



UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

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Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you
wherever He may send you,
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you,
May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.



THERE'S ALWAYS A SPRINGTIME

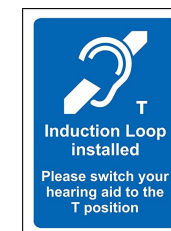
After the Winter comes the Spring
To show us again that in everything
There's always renewal divinely planned,
Flawlessly perfect, the work of God's hand..
And just like the seasons that come and go
When the flowers of Spring lay buried in snow,
God sends to the heart in its winter of sadness
A springtime awakening of new hope and gladness,
And loved ones who sleep in a season of death
Will, too, be awakened by God's life- giving Breath.

February 2022

You can find us on most Social Media



A hearing loop
is installed in
church.





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God at Work

Greetings everyone.

I was shown recently an old photograph of Upper Edge Baptist Church after the effects of a storm soon after it had been built. Half the roof and walls in the centre of the church building were completely missing. The internal damage must have also been significant. Looking at the fragile condition of the remaining walls and sections of the roof that were left, it must have seemed like a miracle that the whole church had not been destroyed by the storm.

As I looked at that photograph I imagined how difficult it must have been for those people and the local community. It must have seemed like all their hopes had been destroyed in that storm they experienced that night. But, hope it seems is not easily defeated, especially when it's a hope centred on God. Within an amazing short time, funds were raised and the shattered building and roof restored.

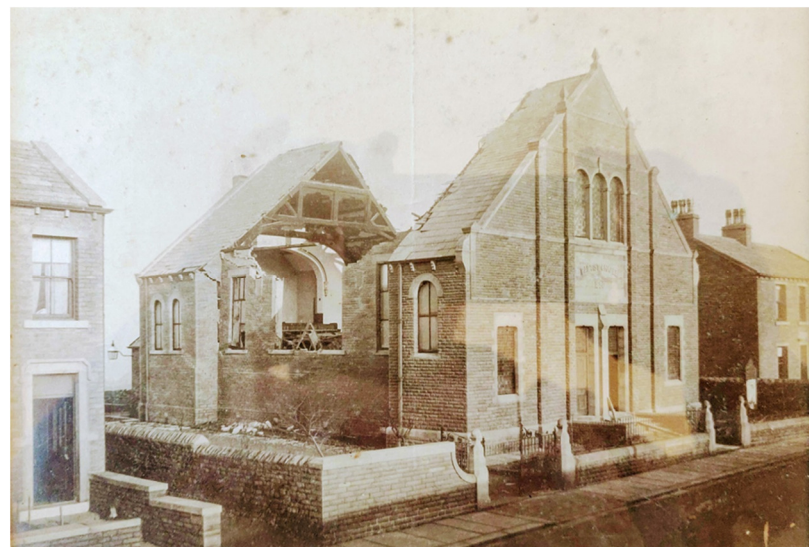
Those were challenging times and huge sacrifices were made, but the church was rebuilt. That story of faith and hope being lived out in challenging times should inspire us all.

That incredible story reminds me that God is always with us in challenging times. He is always looking to rebuild and

restore broken lives, relationships and communities. I believe he is always at work in us his church, leading us through whatever challenges we face. As I look at that photograph I am reminded that in every age and in every challenge, God is our provider and encourager. God is always greater than whatever storm we might be having to endure.

Every Blessing

Allan



See website uebc.org.uk for more about the history of the church — About us — Our History — Building The Chapel

Church Lunches

Unfortunately, because of a resurgence of Covid numbers in West Yorkshire, we are have had to delay our first Church Lunch of 2022 until March 9th, 12.15 for 12.30pm. Remember to sign up!



FEBRUARY

Wednesday 2nd
10.00am

Time To Reflect

Sunday 6th
10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton
Church Meeting after the Service

Monday 7th
7.00pm

Beer and Banter for Men@ The Red Lion

Wednesday 9th
10.00am

Time To Reflect
NO lunch sorry

Sunday 13th
10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mr Julian Dowson

Wednesday 16th
10.00am

Time To Reflect

Sunday 20th
10.30am

Morning Worship led by The Young Church and Mrs
Lorraine Tatham

Wednesday 23rd
10.00am
2.00pm

Time To Reflect
Deacons' Meeting at church

Sunday 27th
10.30am

Morning Worship led by Rev Philip Clements-Jewery

MARCH

Wednesday 2nd
10.00am
11.15am

Time To Reflect
Christine Withers' funeral at church

Sunday 6th
10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

Names for lunch on the 9th – TODAY please

Wednesday 9th
10.00am
12.15 for 12.30pm

Time To Reflect
Lunch

AGM Church Meeting This will be arranged at the church meeting in February. The Reports will be available before for 2 or 3 weeks before the actual meeting is held

Social Events

Hopefully we will be able to plan some soon.



