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Halifax Group Magazine

Heath New Hope New Providence



March/April 2017

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

‘For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.’

John 3.16 (NIV)

Dear friends,

The season of Lent begins this year on 1st March with Ash Wednesday. Lent is not always on our minds as non-conformist Christians and yet over the past few years, as we have made friendships with other denomination Churches, Lent has become a valued part of our Christian experience.

Within the Halifax Group there are 3 Lent courses organized ecumenically. Two different areas, north and south, are doing a York course study, entitled ‘Receiving Christ’, looking at it in different ways over 5 weeks. North Halifax will be on Monday evenings, 7.30pm at Lee Mount Baptist Church, Melbourne Street; and South Halifax on Tuesday evenings, 7pm at St Alban’s near Coronation Road and Wednesday afternoons, 2pm at Heath Church. West Halifax are doing a 5 week multi-media course entitled, ‘Not a Tame Lion’, based on some of the writings of CS Lewis. It will be at Highgate Methodist Church, Stretchgate Lane, on Thursday evenings, 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

I would encourage as many as possible to go to one of these. If there isn’t a convenient time near you, you will be very welcome to attend one elsewhere. It’s a chance to get together with others and enjoy fellowship, sometimes with people we see from other Churches only a few times a year. We get a chance to study God’s Word, and how

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Christ impacts on our lives and on the world. We get to see things from the perspective of others and so open ourselves up to learn more and to grow in our faith.

In Lent, we are often prompted as well to think of those less fortunate than ourselves. We're not just giving something up for Lent, but giving something to help others, or maybe taking something up. The Christian Aid 'Count your blessings' Lent resource is a great way of raising money for Christian Aid and realising just how fortunate we are, even in these times of recession. It can be found on the Christian Aid website, or I can provide a copy for anyone interested. Please ask.

From Lent we journey through Good Friday and the realisation once more of the horror Jesus went through for us, as the verse at the top of the letter says, 'for God loved the world so much'. We often forget what Jesus went through, the torture, the suffocation, the humiliation, and it is good to remind ourselves.

But then onto the joy of Easter. We are Easter people, resurrection people. We have a living Lord who leads us on day by day, and helps us in all we do. Easter is my favourite time in the year to celebrate.

Sometimes we can feel like doubting Thomas - not that the rest of them were very quick to believe. Thomas said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it." (John 20:25 NIV) I find Jesus' words to Thomas so reassuring to us. He says, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20.29 NIV) That's a

message to us - blessed are we who have not seen our resurrected Lord and yet have come to believe.

I also love a passage which comes from Peter, talking of the transfiguration of Jesus. He says, 'For we did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain.' (2 Peter 1:16-18 NIV)

As we celebrate our Lord's resurrection later in April, may we be filled with joy in believing, with the hope that Jesus' resurrection brings us, of new life in Christ, and the joy of Easter in our living.

Every blessing, *Clare*

Group Mission

There are two joint mission initiatives we are currently looking at as a Group. One, as most know, is the use of the Manor Drive manse as a half-way house, and there is a good article elsewhere in the magazine to bring us up to date. The other is the possibility of debt counselling, fulfilling the need for this in the centre of Halifax. This is in very early stages, but more will be known by the Group AGM.

Transitional Ministry

Letter From the Manse

By the time the next magazine comes out I will only have a couple of months or so left with you. We have been looking to future possibilities as a Group, and are still in that process, not just in thinking about our mission as a Group but also in thinking about how Ministry will may happen in the future. Our Group profile will be nearly complete by April, and it will be sent to Synod as soon as it is done. At some point Synod Pastoral committee will organize a Vacancy Visit. This may well be sooner than we anticipated of late.

