



# UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Newsletter

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### A WINTER PRAYER

*Be with us through the winter, Lord  
And fill us with your love and light,  
Be there with guidance through the day,  
With warmth and comfort through the night.*

*Draw closer when we're lonely, Lord  
And fill the emptiness within,  
Please send a sweet serenity  
To help the healing peace begin*

*Be near us in our troubled times,  
Until all doubt and fear departs,  
Be with us through the winter, Lord.  
And keep summer in our hearts.*



If you would like us to pray for someone then please let us know.

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

A hearing loop is installed in church.





Upper Edge Baptist Church  
126 Dewsbury Rd  
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Dear All

ONE...

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! (Psalm 133: 1)*

I'm quite a fortunate person... I was brought up Catholic, started to train for Anglican ministry and now lead a Baptist church... along the way I have worked with Pentecostals, Methodists, the Salvation Army, Eastern Orthodox and Independent churches. In all of these experiences I have felt blessed and have learnt so much about our amazing God through the way he works through others...

I believe that as a family in Christ are called to be one, our denominations should never distract us from the fact that we are all called to serve the same God. We are like rope, we become stronger when we are not just one fibre but many all twined together. We get to support each other, encourage and also offer different insights.

The Holy Spirit doesn't differentiate between denominations - it simply sees a child of God and seeks to fill that child to the brim.

Within our community we have apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers... our task as part of Christ's family is to identify these people, nurture them and help to release them out into the world. The Lord calls each and

every one of us but we all need help in fulfilling that calling. There are people in this town in need of hope, crying out to know the Lord, desperate to see a different way.

For us to help reach out we need to be equipped...

In a few week's time we enter Lent. I'm not sure what your Lenten time is like or how you use it, but no time spent with God is ever wasted. In our Lent groups this year we will be focusing on Ephesians 4:4 and looking at the seven Ones: One Body, One Spirit, One Hope, One Father, One Faith, One Baptism and One God.

The course will help us to consider what it means to be part of Christ's family.

The beauty of the Lent courses is we get to meet with other people that we might not see regularly, we get to share our thoughts and talk about how we see the Lord working within our lives. Whatever denomination you are, whether you feel you have a faith, or whether you are simply curious you are all invited to join one of the Lent groups.

***We are one body***

***We are filled with one spirit***

***Let us live together in that one hope.***

Enjoy this coming season of Lent.

God bless

***Daryll***

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## FEBRUARY

### Sunday 1st

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

### Wednesday 4th

10.00am Time To Reflect

### Sunday 8th

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion led by Mr Daryll Hackett

11.45am Short Church meeting

### Wednesday 11th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15pm for 12.30pm Church Community Lunch



### Sunday 15th

10.30am Morning Worship Led by Mr Simon Thompson

### Tuesday 17th SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Day

### Wednesday 18th ASH WEDNESDAY

10.30am Communion Service @ St Matthew's

7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service at St John's

### Saturday 21st

8.30am Men's Breakfast @ Toby Carvery Ainley Top

### Sunday 22nd 1st in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Paul Newman

### Monday, 23rd – Thursday 26th

Lent Groups Rastrick Group of Churches

### Monday 23rd

7.00pm Beer and Banter @ the 4 Sons - Project Colt by Tony Hargreaves



### Wednesday 25th

10.00am Lent Group at Church

## MARCH

### Sunday 1st 2nd in Lent

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

### Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th

Lent Groups Rastrick Group of Churches

### Wednesday 4th

10.00am Lent Group at Church

### Friday 6th

2.00pm World Day Of Prayer @ The Salvation Army

### Sunday 8th 3rd in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion led by Mr Daryll Hackett

### Monday, 9th – Thursday 12th

Lent Groups Rastrick Group of Churches

### Wednesday 11th

10.00am Lent Group at Church

12.15pm for 12.30pm Church Community Lunch



### Sunday 15th 4th in Lent Mothering Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

### Monday 16th – Thursday 19th

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### Wednesday 18th

10.00am Lent Group at Church

6.30pm Pie and Pea Supper followed by Talk and slides on India - see back page

### Saturday 21st

8.30am Men's Breakfast @Toby Carvery

### Sunday 22nd 5th in Lent Passion

10.30am Morning Worship led by Simon Thompson

### Monday 23rd

7.00pm Beer and Banter @ The Four Sons -Refugee, Renegade, Redeemer - Bear Grills



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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March



*I will give you rest, come*

Please join us for a service 2.00pm

In the Salvation Army Citadel,  
King St, Brighouse

Meetings will start the week beginning February 23rd.

