



# UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Newsletter

Dewsbury Rd, Rastrick, HD6 3QD



**Red Poppy:** The most famous symbol, it represents remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives in the First World War and subsequent conflicts. It is associated with the Royal British Legion, which raises funds for veterans.

**White Poppy:** This poppy is a symbol of peace, used to remember all victims of war and to promote a focus on achieving peace. It is sometimes referred to as the "silver poppy".

**Purple Poppy:**

Worn to honor animals, such as horses, dogs, and pigeons, that were victims of war. The purple poppy acknowledges their vital role and suffering during wartime.

**Black Poppy:**

This symbol was introduced to recognize the significant contributions made by Black, African, West Indian, Caribbean, and other allied communities in global wars. The **Black Poppy Rose** charity was founded to highlight these contributions



*We will remember them*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun,

and in the morning,

We will remember them



A hearing loop is installed in church.



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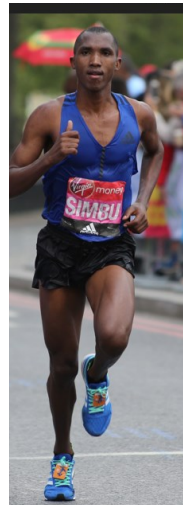


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 126 Dewsbury Rd  
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Dear All

*Come to me all who are weary*

Did you see the end of the men's marathon at the recent world athletic championships? If not you missed an absolute treat, after 26.2 miles in ridiculously hot weather, it was decided by the smallest of margins. Tanzania's **Alphonse Simbu** crossed the finish line just ahead of Germany's **Amanal Petros** to win the world title and not only was it the first ever gold won by a Tanzanian but it was also the closest ever margin of victory in a marathon. How close? 0.03 seconds close, yes, 0.03 seconds.



Simbu entered the stadium behind Petros who increased his lead as he ran down the home straight. As they edge towards the finish line somehow Simbu musters the energy for one final push, just as Petros is about to cross the line he looks across with a mixture of shock and disbelief as he sees the Tanzanian appear at his right shoulder. Can you even begin to imagine that? You have run over 26 miles in stifling heat, you have put your all into it and suddenly realisation dawns that somebody has pipped you to the post.

And what about Simbu? What gave him the strength to motor on? These are his words:

*"I remember in 2017, at the world championships in London, I won bronze. Then I ran many times but never got any medals, so finally it is here. When I arrived here, I told myself I was not going to give up. I just stayed with*

*the group; it helped me, and it ended really well. Just look at the finish and the kick."*

8 years he held onto a belief that he could win, whatever came his way he would not give up. No matter how weary he was he would have the determination to see it through. How I would love to have that amount of self-belief and confidence in my own ability. Fortunately I don't have to rely on my own strength and neither do you:

*28 "Come to me,  
 all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.  
 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
 for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for  
 your souls.*

*30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

We are not going to have to find the strength of mind and physical ability to chase down another runner after 26 miles, but we will all face times where we feel weary and burdened, where life just gets heavier than we would like it to be. In those moments I would encourage you to remember that you are not alone and that there is somebody there willing to give you rest. As you race through your life know that there is a loving saviour who is always available and can lighten whatever weight you may be carrying.



God bless

**Daryll**



**John Froud in Concert**  
 @ Upper Edge Baptist Church  
 Thursday 9th October 2025 7.00pm (doors open  
 6.30pm)  
**FREE ENTRY**

