



ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

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Worship on 28th February



The preacher at our morning service on 28th February will be Revd. Kerry Tankard, Chair of the Yorkshire West Methodist District.

This will be shown live at 10.30 a.m. on [facebook.com/settlemethodist](https://www.facebook.com/settlemethodist). Both our morning service and a short service of Evening Prayer will also be posted on YouTube, as usual.

Discipleship Explored; what's the best love you've ever known?

You are invited to join other members of the church and circuit to explore discipleship and the heart of our faith on **Tuesdays, 7.45-9.00 pm**, starting on 23rd February. This 8 session course journeys through Paul's letter to the Philippians and is ideal for people at any stage of their Christian life. Course handbooks and Zoom details are available from Revd. Tim.



Coffee Pot

Don't forget our 'virtual' Coffee Pot 10.30-11.30 a.m. every

Tuesday. Full details are posted on our Facebook page.

What does a Church Steward do?

It has been suggested that we should include brief outlines of the various roles which exist in local Methodist churches, so we will begin with Church Stewards. When on duty (roughly once a month), the steward's main responsibilities are as follows:

- Contacting the preacher in advance, and arranging for readers etc.
- Unlocking and locking the building on Sunday morning
- Greeting the preacher and praying with him/her before the service
- Giving out any additional notices
- Assisting the treasurer to count and bank the collection

Church stewards are also members of the Leadership Team, which meets 5 or 6 times a year.

Yorkshire Preachers: no.7

Samuel Hoyle:1800-1873 (Primitive Methodist)

Lockdown would have had no terrors for Samuel. In the whole of his life he spent only one night away from his native village, Norland near Sowerby Bridge where he worked as a handloom weaver.

Restricted as his outward circumstances may seem he found sufficient grace and God-given inspiration to make him a great preacher. Someone who knew him wrote "His sound scriptural knowledge, his quaint remarks, his curious yet telling illustrations, coupled with sound piety and deep religious experience, soon made him a great favourite in all the regions round. It is no exaggeration to say that Sammy was the most popular local preacher of his time in the Halifax and Sowerby Bridge circuits." Rain or shine he always carried an enormous umbrella.

Jane Mansergh

Methodism in Horton-in-Ribblesdale

The first record of Methodism in Horton was in 1740 when Lawrence Batty of Newby Cote preached, but I am sure that before this date stalwart dissenters had travelled, probably on foot, to meet with like minded folk at various gatherings in the area.

In 1743, in response to a questionnaire demanded by Archbishop Herring, John Carr, curate at Horton, stated, "No licensed meeting house of any kind within the Parish but of late has been held in a private house once in three weeks on the Lord's Day. The teacher is Lawrence Batty, not yet in holy orders, and called a methodist". In

1745, Lawrence Batty was brave enough to preach in the open air at New Inn Square and was rewarded by being pelted with eggs! Methodists were not again mentioned until 1830 when they are recorded as being present at a home feast at Ingleton Fells, the area we now know as Chapel-le-Dale. Over 200 were present at this gathering, adherents attending from all parts of the neighbouring dales, some from as far away as Kendal.

In 1850, a farmer called John Redmayne, living at Brackenbottom invited Methodists to hold services at his house. In the Autumn, John Camm came to live at Brackenbottom, services then alternating between the two houses. Tradition suggests that the two houses used were farms now known as Greengates and the one opposite now owned by a potholing club.

(to be continued)

Dora Tattersall

Dear God

There's a dance craze on the internet at the minute called "Jeruzalema". Groups of people are challenged to dance to a real earworm of a tune and so there are videos of everything from Irish police horses to Dominican nuns dancing. Try Googling it - it's a real tonic to watch so many people being so happy. The words are actually a prayer stating - Jerusalem is my home, so guard me, walk with me, stay with me and don't leave me here. It made me think about the passage in the Bible where we are promised a home in heaven and that, "in my father's house there are many mansions". Having read a lot of house sale brochures of late I can't help wonder what sort of "des res" they may be. Do they have sloping eaves (only 6 year olds could stand upright!), restricted timber roofs (low beams, see sloping eaves), compact ensuite (no room to swing a cat), open plan layout (cost a fortune to heat), neutral palette of colours (beige with paler beige accents) etc. Obviously we talk about our churches being

