

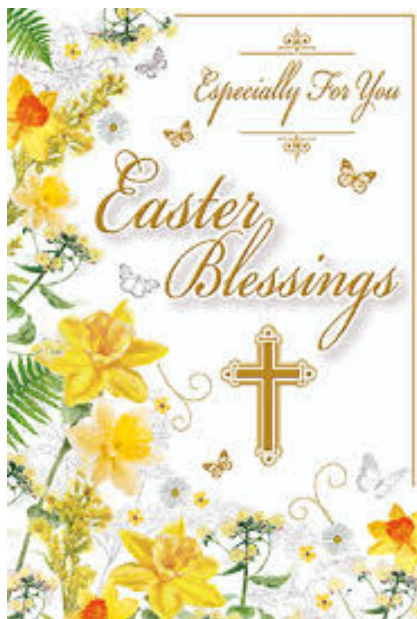


UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

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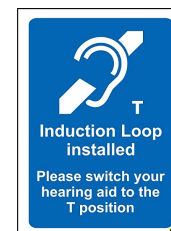
A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby



A hearing loop
is installed in
church.



March and April 2022



Upper Edge Baptist Church
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Dear Friend,

Storms, floods, trees uprooted, several people killed – surely it couldn't get worse?

Then we hear about Russian aggression towards Ukraine, and see the frantic efforts of our Prime Minister, President Biden and European Heads of State, for a coordinated and escalating attack on Russian banks and individual oligarchs, until hostilities cease and a withdrawal is achieved.

Yet in the midst of this turmoil and anxiety, winter continues to move towards Spring. The gardens are full of snowdrops and crocuses, daffodils are beginning to appear in sheltered places. The Snowdrop Cross that the local churches planted on Rastrick Common 22 years ago, is looking lovely and still holding its shape, though the Crocus Crosses we planted at the same time in front of St. Matthew's and on the hillside at Upper Edge have almost disappeared.

After the darkness of a long winter, Spring is stirring in the depths and pushing through. Ground that looked bare and dead was actually sheltering vibrant life and growth.

We are approaching the season of Lent - five weeks of preparation leading up to the agony and the joy of Easter. People often give something up for Lent - biscuits, chocolate or alcohol. Others try to give up grumbling or criticising, and some even choose to give money or goods to a charity, a food bank or a good cause weekly during this period. All of us need to pray more earnestly for a just peace on the world stage.

Those who are Christians follow the Gospel story of how Jesus, the young Lord of Life, followed his call and set his face towards his destiny in Jerusalem at Passover time.

First there was the healing of a beggar who had been blind since birth. Jesus wanted everyone to be able to 'see' in a new way. Then came the encounter with a cheating tax collector, who climbed a tree to see the Lord, and ended up entertaining him in his own home, and giving away a huge chunk of his fortune to anyone he had wronged. Transformation.

Next was Jesus's entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, not as a conquering hero, but as the Prince of Peace, hailed by joyful, laughing people waving a forest of palm branches.

Not long afterwards, his disciple Judas offered to betray Jesus to his enemies, the Chief priests, and took his opportunity at the Last Supper where Jesus and his disciples met in an Upper Room to celebrate the feast of the Passover. As Jesus broke bread and shared the wine, he asked them to remember him, and declared that his body would be broken and his blood shed, just like the bread and wine, to make us right with God.

Afterwards, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Judas betrayed him with a kiss, and Jesus was taken into custody, questioned, whipped and beaten. His disciples went into hiding, and one of them, Peter, denied knowing him 3 times.

On 'Good' Friday, that strangely-named day, when the Prince of Life was crucified to bring us to God, he died in agony on the cross to save us all and was laid in a tomb, sealed by a mighty stone.

It seemed like the end of the world to his bewildered followers.

But on the third day as dawn broke, when the women went to the tomb to anoint his body, they found the stone rolled away and saw angels who asked them 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? HE HAS RISEN!'

This is the Glory and Joy of Easter Day.

Do come and celebrate Jesus's victory over death at our Easter service, led by the Young Church and Lorraine, 10.30am on Easter Sunday, 17th April.

