



# UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Newsletter

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### CHESTNUTS FALL

Chestnuts fall  
As random gifts  
To mother earth  
And rain  
Promising  
A future.

Jesus dies  
And rising  
Brings  
The father's gift  
Of hope  
To hearts of pain.



I found this beautiful Bee Orchid along Wakefield Rd on the way into Brighouse when I was litter picking with a few friends a couple of months ago. It was such an unexpected and beautiful thing to see in amongst the grass and litter. Bee orchids are characterised by markings that give the illusion of a female bumble bee perched on the flower. If feeling stressed go outside and take a careful look at any flower.

A hearing loop  
is installed in  
church.





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Dear All,

During Covid I expect a number of you went on a lot more walks than usual. Certainly once we could be out for more than an hour we could really explore more of our local areas. I expect that is happening less often now that we can venture further afield, however, one of our church fellowship decided he would give himself something of a challenge.

Following on from the last 2 editions of our Upper Edge Baptist Church newsletter we have an article written by Simon Stowe who was asked if he would write a short article about his recent Coast to Coast Adventure in June this year.

Now what was not anticipated, was that what he wrote is too long to put in the newsletter – he did such a thorough job of it - so I am only going to put excerpts in and a summary further on in this newsletter. If you would like to read more about Simon's 186 mile walk/adventure from Whitehaven to Scarborough then please email me or ask for a printed copy of the walk from me - Anne Inwood (treasurer@uebc.org.uk)

Every Blessing  
Anne

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## SEPTEMBER

### Sunday 4th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Rev Louise Armitage and deacons

### Wednesday 7th

10.00am

Time To Reflect

### Sunday 11th

10.30am

Morning Worship including Communion led by Rev Allan Wolfenden

### ***Names for lunch on the 14th – TODAY please***

### Wednesday 14th

10.00am

Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm

Lunch

### Sunday 18th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

11.45am – 12.45pm

Followed by Church meeting

### Wednesday 21st

10.00am

Time To Reflect

### Sunday 25th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

### Wednesday 28th

10.00am

Time To Reflect

## OCTOBER

### Sunday 2nd

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mr Julian Dowson

### Tuesday 4th

3.00pm

Deacons' Meeting at church

### Wednesday 6th

10.00am

Time To Reflect

### Sunday 9th

10.30am

Harvest Celebration with Communion led by Rev Louise Armitage and friends

### ***Names for lunch on the 12th – TODAY please***

### Wednesday 12th

10.00am

Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm

Lunch

### Saturday 15th

8.30am

Men's Breakfast at The Toby Inn

### Sunday 16th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mr Simon Thompson

### Wednesday 19th

10.00am

Time To Reflect



### Sunday 23rd

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Lorraine Tatham and the Young Church

### Wednesday 26th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Saturday 29th British Summer Time ends

**CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR**

### Sunday 30th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

## **NOVEMBER**

### Wednesday 2nd

10.00am Time To Reflect

### Sunday 6th

10.30am Morning Worship led Mr Daryll Hackett

**Names for lunch on the 9th – TODAY please**



## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in SEPTEMBER OCTOBER**



|               |      |                 |      |
|---------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Paul Armitage | 8th  | Ken Inwood      | 3rd  |
| Anne Inwood   | 9th  | May Wilkinson   | 6th  |
| David Peck    | 16th | Simon Thompson  | 9th  |
| Lee Church    | 28th | Colin Kitching  | 11th |
|               |      | Emily Wilkinson | 27th |



## **Harvest Service SUNDAY 9th October at 10.30am**

### **Harvest Gifts**

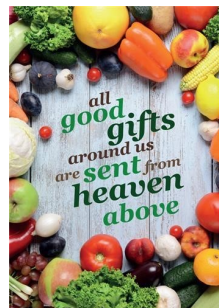
Any tins of food - soups, meat veg etc - and dried pulses, rice, pasta etc. are welcome.

These items will be taken to a centre in Brighouse to be distributed locally.

Any monetary gifts will be sent to the Baptist Missionary Society

All food products must have at least 6 months on the sell by date.

