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Our vision is to know, love, live and share Jesus, for a better world.

LETTER FROM THE MANSE

'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.'
(1 Corinthians 13.4-7 NIV)

Dear friends,

Those words above from Paul's letter to the Corinthians always strikes a chord in my heart. They are so difficult to put into practice, and yet Jesus calls us to love as He loved us.

As we look at them again, we may be reminded of how far short we fall of acting or speaking in a loving way. We can be argumentative, judgemental, self-seeking or self-preserving in our relationships with others, and a whole host of other words too. Just think of the things you may have said or done this week that might not have been as kind or as patient as they should have been.

Love is at the heart of our Christian faith. Paul describes it as, 'the most excellent way' (1 Corinthians 12.31b). We say, God is love. One of our founding Bible vs as Christians is John 3.16, 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

The 3 commands in the Bible that sum up all God's laws, how He wants us to live, are: love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul; love your neighbour as yourself; and love one another as I have loved you.

This love is God's love for us. Jesus has given us that example of love, showing us God's true nature, taking His self-sacrifice

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as far as the cross. We are to follow His example, to follow Him. We are to show that love in all our relationships with others: with our families, our friends, our neighbours, our Churches, and even to strangers.

Yet, it is one we struggle to manage on our own. Paul reminds us of his own struggle with sin in Romans 7.15. He says, ‘I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.’ I’m sure we can all identify with that.

Yet he also reminds us in his letters that sin is part of the human condition, and as we are in Christ, we not only can have forgiveness as we confess those things to God, we also have the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Paul puts it that we are slaves to the Spirit, not to sin.

We are not alone. God is there to help us follow His way, to help us to speak and act in a loving way, a way that honours God, and witnesses to His love for all.

Every blessing,
Clare <><

Group Elders' meeting, 15th September, 7.30pm at New Hope

This is a joint meeting of all the Elders in our 4 Churches. It will take place in the Emmaus Room. Please come through the Community Room door from Warley Road.

The main purpose of this meeting is to discuss our Churches as a Group or joint pastorate, and to begin to get that part of our Churches' profile underway with a view to calling a permanent Minister.

Please be there if at all possible.

Pulpit Supply September 2016

September 4th Communion Service Led By Rev. Clare Davison.

September 11th Morning Worship Led By Rev. John Jenkinson.

September 18th Morning Worship Led By Mrs Dawn Walker.

September 25th Joint Service at Heath

Activities in September

Wednesday September 7th Church Meeting at 7.30 pm.