For further information, please contact Alan Hoggard on 07756035591

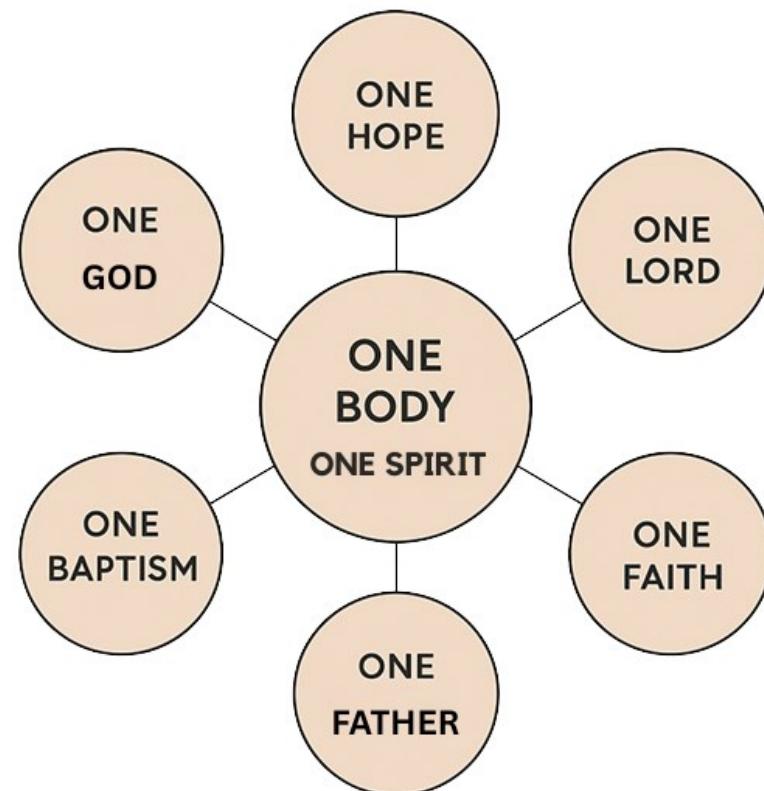
### Some Additional Services for Lent & Holy Week

Ash Wednesday (Feb.18 <sup>th</sup> )	10:30 am 7.00 pm	St Matthew's St John's	Holy Communion with the signing of the Cross
Palm Sunday	7.00 pm	St John's	Film: The Chosen Part 1
Monday	7.00 pm	St. John's	Film: The Chosen 2
Tuesday	7.00 pm	St John's	Film: The Chosen 3
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Upper Edge	Lent Group Reflection
Maundy Thursday	7.00 pm	St John's	Holy Communion, Foot Washing & vigil until midnight
Good Friday	11.30 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	From St. John's Central Methodist St. Matthew's	Walk of Witness to Good Friday United Churches Service Meditation Service
Holy Saturday	2:00 pm	St Matthew's	Prayer Walk
Easter Day (April 5 <sup>th</sup> )	6.00 am 9.15 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Vicarage Garden St Matthew's Upper Edge St John's	Sunrise service Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion

## Rastrick Group of Churches

## LENT 2026

## The Seven Ones of Christian Life



**Sign up now – details overleaf**

# LENT GROUPS FOR 2026

Commencing from Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Day	Time	Host	Address	Tel. No.
Monday	2:00 pm	Shirley Stow	50 Archbell Avenue	01484-714209
Leader: Alan Hoggard				
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Hilary Cartwright	120 Clough Lane	01484-537399
Leader: Alan Hoggard				
Wednesday	10.00 am	Paul Armitage	Upper Edge	01484-714944
Leaders: Jane & John Hearson				
Thursday:	2.00 pm	Barbara Rukin	13 Bell Row	01484-718993
Leader: Daryll Hackett				
Thursday:	7.00 pm	Christine Hood	33 Carr Green Avenue	07837 334345
Leader: Pam Dimbleby				

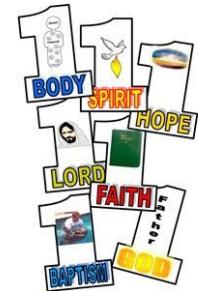
## It's Easy to Book Your Place!

The Groups will be inter-church and will meet on different days and at different times. Choose the day and time that suits you, then phone the host to confirm there is room for you in the group. Do feel free to mix and match groups if you are unable to make the same group every week

**Meetings will start the week beginning February 23rd.**

## Introduction to the Course

*Ephesians 4:4-6: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*



In a world of diverse, often divided traditions and expressions of Christian faith, Ephesians 4 reminds us that all believers are part of the 'one body' of Christ. A common commitment to the core truths of the Christian faith and a powerful witness to the Holy Spirit's transformative power.

### **Session 1: One Body & One Spirit**

Lent invites us to rediscover our belonging to the Body and our dependence on the Spirit.

### **Session 2: One Hope**

Hope shapes our lives, our endurance, and is communal; we share the same promised future in Christ.