## OCTOBER

### Wednesday 1st

10.00am Time To Reflect

### Sunday 5th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr John Froud

**Names for lunch on the 8th – TODAY please**

### Monday 6th

7.00pm Deacons' Meeting

### Wednesday 8th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch



### Sunday 12th

10.30am Morning Worship including Communion led by Mr Daryll Hackett

### Wednesday 15th

10.00am Time To Reflect

### Saturday 18th

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

### Sunday 19th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

### Wednesday 22nd

10.00am Time To Reflect

Saturday 25th tomorrow  
British Summer Time ends



CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR

### Sunday 26th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

### Monday 27th

7.00pm Beer and Banter for men @The 4 Sons - Overgate Hospice by Alistair



### Wednesday 29th

10.00am Time To Reflect

## NOVEMBER

### Sunday 2nd

10.30am Morning Worship Mr Allan Bottomley

### Wednesday 5th

10.00am Time To Reflect

### Sunday 9th

10.30am Morning Worship including Communion led by Mr Daryll Hackett

### Wednesday 12th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Sorry NO Lunch this month



### Saturday 15th

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

### Sunday 16th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

### Monday 17th

7.00pm Deacons' Meeting

### Wednesday 19th

10.00am Time To Reflect

### Sunday 23rd

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Jo Hackett

### Wednesday 26th

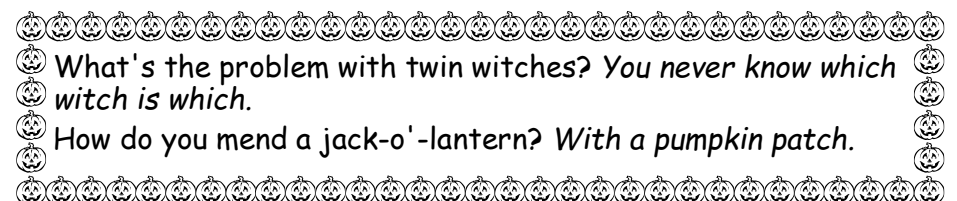
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### Saturday 29th

9.30am Decorate Church and Hall

### Sunday 30th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett



## News of and from the Fellowship

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*In Loving Memory of Jan Morris*

26.05.1935 - 19.09.2025

Jan grew up in Guernsey, where in wartime, the prospect of Nazi occupation drove many families to evacuate to Herefordshire England, where provisions were more plentiful, despite the Blitz.

Jan came to live in Yorkshire later on, where she met her husband Keith, and settled in Rastrick, where she developed close friendships with many of her neighbours. She was very fond of children, and had the joy of having two sons, David and Richard.

While her boys were at school it was convenient for Jan to take a job as a 'Lunchtime Supervisor', otherwise known as a Dinner Lady at Longroyde. Her group of Dinner Ladies became quite famous as they danced to 'The Floral Dance' at the height of its popularity and she became a well-known figure locally.

Jan later worked as an assistant to Pickles' Architect's Business in Brighouse, which suited her quick and active intelligence, and her communication skills.

Jan was brought up as a Methodist, but found a home with us at Upper Edge Baptist Church, where her many gifts of clear-sightedness, understanding, dependability and hard work made her a very capable Deacon for many years. She loved working with the Young Church and was also a popular baby-sitter for young families.

Jan was the eldest member of our congregation, but her physical frailty became obvious only recently. Jane Foley became a lifeline for her, befriending her, caring for her and notifying the Surgery if they needed to attend to her medical needs. She also took Jan on a wonderful holiday to visit the places she had lived in as a young



evacuee.

Jan had a close friendship group with other church ladies who kept in almost daily touch with her.

Jan was tremendously fond of her family and her grandchildren and was so proud of their abilities and achievements. She had the special thrill of being able to hold her first great grandson shortly after she celebrated her 90th birthday.

As Jan became more frail, some church members arranged to collect her for worship on Sundays. Anne and Ken deserve a special mention as they were her first port of call when help was needed, and were there in any crisis. Others also gave her lifts, which were much appreciated.

The phrase, 'They don't make them like that any more' kept flitting into my mind as I wrote this tribute to a great lady.

She was a beloved daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, neighbour and friend, and now she is in the Lord's care and keeping in peace and joy.

*Louise Armitage*



### **Matt Britton's Gospel of St. Mark - a Tour de Force**

Matt was not known to us, but we had heard great things about his mesmerising interpretation of St. Mark's Gospel and were excited to have the opportunity to see him for ourselves last Sunday.

Matt is an actor, who provides his own special effects, is a storyteller, raconteur, mimic, master of many accents, drummer, musician and showman.

He exploded into our Sunday morning, looking like a circus performer, drumming our attention, bearded, athletic, utterly focused and fizzing with energy.

The straight rows of seats had morphed into more relaxed semicircles, with small tables here and there. It felt different. A few visitors came in and there was a buzz of anticipation. No-one knew what to expect.





With a drum-roll the story of the good news of Jesus was introduced by the preaching of John the Baptist who baptised Jesus in the Jordan River, when the heavens opened and a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son'.

