



UPPER EDGE BAPTIST
CHURCH

Newsletter

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Celtic Blessing:

May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine on your window pane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



With the coming of Spring and the new
life of Easter, we pray that you and your
family will be blessed.

From Upper Edge Baptist Church



A hearing loop
is installed in
church.



APRIL & MAY 2023



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Dear Friend,

Let's listen to some eye-witness accounts from several people who met with Jesus on his way to the cross of Calvary and later on the third day when they found the tomb empty and believed his body had been stolen, until they discovered otherwise....

Meet **Hannah, a young Mum**: Oh yes I saw his magnetism for myself. Jesus just drew us all in, young and older and we all felt at home in his company. His friends seemed to be guarding him, not wanting us to tire him out – especially when we brought our children for his blessing, but he said the little ones were in God's kingdom and we should all be like them.

Here's **Bartimaeus**: I was begging there by the roadside when he was passing by. Everyone had turned out to see this Jesus of Nazareth. I was blind then, but I could sense the excitement as Jesus and his followers were coming nearer. I had heard about him – how he could make deaf people hear, and lame people walk. But could he give me sight? It was worth a try. A chance in a lifetime. I began shouting 'Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me. **JESUS. JESUS.**'

'Shut up,' the crowd yelled. Who d'you think you are? '

There was a sudden hush. What's happening? Has he heard me?

'Hey, Blind Bartimaeus. He's asking for you.' They pulled me up and led me to Him.

'What do you want?' he asked.

'Lord I want to see,'

'Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you'. Suddenly I was gazing into the smiling face of my healer. My personal miracle worker. I was laughing and crying and his hand was on my

shoulder. The crowd moved on and I could see them all. What a miracle. I'll follow him wherever he goes for the rest of my life.

Judas: I knew he was going to allow himself to be arrested. Why didn't he declare himself as the Saviour of his people, lead us all in an insurrection against Rome and restore greatness to Israel? But it was all going pear-shaped. I knew I had to force his hand or he would never fulfil his destiny as our conquering king. So I betrayed him. The sign was to be a kiss. All he said was, 'Do you betray me with a kiss, Judas?' It broke my heart.

Pilate: I always wanted to see this man. Jesus. My wife had had a dream that he was innocent of all charges, and she begged me to release him. I wanted to, believe me, but the crowd were baying for the murderer Barabbas and I was afraid of an insurrection, so I washed my hands of it and they got what they demanded - his crucifixion.

The Thief on the cross next to Jesus: He was suffering our fate, but I just knew he was innocent. In all that agony, in his death throes, he was still thinking of others. I believed he was a King, like the notice on his cross said. I asked him to remember me when he came into his kingdom, and he promised I'd be with him, that day, in the garden of Paradise. I put my trust in him.

Mary Magdalene: How could it come to this, that the Lord of Life has been crucified and buried? A great stone rolled over the mouth of the tomb, and guards outside.

We women went as dawn was breaking, with spices for the body. But imagine our shock and dismay when we found the tomb empty. We were terrified when two figures in gleaming clothes told us we should not seek the living in the place of death. **He was not dead but risen. Amazing but true!**



All at Upper Edge Baptist Church wish you a joyful Easter.

God bless you.

Louise



APRIL

Friday 7th

11.30am

GOOD FRIDAY

Procession of Witness from St John's to outside The George Pub Brighouse to sing a hymn



12.30pm

United Service for Good Friday (Central Methodist)

Sunday 9th

10.30am

EASTER SUNDAY

Morning Worship led by Rev Allan Wolfenden

Monday 10th

EASTER MONDAY

Wednesday 12th

12.15 for 12.30pm

Wednesday Lunch at church for all readers of this newsletter, the community and friends



Saturday 15th

8.30am

Men's Breakfast @ The Toby Carvery Ainley Top

Sunday 16th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Rev Louise Armitage