*No fresh produce required.*



## **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.



### **TABLE TENNIS**

Did you know that you can play table tennis at any age? It helps with mobility, stimulates hand/eye coordination and is good fun!

We play weekly on Thursday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00pm in the church hall. It's a good place to meet people, even if you only want to watch, and we would love others to join us from the local community.



The cost is £2.00 per session and refreshments are available. Bats and balls are provided. Do come and give it a go. Find out if there is anything else you would be interested in doing.



**NEXT NEWSLETTER for November 2022 will be available online and in print for Sunday October 30th 2022** Email: [treasurer@uebc.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@uebc.org.uk) before October 16th if you have any articles/items to be inserted.



## In Loving Memory of Alexander Maclean

19/09/1936 - 11/08/2022

Alex and his younger sister, Jeanette, were brought up in Leeds. Sadly Jeanette died when she was in her thirties.

Alex's National Service took him to Egypt, when the Suez crisis was in full flow.

He returned to Leeds to work in the Tailoring industry and became an expert in cutting out suit patterns. He met Elaine there when she was 17. Two years later they were married and set up home in New Farnley, where their children, Andrew and Joanne were born.

They moved to their home in Elland in 1973. They had seen the Lower Edge housing development advertised in the Yorkshire Post, and came to view a plot on the opposite side of the cul-de-sac, but as Alex looked around he saw a corner plot backing on to the fields and became convinced that that was the one they must buy. It was a case of 'happily ever after', a lovely family home, a spacious garden, a field to play in and a new school nearby. As well as bringing up their children there, they have always kept in close contact with their grandchildren and even their great-grandchildren all of whom adore them. They were devoted to their family, always ready to help.

In more recent years, when clothing manufacturers were struggling and people were being made redundant, Alex took a job in the warehouse of Hoechst in Elland where he packaged and dispatched chemical samples.

Alex and Elaine were introduced to the church at Upper Edge about 20 years ago by their close friends and neighbours, Anne and Jack Heap, who were members of the church. Once they had



experienced the friendliness and sincerity here, they became regular attenders. They took a keen interest in the upkeep of the building often cleaning and improving the interior. Alex was very handy, and had a knack of noticing when anything needed to be repaired. Without a word to anyone, he would mend it, paint it, glue it or whatever was needed. 'Mr. Fix-it', he was quiet, efficient and self-effacing. The hedge outside was beautifully manicured by Alex, while Elaine picked up all the debris.

Alex and Elaine loved to do things together - walking, visiting the Lake District, the East Coast, or gardening. When Elaine's health was compromised, Alex cared for her.

Alex was a true Christian gentleman, kind, thoughtful, considerate, appreciative and humorous. He was hard of hearing, but went to lip-reading classes so that he could tell what people were saying and enjoyed many lively conversations. He was loved and appreciated by all of us.

### Rev. Louise Armitage

The funeral of Alexander Maclean will take place at Park Wood  
Crematorium  
On Friday 9th September at 9.45am

"It's my time to bite the bullet" By Simon Stowe

Monday 13th June 2022

*..Yet again, repacking and unpacking my Rucksack for the umpteenth-time, as I have been doing so throughout the previous week..  
Attempted to pay for and receive a discounted rail pass but there was a problem. ....*

*..There was yet again no room in the Inn. Therefore it was another restless / sleepless night under the cool night sky but this time I had a woolly beanie bed-time hat, to pull over my ears, "Yippee," I think not! ..*

*..This part of the journey was uneventful but did pass over number of beautiful pack horse bridges and also the M6 at Shap.*

*..As for Kirkby Stephen, I found it to be a fascinating Medieval market town and would recommend it to anyone to visit for the day or even two.*

*..It was another 9:30 start calling at the local Coop to get stocked up on supplies prior to my days walking.*

*It is at this point that I shall point out that the Coast to Coast route I had chosen probably would **not** have been my first choice, if I had known better. The one I chose was Wainwright's coast to coast which followed the Old Pack horse routes across the country via Mountains, Dales and Moors, these pack horse routes being the motorways of their day, in the Middle Ages but now tended to be overgrown and hard on foot.*

