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UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear All

**“Hope is patience with the lamp lit,
but waiting, waiting too long,
makes your head ache and your heart sick.”**

As you read this newsletter Easter will either be almost upon us or just past. That’s what happens with time, it is a glorious beast that cannot be tamed. We spend aeons waiting for something and then in a flash it is just a fading memory. The other day I was with my 7-year-old nephew, marvelling at his zest for life, his joy in the world around him. He shouted out... “Watch me uncle Daryll, see how fast I am now?” as he ran off down the canal towpath, stopping only to demonstrate his new dance moves, inform me that he can now do his 9 times-tables, tell me that his new best friend was called Luca and then sprinted off once more. As he did, I was reminded of the wonderful days when my children were that age, the adventures we had and the endless games we invented. Happy memories, slowly fading.

It also took me back to when I was 7, every day seemingly filled with opportunities, amazing things to learn, new friends waiting to be met. Waiting. I always seemed to be waiting. Waiting for the PE lesson, waiting for the school day to end,

waiting for FA cup final to start, waiting to go to the seaside, waiting to be a year older... you get the picture? Always waiting. As the words at the top of the page remind us, **“waiting too long, makes your head ache and your heart sick.”** As we wait, we are of course hoping for something and to hope for something means we desire things to be different in some way.

Over 2,000 years ago people were filled with hope, their long-desired and not always patiently longed for Messiah appeared to be with them at last. Word had been spreading for the past few years about this man that spoke about God in a new way, talked about having a personal relationship rather than a ritual, a man that healed the sick and ate with the outsiders. The week before Easter Sunday he was given a hero's welcome and treated like a king. However, during the next week things started to change, attitudes shifted and public opinion of the man dramatically altered. And we all know what happened on Good Friday. Crucified. Happy memories from the previous week, quickly fading.

“Hope is patience with the lamp lit” And then came Easter Sunday... Easter Sunday.

A resurrection, a re-lit lamp and a new hope. The hope for all, the hope that everyone could come to a new understanding of God, a hope for a different kind of life. The thing about this hope though is that it comes with a cost, it comes with a commitment, and it comes with a challenge. It is a hope that asks us to love our neighbour, to welcome the other, to stand

against oppression in all its forms. It is a hope that asks us to live like Jesus. It doesn't ask us to be religious or to claim to know everything, it asks us to follow the way of Christ. This Easter, I offer you a simple challenge... Go and look at the teachings of Jesus, at the words he spoke, of how he treated others. As you do this then ask yourself, “do I want to follow this Man, or follow the way of the world?”

The opening words at the top of the page are from the poem “Hope” by Matt Britton, it closes with this: **“So keep on trusting, be joyful in hope, patient in pain, faithful in prayer. Refuse to quit, and always, always keep your lamp well lit.”** This Easter may your lamp shine brightly.



God bless

Daryll

The world is changed by your example
Not your opinion
Paulo Coelho

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

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

A hearing loop is
installed in church.



ONE HOPE

Hope is patience with the lamp lit,
but waiting,
waiting too long, makes your head ache
and your heart sick.

So wait,
but wait well, with love and a holy smile on your face.
Keep your darkest room flickering with the stubborn light
of faith.

Because what else is there if you have no hope?
Medicine and money,
gadgets and gimmicks,
pessimism is the faith of cynics.
None of it saves you.

So keep on trusting.
Be joyful in hope,
patient in pain,
faithful in prayer.
Refuse to quit,
and always, always,
keep your lamp well lit.

Matt Britton

MARCH

Saturday 28th

British Summer Time CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR tonight

Sunday 29th

10.30am

6th in Lent PALM SUNDAY

Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Monday 30th

7.45am

Prayer Breakfasts for Holy Week (Blackley)

APRIL

Wednesday 1st

7.00pm

Lent Groups meet for Reflection at Upper Edge Baptist

Thursday 2nd

7.30pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Communion with Foot Washing at St John's

Friday 3rd

11.30am

GOOD FRIDAY

Procession of Witness from St John's

12.30pm

United Service for Good Friday (Central Methodist)

7.00pm

Meditation Service at St Matthew's

Sunday 5th

6.00am

10.30am

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service at St Matthew's Vicarage Garden

Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Monday 6th April

EASTER MONDAY

Wednesday 8th

10.00am

Time To Reflect

12.15pm for 12.30pm

Church Lunch

Sunday 12th

10.30am

Morning Worship including Communion led by Mr Julian Dowson

Wednesday 15th

Time To Reflect

Saturday 18th

Men's Breakfast @ Toby Carvery Ainley Top

Sunday 19th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mr Paul Newman

Wednesday 22nd

10.00am

Time To Reflect

Sunday 26th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett



Monday 27th

7.00pm Beer and Banter @ The 4 Sons 'Taste chocolate like a pro' by David Greenwood-Haigh

7.00pm Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday 29th

10.00am Time To Reflect

MAY

Sunday 3rd

10.30am Morning Worship

Monday 4th Bank Holiday

Wednesday 6th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 10th

10.30am Morning Worship including Communion led by Daryll Hackett

11.45am followed by Church AGM

Wednesday 13th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15pm for 12.30pm Church Lunch

Thursday 14th ASCENSION DAY

Saturday 16th Men's Breakfast@ Toby Carvery Ainley Top

Sunday 17th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett

Wednesday 20th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15pm for 12.30pm Church Lunch

Sunday 24th PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Lorraine Tatham and the Young Church

4.00pm Brighthouse and Rastrick Churches Together Pentecost Service - outside at St Matthew's

Monday 25th Spring Bank Holiday

Wednesday 27th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 31st TRINITY SUNDAY

10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett



News of and from the Fellowship

Mavis Clegg 11th July - 5th March 2026



Mavis Clegg, or Aunty Mavis as she was known to many, will always be remembered as a warm and generous Christian woman. She showed genuine care for all she met and was always willing to go the extra mile for those in need. She was willing to try new things, a fine singer, creative and a very capable flower arranger.

To Mavis, family was important and I know that she loved them all dearly. She was a well-loved and valued member of her family and I know she will be missed by them all.

She cared deeply for her church family too and was a loyal friend to many. With her husband David and son James they worshiped at Upper Edge for many years. Mavis served her Lord in many roles; including as a Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon and Church Secretary.

Many of my own memories of Mavis involve food. She was a perfect host who always served copious amounts of delicious food. You never left hungry, even if you popped in for a cup of tea. You were always encouraged to have, 'a little more'. My brother and I called Mavis 'the hostess with the mostess'!

Always impeccably dressed for the occasion, she was stylish and often colour coordinated. With Mavis things would be done properly. But she also had a great sense of humour and an infectious laugh. She could often be heard howling with laughter with friends. Sometimes in a bible study!

Working with David for many years at Makin Organs they made a great team. This teamwork continued into their church activities too.

Mavis had a love for everyone and made you feel special. She was a people person. She touched the lives of many and even changed the lives of some through her generous friendship,

It is not surprising that when she and David emigrated to Australia to be with James and his wife, their ministry continued at a new church. They continued to serve and minister in many ways there. It was just what they did.

Mavis, Aunty Mavis will always be remembered fondly by those who knew her at Upper Edge. For those who didn't her contribution to the church is still felt now many years later.

I know that she always remembered Upper Edge with great fondness.

But most of all, it was her faith in Christ that was unflinching. And Mavis lived out her faith each day. She will be sadly missed but we rejoice that we know that she is now with her Lord.

Simon Thompson

Mavis was my best friend – we did everything together; starting school and leaving on the same day. We were both Brownies and later Girl Guides. Sunday was always very important to us, twice on Sunday, and then to church and going to the youth club which later we organised together.

Mavis was baptised in her early twenties and later for many years a Deacon at Upper Edge Baptist. She was also Sunday School Secretary



and also Joint Church Secretary with me. She was a valuable member at church in many ways – arranging flowers, helping with church lunches, choir, cleaning rota – always ready to help anyone at any time.

We had the privilege of going to the Holy Land on a Pilgrimage in 1985 with Radio Leeds, thanks to David who had to look after James while we went.

Our Church lost a valuable member when she and David went to Australia to be near James, but they soon found another church there and I am sure they too must be mourning the loss of a treasured member. We know that Mavis will be with her Lord and Saviour and will have heard the words 'well done good and faithful servant'. Rest in Peace.

Christine Sunderland

60 years

21,900 days

525,600 hours

31,536,000 minutes



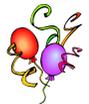
Congratulations to David and Joyce Kaye for this special achievement. We hope you have a lovely time celebrating on Thursday 2nd April.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in

APRIL

MAY



Beryl Oddy

1st

Joan Hampson

6th



Cows and Curries



Ken and Anne Cycle Cross India

A huge crowd flocked to Upper Edge to hear the latest of Anne and Ken's long distance cycling stories (and to eat the excellent pork pies and peas!! – big thank you to all involved in the catering and organisation of the evening).

