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St. Mark's Parish Centre
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The Herald

April 2019

Last month, my brother gave me a blast from the past. He had a lot to do with the eclectic music styles that I listen to, especially introducing me to heavy metal.

He decided he needed to let me know that Jason Becker had released a new song called Hold on to Love. Take a moment to soak in the lyrics...

*When I was young and full of wonder
The universe was tender
Every dream I had would come true
Music was my worldview
Hearts fell at my feet
Each breath was so sweet
Life was complete*

*Now the past is over
I was cut down much too soon
I can't speak, I can't play
But this flesh has much more to say
I wave good-bye
To yesterday's highs
Life has other plans*

*Love and confusion
Peace and destruction
What is the point of it all
Why must we all feel small
Our hearts are not toys
We just want real joy
Life's just a dream*

*You ask me this question
Due to my unfortunate fate
How can you carry on
Without feeling hate
Love brings light to the darkness inside
Love's the voice that sings: Hold on!*

*Hold on, hold on
Hold on to love
Hold on, hold on
Hold on to me*

Jason became an inspiration to many, as a teenager he was one half of the technical guitar duo Cacophony with Marty Friedman. In 1989, at only 19 years old and after wowing audiences all over the world, the young virtuoso became the guitarist for David Lee Roth, following in the huge footsteps of Eddie Van Halen and Steve Vai, they were some of my favourite musician's within that genre. He wrote and recorded with Roth for the former Van Halen frontman's third solo album, *A Little Ain't Enough* and was poised for superstardom when a nagging pain in his leg was diagnosed as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), a fatal condition with a life expectancy of maybe five years.

That was 29 years ago. He lost the ability to play guitar, walk, talk and breathe on his own. But never lost his will to live or his desire to create music. Communicating through a series of eye movements with a system developed by his father, Jason spells out words as well as musical notes and chords. Through this technology he shares his musical vision to his team who then can input the notes into a computer, edit the parts to his exacting standards, and then generate charts for session musicians.

His ability to share his passion despite the limits of his physical ability continues to amaze me. We may not always believe we have the ability to do some things, but sometimes starting with the passion and desire is the first hurdle. I pray, you never give up on your desires, particularly those that nurture your faith and bring you into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Rev Jo Brown

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**3rd Bernd Heck
18th Marie Lloyd**

The Lloyd family would like to thank everybody for their condolence and sympathies with the loss of Freda. There were over 120 attendees at her funeral.

The generosity of everybody who contributed to the charities Freda wanted to support was overwhelming. (If you would like to know details please mail me.) Acknowledgements were in The Huddersfield Examiner, Thursday 15th March.

It has been decided that the Faith Lunch that was held on the fifth Sunday, when a month had five Sunday's, is now to be held EVERY month on the LAST Sunday in the month starting in MAY

SATURDAY 6th APRIL at The Drop By Centre
It's on its way! Coming soon to the Drop By Centre A Scintillating Italian Coffee Morning
With the Tastiest of Butties **BE THERE!**

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE !

**COFFEE
&
BUTTIES**

**THE DROP BY CENTRE
SYCAMORE AVENUE**

SATURDAY 6th APRIL

9.30 AM – 11.45 AM

**LATTE * CAPPUCCINO
ESPRESSO * AMERICANO**

**QUALITY ITALIAN COFFEES &
BACON, SAUSAGE OR EGG BUTTIES
DONATIONS WELCOME
FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH**

**PARKWOOD METHODIST CHURCH
AT THE DROP BY CENTRE**

The 9.30 am Communion for Sunday 21st April is cancelled, as Communion will be at St. Mark's joint service.

Diary for April 2019 All Parkwood Services and functions are now at St. Marks Parish Centre

Sorry! NO MESSY CHURCH IN APRIL

Saturday 6th Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome
Saturday 6th L V G Coffee Morning @ Longwood Mechanics 10.00 am to Noon
Sunday 7th 10.45 am Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Sunday 14th 10.45 am Service led by Mrs Sandra Oldroyd
Sunday 21st 11.00am Joint Service with St. Mark's Church
Sunday 28th 10.45 am Anniversary Service led by Rev Colin Vere

MAY

Saturday 4th Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome
Saturday 4th L V G Coffee Morning @ Longwood Mechanics 10.00 am to Noon
Sunday 5th 10.45 am All Age Service with Messy Church
Sunday 12th 10.45 am Service led by Mrs Kath Beetlestone
Sunday 19th 10.45 am Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Sunday 26th 10.45 am Service led by Mrs Judith Robinson:- followed by FAITH LUNCH