We listened.

The growing suspicion and disapproval of the religious elite, the Pharisees, Teachers of the Law and Priests, formed a strong contrast with the growing faith of the followers of Jesus and

those he healed. We saw the terror of his disciples, caught in a storm on the Lake, when He walked towards them on the water to restore peace and calm and made them even more afraid.

The mouth-organ wailed, and the drum pounded like their hearts.

Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem sitting on a donkey, was contrasted with the disciplined might of the Roman army, and at last His betrayal, arrest, trials and his crucifixion. Matt climbed a step-ladder to symbolise the Cross and we saw Joseph of Arimathea claim the body of Jesus and put it respectfully in a new tomb.

However, this was not the end of the story, because as we know, He arose.

Jesus had told his disciples he would go ahead of them into Galilee. The story of those who met him there is in Luke's Gospel, ch. 24.

This was an amazing way to hear, see and relive the Gospel of Mark. A number of our congregation said they felt as though they were there at the time watching it all happening, it was so realistic.

Thank you so much to Matt.

*Louise Armitage*



## Words to Ponder:

*I'm weary of the battle. But a tired fighter can still be a fighter.*

**Robert Cormier**

Robert Cormier was an American writer and journalist. In most of his novels the protagonists do not win and when I saw this quote it brought to mind again the marathon at this year's world athletic championships. I would suggest that the fighter is always within us no matter how tired we are and no matter what has happened previously. However, when we are feeling at our lowest and things don't appear to be going our way where do we find the strength to carry on?

Sometimes the energy we need may seem out of our reach, in those moments I recommend you go online and watch Alphonse Simbu in the final 200 meters of the race. More importantly it reminds me that we can't always do things in our own strength. Simbu will have a team of people that coach, mentor and motivate him. We don't all get this privilege, but we do all get the backing of God. We may not always realise this but that does not mean that God is absent from us: for God is there to lift us as we fall, comfort us when we are down and reenergise us when we feel we have nothing left to give. With God all things are possible!



### What strikes you as fascinating about this fact?

10th September 1897: Taxi driver George Smith became the first person in the UK to be convicted for drink-driving. He had drunk 3 beers and drove his electric cab on a pavement.



## Barn Dance

The Barn Dance on Saturday 27th Sept was a truly unforgettable evening, raising money for Overgate Hospice.

The Band (Laurence, Simon and Isabelle) were super talented and a big thank you to them for playing for approx. 3 hours, and also the friendly caller, Sue, who did an amazing job helping to keep everyone moving.



We all enjoyed a lovely pie and pea supper, thank you to all the catering team for arranging this.

The atmosphere was brilliant with continuous smiles and laughter and it was certainly enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everyone!

*Christine Newman*

A big thank you to all who came and made it a great success. Also thank you to anyone who helped in the kitchen with the dishes or in the hall with the furniture. We raised £186 for Overgate which will go towards the cheque we shall be presenting on the night of the Annual concert on Wednesday 10th December.



*Anne and Ken*



Upper Edge Baptist Church

## Bible Times Exhibition

Monday October 6th - Friday 10th October

10.00am to 4.00pm each day

You are invited to visit this wonderful display at any point. **FREE ENTRY** The exhibition will be held upstairs. *There is a chair lift available for any who need to use one.*



## Jokes for Hallowe'en



What is a ghost's favourite dessert? *I-scream!*

What kind of horse does a ghost ride? *A night-mare*



We would like to wish Colin Kitching a very happy birthday. He is now the oldest member of our congregation! Such a faithful attender. Well done!



Special birthday greetings also Isobelle who will have reached a different milestone!



## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in

### OCTOBER

Ken Inwood 3rd  
Simon Thompson 9th  
Colin Kitching 11th

### NOVEMBER

Isobelle Dowson 10th  
Daryll Hackett 24th



So how many words did you make from **SCRIPTURE**

*Here are some words for you!*

**8 letter:** crustier piecrust

**7 letter:** crisper cruiser picture recruit stirrup

**6 letter:** citrus cruise curser priest purest ripest rustic script sprite  
spruce stripe uprise

**5 letter:** crept crest cries crier crisp cruet crust curse erupt piste  
price pries purse recur riper riser setup spice spire spite strip suite  
super trice tripe truce truer upset

There are many others of 3, and 4 letters  
which are easy to find and not enough  
room to record them all here.

