



September 2010 Newsletter



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"There are three things that last for ever: faith, hope and love; but the greatest of them all is love." I Corinthians 13:13

Minister's Letter



Dear Friends,

Do you sometimes feel bombarded? I am thinking of various things that happen to us in life at various levels.

I feel bombarded with junk mail almost on a daily basis, both in the post and by e-mail. I feel bombarded by news items in the paper or on the television, usually of a distressing and depressing nature. I feel bombarded by other people's "bad" news and feel for those who are passing through troubled times, often experiencing a sense of helplessness in their situation. I feel bombarded by politicians offering promise after promise as to how they will "fix" things. I feel bombarded by doubts as expectations from my faith do not match up with reality. I feel bombarded by my diary which is so full I sometimes don't know which way to turn. And I feel bombarded by deadlines which others set for me (newsletter editors included!).

Emmaus Group "A Journey In Discipleship"

The next series of meetings starts on Wednesday 20 October and thereafter fortnightly at the Manse (17 Ridgeway Mount, Exley Head), 7.30-9pm through to 15 December.

The theme will be "Elijah".

More details from John Hudson.

You might say I am simply suffering from "September Blues" to which Methodists especially are prone at the

start of a new Connexional year. As the bombardments are experienced continuously I cannot accept this as an explanation!

All the more important then that we latch on to the rhythm which worship offers us on a weekly basis, focussing on different aspects of our faith, and helping us to steer our course in all the bombardments of life. I think of the verse from Hymns & Psalms #432:

"Yet, in the maddening maze of things,
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed stake my spirit clings;
I know that God is good!"

In September we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving and remember God's goodness and bounty in our world. In October we have "One World Week" when we think about our responsibility to one another on a global basis. In November we remember the loss of human life through war and the importance of working for peace. And all the time we must never forget that God is good!

Peace & Love,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hudson".

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Jubilee Flower Festival



The Flower Festival in June was a joy to behold. The fragrance met you as you walked through the doors and it was immediately obvious that a lot of thought, skill and hard work had gone into each of the 26 arrangements on display – all on the theme of “Celebrations”. And what a variety there was – from the Playgroup’s Daisy Chain to the Morris Men’s Bowler Hat, the Scouts’ Camping Scene, Graduation, Methodism, the

Little Things in Life and the 50th Birthday “cake” of flowers, through a whole range more to the huge Golden Anniversary arrangement at the front. Most of the arrangements were put together by church members and groups who use the church – and that is what made it so special. It all provided a fitting climax to the Golden Jubilee Year at the church and the many visitors showed their appreciation by donating to the Jubilee Fund which reached £1500 by the end of the event. A big thank you to all who put so much into the event to bring pleasure to all who came to it.

Rev Ruth Parry led our Celebration of Baptism Service on the Sunday morning and it was good to see a number there who have been baptised at the church over the years.

The weekend concluded with a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving for a successful Jubilee Year led by Rev John Hudson, who had also opened the Flower Festival the previous day.







Village Gala

A big thank you to everyone who helped in the Refreshment Tent at the Gala or supported in any other way. It was a lovely family afternoon and we raised £270 for church funds.

The photos show entertainment in the field and the start of the Fell Race. This year's Gala Queen is Leah Barrett and she is enjoying her special year representing our village.



Baptism & Confirmation



We welcomed Nathan Elliott Pinder into the church family at his baptism on 11th July 2010. He is pictured above with parents Phillippa and David and Grand-parents Margaret and Robin. Below, four generations are pictured together, with the inclusion of Great-Grandma Alice.



At the same service, we were delighted to confirm Stuart Hopper into full membership of the church. Stuart has been active in Sunday School, Junior Church, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and the pantomime for many years.



Pantomime Praise



Barbecue

The annual Barbecue in Jane & Andrew's garden was enjoyed by a record crowd this year. It was particularly good to see former members, Helen, Neil and Naomi Baxter here on a flying visit and to catch up on their news. The weather held for us and the garden looked great, especially as Jane and Andrew had only just returned from a long holiday abroad! Thanks to all who supported the event and helped raise £305.