May you enjoy many Blessings this Easter time, Love, Peace and Joy.

Louise

MARCH

Tuesday 1st SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Day
Wednesday 2nd ASH WEDNESDAY
 10.00am Time To Reflect
Friday 4th
 2.00pm National Women's World Day Of Prayer
Sunday 6th 1st in Lent
 10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

Names for lunch on the 9th – TODAY please

Monday 7th Beer and Banter @ The Red Lion
 7.00pm 'A voyage to remember'

Wednesday, 9th – Friday 11th

Lent Groups Rastrick Churches Together

Wednesday 9th

10.00am Time To Reflect
 12.15 for 12.30pm Wednesday Lunch at church for you

Sunday 13th Sunday 2nd in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion led by Rev Mary Taylor

Wednesday, 16th – Friday 18th

Lent Groups Rastrick Churches Together

Wednesday 16th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Saturday 19th

8.30am Men's Breakfast @Toby Carvery

Sunday 20th Sunday 3rd in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Ernie Whalley

Wednesday, 23rd – Friday 25th

Lent Groups Rastrick Churches Together

Wednesday 23rd

10.00am Time To Reflect
 2.00pm Deacons' Meeting at Church

Saturday 26th

British Summer Time Begins CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR

Sunday 27th 4th in Lent Mothering Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Lorraine Tatham and friends



Wednesday, 30th – Friday 1st Apr

Lent Groups Rastrick Churches Together

Wednesday 30th

10.00am Time To Reflect

APRIL

Sunday 3rd 5th in Lent Passion Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Dr Clive Burnard

Wednesday, 6th – Friday 8th

Lent Groups Rastrick Churches Together

Wednesday 6th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 10th 6th in Lent - Palm Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Monday 11th

7.45am Prayer Breakfasts for Holy Week (Blackley) check with Louise/Paul for details

Wednesday 13th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Wednesday Lunch at church for you

Thursday 14th

Friday 15th

11.45am Procession of Witness from St Matthew's to outside The George Pub Brighthouse to sing a hymn
 12.30pm United Service for Good Friday (Central Methodist)

Saturday 16th

8.30am Men's Breakfast @ The Toby Carvery Ainley Top

Sunday 17th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Lorraine Tatham

Monday 18th

Wednesday 20th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 24th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton
 11.45am Church AGM

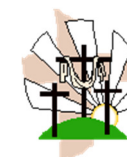
Wednesday 27th

10.00am Time To Reflect

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Sunday 1st

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett



News of and from the Fellowship

Please remember in your prayers those who mourn the loss of family members and friends. Help us to be there for them and often just to wait in silence and listen when they speak.

Don't forget to let someone know if you would like us to pray for them.

Father in heaven, may we share the light and life of Jesus with others today, and always.



In Loving Memory of Mrs. Christine Denise Withers 24.12.1945 - 20.01.2022

Christine was a very well-known figure in Rastrick, especially among the churches.

She moved here from Nottingham when she and Ian were married and spent the rest of her life in Rastrick. She had a high view of faithfulness in marriage and was faithful in all her relationships.

She was a bright and intelligent lady, a deep thinker, a great talker, always trying to find out more and understand better. She loved discussion groups and joined in United Churches' Lent Groups almost every year.

Her family were the centre of her world and she was a wonderful mother to Vikki and Dianne. Vikki's brain-damage meant she needed a huge amount of care and the family looked after her at home for 30 years before she went into supported living, but by then Christine's arthritis was becoming severe, she was tired and there were signs that a heart valve was not functioning perfectly. She had the severe trauma of Dianne's serious accident 20 years ago and all the hospital visiting that entailed, and even more stress when Dianne had to have a heart operation later. Christine and Ian spent endless hours by her bedside.



Falling over a bollard carelessly left on the pavement outside her house 3 years ago caused a broken hip, and restricted Christine's mobility severely. Covid-19 caused her to stay indoors and her fitness was further compromised, but it was her heart trouble that made her go into hospital in the last week of her life. She had become very weak and breathless and was not fit to have an operation.

Christine was a kind, caring, loyal and generous friend, who kept in close touch and even offered to turn out in the middle of the night if someone was ill or in trouble. She was compassionate and understanding and I never heard her speak ill of anyone.