*..Upon making my way to Brompton on Swale, I had a near miss with the potential for serious injury or death. ..*

*..It was on this road that I encountered the only drop of rain throughout my entire two week journey and "boy did it lash it down," for about 10 minutes. By the time I had taken my Gortex Jacket out from the Rucksack I was wet through and subsequently so was the water proof clothing. Not good!*

## **Summary / Conclusion**

I have no idea why I wished to take up the challenge of the Coast to Coast walk. I surely must put it down as my overhaul sense of adventure and previous military training that gave me and enabled my mindset to fulfil the desire to grasp an adventure.



I thought that I would find the walk more exciting but alas upon *reflection* it was quite dull and perhaps not challenging enough?

I am a very fortunate person who is in extremely good health and was/is able to take up the challenge and complete it. I truly saw absolutely wonderful views of our country which are not to be missed.

The walk from Kirkby Stephen to Reeth on the B6270 is absolutely awesome / stunning. Kirkby Stephen and Helmsley are small market towns that *are a must to see* and as for the villages on the A170, I do not think anyone would be disappointed by paying a visit.

The weather was kind as I only had one downpour throughout the two weeks.

## **3 Dads walking**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
September 3 dads,  
Andy, Mike and



**PAPYRUS**  
PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE

*Tim, will start walking over 600 miles in memory of their daughters, Sophie, Beth and Emily, who all took their own lives. They are hoping to raise awareness of talking about suicide prevention and the work of PAPYRUS -Prevention of Young Suicide.*

'We want to continue to highlight the fact that suicide is the biggest killer of young people across the entire UK. We realise that wherever you live in the UK, suicide is a tragic part of so many people's lives. By walking between the parliaments of the 4 nations we will highlight the help PAPYRUS can offer across the UK.'

We must walk again because, as a society, we are allowing thousands of unnecessary deaths each year. If our schools can deliver age-appropriate lessons on suicide awareness we can give our young people the knowledge and skills that will help them and others in the future.

Suicide is the biggest killer of young people under 35 in the UK. PAPYRUS believes that many young suicides are preventable. They operate HOPELINEUK, a confidential call, text, and email helpline for young people with thoughts of suicide or those concerned about a young person who may have thoughts of suicide. Every £5 raised can help pay for a potentially lifesaving contact to HOPELINEUK from a young person wanting to stay safe from their thoughts of suicide.'

## Fundraising

'At the start of June our JustGiving page stood at £608,000, with an additional £125,000 in Gift Aid and further donations made directly to PAPYRUS we had raised over £880,000.

We will raise our JustGiving target to £1,000,000 in the knowledge that, if we reach this target, we will generate close to £1.5 million for the charity. This will allow the team at PAPYRUS to open more offices, deliver more training and equip more young people to deal with the most dangerous thing in their lives – themselves.'

Day 1 9<sup>th</sup> September Belfast - Stormont

Day 2 10<sup>th</sup> September Edinburgh Holyrood – start walking

22<sup>nd</sup> September – Media City and Conference Manchester – rest from walking

Day 22 1<sup>st</sup> October Cardiff - The Sennedd

Day 31 10<sup>th</sup> October World Mental Health Day London - Westminster

**To All in The Community - That means YOU**

**2nd Wednesday in the month**

**September 14th and October 12th**

**Church Lunch @ 12.15 for 12.30pm**

2 course meal with tea, coffee and chocolates. and a few jokes.

Please book your place NOW. We would love to have you join us at this social occasion.

**Donations welcome**

Contact Lorraine on 01422 823013



We tend to think animals are lower than us, but all the scientists in the world couldn't design and operate a bumblebee's wing.



We can't jump or run very fast, and we can't carry vast weights like an ant can.



We can't see in the dark and we can't fly except crammed in a noisy tube like sardines, which doesn't count.

Humans to animals are almost completely deaf.

We are finite and separate, and neurotic, while the consciousness of an animal is at peace and eternal.

We strive and go crazy to become more important. Animals rest and sleep and enjoy the company of each other.