Wednesday 19th

10.00am

Time To Reflect

7.30pm

House Group at Colin Kitching's

Sunday 23rd

10.30am

Morning Worship

Wednesday 26th

10.00am

Time To Reflect

7.30pm

House Group at Colin Kitching's

Sunday 30th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mr Julian Dowson

MAY

Monday 1st

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd

Deacons' meeting @ church

Wednesday 3rd

10.00am

Time To Reflect

7.30pm

House Group at Colin Kitching's

Sunday 7th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mrs Lorraine Tatham and the Young Church followed by Church meeting

11.45am

Wednesday 10th

10.00am

Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm

Wednesday Lunch at church

7.30pm

House Group at Colin Kitching's



Sunday 14th

10.30am

Morning Worship including Communion led by the Deacons

Wednesday 17th

10.00am

Time To Reflect

Thursday 18th

Saturday 19th

8.30am

Men's Breakfast @ The Toby Carvery Ainley Top

Sunday 21st

10.30am

Morning Worship

Sunday 28th

10.30am

PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY

Morning Worship led by Rev Allan Wolfenden

Monday 29th

Spring Bank Holiday – WHIT MONDAY

Wednesday 31st

10.00am

Time To Reflect

7.30pm

House Group at Colin Kitching's



Yorkshire Baptist Association 100th Assembly and AGM
at New North Road Baptist Church
Saturday 29th April 10.00am - 4.00pm

To All in The Community - That means YOU

2nd Wednesday in the month

Wednesday 12th April and 10th May

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 cater for many diets eg vegetarians, vegans, coeliacs - you must let us know though in advance when you sign the notice in the Church Hall or alternatively ring to book your place.

Do come along to this informal meal for a chat, good food and generally a laugh or two and a few jokes.



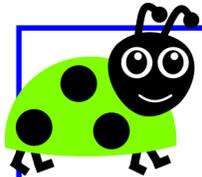


Please remember in your prayers those who mourn the loss of family members and friends especially. In particular we pray for the Kitching family - Colin, Kathryn and Graham - as they come to terms with the loss of Helen recently. Help us to be there for them and often just to wait in silence and listen 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.

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Beetle Drive

What a great time was had the other Saturday when a few dozen people turned up for a game of Beetle.

All that was required was a few dice, sheets of paper with large squares, a pen and people of any age to join us in trying to draw their beetle.

We all had great fun honing our dice throwing skills as we desperately tried to get a 6 or a 2 ... and much excitement and shouts of success as our numbers came up. It was heads down, deep concentration and woe betide you if you were too slow in throwing the dice and passing it on to the next person. Also there was lot of laughter and a good time was had by all.



Many thanks to Lorraine for organising this event and the supper of pie and peas which was provided at the half time as well as the nibbles for whilst we were playing.

Congratulations to Joan who won the silver trophy and commiserations to Tess who received the wooden spoon. We are hoping that these items will be returned when the next Beetle event is planned.



Ascension Day - Thursday 18th May 2023

Why is the Ascension important?

Ascension, in Christian belief, the ascent of Jesus Christ into heaven on the 40th day after his Resurrection (Easter being reckoned as the first day). The Feast of the Ascension ranks with Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost in the universality of its observance among Christians.



What Do People Do?

Some Christians in the United Kingdom **attend church services** on Ascension Day to celebrate this event. Prayers are made and people sing hymns at these services. Communion, also known as Eucharist, may also be offered to the congregation.

Ascension Day is observed by Catholics around the world. It is a public holiday in France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Finland, Indonesia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and Vanuatu. This day is not a public holiday in the U.K., Canada, U.S., or Australia.



Ascension Island is an isolated volcanic island, south of the Equator in the South Atlantic Ocean.



The Portuguese navigator João da Nova sighted the island on Ascension Day 1501 which fell on 21 May that year naming it *Ilha da Ascensão* after this feast day.

It is about 1,000 miles (1,600 km) from the coast of Africa and 1,400 miles (2,300 km) from the coast of South America. It is governed as part of the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, of which the main island, Saint Helena, is around 800 miles (1,300 km) to the southeast. The territory also includes the sparsely populated Tristan da Cunha archipelago, 2,300 miles (3,700 km) to the south, about halfway to the Antarctic Circle.