Emma & Matthew's Wedding



Word Search - The Minister Calls

A member of a certain church, who had previously attended services regularly, suddenly stopped coming to church. After a few weeks, the Minister decided to visit. He found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his Minister's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Minister made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning coals.

After some minutes, the Minister took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it on the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and lifeless.

The Minister, realizing it was time to leave, stood up slowly, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow again with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the Minister reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

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

Good News

Congratulations

To Adele Reed-Griffiths and Paul Griffiths on the birth of a daughter, Gabriella Amy on Thursday 5th August - pictured opposite - a sister for James and Euan.

Also to Emma and Matthew Stubbs who were married on Saturday 7th August at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Undercliffe, by Rev Gordon Webb - photos on page 10.

And finally to Joy and David King who were married at our own church on Saturday 28th August - again by Rev Gordon Webb - photos on cover pages.

We pray God's blessing on you all.



Church Hall

As the various groups who use our church hall on a regular basis return from their summer break, they will notice a huge difference when they walk in. It has been completely re-decorated to match the Wesley Room and so looks and feels warmer and more friendly. As John Hudson said, "Tuesday Lunch Club got off to a good start on 7 September and it was a delight to find the Hall newly decorated, looking smashing and feeling "clean"! Our grateful thanks to the team of decorators who made this possible."

We are also fitting rails for the pantomime changing room curtains in the hall and are indebted to Ann Miller for "volunteering" to make up the new curtains! All the work in the hall and two replacement folding tables has been paid for from the surplus Jubilee Funds - so thanks again to all for your support.

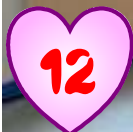




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delay in completing this year's DVDs
- they will be delivered this month.

Pantomime

The script for Cinderella, our 25th annual Village Pantomime, is virtually complete but the process of choosing the musical numbers to enhance the dialogue continues. Scripts will be finalised and given out on Friday 15th October and rehearsals start on Monday 1st November.

We look forward to welcoming five new cast members, who will be joining all the rest who can't wait to get started again!

Cinderella is already looking forward to going to the ball! She is pictured here as Fiona Taylor at her end of term school prom. Remember the dress - you might just see it again - disguised!

We now have a brand new digital camcorder for recording the pantomime and special church services - a gift from the Howarth family celebrating Joy's wedding. Creating the DVDs is now a much faster process so they should be ready sooner in future! Peter apologises for the further

Next Pantomime: 19-26 Feb 2011

Cinderella

Church activities

All church groups start their Autumn programmes this month. Four of the *Luncheon Club* staff retired at the end of July and we thank them all for their loyal service over a number of years in the kitchen. We welcome their successors and wish them well in their new role.

All ladies are most welcome to attend monthly *Ladies' Group* meetings in the Church Lounge after Luncheon Club. Anyone and everyone is invited to their Autumn Concert in November when they welcome back the Airedale Male Voice Choir. Details on page 17.

The *Wednesday Club* programme continues all year round. Sadly, Pitch and Putt was rained off in June but we all enjoyed a more leisurely fish and chip supper at Bizzie Lizzie's instead! The rain held off just long enough for the evening walk up to Lower Scholes for supper in July. The Surprise Evening in August turned out to be a games night at Andrew and Jane's - the biggest surprise was that the date kept changing! Do join us for more enjoyable evenings of fun and fellowship together during the next few months. Programme details are in the Diary on page 19.

Fundraising for Timothy

Following on from the success of “*The Weakest Link*”, “*Mr & Mrs*” and “*Family Fortunes*”, we’ve come up with yet another popular TV Game Show to entertain you with as we raise money to support Timothy through another year at school. This year we’re having a go at “*Strike it Lucky*”, which was on the box from 1986 to 1999 and was presented by Michael Barrymore.