Congratulations to Dawn and Christine  
who found **36 words of 5 letters or more**



*Sometimes words are not enough to make  
someone feel that you care for them*

**NEXT** puzzle is to make the letter word from AEEILNORTV

clue: *It's the last book - of what?*

**Target:** *(You will need a large sheet of paper for this one and organised!)*

How many 4 letter words in 5 minutes?

How many words of 4 or more letters can you make in 10 minutes ?

How about trying to see how many you can get in total after 20  
minutes?

There are so many words. I wonder how many you can find!

*Answers in the next newsletter in December*

## What do you know about Hallowe'en? Did you know any of the following?

Halloween is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day.

Halloween's origins can be traced back to the ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain, (a Gaelic word pronounced "SAH-win) which was held on November 1 in contemporary calendars. It was a pagan religious celebration to welcome the harvest at the end of summer, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. Some believed that on that day, the souls of the dead returned to their homes.



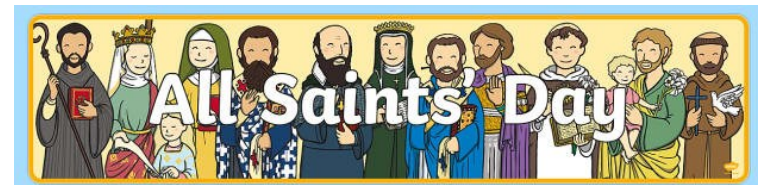
It's true, the Bible contains no direct references to Halloween by name. However, Scripture carefully instructs Christians against participation in pagan practices directly involving witchcraft, the occult, and the worship of other deities.



In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints.

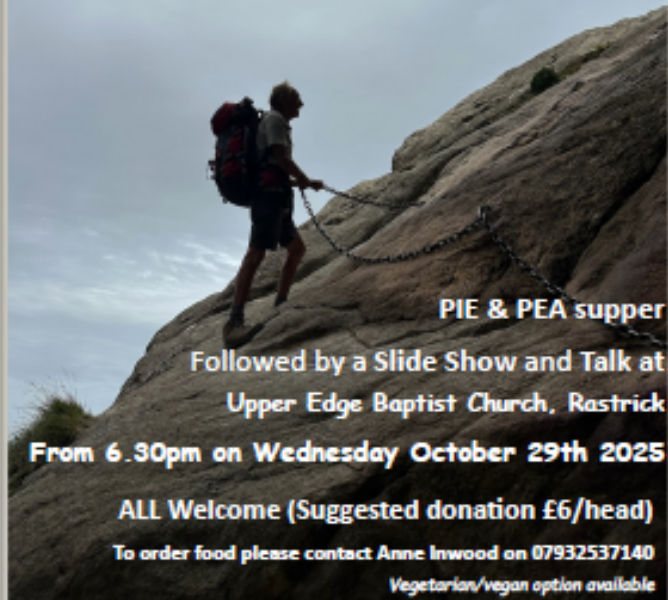
All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown. It is always celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> November and is a feast day observing the lives of the many saints for whom there is no specific feast day during the year.

In terms of the symbolic meaning of orange and black for Halloween, orange is the colour of fire and the autumn season since the hue is reminiscent of harvest, black represents the darkness as Halloween was always thought of as a night-time holiday.





**Walking the GR20**  
"the toughest long  
distance trail in Europe"  
with **Ken Inwood**



**PIE & PEA supper**  
Followed by a Slide Show and Talk at  
Upper Edge Baptist Church, Rastrick  
**From 6.30pm on Wednesday October 29th 2025**  
**ALL Welcome (Suggested donation £6/head)**  
To order food please contact Anne Inwood on 07932537140  
*Vegetarian/vegan option available*

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**Christmas Concert**  
for  
**Overgate Hospice**

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

**Wednesday December 10th 2025**

at 7pm

Featuring



**Rastrick High School Senior Choir and  
soloists**

Conductor - **Miss Laura Turner**  
Dr Eilidh Gunson - **The Overgate Hi-notes**  
**Paul Whittaker's Signing Choir**

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



Everyone welcome

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

