our young people out of colourful magazines.

We toasted Brian's generosity. A wonderful basket of delights supplied by Bottomley's farm, had been brought for a 'raffle', but, although no money changed hands, we were each given a ticket, and one of our guests called out the winning number.



Alan was our attentive 'wine waiter' and the kitchen team of Lorraine, Christine and Ken, did a sterling job of preparing and serving the delicious Christmas Dinner, starting with Tomato Soup and fresh Ciabatta rolls baked by Ken, with Turkey and all the trimmings to follow, then a sweet course, and to crown it all, coffee and mince pies.

Anne then tuned up on the piano and we sang Christmas Carols. A lovely end to a wonderful afternoon.

This was a superb effort by everyone who was involved in the catering or the clearing up. Lorraine Tatham did an amazing job of planning, ordering the food, transporting it to the church and preparing it all, with Christine's help, and Alan Tatham, who was the chief washer-up, remained calm and happy, patiently working through mountains of crockery. Thank you all so much. And of course, we were all fed and entertained thanks to Brian's generosity.

All being well, we might be able to do the same again next year.

Louise Armitage

Annual Christmas Concert in aid of Overgate Hospice



The Church was almost full with many people eagerly awaiting the Annual Concert for Overgate Hospice. The Rastrick High School girls began the Concert singing as a group and then several girls singing beautiful solos. They were followed by the Overgate Hi Notes, and Paul Whittaker's signing choir, singing a variety of songs. Paul with his wonderful sense of humour, signed all the songs.

As the concert came to a close, a cheque for £1483.84 was presented to Laura Golding for the work at Overgate, over £500 of which was collected on the night.

The evening finished with a blessing from Daryll.

Our grateful thanks go to all who took part in preparing and tidying up for the evening.

We look forward to seeing you all again in December at another memorable evening.

Joyce Kaye



Just like to say a thank you to everyone at Upper Edge for; their upholding of myself and Terry in prayer over these past 2 weeks, also for the telephone calls and words of support, to Christine L for the love, help and her words of encouragement, and love and support in all ways.

Dawn Swaine

Carols at the Pub

Upper Edge was rocking to the sounds of carols on Sunday (15th) night when a few of the church community joined friends and pub regulars of all ages at the Rock Tavern.

Led by Ken, about 40 of us filled the pub to sing carols accompanied by Anne on the piano. This was interspersed with jokes from Ken (of varying quality) and entertaining Christmas stories read by Lorraine. The place was filled with laughter and plenty of Christmas spirit!

With drinks and mince pies it was certainly a lively night.

The evening closed with a short, but highly entertaining Christmas reflection from our Pioneer Leader, Darryl. Dressed as a Wizard!

A great start to our church Christmas celebrations!

Simon Thompson



Christingle Drive

Lorraine and the youth church presented a fantastic Christingle service 'with a twist'. It had a beetle drive theme where you had to roll a 6 with a dice to get started with orange, then different numbers for the ribbon, candle, sweets etc.



In between were readings where the written words were attached to a larger ornamental orange at the front.

The hard work that had gone into this Christingle was really enjoyed by the congregation and visitors alike.

A big 'thank you' to Lorraine and the young church for such an enjoyable service.

Christine Newman

Words to ponder:

“Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store.”

N.T. Wright

Wednesday the 5th of March will mark the beginning of Lent for this year. The words of the theologian Tom Wright remind us that it is a time of deep reflection and a period in which we contemplate the true beauty of God. A beauty that can be seen in nature, in people and in every corner of the world.

We will normally think of giving something up for Lent, of making some kind of sacrifice. You know the usual... less chocolate, stop drinking, swear less...and whilst those are undeniably admirable qualities I would encourage you to spend a set time each day in contemplation, meditating on your life and seeking God to guide you in your thoughts. I mean what have you got to lose? Just 10 minutes a day in silence on your own, try this for the next 6 weeks and see the effects that this will have on you.

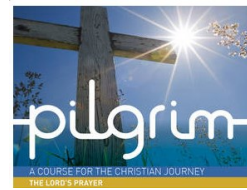
I guarantee that not only will you see a change but so will those around you.

Rastrick Group of Churches

LENT 2025

A Lenten Journey through the Lord's

Prayer



Unpacking the prayer that Jesus taught us

Commencing Monday 10th March for 5 weeks

Groups are on Mondays at 2.00pm, Tuesday 7.00pm,
Wednesday 10.00am, Thursday 2.00pm or 7.00pm

Please email or contact Paul Armitage
parmi13330@aol.com for a leaflet with full information

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Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.