We think we have evolved upwards from animals, but we have lost almost all of their qualities and abilities.

The ideas that animals don't have consciousness or that they don't have a soul is rather crass. It shows a lack of consciousness. They talk, they have families, they feel things, they act individually or together to solve problems, they often take care of their young as a tribal unit. They play, they travel, and medicate themselves when they get sick. They cry when others in the herd die, they know about us humans.

Of course they have a soul, a very pristine one.

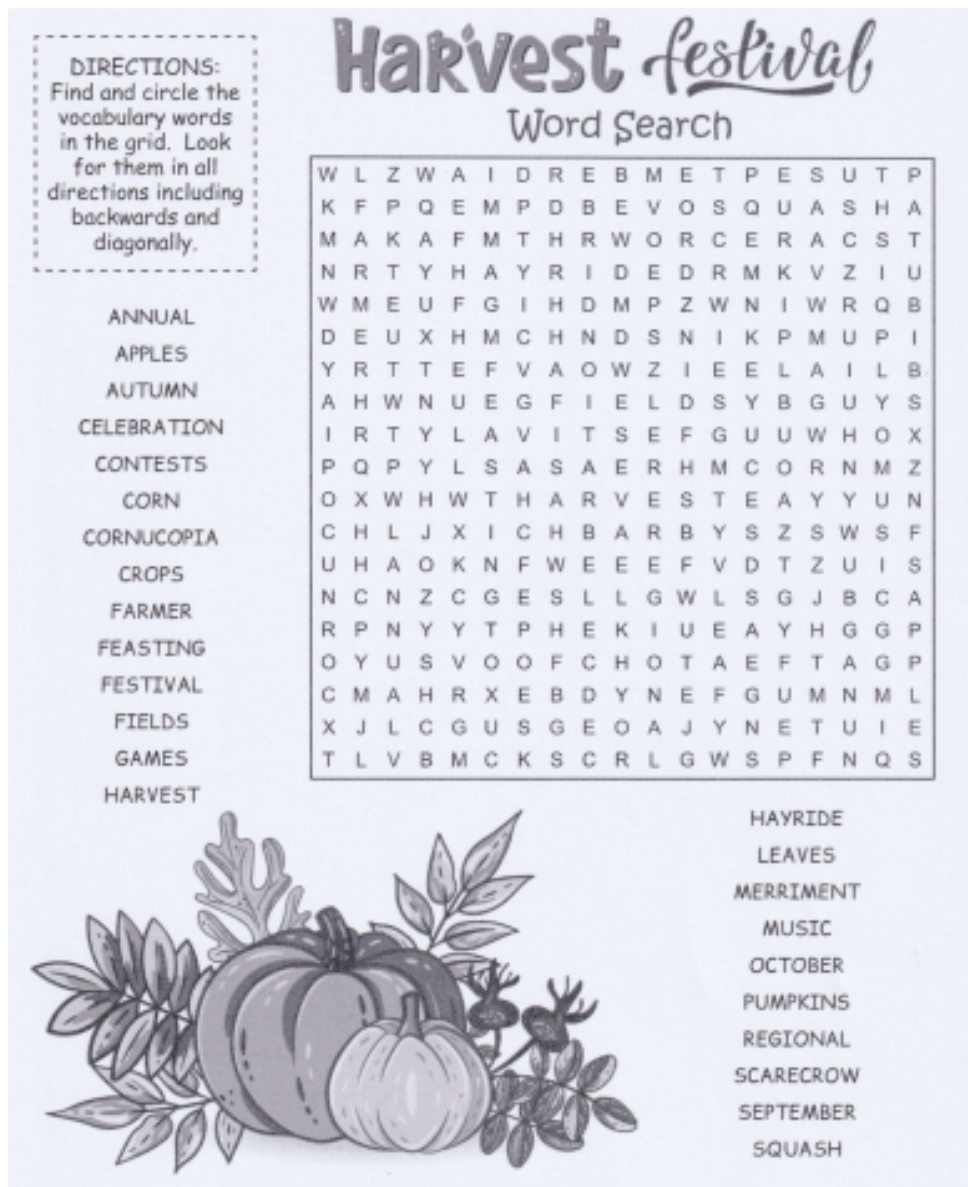
We humans are only now attempting with the recent rise in consciousness to achieve the soul that animals have naturally.