### **Session 3: One Lord**

Lent calls us to re-align our loyalties and surrender rival "lords": status, comfort, control. Confessing Christ as Lord is both worship and obedience.

### **Session 4: One Faith & One Baptism**

Lent is a time of remembering baptismal identity and renewing faith

### **Session 5: One God & Father of All**

Lent draws us back to God as Father: source of life, unity, and identity.

## Words to Ponder:



*“Hope is praying for rain, but faith is bringing an umbrella” - Unknown*

How confident are you in the things you hope for? Are they just mere pipe dreams or do you believe that they can be something more solid? The quote above from an unknown source makes me stop and think about where my hope lies and the basis behind that hope.

Like most people I hope to see a fairer world, I hope that those I love lead happy and fulfilled lives, I hope I don't get another speeding ticket ...

But how confident am I in those hopes? What faith do I have in those things coming to fruition? Well for the latter I can clearly do something practical can't I? Simply slow down and pay attention to the prevailing surroundings, but for the others I have to have faith that they will happen, I have to believe.



However, maybe those situations aren't that different after all, perhaps by slowing down and looking at the world around us in more detail we can give ourselves an umbrella in the rain and in turn allow our hopes to become reality? Just something to ponder.

Daryll



## News of and from the Fellowship

As January has come to an end, we wonder where the time has flown. It seems a long time since the beginning of December and all that happened in our church during that month, yet the joy, fellowship and buzz that was felt at these events will hopefully remain with us and inspire us through the coming months.

The Christingle service was led by the young Church. This year



scaled up models of each item eg huge orange, giant marshmallows, drumsticks etc had to be found first, as they were hidden round the church before we could start creating ours.

It was a dull, grey morning outside but the glow of the candles as we sang the last hymn added to the warm feeling of love and fellowship.

The annual church concert for Overgate Hospice. This time we welcomed a new conductor for Rastrick High School choir, Miss Laura Turner, a professional soprano, the Hi-Notes choir and last but not least the Musical Hands Signing Choir. Every song sung that night was signed by one of three of the Singing ladies which gave a real sense of togetherness and a demonstration of how we can enjoy music together. The audience gave generously on the evening - over



£800 - and with the money church raised through the year a cheque for £1,756.34 was presented to Overgate Hospice.

Earlier that day, Ken with the help of Christine Sunderland, prepared and cooked a wonderful three course meal for the Church Christmas lunch for just over thirty people. The guests included church members, former members of New Road Sunday School, and friends. The tables looked wonderfully festive and the atmosphere was so warm and loving. Then followed a short recital by David Peck who played a number of old favourite carols on the organ in church.

The annual Carols at The Rock Tavern was a great night. Carols were sung lustily, lots of Christmas jokes laughed or groaned at, quiz questions answered and the pub filled with joy and laughter. Once again many thanks to Ken for leading this and to Daryll, our Pioneer leader for his Christmas message to round off the evening.

It was wonderful to welcome so many people who joined us in these celebrations and we hope that you will not leave it till December to be with us again.



## **Billy Connolly is calling for a shift in what we choose to pay attention to**

Rather than endless coverage of shallow fame and reality TV nonsense, he argues that we should be giving more space to ordinary, decent people who quietly do good things. He believes we spend far too much time celebrating stupidity, while ignoring ***kindness, effort, and integrity.***

It's not about being naïve or preachy. Billy's point is practical: if we want things to improve, we have to improve what we value. Reading about good people, talking about positive actions, and recognising those who make a difference helps shape the kind of society we become.

At its heart, it's a warning as much as a hope. If we don't raise our standards and take responsibility for the culture we consume and promote, we risk going backwards rather than forwards.

*A thoughtful reminder from Billy Connolly that progress starts with what we choose to notice and celebrate.*

### **Shrove Tuesday/Pancake fact**

In the UK, it is estimated that around 52 million eggs are used on the day! That is a lot of eggs!

## ANSWERS for the December/January newsletter puzzle

I hope you all got the word BETHLEHEM — very topical in December  
Here are some words for you!

**6 letters:** beetle, bethel, helmet

**5 letters:** theme, betel, melee,

**4 letters:** hebe, helm, then, heel, thee,  
beet, belt, meet, melt, teem, tele

**3 letters:** bee, bet, eel, elm, hem, lee, let,  
met, tee, the



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**NEXT** puzzle is to make the word from the following letters

ACEEENNPR

plus as many 4 letter words or more as you can — there are quite a lot once you get going.

**First Target: How many words did you find altogether in 10 minutes? Did you get as many words of 4 letters as 5 to 8 letters?**

**17 good, 21 very good, 24 fantastic**

There are so many words. I wonder how many you can find!

Answers in the next newsletter at the end of February / early March.

There is a clue for the 10 letter word at the bottom of the next page if you need it!