*God's house but if so, leaving aside the actual physical buildings, how do we rate when it comes to kerb appeal? Are we priced to reflect the fact that we need updating or are we family friendly and will appeal to a range of buyers? I think this may well be a subject on which I need to ponder further. For the moment I'm off to practise my moves and watch the dancing monks in Rome... Yours boogie-ing well
Old Lil Nongle*



Tip No.3

Stop using aluminium foil where possible; use a container with a lid that can be reused. Aluminium is a rare metal and its extraction and purification uses a lot of energy.

Borrowed from the Anglican Green Fingers website.

Election of Church Officers 2021/2

Nominations have now closed and the following have been proposed for election in 2021-22:

Eileen Edwards	Secretary
Robin Corbett	Treasurer
Anne Martin	Property Steward
Philip Taylor	Senior Church Steward
Richard Pike	Church Steward
Janet Wigfield	Church Steward
Liz Brown	Church Council
Wendy Holt	Church Council
John Lewis	Church Council
Kath Mason	Church Council
Gill O'Donnell	Church Council
Ian Sturrock	Church Council
Jill Tiernan	Church Council
Edith Wright	Church Council

We wish to thank the following, who are standing down from their duties for their time and service:

Michael Cullingworth
Pauline Davies
Jane Mansergh

Anne Marshall
Barbara Middleton

Because of Covid-19, it will not be possible to carry out the usual voting procedures at our annual church meeting. Therefore, unless any objections are received by 25th February, the above named will be elected.

BIBLE QUIZ

Give yourself double points if you know the answer without your bible (or Google)

1. Who committed the first murder in the Bible?
2. How many days does Jonah spend in the belly of the whale?
3. In the Gospel of John, who does Jesus restore to life four days after his death?
4. Which mountain is the traditional resting place of Noah's Ark?
5. Which of Jacob's brothers persuades the others not to kill him?
6. Towards the end of the Book of Numbers who is spoken to by his donkey? (*the answer's not Shrek!*)
7. Who lived for 969 years?
8. Who holds a great feast at which a hand is seen to write on the wall?
9. What was Luke's occupation?
10. There are 3 angels named in the Bible.

Who are they?

Answers to the last quiz

1. In 2. Curse(NIV) 3. Aaron 4. Lot's 5. 350 years
6. God
7. Cain, Abel and Seth 8. Exodus 9. David
10. Gopher wood

A ST JOHN'S WELCOME

It was about 10 years ago that I, a lifelong churchgoer (not Methodist), felt rightly or wrongly neglected by my church. I was not very well following traumatic surgery, and I received not a card, phone call, flower - nothing. "Oh no, Audrey,"

said one person when I commented on it, "That is not our way." I felt like running back to Essex where I had been accepted by 'Southerners'.

"Come with me", said a friend. And so I came; a Sunday evening, dusk, warm light gleaming through an open door, a smiling welcome from a lady who would be taking the service. And so yes, I came, I saw and I stayed. (Apologies to my Latin teacher - I didn't conquer).

After a few months of regular attendance, perhaps driving the regulars mad with questions, a lovely man, Dr Wright, came to me at coffee time. He introduced himself and said to what extent did I wish to be involved and asked what skills did I bring with me. "Not cooking or baking," said I.

And so I stayed, made friends and once again was happy worshipping God with like minded people. I'm still learning about Methodism, always asking questions, trying to do my bit.

When anybody asks me which church I attend, I proudly say St. John's; if people ask me to which denomination I belong, I reply "A HAPPY MONGREL"

Audrey Dakin

THANK YOU to all those who have contributed to this and previous newsletters. Please send any items to Wendy or Philip and we'll see that they are published.



Prayer for Lent

Lord Jesus Christ, you were tempted, as we are; be our strength in times of weakness. When we fall, lift us up; when we are in error, direct us. In all our wanderings be our guide, that we may be your faithful people to our life's end. Amen.

(Revd. David Adam)