Clare's away dates:

Study leave: I am having to split this with what else is on, so am taking the weekend of 1st and 2nd April, followed by Monday 10th to Thursday 13th April

Annual Leave: I will be away from Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd April inclusive

Coming up in the next 2 months:

March:

Group Secretaries meeting - Thursday 2nd March, 7.30pm at Heath

Synod meeting - Saturday 11th March, 10am-4pm at Otley URC

West Halifax Rally - Tuesday 14th March at Pellon Baptist Church, speaker Rev Clare Davison

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Group AGM - Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm, followed by the group Elders' meeting at Heath

Group outing for those interested in the Manse project - Wednesday 2nd March, 12noon at St Augustine's Centre

Manse Committee - Friday 24th March, 2pm at New Hope

April:

Maundy Thursday Service for the Group - 13th April, 7.30pm at New Providence, led by Mrs Juliet Foster

Good Friday Service for the Group - 14th April, 7pm at New Hope, led by Rev Clare Davison

Mission & Care Group meeting - Monday 24th April, 7.30pm at Christ Church, speaker Rev Zaidie Orr

Group Service featuring a talk on Debt Counselling - Sunday 30th April, 10.30am at New Hope

Pulpit list

Heath URC, Free School Lane. 10.30am

March 2017

- 5 Rev Daphne Hull
- 12 Mrs Juliet Foster
- 19 Rev John Jenkinson - Communion
- 26 Rev Clare Davison – Mothering Sunday, Parade, Fair Trade Stall

April 2017

- 2 Mrs Jane Simmons – Followed by Church Meeting
- 9 Mrs Val Jenkins – Palm Sunday
- 16 Mrs Juliet Foster – Easter Communion
- 23 Rev John Jenkinson
- 30 Group Service at New Hope

Activities in March/April

Wednesday 8 March – 2.00pm Lent Course (see advert)

Thursday 9 March – 8.00pm – Thursday Club – Travels with Helen Roberts

Sunday 12 March – 4.00pm – Messy Church

Tuesday 14 March - 12 noon- Stroke Club Luncheon Club- ring 330320 to book.

Wednesday 15 March – 2.00pm – Lent Course

Wednesday 15 March 7.30pm – Group AGM at Heath

Saturday 18 March - 7.30pm – ELLAND MALE VOICE CHOIR £5 inc refreshments

Tuesday 21 March - 10.30am – Community Coffee Club

Wednesday 22 March – 2.00pm – Lent Course

Saturday 25 March – 10.00am SPRING FAIR and LUNCH

Tuesday 28 March - 12 noon – Stroke Club Luncheon Club

Tuesday 28 March -7.00pm – Stroke Club Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 29 March – 2.00pm – Lent Course

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Wednesday 5 April – 2.00pm – Lent Course

Sunday 9 April – 4.00pm Messy Church

Tuesday 11 April – 12 noon – Stroke Club Luncheon Club

Thursday 13 April – 8.00pm- Thursday Club AGM –
Games and Hot Cross Buns

Tuesday 18 April – 10.30am – Community Coffee Club

Tuesday 25 April – 12 noon – Stroke Club Luncheon Club

Weekly Events

Monday

9.30am Toddlers

2.00pm Sing for Fun – Singing Group

5.45pm Beaver Scouts 5-8yrs

6.30pm Cub Scouts 8-10yrs

Friday

7.00pm Scouts 10-14yrs

7.30pm Explorer Scouts

Monday Tuesday, Thursday Friday - Heath Stroke Club

In loving memory of FRED A VAIL

The Funeral Service in loving memory of Freda was held at Heath URC Church on Wed 1st Feb and was conducted by Reverend Clare S. Davison. There were many old friends and Church members paying their respects for a dear lady who always had a smile and a welcome for those she met. Freda was one of our longest serving members and in previous times she attended regular Sunday services and was an enthusiastic member of the Ladies Circle and all Fund Raising events at Heath Church. Always had a smile and a willingness to help at various occasions. Freda had lots of friends at Heath and

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also at NALGO where she was an active member. Freda worked at the Registry Office in Halifax for many years and her life revolved around her beloved husband Derek and their family. In recent times, having sadly lost Derek, Freda had become frail, but last year in September she was still able to enjoy her 90th birthday, a lovely celebration with friends family grand daughters and great grandson, just what she wanted. Freda passed away peacefully in her own home on Jan 17th surrounded by her daughter Penny and her beloved grandchildren, Mandy and Nicola. She will be remembered by many, with great affection and love.

Closure of Heath Stroke Club

It is with great regret that the trustees of Heath Stroke Club have found it necessary to close the Stroke Club. We have been losing money for several years now and although we have tried everything we could to raise more money and increase our membership this has not been successful. The Club will close at the end of June.