Why does Easter change every year? - Sunday 9th April 2023

Each year, Easter is moveable — unlike Christmas, for example. Easter's date depends on the lunar cycle, as well as the timing of the Jewish festival of Passover, which is rooted in the Biblical account of Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection.

The Last Supper, which took place the night before Jesus was crucified, was on Passover.

The following day, Jesus was crucified and buried. He then rose again on the third day, which is when Easter Sunday now falls.

As a result of this, Easter is connected to Passover, which is in turn connected to the first full moon after the spring equinox — being held on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox.

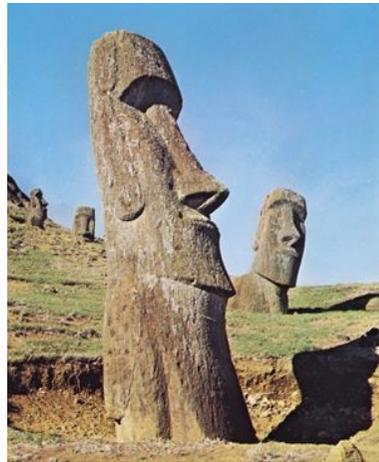


Easter Island

The name Easter Island originated with the European explorer **Jacob Roggeveen**, who first saw the island on Easter Sunday, 1722.

Today, the Easter Islanders call themselves and their homeland Rapa Nui.

Easter Island's most dramatic claim to fame is **an array of almost 900 giant stone figures that date back many centuries called Moai**. The statues reveal their creators to be master craftsmen and engineers, and are distinctive among other stone sculptures found in Polynesian cultures.



Moai are monolithic human figures carved by the **Rapa Nui** people (**Easter Island**) in eastern Polynesia between the years 1250 and 1500. Easter Island lies 3,700km to the west of Chile! ...

S.O.S. For The Bees. Make Your Garden Bee-licious!

Top Tips for helping bees in your garden:

- * Avoid insecticides as they are bad for the bees.
- * Plant flowers that the bees love for every season, Cowslip in spring, Lavender in summer, Aster in autumn and Snowdrops in winter.
- * Go wild, plant wild flower seeds on a patch of land where you can leave them to grow and the bees to visit.
- * Keep it messy. By keeping an area of the garden where the grass grows long and the weeds flourish you are creating a bee-friendly garden.
- * Have some water with pebbles in. Bees need a drink.
- * Plant lots of flowers together, in drifts, the bees use less energy searching for their favourite food.
- * Plant some herbs, you could just have a few in a pot, or some in a window box and the bees will love you.
- * Plant fruit and vegetables for yourself but remember, first the bees will visit to pollinate and feed. It's a win-win.



"A weed is a flower in disguise."

Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III Saturday May 6th 2023

We are planning an event at Upper Edge Baptist Church which will take place during the coronation. Information will be available on the Church website, on the Monitor at the front of church and a flyer which will be posted in your letter box when we know the details.

Please feel free to come along and join us especially if you would be on your own. It will be relayed on the big screen.







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Hall For Hire

Good size room suitable for a variety of activities for all ages plus kitchen

Disabled access and toilet facilities

Prices from £25 per session

Contact **Paul Armitage** on 01484 714944 for more information

Life can only be understood backwards,
but be lived forwards."



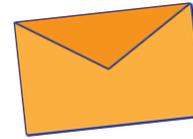

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
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APRIL		MAY	
Elaine Maclean 2nd	Beryl Oddy 1st		
Daniel Church 29th	Joan Hampson 6th		
	Anne Hainsworth 10th		
	Jan Morris 26th		



Special birthday wishes to Elaine who will be 80 on Sunday 2nd.

Letters to God from young children



Dear God
Where does everybody come from? I hope you explain it better than my father.
Wade

Dear God
Are boys better than girls. I know you are one but try to be fair.
Sylvia

Dear God
I am adopted. Is that as good as being real?
Peral



Dear God
Is mother nature in your family?
Linda

Dear Mr God
How do you feel about people who don't believe in you? Somebody else wants to know.
Your friend, *Neil*



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

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