

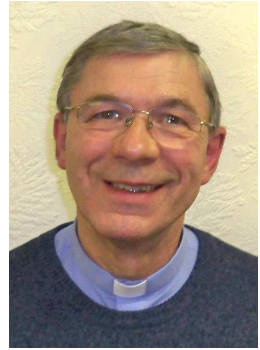


# June 2009 Newsletter



*"Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry." Amos 5: 24*

# Minister's Letter



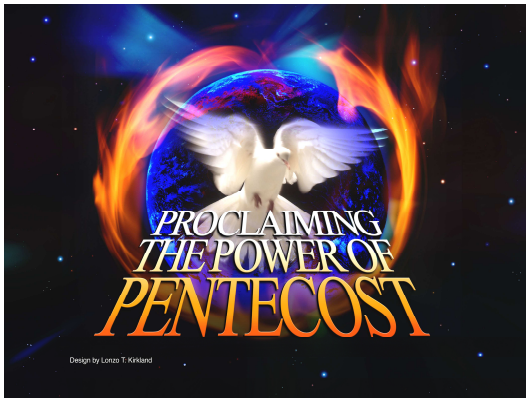
Dear Friends,

I am pleased to be able to stand in for John in writing this newsletter piece and I am sure we all wish him a fruitful sabbatical.

'Always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you'. These are words written in the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Peter to Christians who were experiencing suffering because of their faith in Christ. His followers are not expected to be expert bible students or theologians, but straightforward questions such as, 'Why do you believe in Jesus', or 'Why are you a Christian?' should not present us with great difficulty in offering a sincere and meaningful answer.

But it is quite surprising how many Christians are reticent or reluctant to respond to such requests. One reason for this is that one thing might lead to another and the follow-up question(s) might make more demands than we feel able to cope with. We are told that the early disciples of Jesus could not help

but speak of those that they had seen and heard. They just had to spill the beans! They could not keep the Gospel to themselves. The news they held within was capable of changing the life directions of everyone who listened and they had to give this opportunity to as many people as possible.



It does not need great visual presentations or great preachers to bring the gospel message to

people. God uses each one of us, with our individual gifts and graces, to spread his good news. Let's move up a gear rather than go on the defensive. 'We have a gospel to proclaim!' 'Jesus is Lord!' This is the gift of Pentecost.



Every blessing,

*Terry*

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# Spring Market



# News Snippets

## Congratulations

Our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides all did well at their recent Sports Day. Rainbows won overall and came third in the relay; Brownies came third overall and second in the relay and, for the tenth year in a row, Guides came first overall and won the relay too! Congratulations!!

## Christian Aid

Thank you to those who returned the Christian Aid envelopes at church - £30 has been added to the village appeal.

## In Memoriam

We commend Derek Green and Enid Noakes into God's hands, assuring family and friends of our continuing prayers and sympathy at this time.

## Baptism

We had a packed church on Palm Sunday when Heidi Reed (pictured below with John Hudson) and Felicity Mary Mellor (above with Maureen Haigh) were both received into the church family at a double baptism service. It was good to see the family and friends of both of them giving their support.



## Wednesday Club

April saw us frantically shaking dice as we had a great time playing Beetle at Jane and Andrew's and last month we tried something completely different - archery at High Adventure in Cowling! The photos opposite tell the story!

If you'd like to join us for a gentle stroll around Bolton Abbey later this month, see Maureen Dyson, or perhaps you fancy putting or bowls in Myrtle Park in July - then let Frances Gilchrist know. Do join us if you can - it's always great fun - and there's food afterwards!

## Spring Market

A big thank you as always to all who supported the Spring Market this year. The photos on the previous page show everyone enjoying the fellowship and fun as they spent their money and we are delighted to report that the total raised was back near its usual level at £815. The Sunday School Jar stall and the Rainbow Stall did particularly well, both raising over £60, but they have a bit to go to beat the Plant Stall's £92! The ever popular Meat and Potato Pie and Pea lunches raised £216. Thanks again.