Trustees of Heath Stroke Club

SPRING FAIR AT HEATH CHURCH

SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2017

10am to 12 noon

CAKE STALL BOOKS TOYS

GIFTS RAFFLE

Lunch served at 12 noon

£5 for adults £1 for children

Everyone Welcome

**FREE SCHOOL LANE
ELLAND MALE
VOICE CHOIR
SPRING
CONCERT
SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2017
at 7.30PM
TICKETS £5 INCLUDING
REFRESHMENTS**

March/April 2017

Pulpit Supply

Mar. 5 th	Rev. Clare Davison
Mar. 12 th	Rev. John Jenkinson
Mar. 19 th	Mrs. Juliet Foster
Mar. 26 th	Mrs. Alison Dobson
Apr. 2 nd	Mrs. Juliet Foster
Apr. 9 th	Rev, Clare Davison
Apr. 16 th	Mr. Allan Jowett
Apr. 23 rd	Mr. Andrew Mitchell
Apr. 30 th	Rev Clare Davison

Friendship Hour

On 8th March we shall be having the Springtime Dinner at the Beefeater Restaurant which is situated in the Plaza Complex. Please put your name down with Mags who will be able to provide further details,
Our Friendship Hour meetings start at 2.30pm but please come earlier at 2.15pm and join us with a cup of tea or coffee.

The meeting on Wednesday March 22nd will be about the Harella Days By Jean Illingworth, on Wednesday April 12th the Subject is 1956 by Peter Oates and on Wednesday April 26th Denise Adlard will talk about 'Cicerly Saunders'.

Fellowship Hour

On Wednesday March 1st Wednesday March 15th
Wednesday April 5th and Wednesday April 19th at
2.30pm we shall meet for prayer and discussion.

New Hope Diary March

Wednesday	1 st	2.30pm	Fellowship Hour.
Wednesday	8 th		Springtime Dinner.
Sunday	12 th	11.30am	Church Meeting
Wednesday	15 th	2.30pm	Fellowship Hour.
Wednesday	22 nd	2.30pm	Friendship Hour.

April

Wednesday	5 th	2.30pm	Fellowship Hour
Sunday	9 th	11.30am	Church AGM
Wednesday	12 th	2.30pm	Friendship Hour
Wednesday	19 th	2.30pm	Fellowship Hour
Wednesday	26 th	2.30pm	Friendship Hour

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ITS FALLING APART

We fret about things happening in our immediate vicinity and make momentous decisions to deal with our interpretation of mission etc. Do we have a feedback section in our mission to check if it is working?

If we are aiming to increase the “bums on seats” count, it would appear that the present mission method is very slow! I have no idea what will work in this situation. Greater minds at Synod are thinking about this situation.

If we run the URC as a commercial enterprise, I would suggest that we are being directed into a consolidation situation. This means reducing overheads. Over the last few years we have gone from five to three fully operational churches with no increase in congregation per church.

The URC is not alone in this, the Anglican Church is in the same situation. It would appear that the message and method does not match the times we are living in.

Our model is designed for the people who now have long holidays and endless fun on cruise ships.

It would be nice if someone reading this ramble would reply with some ideas!!

Mike Riley

Churches Together events to which we are all invited.

1st March Ash Wednesday Service at New Hope at 7-30 p.m. to be led by Rev. Clare Davison

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Lent Course this to be held at Highgate Methodist Church 7 p.m. for 7-30 p.m. on Thursday evenings, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, March and on the 6th April.

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, 13th April 7-30 p.m. at Pellon Baptist Church.

Good Friday - Service at New Hope at 7 p.m. led by Rev. Clare Davison.

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Pulpit Supply

March

- 5th – Mrs. Juliet Foster (Communion)
- 12th – Alison Dobson
- 19th – Rev'd Clare Davison (Parade)
- 26th – Mr. Andrew Mitchell

April

- 2nd - Rev'd John Jenkinson (Communion)
- 9th – Mr. John Brooksbank
- 13th – Mrs. Juliet Foster (Maunday Service)
- 16th – Rev'd Clare Davison (Parade)
- 23rd – Mr. Peter Oates
- 30th – Group Service New Hope