The trip involved cycling across Southern India from east to west through an area that tourists don't usually visit, which meant they saw a much different side to the people and the country.

Anne and Ken were part of a group of 10 and how they all survived without serious injury was amazing, having seen and heard how the traffic moves without any obvious rules of the road. They don't seem to bother to drive on a certain side of the road. Chaotic sums it up. If you need to move anything - just balance it on your scooter or put the whole family on instead.

Just as in Rastrick, you get cows popping up everywhere. Cows are sacred and go where and when they please and as Ken remarked, on numerous occasions, 'how clean the cows were'.



One thing that shone out during the talk, and in the pictures, was how welcoming the people were that they met; people who didn't have a lot but seemed content with their lives - maybe we can all learn something there? The children and young people all seemed to have a big smile on their faces, genuinely glad to see the cyclists.

And everywhere they went it seemed like every meal was a curry of some type - all served on banana leaves – saves on the washing up!

suppose! I have never thought of having curry for breakfast! And who needs cutlery, just use your fingers (right hand of course).

I think that Anne had the right idea in having an electric bike, a bit of assistance going uphill is a wonderful thing.

If you want a lot of Gods then the Hindu religion seems to have them, but Ken did say that the more he looked into the religion the less he understood it.

A great evening was had by all, Overgate benefitted as well. A big thank you to Anne and Ken, we look forward to the next adventure.

Allan Bottomley

Many thanks to all who came and supported us, making it such a wonderful social evening, and to those who helped in anyway. A total of £301.90 has been raised so far for Overgate Hospice.

Ken and Anne Inwood



Poster found in a church in France .. (translated)



“When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear the call of God”.

However, it is unlikely that he will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones.



If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.”

10-16 May 2026

Christian Aid Week

Your faith. Make it count. 7 days to
make a difference – what will you do?



This is Christian Aid

Everyone is equal in the sight of God

For 80 years, this truth has inspired us to stand together in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, of all faiths and none.

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive.

We seek to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. Together with people living in poverty, we amplify our voices to speak truth to power and create lasting change.

We are a global movement of people, churches and local organisations. We are the changemakers, the peacemakers, the mighty of heart.

Our money goes directly to our local partners – the people working on the ground – and not to governments. That way, corrupt governments can't misuse our funds.

To ensure our partners aren't corrupt and that our money is spent effectively, we have a detailed process for evaluating partners and projects that is as robust as any system implemented by financial institutions around the world.

As the house to house collection is no longer undertaken don't forget there are other ways to donate - send a cheque, donate online, or ask the church treasurer!

Letter from Dave Fawcett to Upper Edge Baptist

Dear Treasurer

I just wanted to take a moment to personally thank you, along with Daryll and Paul and the whole church, for your commitment to partner with us over the next three years.

Your generous support of £1,500 per year will make a significant difference to the work we're doing. It enables us to continue reaching those who are homeless and vulnerable, and to keep building something that genuinely changes lives.

More than the finances, I want to say how much I appreciate the commitment behind this decision. Choosing to stand with us over a sustained period speaks volumes, and it means a great deal to me and the whole team.

We don't take this lightly. Your partnership encourages us, strengthens us, and helps us keep moving forward with confidence and faith.

Thank you again - we're truly grateful.

With appreciation,

Dave

The Light Group (formerly Homeless Pastors)

DATES for Special Days

March 29th	Palm Sunday
April 2nd	Maundy Thursday
April 3rd	Good Friday
April 5th	Easter Sunday
May 14th	Ascension Day
May 24th	Pentecost

Hot cross buns

As far back as we can trace hot cross buns have been massively popular. Stories abound about bakeries being harangued by enormous crowds when their buns went on sale.



'Hot-cross-buns; one-a-penny, two-a-penny buns; one- a-penny, two-a-penny, hot-cross-buns!'

These words were first the cries of 19th-century street sellers. As dawn broke on Good Friday in Georgian London, the cobbled streets would begin to fill with sellers old and young, male and female, who competed to win customers with their loud exclamations. Carried in wicker washing baskets and kept warm with a cloth covering were rows of these special once-a-year treats: sweet fluffy buns flavoured with all-spice and marked with a cross scoured into the dough.