Christine had associations with New Road Sunday School as it was then, and with St. Matthew's, but she settled with us at Upper Edge, and brought Vikki to services for many years. Christine was baptised here, and one of the hymns she chose for that service spoke of her life:

'Guide me O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land'

I believe she did regard herself as a pilgrim, always searching for the truth, always seeking God, learning and growing even in difficult and trying times. Like the Hebrew people of the Old Testament, journeying through the wilderness for 40 years, often feeling weak and weary, and sometimes going round in circles, she needed to be upheld by a powerful hand.

She was thirsty, (as pilgrims often are) for the living water of faith and insight: 'Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing waters flow'.

She believed God was her Deliverer, her Strength and her Shield.

Because I believe she was valiant, I have rewritten some lines of 'He who would valiant be', for her.

She who would valiant be, 'gainst all disaster, Let her in constancy follow the Master.

There's no discouragement shall make her once relent her first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Louise Armitage





Lent Course 2022

Joint Rastrick churches Lent Groups will be taking place once again this year with meetings taking place in different venues as well as via Zoom. Those who have been involved in the past have always found them worthwhile and an opportunity to join with fellow Christians from the other churches to focus on this important season leading up to Easter. We would encourage you to take part, either in person, or via Zoom, if you want to stay in the comfort of your own home!

The course is based on the popular and significant film 'The Greatest Showman'. There will be five meetings altogether and you can always dip in and out.

The details are as follows: The **Zoom meetings** will take place on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm** and the link will be available on the St. John's website www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk

The dates are March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th

Group meetings will take place

on **Thursdays** in St. John's Church Hall at 7.30pm on March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st and

on **Fridays** at St. Matthew's at 2.00pm on March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st.

There is no need to register, you just log on or turn up as appropriate.

Clips from the film will be used in the meetings and the themes are as follows:

Week 1 – A Million Dreams

Dreams in the Bible and our hopes and dreams for the future. Create a timeline. Engage or re-engage with God's hopes and dreams for our future.

Week 2 – Come Alive

Rejoicing in the diversity of families and households and of people too, celebrating and supporting the variety.

Week 3 – Re-write the Stars

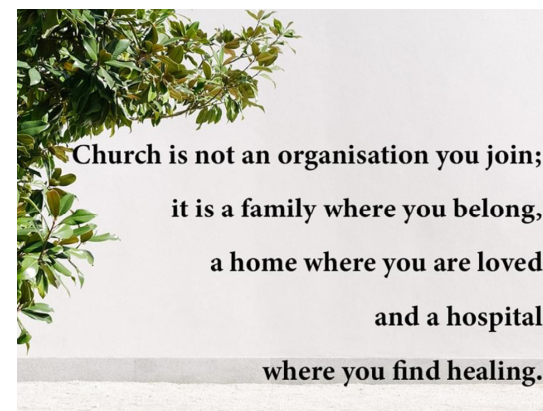
Prejudice and injustice in society, dealing with difference, being different. The kingdom values of power in weakness not in wealth or status.

Week 4 – Never Enough

Temptations that lead us away from God. Not being satisfied with what we have or appreciating it. Wanting more. Consumerism in society.

Week 5 – From Now On

Redemption from foolishness, sin, being restored and forgiven, restored to healing and wholeness. The Prodigal Son.



BE CARFEUL WITH YOUR WORDS.

Once they are said, they can only be forgiven, not forgotten.

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

Is it true?

Is it HELPFUL?

Is it INSPIRING?

Is it NECESSARY?

Is it KIND?



A message for all emailers!

The Nile Virus-Type C

We are not fully over COVID-19 and the next thing is here already.

Virologists have identified a new Nile virus - type C. It appears to target

those who were born between 1930 & 1970.

Symptoms causes you:

1. To send the same message twice.
2. To send a blank message.
3. To send a message to the wrong person.
4. To send it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. To forget to attach the attachment.
6. To hit SEND before you've finished.
7. To hit DELETE instead of SEND
8. To SEND when you should DELETE.

It is called the C-NILE virus!

