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Looking to the future in faith

The Weekly Link

19th to 26th May 2024



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*We extend a warm welcome to visitors and anyone worshipping with us for the first time
Please join us for coffee which will be served in the Wesley Centre after the Service*

Sunday 19th May

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders

Join us in Church or via Zoom (contact Andy Pollitt ☎ 07947 341022 if in difficulty)
Meeting ID 977 0049 9660

Hymns: 410 Lord your church on earth is seeking
377 The river is here
405 Great is the darkness that covers the earth
693 Beauty for Brokenness
713 Show me how to stand for justice
696 For the healing of the nations (tune 232)

Readings: Ezekiel 47 vv1-12 read by Brenda Tippen
John 4 vv 5-15 read by Alex Crosse

Flower distribution: Ann Firth

Prayer for the Week

God's Spirit is approaching
Through time, across continents, soaring over creation
God's Spirit is speaking
Whispering and comforting, roaring and challenging
God's Spirit surrounds us beyond touch, warmly embracing
God's Spirit transforms us making our horizons wider
our faith stronger, our hopes possible

Blow among us, Spirit of God,
fill us with your courage and care.
Hurricane and Breath,
take us on a journey of love! Amen

This week's activities

10.30 Morning worship led by the Worship Leaders

8.00pm Church Fellowship and Study Group Contact John Rushton on wj.rushton@gmail.com or Richard Oldroyd ☐ 517163. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us!

Monday 20th May

10.30am to 1.30 p.m. Monday Luncheon Club. Arrive from 10.30am, but there is no set time. We provide an excellent meal at reasonable cost. Any of our congregation and friends are welcome. If you have a disability and need transport, we can arrange it.

1.30 p.m. CRAFTandCHAT – new members always welcome

No Table Tennis now until September

Tuesday 21st May

10.15am Open House onwards All warmly welcomed for excellent food and good company. Coffee available from 10.30am onwards and lunches served from 12 noon

Thursday 23rd May

1.30 p.m. Almondbury TOTS
to for babies, toddlers and their carers
3.00 p.m.

Sunday 26th May

10.30 a.m. Broadcast Circuit Easter Offering Service

Regular Activities this month (May)

Wild Church	Sundays	9.30am	5 th
Morning worship	Sundays	10.30am	5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th
Church Fellowship and Study Group	Sundays	8.00pm	5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th
Lunch Club	Mondays	10.30am	13 th , 27 th
CRAFTandCHAT	Mondays	1.30pm	13 th , 20 th
Table Tennis	Mondays	7.30pm	13 th , 20 th
Open House	Tuesdays	from 10.30am	7 th , 21 st
Zumba Gold	Wednesdays	7.00pm	1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th ,
Zumba Gold	Thursdays	9.45am	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th
Midweek Communion service	Thursdays	12noon	16 th
TOTS	Thursdays	1.30pm	9 th , 16 th , 23 rd

ECO WEEKEND – 1st & 2nd June

As part of our efforts to become an Eco-Church we are hosting an Eco Weekend on the first weekend in June.

The weekend will include a coffee morning and litter pick on the Saturday (in conjunction with a number of local organisations) and a mini Wild Church and community service on the Sunday (see attached posters for more details).

We are organising some competitions to engage the wider community and we would encourage you not only to get involved but to invite your friends/family/neighbours to join in too.

At the coffee morning we will have a plant/seed swap table so please bring along any excess seeds & plants that you have at that time. There will also be the box to collect warm teenage clothes for Ukraine. The Repair Café will also be there and may be able to do some smaller repairs.

Our Church window for Pentecost



With thanks as always
To John and Christine for their
creative ideas

It has been Christian Aid Week

12th to 19th May



Pakistan Floods Appeal

Your donations are helping people in Pakistan recover from historic floods in 2022 and building their resilience as they face future climate disasters. These appeal funds will be spent up until 31 August 2024.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal Two years on from the escalation of conflict in Ukraine, the DEC's appeal has raised £426 million and helped an estimated 6.9 million people in Ukraine and neighbouring countries.



Christian Aid is an international organisation of more than 900 staff working to end poverty. We believe that local people in poor countries are the real experts on poverty. So we support more than 700 local organisations, because they're best placed to understand the **causes of poverty** and how to fight it.

We're based in countries affected by disasters so we can be there before, during and after an emergency to save lives and support people long term. Through our work with local organisations in these countries, we can talk directly to the people affected to provide the most useful emergency response.

This is **Christian Aid Week**. A moment when the whole organisation and community of supporters – like us - come together to put our faith into action.

Together with people living in poverty, we amplify our voices to speak truth to power and **create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.**

With 2024 looking very likely to be an election year, this is a great chance for Christian Aid to make connections with our future parliamentarians – and encourage them **to help us create a world free from poverty.**

Envelopes for Giving are in Church

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!

Action for Children Step out Walk 2024

We are doing our sponsored walk again on Saturday 8th June 2024 from Marsden to Slaithwaite along the canal path. Meet at Marsden to be ready to set off at 1pm.

The walk is just under 5 miles with a stop at Slaithwaite for refreshments before walking back to Marsden.

Please come and join us to make this a success to help the work of Action for Children.

Contact Liz Bishop for sponsor forms please.

lizbishop251@gmail.com

A note from Malcolm Prewett

I thought it might be good to let our members know about the group that uses the hall on Thursday evening. Pat, who runs it, has just informed me they took part in a competition last week and came second out of 51 entrants.

I told her that this was very good and her hard work had paid off. And we were pleased that we were able to help in a small way.

The Dedication of Easter Offering Gifts

The Dedication this year will take place at the Circuit Service in Golcar Providence Methodist Church on Sunday 26th May. The Service will be broadcast at Almondbury.

Many thanks to all in Almondbury who contributed to the appeal which raised total of £274.00

SMASH Food Share Local food bank every Friday 9.30 am - 12 noon at St Michael & St Helen's Church, Fleminghouse Lane, Almondbury. A box is available in the Church foyer for anyone who would like to donate. Items regularly needed are tinned and packeted goods, rice, biscuits, cereals, children's treats, cordials to dilute, long life milk, jam, peanut butter, tinned rice pudding, tinned mackerel/sardines, washing powder/liquid, home cleaning products, toiletries and toilet rolls. If anyone would like to make a financial contribution by cheque or on-line please contact Sue or Peter (☎ 317156)

Welcome Centre Please also remember the work of the Welcome Centre. Donations of food and toiletries can be made at the collection points in local supermarket.

Notices for next week to the Revd Philip Barnett (☎ 01484 522954 or email philip-barnett@sky.com) by 6.00 pm Thursday 23rd May please