New Providence **Diary**

March

- Friday's – 6.30pm Brownies
- Friday's – 6.45pm Boys Brigade & Girls Association at the Carlton Centre
- Thursday 2nd – 7.30pm Secretaries Meeting at Heath

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Wednesday 8th = 7.30pm Elders Meeting

Wednesday 15th – 7.30pm Group AGM Heath

Monday 27th – 7.30pm New Provi Circle

April

Friday's – 6.30pm Brownies

Friday's – 6.45pm Boys Brigade & Girls Association at the Carlton Centre

Tuesday's – 5.00pm Garden Gang (weather permitting)

Wednesday 5th – 7.30pm Elders Meeting

Monday 24th – 7.30pm New Provi Circle

The collection from the Group Service held at the Carlton Centre was £125 and was gratefully received by the Women's Centre.

They sent Thanks to All.

What's happening at The Manse?

Manor Drive Manse – Resume and Update

The debate had been 'Sell or 'Rent'; either could bring an income but we had not realised a mission potential. Then came the Boxing Day floods and an urgent need for housing of displaced families. It was made available, not actually used for the purpose, but having been promoted, it prompted an informal enquiry from a lady attached to St Augustine's Centre (which does exemplary work in assisting and rehabilitating refugees seeking asylum). There was a recognised need for a 'half way house', somewhere for those who had been granted asylum to live while they sort themselves out with accommodation, work etc. Within just 28 days, these people have to evacuate the housing provided for them by the government scheme once asylum has been granted. This is simply not long enough and moreover, the urgency can be even greater because information about the court's decision is often delayed for a period of two to three weeks. They have virtually nothing at this point; no money, no job, no income, so as a result become homeless, dossing at the charity of friends or sleeping ruff.

The 'half way house' will give them respite to prepare. Not only is this to establish suitable accommodation and some form of income (they will not qualify for financial assistance) but beandyandgillbrooke@gmail.com cause they need patriation, to understand the culture they are coming into, the systems and often, language.

'Happy Days', a charity set up to provide accommodation and rehabilitation for the homeless in Calderdale, became

involved at an early stage. This is because of links that they have with St Augustine's Centre and the expertise they have acquired that is relevant to the circumstances of the project. It has been an essential guide to our process.

Because of the four large bedrooms, communal space of the lounge, large kitchen and eating area, the house is ideal for the purpose. Also it has an extensive cellar with three sizable rooms, ready equipped for a utility room, workshop, storage and activity functions.

The house has required a bit of a 'make-over' to prepare it for its new purpose. Some repairs were required, built in furniture removal, decoration, carpet cleaning and replacement, an additional radiator and, essential for conversion to an HMO (House of Multiple Occupancy), fire doors to replace seven of the existing doors. Happy Days run two rehabilitation projects that provide training for their clients and public service, their cycle shops and a building company. Employing the latter made completing our work amazingly easy and it has been to a high standard. We are really impressed by the improvement, a marker of which is the increase in its rental value.

All this has been done with the blessing of all the Churches in our group. The next phase is to apply for an HMO licence and have a meeting of interested parties ie Church reps, Clare, Dave Fawcett (Happy Days), John Hellewell (St Augustine's) and Sheila Duncan (Y.Synod) to determine administration, financial and legal arrangements and numerous practicalities.

Happy Days have the experience and expertise to manage the tenancy side, St Augustine's Centre will supply the refugees and supervise their needs, We, the Halifax URC Group will be providing the premises (supported by an income from rent). to allocated refugees. Volunteers from our churches are encouraged to provide mentoring to allocated refugees. This is to help them with, for example, cultural issues, their rights in our society and how to access services.

It has been suggested and probably essential, that volunteers should attend a training session at St Augustine's Centre at which lunch with their community will facilitate inter-reaction with refugees. A suggested date for this is 22nd March. If you are interested please contact your church Manse Rep., myself or Clare.

I think you will agree that it is an exciting project!

Andrew Simmons

**THE URC PAST CASE REVIEW PROCESS
A TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE PAST ABUSES, SHOW
CHRISTIAN LOVE
AND BUILD A STRONGER, SAFER CHURCH
COMMUNITY**

The United Reformed Church has set up a **Past Case Review** and is now inviting anyone with concerns about the behaviour or conduct of anyone affiliated with the URC since its formation in 1972 to raise them formally. **Why is this happening and what does it mean for us? There is the highest level of public and political concern about past failings in the behaviour of national bodies which have resulted in past abuses being ignored or covered up.** A number of high profile cases involved national figures in positions of authority or influence who were found guilty of abusing their power, authority or celebrity status (such as Jimmy Saville and Rolf Harris), in particular involving the abuse of women and young people.