And if you cannot admit to doing the above, you have obviously caught the

mutated strain - the D-NILE virus

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

21 February to 6 March 2022



For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.

Last year's Choose the World you Want Festival saw campaigners, shoppers, students and businesses come together in a show of support for the farmers behind our food on the front line of the climate crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where your role begins. You are part of the Fairtrade movement, and you have the power to drive long-term change, not only with your shopping choices but with your support in spreading the message.

Since last Fairtrade Fortnight we have seen the G7 and COP26 take place. Over 33,000 campaigners joined 1.8m Fairtrade farmers and workers in backing the Be Fair With Your Climate Promise challenge to world leaders at the UN COP26 summit. But frustration came as the wealthiest nations failed to recognise the urgent need to invest in farmer expertise by delaying their promised \$100bn annual funding to the most climate vulnerable countries until 2023. That isn't good enough.

HOW DOES FAIRTRADE SUPPORT FARMERS IN THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Fairtrade is about social, economic and environmental justice. These are built into our standards and drive everything we do. A root cause of the inability to adapt to and mitigate climate change is poverty. More money in the hands of farmers is needed if they are to adapt and survive the climate crisis. Choosing Fairtrade fights for improvements in producers' livelihoods with collective strength through co-ops and their bargaining power, the protection of a Minimum Price and Fairtrade Premiums.

In 2019, Fairtrade also launched an ambitious new living incomes

campaign to lead the way to a sustainable future for cocoa farmers. A living income would provide farmers with a decent standard of living – enough to cover all their cocoa farming costs and enough to cover their basic human rights, like a nutritious diet, children’s education and healthcare. Only when they have met these basic needs can they start to meet the challenges of our changing climate.



May the promise of the Springtime, cheer you,
 And the magic that it brings, thrill you,
 May the healing of the sunlight, warm you,
 And the blessings of Easter fill you.


May the peace of flowing waters, calm you,
 And the strength of the hills, uphold you,
 May the joy of waking earth, enrich you
 And the blessings of Easter enfold you.




May the music of the morning, lift you,
 And the hope of all the world, guide you,
 May the love of those you love, sustain you,
 And the blessings of Easter stay beside you.

Author I. Hesselden





Easter Word Search



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Easter Egg Tradition

Historically, it was traditional to use up all of the household's eggs before Lent began. Eggs were originally forbidden during Lent as well as on other traditional fast days in Western Christianity (this tradition still continues among the Eastern Christian Churches). Likewise, in Eastern Christianity, meat, eggs, and dairy are all prohibited during the Lenten fast.


This established the tradition of Pancake Day being celebrated on Shrove Tuesday. This day, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday when Lent begins, is also known as Mardi Gras, a French phrase which translates as "Fat Tuesday" to mark the last consumption of eggs and dairy before Lent begins.

During Lent, since chickens would not stop producing eggs during this time, a larger than usual store might be available at the end of the fast. This surplus, if any, had to be eaten quickly to prevent spoiling. Then, with the coming of Easter, the eating of eggs resumes. Some families cook a special meatloaf with eggs in it to be eaten with the Easter dinner.




One would have been forced to hard boil the eggs that the chickens produced so as not to waste food, and for this reason the Spanish dish Hornazo (traditionally eaten on and around Easter) contains hard-boiled eggs as a primary ingredient. In Hungary, eggs are used sliced in potato casseroles around the Easter period.





BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in




MARCH

Joyce Kaye	1st	Elaine Maclean	2nd
David Kaye	11th	Audrey Henry-Quarcoo	20th
Tess Goodman	14th		
Jane Foley	20th		

APRIL

Happy Birthday to Tess who will be 13 yrs old on Monday 14th

Special Birthday greetings to Jane Foley who will be celebrating a big **O** birthday on Sunday 20th. Hope you enjoy not just the day but the whole decade!



1. In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth.
2. And darkness was upon the face of the deep; this was due to malfunction at Elland Road Power Station.
3. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light, but Yorkshire Electricity Board said He would have to wait until Thursday to be connected.
4. And God saw the light and it was good; He saw the quarterly bill and it was not good.

(Spike Milligan)



At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be -
'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

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