Your kingdom come, Your will be done
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil

For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours

Now and for ever.

Amen

ON THIS DAY: March 5th through the years

1623: 1st American temperance law enacted, Virginia

1853: Piano company Steinway & Sons founded by Heinrich Steinweg (later Henry Steinway) in New York City

1713: Handel's "Jubilate" first performance in a public rehearsal at St. Paul's Cathedral, London

1743: 1st US religious journal, The Christian History, published in Boston

1803: First newspaper published in Australia the Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser by government printer and ex-convict George Howe

1850: The Britannia Bridge across the Menai Strait between the Isle of Anglesey and the mainland of Wales is opened

1907: 1st radio broadcast of a musical composition aired

1933: Germany's Nazi Party wins majority in parliament (43.9%-17.2M votes)

1946: Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech in Fulton, Missouri, popularizes the term and draws attention to the division of Europe

1949: Don Bradman plays his last innings in 1st-class cricket, he scores 30

1971: "Stairway to Heaven" by Led Zeppelin first played live at Ulster Hall, Belfast

1974: First performance in 3,000 years of world's oldest known song "Hymn to Nikkal" a 3,400 year old Hurrian hymn to moon god Nikkal from Ugarit in Syria, played at Berkeley University by Anne Kilmer and Richard Crocker

1986: "Today" tabloid launched (Britain's 1st national colour newspaper); it folded in 1995

10 WEIRD FACTS FOR KIDS

Australia is wider than the moon.

Switzerland prohibits the ownership of just one guinea pig.

A shrimp's head is in its heart.

Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins.

Venus and Uranus are the only planets that spin clockwise.

Honey never spoils.

The longest walking distance in the world is 14,000 miles.

A chicken once lived more than a year without a head.

There's a planet mostly made from diamond.

Octopuses have three hearts and blue blood.

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

Here are some words for you!

6 letters *happen*

5 letters *hippy nappe piney happy hyena nippy nappy*

4 letters *nape hype neap pain pane yeah pipy pipe piny pine pina pean yipe heap*

3 letters *there at least 15 common ones which are easy to find!*

Did you get all these!? I must admit some are very dubious!

*Congratulations to Dawn who found **17 of the 4 to 7 letter words***



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NEXT challenge is to find the 11 letter word below, as well as, as many 4 or more letter words as you can

EEFGINORSSV

It doesn't mean acceptance, it doesn't mean trusting the person, but it means releasing and letting go of the debt of that person who has done wrong.

There are an amazing number of 4 letter words in particular

Target: for total number of words 45 Good, 50 very Good, 60 Brilliant.

Answers in the next newsletter in April

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



The community are invited to come and join us for either or both of these activities — table tennis (£2.50) and line dancing (£5). First session is FREE



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in
MARCH **APRIL**



Joyce Kaye	1st	Elaine Maclean	2nd
Charlotte Thompson	10th		
David Kaye	11th		
Tess Goodman	14th		







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For Hire

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plus kitchen

Disabled access and toilet facilities

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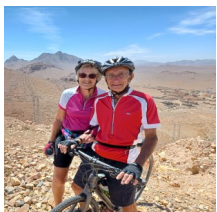
An elderly gentleman was invited to his old friend's home for dinner one evening.

He was impressed by the way his mate preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms - honey, my love, darling, sweetheart, pumpkin, etc.

The couple had been married almost 70 years, and clearly they were still very much in love.

While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host: "I think it's wonderful that after all these years you still call your wife those loving pet names."

The old man hung his head. "I have to tell you the truth pal," he said. "I forgot her name."



PIE & PEA supper

Followed by a **Slide Show** and **Talk** on

Cycling Morocco's Great South

- their latest adventure

Upper Edge Baptist Church, Rastrick

@ 7.30pm on Wednesday March 19th 2025

**Pie and peas will be served from 6.30pm before the
Slide Show and Talk**

Suggested donation £6 head. *Vegetarian/vegan
option available*

ALL Welcome

Or contact Anne Inwood

on 07932537140



Somebody has said there are only 2 kinds of people in the world.

There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord!, it's morning".



Lenten challenges –



Go single-use plastic free?

Go vegetarian or vegan?

Commit to using alternative forms of transport?

Commit to living locally?

Buy nothing new?

Reduce your electricity consumption by 10%?

Any other similar ideas??

The first to apologise is the bravest.

The first to forgive is the strongest.

And the first to forget is the happiest.

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