



UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

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For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Father, unto You we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Father, unto You we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of love from God,
that we share on earth below;
for our friends and family,
and the love that they can show;
Father, unto You we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift divine
to our race so freely given,
thank you Lord that they are mine,
here on earth as gifts from heaven;
Father, unto You we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Hymn written by Folliot Pierpoint

A hearing loop is installed in church.





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Dear All

“A friend is someone who helps you up when you’re down, and if they can’t, they lay down beside you and listen.” Winnie The Pooh



I have been thinking a lot about friendship recently: friends I’ve had, friends I’ve lost and friends that are always there when needed. I was watching two small children on the train the other day, they just happened to be sat in opposite seats in a very full carriage on a very hot morning. Within seconds of meeting they had started playing a game, (I tried to figure out the rules but to be honest I suspect that neither of them was actually very clear on them either!) their game lasted the entirety of their journey and at the end they hugged each other and went their separate way – more than likely never to meet again.

The beauty of their brief friendship was that it not only allowed both their families to have a pleasant train ride but also kept the others on the carriage entertained... They just happened to be in the right place at the right time. Each one didn’t realise that they needed the other, but their time together was invaluable to both. The way we make friends, how friendships develop and how we sustain them is a topic that I could wax lyrical on for hours, however; I’d simply like to draw attention here to the subtle ways in which friendship is offered. I believe that we offer friendship in many different forms and that we do this constantly

in every day of our lives. It is one of the cornerstones of our lives and without it we can feel lost and adrift.

Unfortunately, lots of people currently feel lost and adrift: a growing number of the population report feeling lonely, more and more people spend most of their days alone. I remember during the lockdowns realising that one of the things I was missing most was the almost incidental company of others – you know those times when you are alone but in a crowded space such a train or a café, where you can be alone but also feel the energy and joy of being around others. From Wednesday the 3rd June we will be having a Renew & Wellbeing café at Upper Edge Church, this is a national initiative that offers space for people to come and be around others but also gives space for people to sit by themselves. The tag line for these cafés is *“a place where its ok, not to be ok”*. Because sometimes we may want to be in a space with others but not feel like we need to have to actively participate.

At our Renew space there will be a quiet room for people that want to sit and read, tables with activities that are both solo and with others and an understanding that it is a space for everyone. Refreshment will be available and it will be run by a dedicated team that will leave people to enjoy the sessions as they need to spend them at that time. Friendship can be offered in many ways and I believe that our Renewal café will offer friendship to all in our community who may just need a space to come and be.

Take care and God bless.

God bless

Daryll



JUNE

Monday 1st

7.00pm 'Jesus Shaped People' led by Gordon Dey

Wednesday 3rd

10.00am Time To Reflect

2.00 - 4.00pm Renewal Café in the Community Hall - *See back page*

Sunday 7th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mavis Rouse

Names for lunch on the 10th – TODAY please

Wednesday 10th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch

2.00 - 4.00pm Renewal Café in the Community Hall



Sunday 14th

10.30am Morning Worship including Communion led by Daryll Hackett

Monday 15th

7.00pm Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday 16th

7.00 - 8.30pm Prayer and Share

Wednesday 17th

10.00am Time To Reflect

2.00 - 4.00pm Renewal Café in the Community Hall

Saturday 20th

9.30am - 3.30pm YBA Assembly @ Wakefield Baptist Church

Sunday 21st

10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett

Wednesday 24th

10.00am Time To Reflect

2.00 - 4.00pm Renewal Café in the Community Hall

Sunday 28th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Allan Bottomley

JULY

Wednesday 1st

10.00am Time To Reflect

2.00 - 4.00pm Renewal Café in the Community Hall

Sunday 5th

10.30am Morning Worship tba

Names for lunch on the 8th – TODAY please

Wednesday 8th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch

2.00 - 4.00pm Renewal Café in the Community Hall



Sunday 12th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett

Tuesday 16th

7.00 - 8.30pm Prayer and Share

Wednesday 15th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Saturday 18th

8.30am Men's Breakfast @ Toby Carvery Ainley Top

Sunday 19th

10.30am Morning Worship tba

Wednesday 22nd

10.00am Time To Reflect

2.00 - 4.00pm Renewal Café in the Community Hall

Sunday 26th

10.30am Morning Worship led by John Mothersdale

Monday 27th

7.00pm Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday 29th

10.00am Time To Reflect
2.00 - 4.00pm Renewal Café in the Community Hall

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd

10.30am Morning Worship led by Jo Hackett



Saturday 20 Jun 2026
9.30 - 3.30pm
Wakefield Baptist Church

I envy people who grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine. I'm ageing like milk: Getting sour and chunky.