News of and from the Fellowship

Please remember in your prayers those who are suffering from anxiety, loneliness and feeling very cut off. We have great ways to communicate nowadays, it is so easy to pick up a phone and doesn't cost any extra, but there is nothing like seeing a live face.



We send our love and condolences to Ian, Dianne and Vikki Withers on the sad loss of Christine.

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.

Christine Withers' funeral will take place in Church on March 2nd at 11.15am, followed by a short service at Fixby Crematorium at 12.15pm. Christine will be greatly missed. She was a stalwart member of the church, who continued to attend until a few weeks before her death, in spite of her physical weakness.

Birth Announcement

Simon and Karen Thompson are delighted to announce that Laura and Sam are now the proud parents of baby Luke James Robinson who was born on 16th January at 8.48 weighing 7lb 4oz. Congratulations to the delighted parents, the new grandparents Simon and Karen and to great grandmother Lynne Thompson.



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WANTED

1lb jars for Marmalade for Overgate Hospice
I will try and make some more as soon as I am able.
Thanks Anne I

Christmas Celebrations

I know it seems a long time since these special events took place so this is a brief resume of how 2021 ended on a high for the church fellowship at Upper Edge.

We started one Saturday morning early in December with 10 members helping to put up the decorations and lights in church and church hall.

It was good to see how everyone worked together and the effect was dazzling!

The following Wednesday, December 8th, we were treated to a wonderful Church Christmas Lunch. As you walked in the hall there was the sound of Christmas music, a wonderful smell of lunch cooking and a beautifully decorated very long table all set for a sumptuous traditional Christmas meal and beautifully decorated.



About 24 guests certainly enjoyed the food, fun, jokes and the singing of a few carols. There was a real sense of togetherness and love and a joy at being able to share this occasion together.

Special thanks to Lorraine and Jane for all their hard work, Helen for the table decor and to all those who volunteered their help.

Then that evening we held our annual concert for Overgate Hospice.

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An Evening of Music and Singing in aid of Overgate Hospice

We were delighted to welcome a number of choirs to Upper Edge Baptist Church on the evening of December 8th. Rastrick High School Choir, the Overgate Hi-Notes and Paul Whittaker's Signing Choir gave us once again an unforgettable evening of entertainment. This fundraising event is normally an annual evening of entertainment, but it couldn't be held last year because of Covid restrictions. This made this year's event seem extra special, and extra special it certainly was as each choir entertained a full church with a mixture of both popular and Christmas songs.

An important part of the evening was when, as a Church, we were able to present a cheque for £1000.00 to Overgate Hospice - a

significant donation to a very significant charity which serves our local communities so well. We would like to thank people for their generosity and willingness to make the evening the big success that it was. A special thanks also for those who organised and helped with all the practical tasks that needed to be done.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in December 2022!

Allan Wolfenden

Carols at the Rock Tavern

We were delighted to return to the Rock Tavern for our annual Carols round the fire. There was naturally some concern about whether it should be held or not but any doubts we had were soon dismissed when we saw the turn out and received such a warm welcome.

The singing was hearty and the jokes brought laughter and some wry smiles. The piece de resistance is always a story read to us by Lorraine Tatham.

It was good to see so many who had turned out specially for this occasion. Thanks to all who took part.



Sunday December 19th - Christingle and Carols by Candlelight

Our Christingle service was yet again very well prepared and produced by the Young Church and Mrs Lorraine Tatham. How does she manage to come up with different ways of presenting this service? We were all able to take part in some small way.

In the evening it was lovely to welcome so many, including some visitors to our Candlelit service which included a number of carols, which we were all able to sing, and a few readings when various members took part. The church was beautifully lit.

Christmas Day

Rev. Allan Wolfenden led a lovely half-hour service of carols, prayers and reflections. He brought a gift from his son in China whom he hasn't been able to see for four years, to show us.