The churches have recognised that they have ignored evidence about past abuses. Some church leaders have been found guilty, including a Scottish Cardinal and a former Anglican Bishop of Lewes. The Pope has said that abuse of children was like "leprosy" infecting the Church, according to the Italian La Repubblica newspaper. Pope Francis has strengthened the Vatican's laws against child abuse and has sought forgiveness from the victims of sexual abuse by priests. Sadly, there have also been a few cases within the URC.

Concern about abuse is now widespread around the world and several countries have established public enquiries. The UK government's *Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse* is investigating a wide range of institutions including local authorities, the police, the armed forces, schools, churches and mosques to consider the extent to which State and non-State institutions have failed in their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation; to consider the steps which it is necessary for State and non-State institutions to take in order to protect children from such abuse in future; and to publish a report with recommendations.

All the UK churches are reviewing their own files and past practices concerning all forms of abuse. A consistent finding is that mistreatment is usually associated with abuse of power by people exercising authority. Examining these cases has therefore inevitably led churches to explore the ways in which power is used and abused within the church and, in particular, the concept of spiritual abuse, meaning the use of spiritual authority or The Bible by an ordained or lay church leader to coerce, intimidate or ill-treat people, not only physically but also emotionally and spiritually. **The URC has established a formal process to receive, evaluate and respond to any allegations involving ordained ministers and also lay church leaders.** All churches are being asked to draw this to the attention of congregations. A brochure (explaining the process in detail) and a poster are available (www.urc.org.uk/past-case-review). A team of independent people will respond to the allegations and provide support to all involved.

What happens next?

Past and present members of local congregations are now being given the opportunity to raise any concerns about past physical, sexual, emotional and spiritual abuse. If a disclosure is made in a local church context, the person who wishes to disclose will be put in touch with the Past Case Review team. There will be no pressure on people to disclose, but should they want to, there is a clear process in place which has been authorised by General Assembly.

If an issue of concern about past abuse is raised in a particular local congregation, this can provoke strong emotional reactions and upset. If it becomes public, there may be contrary opinions, shock, outrage, denial and deep hurt. We trust that God will guide us and grant us wisdom, sensitivity and open minds as it progresses.

Anybody from our church who wishes to talk over a concern can speak with the Minister, their Elder or Safeguarding lead. You can also contact the Past Case Review team direct, no matter who you are or what your question, by sending an email to pastcase.review@urc.org.uk .

The URC and our own local church aim to be an open, respectful and trusted community, guided by Christian love and respecting the humanity of all involved. We know this does not work perfectly; people do get hurt in churches and serious abuse does happen. This process enables us to hear and respond to deep hurts, which may have been nursed for many years. The process of talking, listening respecting and apologising

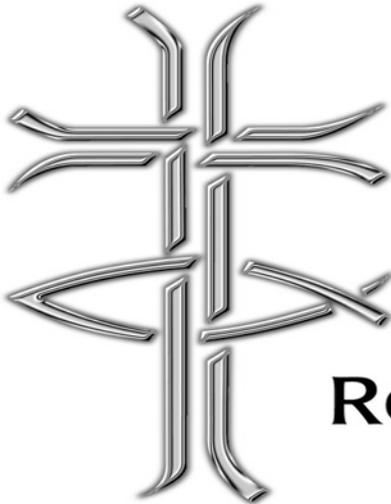
can be healing and should help us to be stronger communities.

The website is full of information and resources, including a wide range of counselling services:

www.urchurch.org.uk/images/PCR/PCR-docs/Past-Case-Review-Brochure-10-09-2016.pdf.

We pray that as the process works its way through, we will see the love of God at work, that our churches will become safer spaces for worship and fellowship, and that we will be able to care for each other in Christian respect and compassion.

With thanks to David N Jones, Elder, Abington Avenue URC -
822 words (excluding titles, etc)



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Do you need
to speak...?