Can you make the 10 letter word from this crossword clue?

To a devil no



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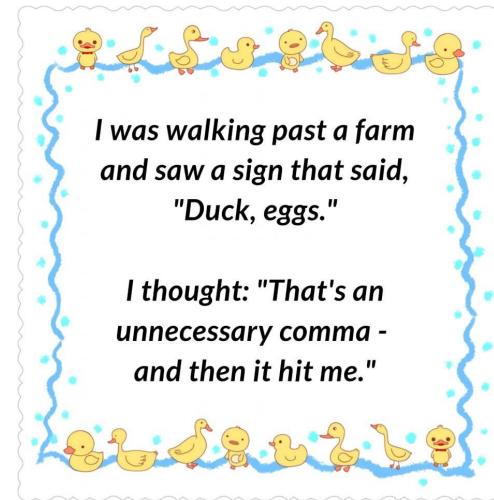
## For Hire

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

Disabled access and toilet facilities

Prices from £30 per session

**Contact 07814 762952 for more information**



"How do you do it?" said night

"How do you wake up and shine?"

"I keep it simple" said light

"One day at a time"

*Lenn Sissay*

Clue: sincere regret or remorse

## "How one thing leads to another "

I attended Elaine Maclean's funeral down on Bramston street (a lovely service taken by Allan W). I went because even though I had only known Elaine for a short while, she had been the first person to greet me when I sat down for the first time at Upper Edge. When New Road Sunday school closed I went to nearly all the churches in the area to try to find a new 'home'. When I went to Upper Edge Elaine insisted that I sat next to her - what a lovely lady. So you have Elaine to blame for my continued presence with you all. Also thank you to everyone who has made me feel at home.

While at the service there was a board in the chapel with a list of all the men from the Brighouse branch of the St John's Ambulance brigade who had served in the First World war, and on that board was my grandad Raymond Reeds. He was from Bailiffe Bridge, was the ambulance man at Firth's carpets and a staunch Methodist at Ebenezer church in Bailiffe Bridge. He served as a medic in that war and was at the Somme. He never said anything about his war time service. (He always called Bailiffe bridge- " Belly brig" I am not sure of how you spell it)

When my mum died I inherited from her a Lord Wharton bible that my grandad was presented with in 1912. To get one of these bibles you had to learn off by heart 20 passages of scripture! In later years that was reduced to 10 passages. Lord Philip Warton made his money from the mines in Swaledale, which is an area where we have been lucky enough to spend quite a lot of time. My brother in law used to have a holiday cottage in a hamlet called Satron, between Gunnerside and Muker, and when it was not being used we used to stay there.

There is a very nice but expensive pub in Low Row (a village

near Gunnerside) and the church in that village was paid for and built by Lord Wharton.

I was preparing a Sunday service for use at New Road and I picked up my grandad's Lord Wharton bible to look for the passage about the parable of the sower, and there in his bible he had highlighted the actual passage that I was going to use, and nowhere else in his bible are there any annotations at all!!

God moves in a mysterious way.

**Allan Bottomley**



It's not Pancake Day without flipping your pancake. The most tosses of a pancake in one minute is 140 and was achieved by Brad Jolly (Australia), at Martin Place, in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, on 21 February 2012.



Henry is making a real effort for Lent, Vicar, he's giving up the remote control and walking to the TV.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in  
FEBRUARY

Dawn Swaine

5th

Joyce Kaye

1st

Charlotte Thompson

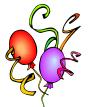
10th

David Kaye

11th

Tess Goodman

14th





Thursdays  
2.00pm - 4.00pm  
In the Church Hall

Every Friday  
10.15am -  
11.30am  
In the Church Hall



YOU are invited to come and join us for either or both of these activities — table tennis (£2.50) and line dancing (£5).  
First session is FREE

Tuesday	Stitch group	Fortnightly 10.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday	Time To Reflect Lunch	10.00am – 11.00am 12.30pm (2nd Wed in the month for the Community)
Thursday	Table Tennis	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Friday	Line Dancing	10.30am – 11.45am (coffee, tea and biscuits after)
Saturday	Creative Edge  Bound To Be Good	10.00am – 4.00pm (3rd Sat in the month) Quarterly + November

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**Southern India  
Coast to Coast**



**A cycling adventure**

By Ken and Anne Inwood

on Wednesday March 18th 2026

**PIE & PEA supper followed at 7.30pm by a  
Film Show and Talk at**

**Upper Edge Baptist Church, Rastrick**

**Pie and peas will be served from 6.30pm**

**ALL Welcome (Suggested donation £6/head)**  
**To order food please contact Anne Inwood on 07932537140**  
**Vegetarian/vegan option available**

**Donations in aid of Overgate Hospice**