

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



Parkwood Methodist Church

The Herald

March 2020



St. Mark's Parish Centre
53 Thornhill Road
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Dear friends,

Last year I visited Bolton Abbey and went for a walk in the countryside around it. It's such a beautiful place and with some dry weather I went on a long walk. On my travels I found the Strid, a filming location for one of my favourite films as a child, *The Water Babies*. As I watched the water speed between the rocks I was thinking about the incredible changes that had taken place to create such a fascinating landscape. The rocks being worn over the years to the shapes we see today, with that fast, dangerous channel of water. As I watched the water rush through from a safe distance it struck me that even though we couldn't observe it in our lifetime, it represented change. Change can happen in seconds and sometimes change is a work in progress over many years.

We live in a time of enormous change. Change in society, politics, media, and in how the world works around us. One of the big changes we are experiencing is the change our shopping habits are causing on physical shops. More shops are using events to encourage people to come in and spend time in their shop, to engage with their brand in different ways. We want to have so much, so quickly. We can grow impatient in the process and change can feel overwhelming or too slow.

As we go into Lent and towards Easter we are invited into a time of change in the Church year.. It might represent a change in habits -

many people have said to me that this year instead of giving something up they will start doing something else. Not eating meat in Lent, looking to write a journal, attending a Lent group at a different church. New ideas, new approaches, new ways to think about how we interact with others and the impact we have on the world around us. Lent is forty days of considering who we are in our relationship with God, through reflection, learning, prayer, fasting and repentance. It is observed by some and not by others, and that is part of the diversity of the Church. It is an opportunity, though, to look at change. How we have changed in life and faith, and at what changes we would like to make or that we need, as individuals and as being the body of Christ. It can take us to new places and new realisations that bring something wonderfully rich to us. All of us, in different ways, are a work in progress. There are areas of life that we want to change but don't know how. Areas that we wish wouldn't change. Areas that feel like they have changed so rapidly we don't recognise the landscape as well as we thought we did. In Lent we can remember that change is something that we can work through together, support each other as we change, and reflect on how we work together as a community. Sometimes change can be hard, and we can feel overwhelmed by the flood. We don't have to go through it alone, and that is why community is such a gift to us all. May we know God's blessing and guidance in our journey through Lent to Easter and as we go through changes may we know companionship along the way.

Rev Ros

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

8th Ailsa Ritchie
13th Vanessa Ivey
29th Phil McSweeney
31st Andrea Hirst

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE !

COFFEE & BUTTIES

*THE DROP BY CENTRE
SYCAMORE AVENUE*

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

9.30 AM – 11.45 AM

CAPPUCCINO

LATTE MACCHIATO

ESPRESSO * AMERICANO

*QUALITY ITALIAN COFFEES &
BACON, SAUSAGE OR EGG BUTTIES*

*DONATIONS WELCOME
FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH*

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

CIRCUIT SERVICE'S

1st MARCH @ FOUR DIFFERENT VENUES

Four different themes

10.30am Dalton St. Paul's - Preaching

10.30am Gledholt - Praise

10.45am Lindley - Cafe

10.30am Holmfirth - Meditation

NO SERVICE @ Parkwood St. Mark's Centre

Parkwood's new activity.

PARKWOOD CHILDREN'S CLUB

@ THE DROP BY CENTRE

THURSDAYS 3.30PM TO 5.00PM

AGES 6 - 11 YEARS

FREE ENTRY

LAUNCHES 27TH FEBRUARY

If you feel you can help with this project, which is a joint venture with Primetime a locally based charitable organisation, then please contact

j.oldham1946@yahoo.co.uk

There are various activities planned for the young people.

PARKWOOD MARCH 2020 SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S CENTRE

Sunday 1st

Circuit Service's with different themes spread over four different churches

Saturday 7th

Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome

Sunday 8th

10.45 am Service led by Mr John Oldham

Sunday 15th

10.45 am Service led by Mr Mike Richardson

Sunday 22nd

10.45 am Service led by Parkwood Own Arrangement

Sunday 29th

10.45 am Holy Communion Service led by Rev Tim Moore - Followed by Faith Lunch

APRIL

Saturday 4th

Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome

Sunday 5th

10.45 am Messy Church & All Age Service led by TBA

Sunday 12th

10.45 am Service led by TBA

Sunday 19th

10.45 am Service led by TBA

Sunday 26th

10.45 am Service led by TBA Followed by Faith Lunch

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