To those practising their faith today, a bite from a hot cross bun on Good Friday can still be an act laden with religious significance. The bread is a nod to the Communion wafer, the spices represent the spices Christ was wrapped in in his tomb and the cross is of course a reference to his crucifixion.

Nowadays there are all sorts of different flavours of these buns – chocolate, orange, caramel etc and the original ones seem to be in the supermarkets all through the year.

I wonder which you like best, however, for me the traditional spiced ones are still the nicest -toasted and with butter.



A MODERN TAKE ON THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000

The disciples came to Jesus saying, "send all these people away so they may go into the villages and buy something to eat". But Jesus said unto them, "What! 5,000 supermarket sandwiches in triangular boxes of single-use plastic that will take four million years to degrade? Are ye mad? We have here five loaves and two fishes, bring them hither to me".



And he commanded the multitude to sit on the ground and they did all eat and were filled. No plastic waste at all, not even stupid disposable cutlery, for they ate with their fingers. And they picked up twelve baskets full of leftovers that remained, which they sent to be rendered into biofuel.



Carrots (3.5 million wasted every day)



Carrots gone limp? Not a problem! They're still fine to eat: try roasting them with spices, adding to mash or making a fragrant soup. Or go sweet and bake them into a cake.

Milk (2.3 million glasses wasted every day)

You can freeze milk, even if it's reached its sell by date. Or you can quickly transform spare pints into pancakes with savoury toppings for an easy dinner.

ANSWERS for the February/ March newsletter puzzle

I hope you all got the word REPENTANCE - very topical in Lent
Here are some words for you!

8 letters: entrance, pretence, tenpence (3)

7 letters: canteen, penance, pennate, percent, preteen, reenact (6)

6 letters: carnet, carpet, centre, create, enrapt, entrap, entree, neaten, neater, nectar, parent, prance, recant, recent, rennet, repeat, repent, tanner, tenner, trance (20)



5 letters: arete, caper, caret, cater, crane, crate, creep, crepe, crept, eaten, eater, enact, enter, erect, peace, pecan, pence, penne, preen, react, taper, tepee, trace (23)



NEXT puzzle is to make as many 4 or more letter words as you can from LEVITICUS

This is the title of the 3rd book in the Old Testament in the Bible. It contains the famous verse 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself' (Lev ch 19 v 18)

First Target: How many words did you find altogether in 10 minutes?

20 good, 25 very good, 30 fantastic

Answers in the next newsletter at the end of May

If you want to know before then you can email treasurer@uebc.org.uk

Crossword clue from last newsletter

Cryptic clue: To a devil no

Answer: Devotional



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To All in The Community - That means YOU



2nd Wednesday in the month

Wednesday 12th April and 10th May

Church Lunch @ 12.15 for 12.30pm



2 course meal with tea, coffee and chocolates. and a few jokes.

Please book your place NOW. We would love to have you join us at this social occasion.

Donations welcome Contact Lorraine on 01422 823013

We cater for many diets eg vegetarians, vegans, coeliacs - you must let us know though in advance when you sign the notice in the Church Hall or alternatively ring to book your place.

Do come along to this informal meal for a chat, good food and generally a laugh or two and a few jokes.



Thursdays
2.00pm - 4.00pm
In the Church Hall

Every Friday
10.15am -
11.45am
In the Church Hall
with a break and
also refreshments
after



YOU are invited to come and join us for either or both of these activities — table tennis (£2.50) and line dancing (£6).
First session is FREE

Tuesday	Stitch group	Fortnightly 10.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday	Time To Reflect Lunch	10.00am – 11.00am 12.30pm (2nd Wed in the month for the Community)
Thursday	Table Tennis	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Friday	Line Dancing	10.30am – 11.45am (coffee, tea and biscuits after)
Saturday	Creative Edge Bound To Be Good	10.00am – 4.00pm (3rd Sat in the month) Quarterly + November

"Never save something for a special occasion.

Every day in your life is a special occasion"

I still think those words changed my life.

Now I read more and clean less.

I sit on the porch without worrying about anything.

I spend more time with my family, and less at work.



Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark ...

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high ground.

Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you're stressed, float awhile.

Ten: Remember the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by Professionals.

THE WOODPECKER MIGHT HAVE TO GO!



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