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We'll listen.

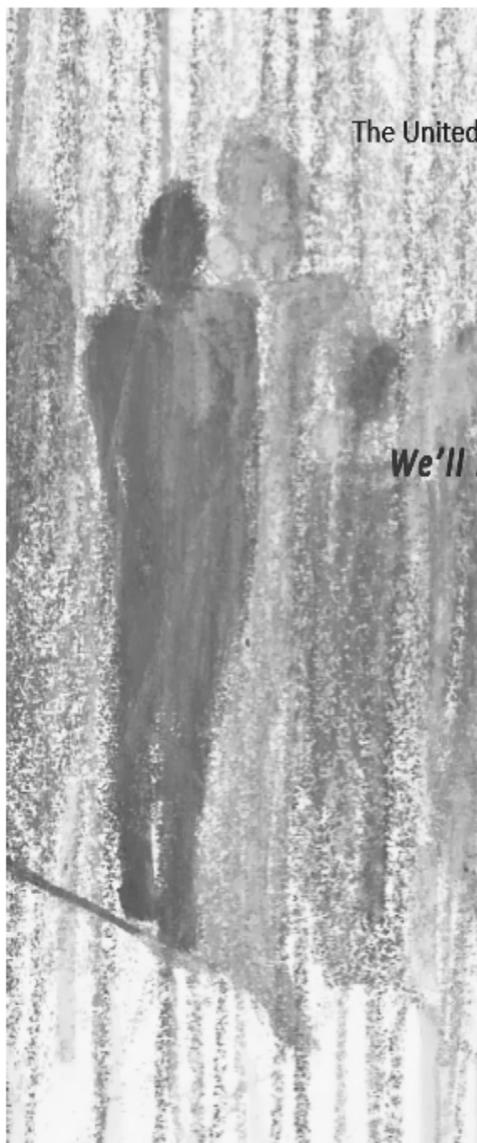
The United Reformed Church Past Case Review
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to raise concerns
about the behaviour or conduct
of anyone affiliated with
the United Reformed Church
since its formation in 1972.

We'll respect your confidentiality.

Telephone
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Website
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Email
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NORMA'S WORDSEARCH

NEST EGG

There's a well known saying spelt out in the remaining letters after you have found the listed words

R P I G G Y B A N K P E N N
P E B S G N I V A S T O L S
O T V U Y W I G G E T S E N
C T S L D R A W E R M C E I
K Y P D I G O D Y P O O L O
E C L U E S E A R N T S I C
T A N A O P D T O A T X N A
M S F U T I O M D A O F C S
O H R U L I I S E B B H O S
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E S H H S D T A S T O R E T
Y T T I K H S A C E R A P S

Assets
Bottom/drawer
Box
Budget
Capital
Coins
Deposit

Economics
Funds
Hoard
Holiday
Income
Kitty
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Spare cash
Store
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BIBLE CROSSWORD CLUES