Pulpit list

Heath URC, Free School Lane. 10.30am

September 2016

4 Mrs Susan Watson

11 Rev Clare Davison

18 Rev John Jenkinson - Communion

25 Mr Barry Bradshaw - Joint Service with Carlton at Heath – Fair Trade Stall

Activities in September

Sunday 4 September – Church Meeting following morning worship

Thursday 8 September – Thursday Club – Jean Illingworth about Harella

Tuesday 13 September - 12 noon Stroke Club Luncheon Club- ring 330320 to book

Tuesday 20 September - 10.30am – Community Coffee Club

Tuesday 27 September – 10.00am – Stroke Club - Manager's Meeting

Tuesday 27 September- 12 noon
Stroke Club Luncheon Club



Weekly Events

Monday

9.30am Toddlers

5.45pm Beaver Scouts 5-8yrs

6.30pm Cub Scouts 8-10yrs

Friday

7.00pm Scouts 10-14yrs

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7.30pm Explorer Scouts

Monday Tuesday, Thursday Friday - Heath Stroke Club

Memories of Ellis Hagger, a man of many talents.
Heath organist for many decades

from June Jones

I first met Ellis when at aged 16yrs I worked at Mackintoshes. I had done a stint at the Cooperative Society but as it meant Saturday work I decided to look elsewhere. In 1953 Halifax you could go from one firm to another and find work easily. There was an abundance of manufacturing companies as well as office and shop work not to mention three hospitals in town and one at Northowram. My first job at Mack's was on a wrapping machine and after a few weeks I was Invited to move to the Sample Room and be the Day Girl which meant going on errands to various departments within the mill and to other parts of the firm such as Stoney Royd, Queens Road and Anglo American Chewing Gum which was part of the firm based in Georges Square. On my travels I met Ellis who I think was based in the Laboratory with Mr Black solving all kinds of problems with chocolates. Besides being a very clever man at his job he was a keen supporter of The Merry Mack's Concert Party, made up of the girls and young men from the factory. He encouraged us to join and be a part of the team, so along with Wendy Pickles and her sister Margaret I joined the group. Ellis was the music man, he was so accomplished on the piano and put us through our paces along with Mazy Firth who was the dancing teacher and lived at Southowram. They were happy times, I remember Colin Burton who sang

HEATH CONTINUED

and many of the girls who danced Molly, Jennifer Janice, Sylvia and Pauline all Merry Mack's Girls who will remember Ellis.

I left Mackintoshes a couple of years later and met up again with Ellis and his lovely wife Doreen in 1978, approx 22years later, when I moved with my husband Gordon and children on to Manor Drive and attended Heath URC church. Who was playing the organ? Ellis of course. What a pleasure to see him after all those years. We shared many anecdotes of the past of concert party's and people. He was such a talented man and built the organ at Heath Church. Whenever I was on flower duty he would be practicing for the Sunday Service and my husband Gordon who was caretaker for a time at Heath would also be there, it was a pleasure to hear him playing. My husband was a musician having played with Crossley Carpets Band and then the Senior Citizens Orchestra, he was a great fan of Ellis, and loved to hear him on the organ. Ellis was indeed a man of many talents and along with Doreen a stalwart for many years of Heath Church. He will be missed and remembered with affection.

Magazine

As you will all realise we now have a magazine again and it is a great way to circulate information and keep us all in touch. We are again putting names on your magazines and they will be displayed at the back of the church when they are published. Please take your own and if you see some that are left and you can help to deliver them that would be helpful. We also would be interested in any

Luncheon Club



Do you like a fresh home cooked meal?

What about a good natter?

How about meeting new people?

Making lifelong friends?

**Come and join us on the
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month**

at Manor Drive, Halifax, HX3 0DN

Courtesy of Heath Stroke Club Care Services

Call 01422 330320 to book your place

New Hope (September 2016)

Pulpit Supply

- 4th Mr Alan Jowett (Communion)
- 11th Mrs Juliet Foster (New Hope's 10th Anniversary)
- 18th Mr Jim Walker (Parade)
- 25th Rev. Clare Davison

Elders Meeting

The next Elders Meeting will be on Friday 16th September at 10.00am

Church Meeting

The next Church Meeting will be on Friday 21st October at 7.00pm

Friendship Hour

Our meetings start at 2.30pm but please come earlier at 2.15pm and join us with a cup of tea or coffee.

Our meeting on 14th September will be Fun & Games with David Truswell and on 28th September Alan Jowett will be talking about his Holiday in Cuba.

NEW HOPE CONTINUED

Macmillan Nurses Coffee Morning

Come along and join us at 11.00am on Saturday 24th September when we will be hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses. The cost of £2.00 will include coffee and biscuits.

Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest Celebration this year at 10.30am on Sunday 25th September will take place in the Community Room instead of in the Church.

New Hope Diary

September

Wednesday	7 th	2.00pm	Fellowship Meeting
Wednesday	14 th	2.15pm	Friendship Hour
Wednesday	21 st	2.00pm	Fellowship Meeting
Saturday	24 th	11.00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday	28 th	2.15pm	Friendship Hour



PROVIDENCE

Pulpit Supply for September

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| 4 th | 11.00 am | Mrs Juliet Foster (Communion) |
| 11 th | 11.00 am | Mrs S. Watson |
| 18 th | 11.00 am | Rev. Clare Davison |
| 25 th | 11.00 am | Mrs Juliet Foster |

Providence Diary September

Tuesday's – 5.00pm Garden Gang

Friday's – 6.30pm Brownies

Thurs. 15th – 7.30pm Group Elders Meeting (New Hope)

Sunday 18th – 12.45pm Church Meeting

Monday 26th – 7.30pm Provi Circle



PROVIDENCE CONTINUED

When I am 80

Dear Lord,

I am eighty, and there is so much I have not done.
I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm eighty-one.