If you have never been to one of these special occasions before then please do come and join us in 2022.

Liz and Sergio Vilela

"Not My will, but Yours be done", Luke
22:42 Dec 2021

Dear friends,



It is a privilege to write to you and share what God is doing here. Our desire is that God's will is done in and through our lives. He is opening doors and using people to bring hope and transformation. All honour and glory to Him who can do more than we can ever imagine. This end of this year has been one of planning and meetings, preparing for the next year, and it is quite common in Mozambique to have several meetings to be able to take certain decisions. Sergio: I first got in touch with people from the IBS (Theological Institute of Beira) before we travelled to the UK in April, to start teaching there. I was waiting for the forms to fill in which took practically five months, but after several exchanges of messages and an interview, next semester I will be teaching homiletics to the third year theology students. The principal also asked me to help develop the discipleship program for the students, which will be a great way to get to know the students and help them on their learning journey. At the beginning of December, I had the opportunity to speak with pastors and leaders of the local Baptist churches about plans to offer a discipleship course called Men Mentoring Men, as well as a course on the foundations of a Biblical marriage, which for me is one of the greatest needs here. I look forward to sharing more about this as it happens next year.

We are pleased that finally Liz is now a certified Play Therapist after studying hard over the last few years and it's great that she is able to put her knowledge into practice here. Chloe and Joshua have now finished school for the summer holidays and even though we won't

travel they are enjoying swimming, playing, and looking after the 14 puppies that were born at the end of November. We are looking forward to spending some time off over the Christmas period.

One of the ladies who has been participating in Liz's group on being trauma-informed, Lucy, is already putting into action what she has been learning. A neighbour was telling her about how she was struggling with her teenage son who had challenging behaviour and she didn't know what to do about it. Lucy offered to help and by speaking initially to the teenager, she got him to write down in a letter what was going on. This teenager opened up and shared exactly how he was feeling about the fights in the house, how he was treated, etc.. After speaking to him afterwards and showing understanding of how he was feeling, Lucy was able to show this letter to the boy's mum and it enabled her to really understand the reason behind her son's difficult behaviour and her responsibility within the situation. Things have now improved and continue to improve. The communication was key in this situation; every behaviour has a reason and when we know the reason, it is possible to help.

Our prayer is that Lucy and the other members of this group will continue to be used by God to help other families. The group of five have now finished the training that Liz was giving and we already have two groups of people that would like the same training. God is already opening more doors and multiplying. May lives be transformed and people be filled with hope no matter what situation they find themselves in! Please pray for: - Our plans for the new year, that we continue to be directed by God in all that we do - Lucy and the trauma-informed group, that God will continue to use them to bring hope and support to those children and teenagers that most need it - Our time off, that strength will be renewed and it will be a precious time to be together and relax We wish you a Christmas full of joy



Love, Liz, Sergio, Chloe & Joshua



pollution comes from clothing, when worn or laundered; 28% from tyres and brake pads and 24% from city dust. The recent Environment Bill set environmental standards to protect and preserve our environment now and in the future, but does not include the polluting effects of microplastics. The All Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics (APPG) has compiled a report with Policy recommendations for the UK Government.

What's in the Report? Marine life and the environment Micro plastic fibres have been found everywhere: the air; soil; rivers; and even deep oceans. In the English Channel, researchers found that one third of fish examined had ingested plastic (Lusher et al 2015) Microfibre pollution is even found on Mount Everest.

At Upper Edge Baptist
Community Church Hall
on Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesdays. Phone for full
details



FEBRUARY

Dawn Swaine
Joseph Church

5th
24th

Special birthday wishes to Joseph Church who will be 16 years old on Thursday 24th.

A Pastor goes to the dentist for a set of false teeth. The first Sunday after he gets his new teeth, he talks for only eight minutes.

The second Sunday, he talks for only ten minutes.

The following Sunday, he talks for 2 hours and 48 minutes.



The congregation had to mob him to get him down from the pulpit and they asked him what happened.

The Pastor explains the first Sunday his gums hurt so bad he couldn't talk for more than 8 minutes. The second Sunday' his gums hurt too much to talk for more than 10 minutes. But, the third Sunday, he put his wife's teeth in by mistake and he couldn't shut up...

‘Not every day is good. But there is something good in every day.’

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