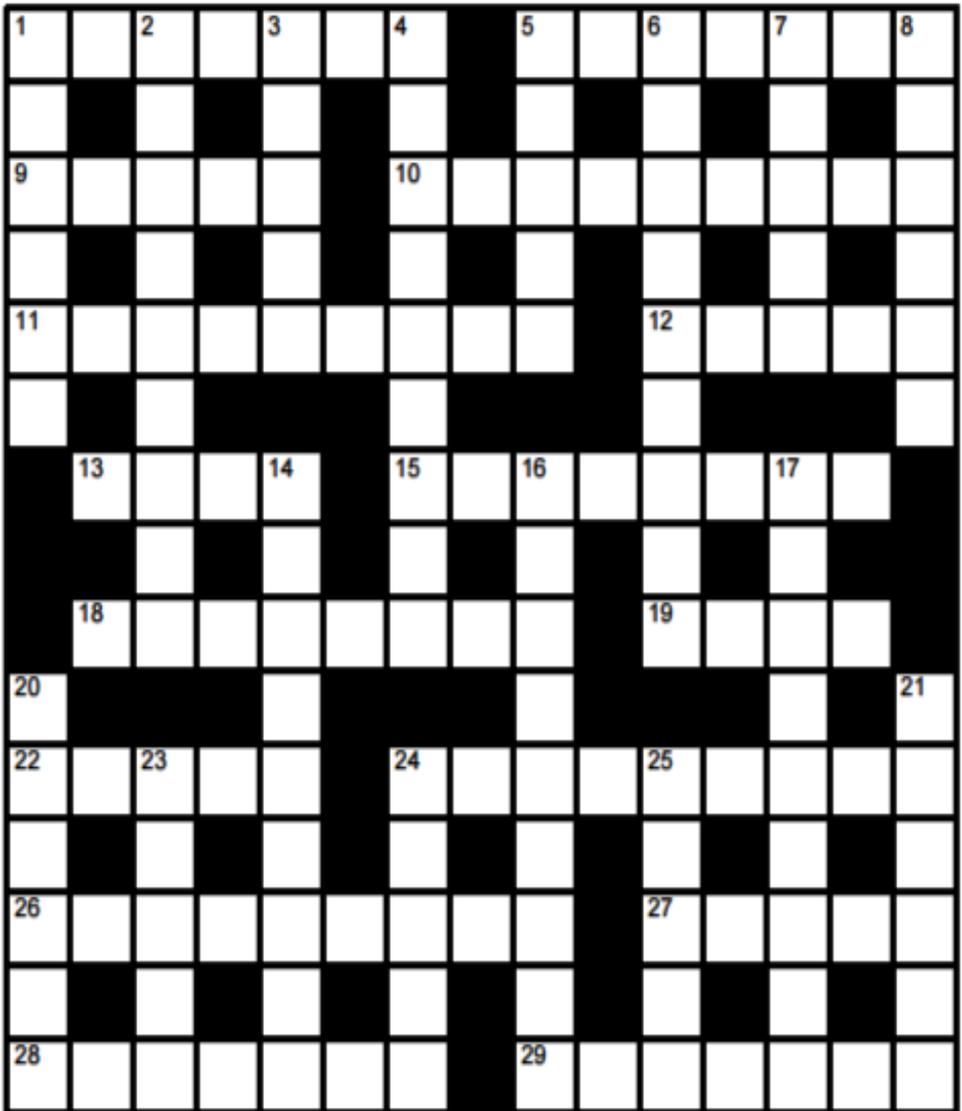
Across

- 1 Desperation; Praised
(anag) (7)
 - 5 God, doing this on day
7 (7)
 - 9 More refined (5)
 - 10 One of Paul's
letters (9)
 - 11 Uncared for (9)
 - 12 Encamp against
city (5)
 - 13 Charitable giving (4)
 - 15 Consecrated (8)
 - 18 Abraham received
these (8)
 - 19 Jesus raised in 3 (4)
 - 22 Colour found only in
Ezekiel (5)
 - 24 Someone who
shields (9)
 - 26 Continuance of life (9)
 - 27 Grind together (5)
 - 28 Unusual (7)
 - 29 Athalia's cry (7)
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Down

- 1 Rely on (6)
 - 2 Tail-ender (9)
 - 3 Be in harmony (5)
 - 4 Not wicked (9)
 - 5 Reigned (5)
 - 6 Contented (9)
 - 7 Picture (5)
 - 8 Good news (6)
 - 14 The first, first-aid? (9)
 - 16 Fraudulent (9)
 - 17 Slain by Moses (9)
 - 20 They get the hump (6)
 - 21 Parentless (6)
 - 23 Prickly shrub (5)
 - 24 300 bought ointment
to anoint Jesus (5)
 - 25 Keen-sighted bird of
prey (5)
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BIBLE CROSSWORD



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

CAN YOU SPOT THE 20 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PICTURES



Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs

SMILE LINES

Church Notices that didn't quite make it.....

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewwis to come forward and lay an egg on the Alter.

Thursday at 5pm, there will be a meeting of the little mothers club, all Ladies wishing to become "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his study.

Wednesday the Ladies Liturgy will meet. Mrs Johnson will sing "Put me in my little bed" accompanied by the Pastor.

Tuesday at 4pm there will be an ice cream social. All Ladies giving milk please come early.

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight. Come early here Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the Church Hall. Music will follow.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale, its a chance to get rid of of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your Husbands.

A worm welcome to all who have come today.

Answers

Norma's Wordsearch

Penny wise, pound foolish.