But if I have not finished all I want to do,
Would you let me stay a while, until I'm eighty-two?
So many places I want to go, so much I want to see,
Do you think you could manage to make it eighty-three?
Many things I may have, but there's so much left in store

I would like it very much to live until I'm eighty-four.
And if I am then still alive, I'd like to stay to eighty five.
The world is changing very fast, so I'd really like to stick
And see what happens to the world when I'm eighty-six.

I know it is a lot to ask, and it will be nice in heaven,
But I'd really like to stay around until I'm eighty-seven.
I know that I then won't be fast, and sometimes I'll be late,
But it would be oh-so-good to be around at eighty-eight.
I'll have seen so many things and have had such a great time,
I'm sure to go and will be ready when I reach eighty-nine.

WELL, MAYBE!

THE EMERGENCE OF A LAY PREACHER

I have been asked how I came to be a Lay Preacher and this made me reflect on how that came about. As a member of the United Reformed Church in Scunthorpe I helped out in many ways within the church, including helping to put together the Church Magazine, and obtaining sponsors to help with the costs involved. I was then put forward to be an Elder and was pleased to be accepted into that role, assisting the Minister's that came to Scunthorpe, and sometimes with other Elders, helping with the Sunday services. I then took an Open University course in Theology, being guided and supported during that time by Minister's both locally and further afield, which led me to attending Westminster College; the theological college of the United Reformed Church, in Cambridge. There I met students from all over the United Kingdom who shared their views and plans, helping me with some better understanding of the role, with some of my new colleagues going on to be full time Minister's. Moving to Halifax I joined Carlton church where it became known that I would be prepared to accept Lay Preacher work and since living here I have been privileged to take services at Carlton, Heath, New Hope and Stainland URC's and on occasion Methodist churches. This voluntary role has allowed me to make many new friends as well as gaining a fuller understanding of the Bible.

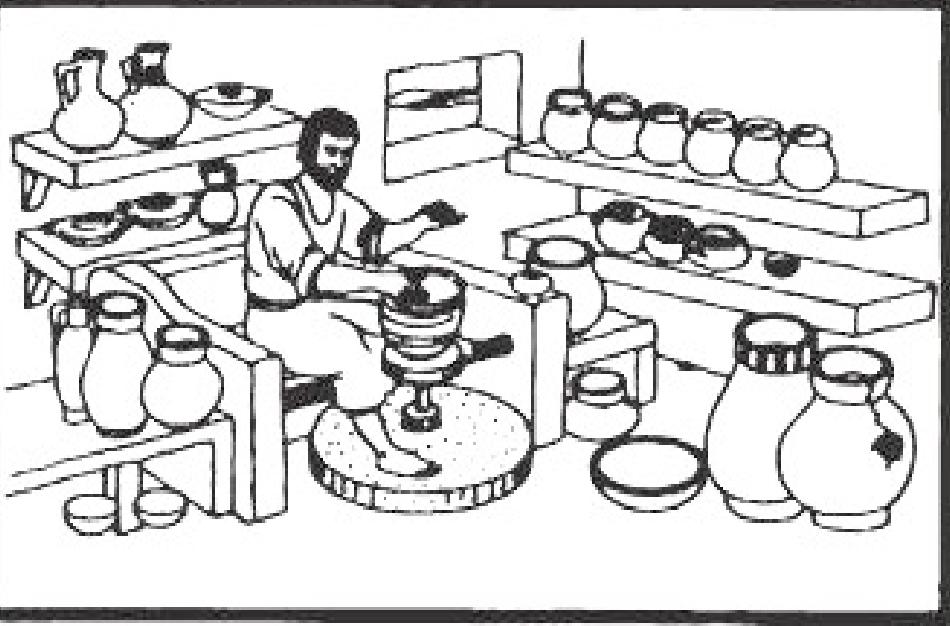
Jim Walker

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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GOLIATH	GOOD FRIDAY	BETHLEHEM
GRACE	PAUL	REDEEM
MOSES	LAST SUPPER	SANCTIFY
SERPENT	GALATIANS	PSALMS
DEUTERONOMY	ETERNAL LIFE	PARABLE

