

Parkwood Methodist Church

The Herald

November 2020



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

As we head into the winter and the long nights ahead of us our thoughts may turn to Advent and Christmas. The challenges of this year will still be with us as we move into this next season, and this may bring up a mixture of emotions for us.

This year the Methodist Church's Membership cards have this quote: 'The best of all is God is with us.' Often attributed to be the final words of John Wesley, one of the many founders of Methodism but probably one of the most influential ones, his words strike at the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Even when the days seem to be short in light and long in the shadows of night, whatever may be going on now and whatever will come into being, the best of all is God is with us.

While being God's church may be different to previous years, our calling remains the same- to worship in as many ways as we can, whether in our buildings, at home, on a walk somewhere; through learning and caring for each other and for our own spiritual growth; through how we put love into action in serving our community; through evangelism in how we put our faith into practice in the relationships we have with others.

This year, we have also all been sent a copy of A Methodist Way of Life from our Methodist Connexion. This was developed by our former Chair of District, Roger Walton, and is a way in which we can put the above into action as part of the rhythms of our lives,

and to encourage us to reflect on our lives of discipleship. They can be used individually or as part of our small groups. I hope that you find them helpful and thought-provoking over this year to come as we look at different ways of living out our lives together in the changing context and uncertainties of our response to Covid-19. God is with us in all of this, too. Keep a look out for your cards, they will be making their way to you soon. We are also heading closer towards Christmas when we remember the importance of what it means for God to be with us as we give thanks for the birth of Jesus, who is light in the darkness, the Word made flesh, as we remember from the words of John chapter 1. This year, where so much may seem different and as we, perhaps, look at the future with some uncertainty, perhaps we could hold these words close to our hearts.

The best of all is God is with us.

With many blessings,

Rev'd Roz Page

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7th Joe Lloyd

18th Ken Rothery

23rd Sandra McSweeney

29th Gareth Beaumont

**Don't forget the Tuesday Zoom
Catch up, 4.30pm . Contact Anne
for details**

Some time ago and in the old church at Parkwood at harvest festival time I used to buy a sheaf of corn made from bread. Silvio's always made it for us to order. Not cheap and some people used to comment on this. But what they didn't know was that 3 churches and a school shared it.

It formed the centrepiece for the harvest display at Parkwood first. From there it went to Christ Church, Moldgreen. I worked with a lady who went there. Some of you may remember Pearl; she came to Parkwood very briefly. From there it went to St Patricks, New North Road. Several people I worked with went there. They always brought it back to me on Sunday evening and the next day my grand-daughter, Wendy took it to Crow Lane School where it formed the centrepiece of their harvest display for a week. And then the children could eat it at break time.

Barbara Rushforth

Do you visit foreign countries and have difficulty plugging in your UK electrical goods, phone and battery chargers etc..? Remember when you bought that computer or other device and included were a number of mains power leads most of which you discarded. Well:-

A small modification on a UK extension lead



Replaced 13 amp plug top with a C14 male connector; now a versatile extension lead. Please ask if you are unsure how to do it or get it done by a competent person. (Ed!)



We've just delivered our third Holiday bag for our young people with an Autumn theme, so the young people have something for half term. These bags are really helping us to keep in touch as we deliver them and can chat to people – and let them know we are still thinking about them.

Thanks to all the team who helped us to deliver another Parkwood Holiday Bag to all the children who were part of our Messy Church and the Parkwood Children's Club. They have been really appreciated by the families for giving the children something to occupy them during the holiday and to remind them we are thinking about them during this difficult time.

Have you received a "Holiday Bag"? Then let us know what was your favourite item.

Sunday Morning Zoom Service, 11.00am. All welcome. Contact Anne, Rev Roz or any of the Leadership Team

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Message to all!

What would you like to see in the Herald?

Recipe's, Quiz, Poems. Jig Saw swaps, Photo's, Gardening tips, Practical Hints. What has kept you sane during this lockdown? Come on give us a clue!

Have you a skill that could be shared with others?



Below is a November plan showing churches that are open at the time of publication, this may change of course depending on new legislation. Check with church of choice.

2020		November			22nd	29th	
		1st	8th	15th			
Almondbury	89	10:30	M Richardson	Francis	S Oldroyd	Francis HC	Almondbury Arr.
Shelley	27	10:30	Francis HC		Shelley Arr.	Shelley Arr.	Francis HC
Dalton	62	10:30 18:00		Leam	Francis	Bidnell	Dalton Arr.
Kirkheaton	37	10:45	Kirkheaton Arr.	Pegg	Tunnacliffe	Lee	Sherratt
Lepton	36	10:30	Pegg	Lepton Arr.	R Oldroyd	Pegg	Lee
Gledholt	53	9:30 10:30	D Brook	Gledholt Arr.	Pegg	Nixon	Pegg
New Life Chinese Congregation	16	11:00 13:00	Page	Bussey	Robinson	K Brook	Page
Meltham	28	10:30	Marchington	Jo Jones	Colenutt	Marchington	March'ton/Jo Jones
Netherton	32	10:00	A Burton	Ndoho	Booth	Ndoho	A Burton
Berry Brow	26	11:00		Ndoho		Ndoho	
Golcar	40	10:00	R Oldroyd	Bishop	Ndoho	Bishop	Ndoho
Linthwaite	45	9:30	Booth	S Burton HC	Linthwaite Arr.	Bussey	Linthwaite Arr.
Slaithwaite	31	10:30		S Burton		S Burton HC	
Marsden	36	10:30	Marchington	Jo Jones	Bussey	Marchington	March'ton/Jo Jones
Cowcliffe	26	10:30					
Fartown Trinity	38	10:30					
Lindley		9:30 10:45					
Bradley	16	10:30					
Mount	27	10:45 18:00	I Jones	Page	McSweeney	Page	Barnett
Outlane	26	10:30	Bidnell	Hoyle	Bidnell	Barnett	Booth
Parkwood	21	10:45					
Holmfirth	74	9:30 10:30 18:00					
Scholes	31	10:30 18:30	Roberts	Tolson	D Brook	S Oldroyd	Mason
Brockholes	21	10:30		Roberts			
Gatehead	12	11:00					
Honley Trinity	59	10:30 18:00		Bidnell		Roberts	
Shepley	26	10:45	Barnett CA	Shepley Arr.	Roberts	M Richardson	Bidnell
Wooldale	18	10:30					