# Wednesday Club Archery



# Good News

## Easter Celebrations

Sunday School and Junior Church children were busy in the weeks before Easter constructing an Easter Garden. Terry Porter led both Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday Services and showed us that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb on Easter Day - see photo.

Easter Sunday was also our 49th Church Anniversary so we are now in our **Golden Jubilee** year and you will hear a lot about that over the coming months as we plan a variety of events to celebrate 50 years in our present church building. A small committee is being set up to oversee the Jubilee celebrations but we shall be asking for lots of help!



## Sunday School Anniversary

Christian Aid Week was the theme for our SSA Praise Service. We also heard how Timothy is progressing in Uganda and what Sunday School and Junior Church have been doing this year. Judith, Sarah and David led the singing and the young people took part in drama and prayers illustrating the theme - photos opposite.

## Pantomime

The *Ali Baba* DVDs are now being distributed to those who have ordered them. It is not too late to order your copy - let David or Peter know if you want one.

Tickets for *Ali Baba* sold out in record time and many people were disappointed when they couldn't get them. The only way to get more people in is to increase the number of performances and so we have decided to do an extra show on Monday evening next year. That means 8 shows in all so we are increasing the minimum age of the cast to seven. So no new younger end next year but we shall welcome Georgina Lorrigan and Mollie McLaughlin into the older chorus.

Work has already started on the script for *Puss in Boots* and the cast is sorted. So, book the dates: 13-20 February 2010!





# SSA Praise Service



# Word Search: Take Time

**Take time to think** - it is the **source of power**.  
**Take time to play** - it is the **secret of perpetual youth**.  
**Take time to read** - it is the **fountain of wisdom**.  
**Take time to pray** - it is the **greatest power on earth**.  
**Take time to love and be loved** -  
it is a **God given privilege**.  
**Take time to be friendly** - it is the **road to happiness**.  
**Take time to laugh** - it is the **music of the soul**.  
**Take time to give** - it is too **short a day to be selfish**.  
**Take time to work** - it is the **price of success**.  
**Take time to do charity** - it is the **key to heaven**.

Find all the blue words from the passage above in the grid opposite and then read the message hidden in the unused letters!

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# The Touch of the Master's Hand

**'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste much time on the old violin,  
But held it up with a smile.**

**"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,  
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"  
"A dollar, a dollar. Then two! Only two?  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"**

**"Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice;  
Going for three..." But no,  
From the room, far back, a grey-haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;  
Then wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening the loosened strings,  
He played a melody pure and sweet,  
As a caroling angel sings.**

**The music ceased, and the auctioneer,  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said: "What am I bid for the old violin?"  
And he held it up with the bow.  
"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?  
Two thousand! And who'll make it three?  
Three thousand, once; three thousand, twice,  
And going and gone," said he.**

**The people cheered, but some of them cried,  
"We do not quite understand.  
What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply:  
"The touch of the Master's hand."  
And many a man with life out of tune,  
And battered and scarred with sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd  
Much like the old violin.**

**A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine,  
A game -- and he travels on.  
He is "going" once, and "going" twice,  
He's "going" and almost "gone."  
But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd  
Never can quite understand  
The worth of a soul and the change that is wrought  
By the touch of the Master's hand.**



by Myra  
Brooks Welch

Margaret  
Feather found a  
copy of this  
poem in her  
mother-in-law's  
memory box  
when going  
through her  
things.



# Update on Timothy

**TIMOTHY KAWESA**

This photograph of Timothy was taken in January. He will be 11 this month.

The photo printed in the December Newsletter was not Timothy at all - Spurgeon's apologise for sending a photo of the wrong boy!

Following a communication problem at Spurgeon's, we have now received two letters from Timothy, his latest progress report and a letter from Spurgeon's Childcare Uganda.