CAN YOU SPOT THE TEN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
THE TWO PICTURES



Which Israelite soldier led his army against the Midianites armed with trumpets and earthen pitchers with lamps inside them?

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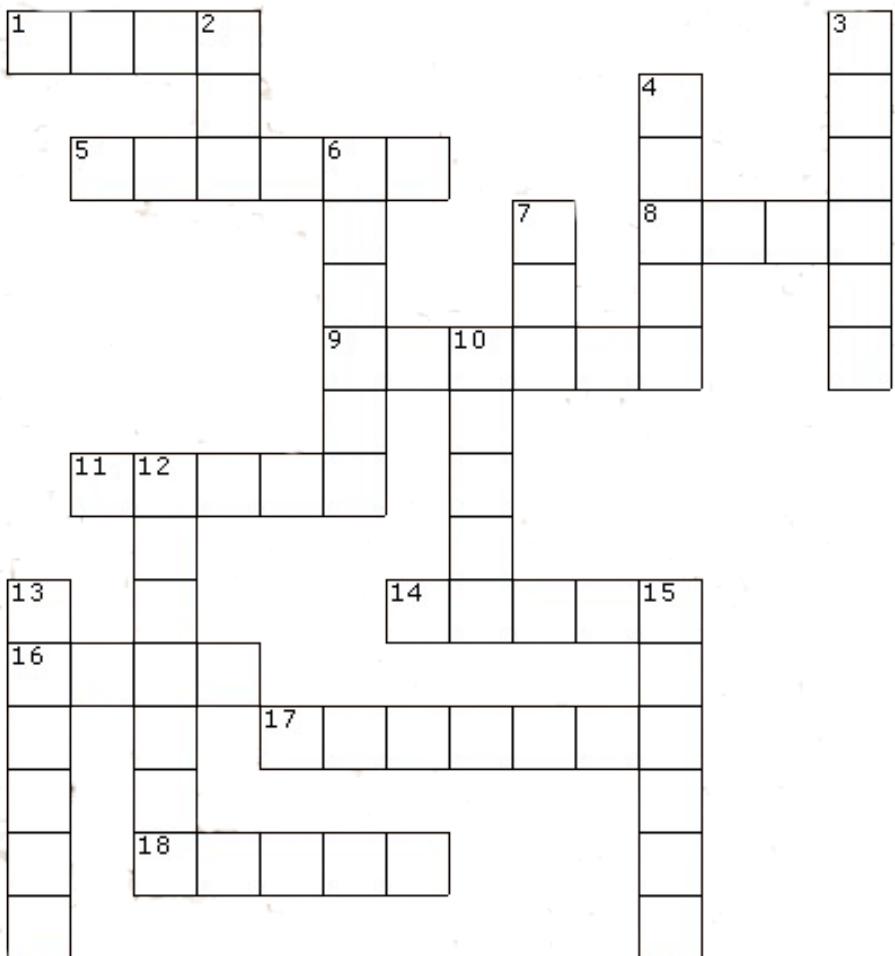
- 1 He was the first king of Israel
- 5 She was a queen who saved her people from the wicked man Haman
- 8 He built the Ark
- 9 He had a coat of many colors
- 11 She was the wife of Abraham
- 14 He killed the giant Goliath with a slingshot
- 16 He was the first man
- 17 He was known as a wise king
- 18 He led his people out of slavery in Egypt