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Solution



Across: 1 Despair, 5 Resting, 9 Purer,
10 Galatians, 11 Neglected, 12 Siege,
13 Alms, 15 Ordained, 18 Promises,
19 Days, 22 Amber, 24 Protector,
26 Existence, 27 Gnash, 28 Strange,
29 Treason.

Down: 1 Depend, 2 Straggler, 3 Agree,
4 Righteous, 5 Ruled, 6 Satisfied, 7 Image,
8 Gospel, 14 Samaritan, 16 Dishonest,
17 Egyptians, 20 Camels, 21 Orphan,
23 Brier, 24 Pence, 25 Eagle.

GROUP CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>What's on</u>
Wed. Mar. 1 st	7.30pm	New Hope	Ash Wed. Service
Thu. Mar. 2 nd	7.30pm	Heath	Group Sec. Meeting
Wed. Mar. 8 th		New Hope	Springtime Dinner
Wed. Mar. 8 th	7.30pm	New Providence	Elders Meeting
Thu. Mar. 9 th	8.00pm	Heath	Thursday Club
Sun. Mar. 12 th	11.30am	New Hope	Church Meeting
Sun. Mar. 12 th	4.00pm	Heath	Messy Church
Tue. Mar. 14 th	12 noon	Heath	Stroke Club Luncheon Club
Wed. Mar. 15 th	7.30pm	Heath	Group AGM
Sat. Mar. 18 th	7.30pm	Heath	Elland Male Voice Choir
Tue. Mar. 21 st	10.30am	Heath	Community Coffee Club
Wed. Mar. 22 nd	2.30pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour
Sat. Mar. 25 th	10.00am	Heath	Spring Fair and Lunch
Mon. Mar. 27 th	7.30pm	New Providence	New Provi Circle
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Thu. Apr. 13 th	7.30pm	New Providence	Group <u>Maundy Thursday Service</u>
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Tue. Apr. 18 th	10.30am	Heath	Community Coffee Club
Mon. Apr. 24 th	7.30pm	New Providence	New Provi Circle
Tue. Apr. 25 th	12 noon	Heath	Stroke Club Luncheon Club
Wed. Apr. 26 th	2.30pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour

PREACHER PLAN

HEATH URC, MANOR DRIVE, 10.30 AM

Apr. 2 nd	Mrs Jane Simmons
Apr. 9 th	Mrs Val Jenkins
Apr. 16 th	Mrs Juliet Foster
Apr. 23 rd	Rev. John Jenkinson
Apr. 30 th	Group Service at New Hope

NEW HOPE URC, WARLEY ROAD 10.30 AM

Apr. 2 nd	Mrs Juliet Foster
Apr. 9 th	Rev. Clare Davison
Apr. 16 th	Mr Alan Jowett Juliet Foster
Apr. 23 rd	Mr Andrew Mitchell
Apr. 30 th	Rev. Clare Davison

NEW PROVIDENCE URC, KEIGHLEY ROAD 11.00 AM

Apr. 2 nd	Rev. John Jenkinson
Apr. 9 th	Mr John Brooksbank
Apr. 16 th	Rev. Clare Davison
Apr. 23 rd	Mr. Peter Oates
Apr. 30 th	Group Service at New Hope



PREACHER PLAN

HEATH URC, MANOR DRIVE, 10.30 AM

Mar. 5 th	Rev. Daphne Hull
Mar. 12 th	Mrs Juliet Foster
Mar. 19 th	Rev. John Jenkinson
Mar. 26 th	Rev. Clare Davison

NEW HOPE URC, WARLEY ROAD 10.30 AM

Mar. 5 th	Rev. Clare Davison
Mar. 12 th	Rev. John Jenkinson
Mar. 19 th	Mrs Juliet Foster
Mar. 26 th	Mrs Alison Dobson

NEW PROVIDENCE URC, KEIGHLEY ROAD 11.00 AM

Mar.. 5 th	Mrs Juliet Foster
Mar.. 12 th	Mrs Alison Dobson
Mar.. 19 th	Rev. Clare Davison
Mar.. 26 th	Mr Andrew Mitchell





"Every Lent is the same
I've nothing to give up!"



"Let's ease into this I want
You to try fasting between meals"

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