## Letters from Timothy

10 November 2008

Hello my friends. How are you all? I am fine and my mother is also well. Thank you to writing to me. Your letters are very good. Thank you for sponsoring me and loving. I like school and I think I will do well this term. I do not go to Sunday School but I now go to the big church. At home we don't have any pets but I like cats. I wish you a good stay in your country. Thank you also for the beautiful pictures. You are very smart.  
May God bless you. Timothy

5 February 2009

How are you these days? I hope you are fine, for me I am fine. I thank you so very much for paying my school fees and I thank you for giving me Christmas gifts. My mother was very happy and so we had a very good Christmas. I am back to school and I am going to read very hard so that I do very well. How is the weather in your country now? Here in Uganda it is raining a lot and I do not like it because I have to go to school in the morning.  
May God bless you. Timothy

We will continue to provide information on Timothy as it is received from Uganda.

Sponsor No. W-03-2006-69



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## Progress Report on Timothy

November 2008

School: Wakiso Junior School

Class: P.5

Timothy and his mother are doing well. His mother has changed her business from brewing to selling sweet bananas. She told me that she was making losses in the previous business - that is why she changed - though it's on a very small scale. She is not able to increase her stock now because she has not enough money but she hopes that her business will slowly grow.

Timothy attended the camp and I really think he enjoyed himself. We had many games at the camp and I think he played more football.

Thank you for supporting him with his school. May God Bless you.

*Catherine Anuso* Social worker.

## Letter from the Programme Manager

March 2009

This comes to wish you happy celebration for Easter and to thank you for all the assistance you have given to Timothy. As you may be aware all our children are vulnerable but with the help extended to us the children are in school and are really promising to perform well. I want to thank you for the commitment of educating these children; this is one of the ways of alleviating poverty in Uganda and Africa as a whole. These children are trained to become self employed in the last two years on our programme and the training they get can help in the development of the communities where they come from.

Today Uganda is gradually moving away from a predominantly agricultural economy towards one emphasising services and manufacturing. With this trend we hope our children will be absorbed in some of these upcoming sectors.

Most of the children we work with are from HIV/AIDS affected families. HIV is a major public and development issue. It has affected households in

all parts of the country. With the help of the government and various non-governmental organisations, there has been a steady decline in infection especially in urban areas.

I want to thank you for playing a big role in these children's lives and to wish you a happy Easter season.

*Patrick Ssebyala*  
Surgeon's Childcare  
Uganda



# When your hut is on fire ...

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut



out of driftwood to protect him from the elements and to store a few possessions. One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief and anger. He cried out, 'God! How could you do this to me?' Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! 'How did you know I was here?' asked the weary man of his rescuers. 'We saw your smoke signal,' they replied.

## The Moral of this story:

It's easy to get discouraged when things are going badly, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that, the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground. It just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

## Circuit Prayer for 2008-09

*Lord our God,*

*grant us humility to serve you as the lowest of all servants,  
grant us wisdom to foster your kingdom,  
grant us courage to trust in your mysterious ways. Amen.*





# Special Events



## *Coffee and Cakes*

*Saturday 27th June*

*11.00 am - 1.00 pm*

*at Lower Scholes*

*Pickles Hill*

*Kath & John invite you to  
enjoy the garden, the view,  
the food and the fellowship!*

## **Village Gala**

**Saturday 4th July**

**2.00 pm: Procession  
leaves Lane Ends**

**2.30 pm: Entertainment in  
Victoria Road Playing Field  
(includes children's sports)**

**Volunteers to help in the  
Refreshment Tent welcome  
(please see Ruth)**

## **Pantomime Praise Service**

**Sunday 12th July**

**10.30 am**

**All Age Worship**

Featuring excerpts  
from the Pantomime,  
our Songbirds and the  
Youth Praise Band

## *Barbecue*

*Sunday 12th July*

*from 1.00 pm*

*at Milner Bank*

*Newsholme*

*All Welcome!*

**The following response is an Anagram of the question!**

**ISN'T THERE A MIRACLE HERE? FIND OUT.**

**I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!**

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# Sunday Worship & Young People