DOWN

- 2 He escaped the fires of Sodom

- 3 He won the battle for Jericho by blowing horns
- 4 He was swallowed by a giant fish
- 6 This prophet was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind
- 7 She was the first woman
- 10 The Queen of _____ visited Solomon
- 12 He was the father of Isaac
- 13 He was very strong
- 15 He was thrown in a lions' den but survived

FUN PAGE



GROUP CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>What's on</u>
Sun. Sept. 4 th	After Morning Worship	at Heath Church	Meeting
Wed. Sept. 7 th	7.30pm	Carlton	Church Meeting
Tue. Sept. 13 th	12 noon	Heath	Stroke Club Luncheon Club
Wed. Sept. 14 th	2.15pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour
Thurs. Sept. 15 th	7.30pm	New Hope	Group Elders Meeting
Fri. Sept. 16 th	10am	New Hope	Elders Meeting
Sun. Sept. 18 th	12.45pm	Providence	Church Meeting
Tues. Sept. 20 th	10.30am	Heath	Community Coffee Club
Sat. Sept. 24 th	11.00am	New Hope	Macmillan coffee morning
Mon. Sept. 26 th	7.30pm	Providence	Provi Circle
Tues. Sept. 27 th	10am	Heath	Stroke Club Managers Meeting
Tues. Sept. 27 th	12 noon	Heath	Stroke Club Luncheon Club
Wed. Sept 28 th	2.15pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour

PREACHER PLAN

CARLTON URC, HARRISON ROAD, 10.30 AM

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| Sept. 4 th | Rev. Clare Davison |
| Sept. 11 th | Rev. John Jenkinson |
| Sept. 18 th | Mrs Dawn Walker |
| Sept. 25 th | Joint Service at Heath |

HEATH URC, MANOR DRIVE, 10.30 AM

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| Sept. 4 th | Mrs Susan Watson |
| Sept. 11 th | Rev. Clare Davison |
| Sept. 18 th | Rev. John Jenkinson |
| Sept. 25 th | Mr Barry Bradshaw |

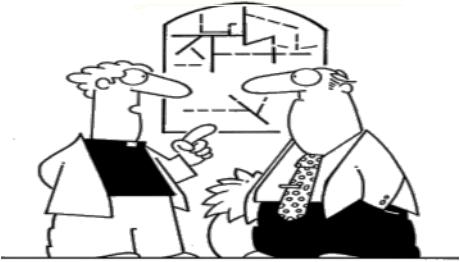
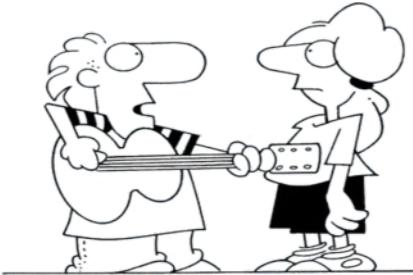
NEW HOPE URC, WARLEY ROAD 10.30 AM

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| Sept. 4 th | Mr Alan Jowett |
| Sept. 11 th | Mrs Juliet Foster |
| Sept. 18 th | Mr Jim Walker |
| Sept. 25 th | Rev. Clare Davison |

PROVIDENCE URC, KEIGHLEY ROAD 11.00 AM

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| Sept. 4 th | Mrs Juliet Foster |
| Sept. 11 th | Mrs S. Watson |
| Sept. 18 th | Rev. Clare Davison |
| Sept. 25 th | Mrs Juliet Foster |





"Writing hymns is harder than I
Thought! I can't think of anything
That rhymes with 'Hallelujah except
'Glad I Knew ya' and 'we'll tattoo ya'!"

"Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a
day. Teach a man to fish and you can
sell him all your old gear on eBay!"

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Mr D Truswell (New Hope) 883908

Mrs S Wolfenden (Providence) 244402

Mrs L Gibson (Carlton) 355878

Heath Stroke Club 330320

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All contribution need to be in by **Friday 16th September** please. These can be either handed in to your church reps or stop press direct to the editor at:

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Late submissions may not be inserted.

Thank you.