News of and from the Fellowship

Congratulations to Heather Callander who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Friday 5th June. We hope you have a wonderful day! Love from all your Church family



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in JUNE



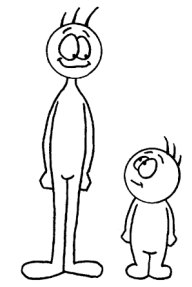
Christine Sunderland 2nd
Heather Callander 5th
Muriel Pratley 19th

Happy Birthday also to Kaitlin



Short people

God only lets things grow until they are perfect. Some of us didn't take as long as others!



We were saddened to hear of the passing of Dawn Swaine's husband Terry, last Tuesday. The funeral will be on Thursday 11th June at 11.15am at Park Wood Crematorium.

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. We remember at this time Dawn Swaine and her family as they adjust to the loss of her husband Terry. Also to Peter and Lyn Radley as they mourn the passing of their daughter Shelley. 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.



Conflicts arise whenever people have differences of opinion. In a fallen world, the tendency is to ignore conflict or suppress it by using force, threat or intimidation.

In God's kingdom, it is a blessing to bring people together who are in conflict. Only then is it possible to resolve conflict and restore relationships.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God. (Beatitudes)

Matthew 5 v 9

The Story of the Rainbow (an Indian Legend)

Once upon a time, all the colours in the world started to quarrel; each claimed that she was the best, the most important, the most useful, the favourite.



Green said: "Clearly I am the most important. I am the sign of life and of hope. I was chosen for the grass, trees, leaves – without me all the animals would die. Look out over the countryside and you will see that I am the majority."

Blue interrupted: "You only think about the earth, but consider the sky and the sea. It is water that is the basis of life and this is drawn up by the clouds from the blue sea. The sky gives space, peace and serenity. Without my peace you would all become nothing but busybodies."

Yellow chuckled: "you are all so serious. I bring laughter, gaiety and warmth into the world. The sun is yellow, the moon is yellow, the stars are yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower the whole world starts to smile. Without me there would be no fun."

Orange started next to blow her own trumpet: "I am the colour of health and strength. I may be scarce, but I am precious for I serve the inner needs of human life. I carry all the most important vitamins. Think of carrots and pumpkins, oranges, mangoes and pawpaws. I don't hang around all the time, but when I fill the sky at sunrise or sunset my beauty is so striking that no-one gives another thought to any of you."

Red could stand it no longer. He shouted out: "I am the ruler of you all, blood, life's blood. I am the colour of danger and of bravery. I am willing to fight for a cause. I bring fire in the blood. Without me the earth would be as empty as the moon. I am the colour of passion and of love.; the red rose, poinsettia and poppy."

Purple rose to his full height. He was very tall and he spoke with great pomp: "I am the colour of royalty and power. Kings, chiefs and bishops have always chosen me for I am a sign of authority and wisdom. People do not question me – they listen and obey."

Indigo spoke much more quietly than all the others, but just as determinedly: "Think of me. I am the colour of silence. You hardly notice me, but without me, you all become superficial. I represent thought and reflection, twilight and deep waters. You need me for balance and contrast, for prayer and inner peace."

And so the colours went on boasting, each convinced that they were the best. Their quarrelling became louder and louder. Suddenly there was a startling flash of brilliant white lightning: thunder rolled and boomed. Rain started to pour down relentlessly. The colours all crouched down in fear, drawing close to one another for comfort.

Then Rain spoke: "You foolish colours, fighting among yourselves, each trying to dominate the rest. Do you not know that God made you all? Each for a special purpose, unique and different. He loves you all. He wants you all. Join hands with one another and come with me.

"He will stretch you across the sky in a great bow of colour, as a reminder that he loves you all, that you can live together in peace.