Three teams of two compete to win prizes by going across an archway of computer monitors on stage, avoiding the Hot Spots. The winning couple then play “top, middle or bottom” for the grand prize, after bidding on how few Hot Spots they will hit.

Needless to say, Peter is already working on the computer programme that will control the 30 random computer monitors and Susan Shires will be on the lookout shortly for the hapless couples who will try and outwit said computers!

Would you like to take part? If not, why not come along for a good laugh and help us beat last year’s total raised.

TIMOTHY KAWESA



**Saturday 27th November
at 7.00 pm**



Sasha Brown wrote the story opposite whilst staying with her grandma, Christine Helliwell, in Spain over the Summer. The grand-daughter of one of Christine’s friends typed it up and added the pictures. Christine asked if I would like to publish it. So here it is for you all to enjoy.

The Candy Dream by Sasha Brown



This story is about a 6 year old girl called Lucy. She has blonde hair, blue eyes and her favourite colour is purple. Lucy is a very good girl. She is always going on adventures in her dreams.

Chapter 1 – First Night

Lucy finally arrived at her new beautiful house. Everything was there and unpacked. The beds were made, the clothes were hung up and folded and everything was neat and tidy. Lucy was hungry but it was nearly tea time. After tea Lucy went to bed. All of a sudden Lucy was fast asleep.



Chapter 2 – The Dream Begins

Suddenly, Lucy wakes up. She was in a candy world. Was she really? Lucy rubbed her eyes gently 3 times. There was a chocolate waterfall and river, edible grass, big huge lollies for flowers, bubble gum and chocolate M&M's for the flowers on the trees. It was like sweetie heaven!

Chapter 3 – The Adventure Begins

So slowly, Lucy walked around. Everything looked so tasty. It was all a sweetie maze. She walked and walked but there were sweets and the chocolate waterfall and river. Suddenly there was a noise! Lucy took a step back, but it was only a new tree coming out of the ground. Lucy skipped along the yellow brick road. She knew it was an adventure.



Suddenly a blue dolphin came out of the chocolate river. His name was Daniel. He was magical. Daniel told Lucy to get on his back and hold on to his fin. So Lucy did as he said. They went under the chocolate river and there was a new world, a different sweet world. Everything was chocolate. Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate! There was white chocolate, dark chocolate and milk chocolate and lots, lots more. They went on a tour. Up and down, up and down they went.

Chapter 4 – The Adventure Ends

Lucy yawned. She got off Daniel. Lucy ate some of the chocolate and candy. Then she lay down and closed her eyes. Daniel disappeared and all of the candy and chocolate disappeared too. Lucy was fast asleep. She woke up in her own bed. She just smiled and went back to sleep.



All Age Worship



Harvest Festival



Sunday 19th September
10.30 am

*All Age Worship for
Back to Church Sunday
led by Rev Jacky Hale*

*Flowers for the displays will be
gratefully received on the
Saturday morning*

*Gift envelopes will be available
for donations in lieu of fruit, etc.
for the Methodist Relief Fund*

come as you are

 **Back to Church Sunday**

Sunday School Prize Giving & JMA Awards

Sunday 10th October
10.30 am

All Age Praise Service

*Led by Louise, Helen and the
Young People, with our Youth
Praise Band and Songbirds*



Remembrance Sunday

All Age Parade Service

Sunday 14th November

10.00 am - (NB early time)

Led by Mr Maurice Baren

**At 10.45 am, those who wish to parade round
to the Cenotaph for the Memorial Service will
be led by the Uniformed Organisations**

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Fundraising Events



Maureen Haigh invites you to bring your



Sunshine Bags

to church to be emptied on
Saturday 2nd October
10.00 to 11.30 am
and to stay for a chat over

**Morning
Coffee**



Autumn Fayre

Saturday 6th November

10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Lots of stalls to buy from
Get your Christmas presents!

Have a Coffee and a chat

**Stay for Meat & Potato Pie
and Pea Lunch.**

Please sign the list in the porch
when it goes up.



Share fellowship as you spend!