**Stuart Wilde** (submitted by Jane Foley)

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May we support the people of Ukraine in whatever way we are able and remember them daily in our prayers.





## Liz and Sergio Vilela

'Today is the happiest day of my life'.....

August 2022

**Dreams come true and lives are transformed.**

Dear friends,

Thank you for your interest in what we are doing in Beira, Mozambique.

### Child Operation for Christ

Most of you have had the opportunity to fill in a Samaritan Purse shoebox and received information about how it is delivered to the poorest countries. Here in Mozambique, we don't say Operation Christmas Child, we say Operation Child for Christ. Earlier this year I was contacted by the project coordinator who lives in Maputo and he said that my name was indicated by someone, and that they wanted to bring the project to Beira (the city we live in). We held several meetings with local pastors and we had 93 Church leaders on the day of the meeting with the OCC, as well as several leaders who work with children, totalling almost 300 leaders, who were trained in how to evangelise and disciple children. So today in the city of Beira we have more than 7000 children being disciplined and meeting for several weeks to know more about Christ.

The children are enjoying a month of school holiday, though there were groans when we said some school work would be done, as they missed school while we were away, yet they both still did well in the end of term exams. It is a season of travelling for us. We arrived back from the UK and that week Sergio travelled to the North of Mozambique for the Mozambique Baptist Convention Assembly, while Liz will travel to Zimbabwe on 20th August for two weeks to carry out the practical phase of the training she has been doing with the Jacaranda Programme of Healing Play. Sergio also needs to go to SA this month for a health consultation on his knee. This is a little unsettling for the children but they remain happy and healthy, playing and socialising with friends... and we are grateful for all the



opportunities that God is giving us to be able to make these journeys.

**'Today is the happiest day of my life'...**

Yesterday I called a Mozambican Pastor who is the chaplain of a local Christian school that we have been helping over the years that we have been here with PEPE, play therapy and Christian moral lessons. I called to talk about the work I do at the school, but he changed the subject very quickly, because his heart was happy as at the weekend he had done the OCC evangelization project in his church, and he told me.



'Pastor Sergio thank you very much for including us in this project, I have never seen children so happy in my life. One of them came to me and said today was the happiest day of their life. Some took the gift from inside the box and said they had always dreamed of this. They had never thought they'd have something like this.'

**Please pray for:**

- the children that are participating in the OCC discipleship, that hearts and minds will be opened to Jesus and that this will be the start of many children's journeys with Christ.

- protection on journeys that Liz and Sergio will be making over the month.

- each of the Vilela family, that we can be used by God for His glory and kingdom in all we do and say.

Thank you for reading our news, for your support, and prayers for us.

May we love each other and not be shy about using it because love transforms and generates hope. Be a love sharing agent in action today.

**God bless, Sergio, Liz, Chloe & Joshua**

The story is told of a man who went for a job interview and was asked if he was responsible. He replied, 'Yes, every time I something went wrong in my last job, the boss said I was responsible!'

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### Flying funnies

- \* After a particularly bumpy landing, one elderly lady looked the pilot in the eye & asked, "Did we land or were we shot down?"
- \* A flight-attendant's comment on a less-than-perfect landing; "We ask you to remain seated while Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the airport."
- \* Attendant; "Should the cabin lose pressure, oxygen masks will drop from the overhead area, Please place the bag over your own mouth & nose before assisting children or adults acting like children.",
- \* "As you leave the plane please make sure you gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the attendants. Please do not leave children, husbands or wives."



*'These are from 'A box of delights, J. John & Mark Stibbe.'*

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What's inside the newsletter this month? Open it and see! I do hope you find something of interest, something funny, an interesting article which made you think, a prayer, a thoughtful verse which helped you, a puzzle or something which filled some moments when you were wondering what to do next!! Have you read about the Table Tennis group?