A promise that he is with you.

A sign of hope for tomorrow."

And so whenever God has used a good rain to wash the world, He puts the rainbow in the sky, and when we see it, let us remember to appreciate one another.

Written by Anne Hope 1978

Share What You Have

Hudson Taylor (1832–1905), founder of the China Inland Mission, prepared for missionary service by working among the poor in London. One night, a man asked him to come and pray for his sick wife. The man had already asked a priest but had been told he would have to pay him eighteen pence, which he didn't have. He didn't even have money to buy a loaf of bread. Taylor went with him but was conscious stricken. He was living on a starvation diet himself, but he did have one coin in his pocket - a half-crown. He thought, 'If only I had two shillings and sixpence instead of this half crown, I would give these poor people a shilling.'

Upon arriving at the man's house, he was overcome at seeing the sunken cheeks of hungry children and the exhausted mother who lay with a tiny infant by her side. Taylor spoke to them, trying to bring comfort and encouragement, but inside he cried, 'You hypocrite! Telling these people about a kind and loving father in heaven, yet not prepared to trust Him without a half-crown.' So he gave his half-crown to the man. Taylor recalled at that moment how the joy of the Lord came back into his heart. The Bible says, 'Do not forget to do good and to share, for such sacrifices God is well pleased.'

What pleases the Lord? Your willingness to share with those in need what God has graciously given you.

The saying is true: 'You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.'

UCB WORD for today



12 pence = 1 shilling

Half-crown = 30 pennies



Words to Ponder:

People need people,
To walk to
To talk to
To cry and rely on,
People will always need people.
To love and to miss
To hug and to kiss,
It's useful to have other people.
To whom to moan
If you're all alone,
It's so hard to share
When no-one is there
There's not much to do
When there's no one but you.
People will always need people.

People need people - Benjamin Zephaniah

Screening Everywhere For
Everyone On Climate and Nature



People's Emergency Briefing

Lower Calder Valley

Saturday 6th June 2026 7-9pm at
St John's Community Hall, Rastrick HD6 1HN



Film Screening from leading experts on the risks for our communities, followed by discussion on how we respond. Find out more about what we are facing
Free tickets available through
<https://www.ticketsource.com/st-john-the-divine> Scroll down to The People's Emergency Briefing

www.nebriefing.org

ANSWERS for the April / May newsletter puzzle

I hope you all got the word LEVITICUS

Here are some words for you!

7 letters: utilise (1)

6 letters: elicit, sluice, vilest (3)

5 letters: civil, cutie, evict, slice, stile, suite, visit (7)

4 letters: cite, clue, cult, cute, evil, isle, lest, lice, list, live, lust, lute, sect, silt, site, silt, slit, suet, suit, tile, veil, vest, vice, vile (24)



Compassion vs. Empathy

While empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person, compassion takes it a step further. It transforms those shared feelings into a commitment to actively relieve the suffering being witnessed

The **NEXT** puzzle is to make as many 4 or more letter words as you can from the word COMPASSION

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

15 good, 25 very good, 30 fantastic

Then try to reach the next target!

Answers in the next newsletter at the end of July

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



Upper Edge Baptist Church, Dewsbury Rd, Rastrick HD6 3QB

For Hire

Good size room suitable for a variety of activities for all ages plus kitchen

Disabled access and toilet facilities

Prices from £30 per session

Contact 07814 762952 for more information

To All in The Community - That means YOU



2nd Wednesday in the month

Wednesday 10th June and 8th July

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.

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

'Line Dancing was invented by ladies waiting in line for the toilet.'

I don't think this is really true but it is a fun thought. After all ladies can be very inventive.



Do come and join us. We have great fun dancing not just to Country and Western music but to 60s and 70s. It works really well!



Thursdays
2.00pm - 4.00pm
In the Church Hall

Every Friday
10.30am -
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

At this time of the year, many of our young people are working towards important examinations.

This is a hard time on which their future depends and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

It reminds me of this story.

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son who was doing his A-levels. 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.'

The boy decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut.'

The teenager said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had longhair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.'

To which his father replied astutely, 'Did you also notice that they walked everywhere they went?'

