

'Seeking to be the People of Christ at the Heart of the Community'

Parkwood Methodist Church

The Herald

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Nearly there!

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DECEMBER 2018

Advent Waiting

Christmas is a wonderful time of year where we see those we love and share laughter, food, and the giving and receiving of gifts. (Some may even venture out to church!) All of this is wonderful.

We need to be like the Hebrew people after the exodus. When God spoke to them about being his people, there were over a dozen feasts and celebrations as part of it. We come together as God's people to celebrate, be joyful and happy.

With any feast though there needs to be a time of preparation. Dishes to create and cook, setting out the table and devising the seating plan, after all we can't have uncle Arthur near aunt Betty, they really don't get on! We often take time to decide what the right outfit would be. We shouldn't just prepare the outside but the inside as well.

The Celtic Christians would spend time in prayer and preparation before doing anything, which often lasted for 40 days. They did this when monastic centres were going to be built, when missions were undertaken, or if they were just going out on an adventure. When Aidan arrived at Lindisfarne given to him as a base by King Oswald there were many things to do - preparing the land to build on, sowing crops and creating a working farm, building shelters and houses, and most importantly a chapel before taking the gospel out to the local communities. So much to do and prepare. The first and foremost task that Aidan set for them all

was to set aside 40 days for prayer and for the dedication and preparation of the site.

Waiting in Joyful Hope - ". . . as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ." This prayer reminds us that during Advent, we wait in joy, in hope, and in anticipation for the wonderful event we are about to experience—the feast of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our lives in new ways, the return of Christ in glory in our world. As the Church, we wait during Advent and look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us. This waiting is far from empty; rather, it is full of the hope that God promises us as we prepare for Christ in the feast of Christmas.

I pray you all have a blessed Christmas and the New Year brings many more encounters with Christ every day.

Rev Jo Brown

What ARE you most looking forward to about Christmas 2018?



What ARE you NOT looking forward to about Christmas 2018?

That may just overflow into 2019



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THE MAN WHO THINKS HE CAN!

If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don't!
If you'd like to win, but think you can't
It's almost a cinch that you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you're lost
For out in the world we find
Success begins with a fellows will;
It's all in the state of mind!
If you think you're outclassed, you are;
You've got to think big to rise.
You've got to be sure of yourself
Before you can win the prize
Life's battles don't always go to the
strongest or fastest man;
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man who thinks he can!



BIRTHDAYS for DECEMBER

4th Margaret Fairclough
11th Gill Ritchie
19th Wendy Eastwood
25th ? ----- ?
26th Muriel Sheard

Please don't hesitate to asks should you need a lift to come and join us in the "New Premises". Please see one of the stewards or ask Freda or Joe.

What did Jonah do when he was swallowed by a whale?
Sang of course! Everybody sings in Wales!

Diary for December correct at time of printing **January tentative 2019**

Saturday 1st	L V G Coffee Morning @ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon
Sunday 2nd	10.45 Family Service with MESSY CHURCH @ St. Mark's
Sunday 2nd	2.00pm A Celebration Service @ Parkwood Do come and join us.
Wednesday 5th	Drop in Christmas Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome @ PARKWOOD
Sunday 9th	10.45 Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown @ St. Mark's
Saturday 15th	Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY CENTRE 9.30am - 11.45am
Sunday 16th	10.45 Carol Concert/Service, with Band @ St. Mark's
Sunday 23rd	10.45 Service led by Mrs Laura Tunnacliffe @ St. Mark's
TUESDAY 25th	10.00 am Christmas Service led by Rev Jo Brown @ St. Mark's
Sunday 30th	10.30 am Combined Service @ Golcar Providence Church <u>No service @ St. Mark's</u>

Sorry I have repeated venues, I don't want anybody wasting their time and energy going to the wrong place.

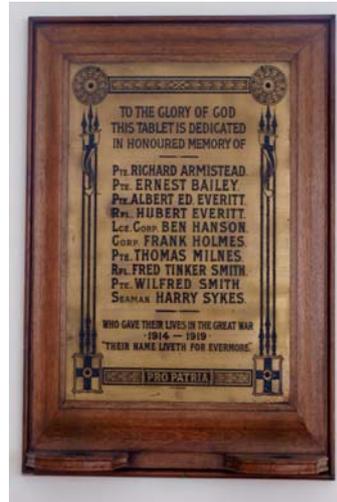
JANUARY 2019

Saturday 5th	L V G Coffee Morning @ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon
Sunday 6th	10.45 Family Service with MESSY CHURCH @ St. Mark's
Sunday 13th	10.45 Service led by TBA
Saturday 19th	Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY CENTRE 9.30am - 11.45am
Sunday 20th	10.45 Service led by TBA
Sunday 27th	10.45 Service led by TBA



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A few photo's from our first Service at the new venue. It just coincided with Remembrance Sunday with a short service at Longwood Cenotaph with St. Mark's Church.



A tribute to the men and boy's who gave everything in the Two World Wars. One of these is "In Memory" for Parkwood Methodist Church the other from Longwood Wesleyan Church (Shell Chapel) when it closed.

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I close 2018 with a selection of photo's of Parkwood Methodist Church inside and out.



I hope to be back with you in 2019. ed!

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