*A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together*

- Jun** 7 10.30 am Rev Richard Atkinson  
14 10.30 am Mr John Hopkinson - **All Age Worship**  
21 10.30 am Rev Terry Porter - **Holy Communion**  
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church  
28 10.30 am Mrs Pat Keene  
6.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
- Jul** 5 10.30 am Mr Maurice Baren  
12 10.30 am Louise, David + Young People -  
**All Age Pantomime Praise Service**  
19 10.30 am Rev Terry Porter - **Holy Communion**  
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church  
26 10.30 am Mr Dewar Wishart  
6.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor  
6.00 pm Farewell Service for Amy Walters - Cullingworth
- Aug** 2 10.30 am Deacon Ray Fox  
9 10.30 am Mrs Olive Bastow - Readers Service  
16 10.30 am Rev Dr Lewis Burton - **Holy Communion**  
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church

***Sunday School / Junior Church also meet at 10.30 am***

All Children and Young People are welcome (Holiday from 19th July)

Creche facilities are available when required



## **Our Calling in the Methodist Church is to:**

- increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's Love
- help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care
- be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice
- make more followers of Jesus Christ

# Diary Dates



**Tuesdays** 11.30 am Senior Citizens' Pre-lunch Fellowship  
 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club  
*(closed 21st July for Summer break - re-opens 8th September)*

## JUNE 2009

Wed 3 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church  
 Wed 3 7.30 pm *Time to Talk of God* - Rev Terry Porter - Lounge  
 Wed 3 7.30 pm Circuit Leadership Team - Cullingworth  
 Sat 6 6.30 pm Big Sing + Pie & Pea Supper - Exley Head  
 Wed 17 7.00 pm Wednesday Club Walk - Bolton Abbey area  
 Wed 17 7.30 pm Leaders of Worship & Preachers' Meeting - Eldwick  
 Sat 20 9.30 am OASIS - Devotional Meeting for Prayer - Long Lee  
 Sat 20 2.00 pm World Church Afternoon Teas - Haworth  
 Wed 24 7.30 pm *Time to Talk of God* - Rev Terry Porter - Lounge  
 Sat 27 11.00-1.00 **Coffee & Cakes** - Lower Scholes, Pickles Hill

## JULY 2009

Wed 1 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church  
 Fri 3 7.30 pm Tony Anthony - Victoria Hall  
 Sat 4 2.00 pm **Village Gala** - Victoria Road Playing Field  
 Sat 4 6.00 pm X:Site - Keighley Shared Church  
 Thu 9 7.30 pm Golden Jubilee Meeting - Milner Bank, Newsholme  
 Sat 11 2.30 pm Inter-faith Walk for Friendship - Keighley  
 Sun 12 1.00 pm **Barbecue** - Milner Bank, Newsholme  
*Information for August Newsletter to David this week please*  
 Wed 15 7.00 pm Wednesday Club Putting & Bowls - Myrtle Park, Bingley  
 Sat 18 9.30 am OASIS - Devotional Meeting for Prayer - Long Lee  
 Sun 26 6.00 pm Farewell Service for Amy Walters - Cullingworth

## AUGUST 2009

Wed 5 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church  
 Sat 15 9.30 am OASIS - Devotional Meeting for Prayer - Long Lee  
 Wed 19 7.00 pm Wednesday Club - Walk around Wycoller

## SEPTEMBER 2009

Wed 2 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church  
 Thu 10 7.30 pm **Airedale Circuit Inaugural Service** - Victoria Hall  
 Sat 12 all day Circuit Canal Walk - Bingley to Farnhill  
 Sun 13 all day Haworth Off-Road Marathon

Further details and information can be found on our  
**Website: [www.OakworthMethodists.org](http://www.OakworthMethodists.org)**







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