

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



# Parkwood Herald

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NEWSLETTER OF PARKWOOD METHODIST CHURCH  
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**I choose you!**

It has been said that the unhappiest people in this world are those who care the most about what other people think. Which confirms my view that the most liberating thing we can experience in life is to find out who we are deep down, and be happy with that regardless of what others think or say. God knows we all have opinions about another's ability to do a certain job, or hold a certain role, and this in turn can make us equally unhappy. We can be quick to criticise without giving any consideration to calling, vocation or circumstances.

Here is a letter from a Staff Recruitment Bureau to Jesus,

**Dear Sir**

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organisation. All have now taken our battery of tests; we have run the results through our computer systems, and arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

It is our opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background education and vocational aptitude for the enterprise you are undertaking. They have no concept of 'team'. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable, and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The brothers James and John place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would undermine morale. We understand

Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, son of Alphaeus and Thaddeus have radical leanings and both registered high manic-depressive scores.

One candidate did show great potential - a man of resourcefulness and ability, meets people well, has a keen business mind and contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your right hand man.

**Yours sincerely**

**Jordan management Consultants.**

To this, I would just add the words of Jesus in John's gospel - 'You did not choose me; I chose you', and some words of St Paul, writing to the church in Corinth; 'Yes, to shame the wise, God has chosen what the world counts folly, and to shame what is strong, God has chosen what the world counts weakness'.

Don't be discouraged by what others might think, or by self-doubt or low self-esteem. In God's eyes, You are one of his chosen.

**Blessings Rev Jo Brown**

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

8<sup>th</sup> Ailsa Ritchie  
13<sup>th</sup> Vanessa Ivey  
29<sup>th</sup> Phil McSweeney  
30<sup>th</sup> Freda Lloyd  
31<sup>st</sup> Andrea Hirst

**EASTER SUNDAY 16th April**  
**9.30 Communion; followed by**  
**'breakfast' then 'normal'**  
**service at 10.45am.**

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### Dates of 'Breakfasts' 2017

18th March  
15th April  
20th May

For the Church Anniversary on 30th April we are hoping to arrange a Special weekend of activity. Get your thinking caps on and let a Steward know what you would like to see or preferably, do.

Alpha Supper 2004. Jean, Freda and Pat



### SCOUT UPDATES

Throughout 2016 all Explorer Scouts participated in the Duke of Edinburgh award, with 4 achieving bronze and 7 achieving silver. To get the awards the explorers needed to undertake physical, volunteering and skills based activities in addition to undertaking a hiking and camping expedition which last year was to Malham Cove. All the explorers undertook a wide variety of different activities, physical ranged from football to sailing, volunteering helping at afterschool clubs to helping at Huddersfield Park Run and skills from bicycle repair to sailing. In January, Kirklees Duke of Edinburgh arranged an awards ceremony at Huddersfield Town Hall and Parkwood were invited. The event was well attended by participants, volunteers, family and friends. During the ceremony the achievements of the participants were celebrated and the Duke of Edinburgh awards were presented.

Richard

### DIARY FOR MARCH/APRIL 2017

**Saturday 4th** L V G Coffee Morning@ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon  
**Sunday 5th** 10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service Own Arrangement  
**Wednesday 8th** 1st of new session Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome  
**Saturday 11th** Old Folks Party @ Parkwood time 4.00pm start  
**Sunday 12th** 10.45 Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown  
**Saturday 18th** Parkwood Community Breakfast 9.30am – 12.00 noon  
**Sunday 19th** 10.45 Service led by Mr Terry Frost  
**Wednesday 22nd** Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome  
**Sunday 26th** 10.45 Mothering Sunday Service led by Rev Pam Ward

### **APRIL**

**Saturday 1st** Parkwood Spring Fair 10.00am 'til 2.00pm  
**Sunday 2nd** 10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service  
**Wednesday 5th** Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome  
**Sunday 9th** 10.45 Service led by TBA  
**Sunday 16th** 9.30 Communion Service with Rev Jo- Breakfast - 10.45 Service led by TBA  
**Wednesday 19th** Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome  
**Sunday 23rd** 10.45 Service led by TBA  
**Saturday 29th** Anniversary Weekend  
**Sunday 30th** 10.45 Service led by TBA

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**Hi Folks**

**Required for the Spring Fair on the 1<sup>st</sup> April we are in need of:-**

**Chocolate for the Tombola**

**Cake(s) for sale on the stall**

**Cake(s) for use in the café**

**Offers of help on the day**

**Please see Renee or Elaine.**

**All donations will be gratefully received. Thank You**