Oakworth Ladies' Group invite you to a Concert given by

Airedale Male Voice Choir



Saturday 13th November at 7.30 pm

Tickets £4.00 Refreshments Included

Proceeds for
research into
Nystagmus &
Motor Neurone
disease and
Church
Funds

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Sunday Worship & Young People



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Sep** 5 10.30 am Rev John Hudson
12 10.30 am Mrs Anne Mott
19 10.30 am Rev Jacky Hale - **Back to Church Sunday**
Harvest Festival All Age Worship Service
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
26 10.30 am Mrs Olive Bastow - **Reader's Service**
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
- Oct** 3 10.30 am Mr John Hopkinson
10 10.30 am Louise, Helen + Young People - **JMA Awards +**
Sunday School Prize Giving All Age Praise Service
17 10.30 am Rev Michael Chapman - **Holy Communion**
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
24 10.30 am Mr David Miller
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
31 10.30 am Church Stewards - **Songs of Praise**
6.00 pm Rev John Hudson - **United Holy Communion Service**
- Methodist Church
- Nov** 7 10.30 am Rev Alan Sharp
14 **10.00 am** Mr Maurice Baren -
Remembrance Sunday All Age Parade Service
10.45 am Memorial Service at the Cenotaph
21 10.30 am Rev John Hudson - **Holy Communion**
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
28 10.30 am Mrs Joan Jones
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor

Sunday School / Junior Church also meet at 10.30 am

All Children and Young People are welcome

Creche facilities are available when required



Details of Circuit Events and Services can be found
in the Circuit News section of this Newsletter

Diary Dates



Tuesdays 11.30 am Senior Citizens' Pre-lunch Fellowship
12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club

SEPTEMBER 2010

Sun 12 all day Haworth Off-Road Marathon
Tue 14 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting - St Peter's, Cross Hills
Wed 15 7.30 pm Wednesday Club - 2 Owls Nest, Far Low Bank
Sat 25 2.30 pm Circuit JMA Beetle Drive - Keighley Shared Church
Mon 27 7.30 pm Pastoral Committee - Church Lounge

OCTOBER 2010

Sat 2 10.00-11.30 **Sunshine Bags + Morning Coffee - Church Hall**
Sat 2 6.30 pm Big Sing + Pie & Pea Supper - Oakworth
Wed 6 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church
Mon 11 7.30 pm Property Committee - Church Lounge
Wed 13 7.30 pm Wednesday Club - BBC Local Radio, Bradford
Fri 15 6.30 pm Pantomime scripts issued - First read-through
Mon 18 7.30 pm Church Council - Church Lounge
Wed 20 7.30 pm Emmaus House Group - 17 Ridgeway Mount
Tue 26 7.30 pm Ladies' Group - Duttons for Buttons - Exley Head

NOVEMBER 2010

Mon 1 6.30 pm Pantomime rehearsals commence
Wed 3 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church
Wed 3 7.30 pm Emmaus House Group - 17 Ridgeway Mount
Sat 6 10.00-1.00 **Autumn Fayre + Lunch - in church**
Sat 6 6.30 pm Big Sing + Pie & Pea Supper - Bingley
Wed 10 7.30 pm Wednesday Club - IMAX, Bradford
Sat 13 7.30 pm **Ladies' Group Concert - Airedale Male Voice Choir**
Tue 16 1.45 pm Ladies' Group - Visit to Asa Nicholson's - Meal + Talk
Information for December Newsletter to David this week please
Wed 17 7.30 pm Emmaus House Group - 17 Ridgeway Mount
Sat 27 7.00 pm **Strike it Lucky - Fundraising for Timothy - in church**

DECEMBER 2010

Wed 1 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church
Wed 1 7.30 pm Emmaus House Group - 17 Ridgeway Mount
Sat 4 6.30 pm Big Sing + Pie & Pea Supper - Silsden
Wed 8 7.30 pm Wednesday Club - *The Railway Children* - Playhouse

Further details and information can be found on our
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Joy & David's Wedding



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