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# Halifax Group Magazine

Heath New Hope New Providence



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

## Letter From the Manse

In September we celebrated the ordination of Constance Coltman nee Todd, the first female minister in Britain and it is right that we should be reminded about this and the great service which she did for women and their ministry, both in these isles and across the world.

It is a sobering thought that Constance was still alive when many of us were born and indeed for many years afterwards. She only died in 1969 and yet how many of us knew much, if anything, about her, until now nearly 30 years after her death? Constance was not made a Dame, nor given a medal for her efforts, but she was a true pioneer and an unsung hero of the Church.

There are many unsung heroes in our world, people who have, and still do, render great service to their fellow human beings and yet they receive no public accolades, no peerages, Knighthoods, C.B.Es, O.B.Es, nor any other form of public recognition and perhaps true selfless giving is just that, giving without thought of any reward, other than the satisfaction of knowing that one's efforts are appreciated by maybe just a few folk.

Jesus said that the reward of such selflessness will be reaped in heaven and we pray that that may be so. So, whilst we do pay tribute to those with the peerages etc., we do also remember those in our own lives who have given of much in a purely selfless manner, not seeking reward, but gaining much respect. Theirs is/has been true Christian giving.

Lord, help us to go and do likewise.

**Pulpit list**

Heath URC, Free School Lane. 10.30am  
October 2017

- 1 Mrs Dawn Walker – Harvest Thanksgiving and Parade
- 8 Mrs Susan Watson
- 15 Rev John Jenkinson - Communion
- 22 Rev Daphne Hull
- 29 Group Service at New Providence (No service at Heath)

**Activities in October**

Sunday 1 October- Harvest Lunch after morning worship

Saturday 7 October - 7.30pm – SIMEON WOOD IN CONCERT Tickets £10

Thursday 12 October – 7.30pm – CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ- Teams of four or just come along.

Tuesday 17 October - 10.30am - Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 28 October – 7.30pm SING FOR FUN CONCERT – £5 including refreshments

**There will be no Messy Church in October**

Simeon Wood  
The Wonderful Tour  
Heath Church

Saturday 7 October at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 including refreshments Under 16 free  
Tickets from Rosemary on 01422 361838 or email

[heathchurchhalifax@gmail.com](mailto:heathchurchhalifax@gmail.com)

Very funny and hugely entertaining, a great night out

**CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ**

Thursday 12 October 7.30pm  
Teams of four or just come along  
Supper

**Savile Park Singing Group**

Presents a **Musical Evening**

on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm  
at Heath Church

Tickets £5 including refreshments

**Freda Vail** – The family of our late friend Freda have had a Memorial Seat placed on the seafront at Filey in memory of Freda and Derek. It is at the opposite end to the Cobble Landing near the Downcliffe Hotel, if anyone is there and would like to find it and sit and remember a dear old friend.

**Free Will Offering Envelopes**

If anyone would like envelopes please ask Gill Brooke

**Money for flowers in church** – Once again this has run out. If anyone would like to donate please see Jean Bull

**Weekly Events**

**Monday**

9.30am

Toddlers (except Bank Holidays)

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

**Old One Pound Coins**

As these are soon to be no longer legal tender we, at Heath have decided to collect them for charity. If anyone has any please pass them to any elder at Heath.

Thank you



**October 2017**

**Pulpit Supply**

Oct.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs. Juliet Foster
Oct.	8 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Leyland Smith
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**Friendship Hour** We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays most months to enjoy each others company. Why not come along earlier at 2.15pm for a cup of tea or coffee and meet new friends.

The meeting on October 11th will be 'Joyce Grenville'-- by Lynn Lord and on October 25th Geoff Mitchell's subject is 'British Columbia.'

Sunday October 15th will be the **Church Harvest**. Gifts will go to Malawi, on the container in November. Any financial donations will go to the Dropin Centre in Halifax.

**Fellowship Hour** We meet on the first and third Wednesdays at 2.30pm for prayer and discussion.

### Leprosy Mission

West Halifax Churches Together are organising an event in support of Leprosy Mission. This will be held on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at St. John's Church. James Greig, the regional Leprosy Mission organiser, will be giving details of what they do. Also Daniel Russel, (son of Martin Russel former vicar at St. Judes), who is married to a Nepalese girl and has first-hand information about Leprosy in Nepal will make a presentation. Any money raised will be quadrupled by the EU, so for every £1 we raise, Leprosy Mission will receive £5, so we look for anyone to help us raise as much as possible. There will be a charge of £3 to include coffee and a light lunch. Tickets are available.

The programme for the day is as follows:-

10 a.m. Coffee

10-30 a.m. presentation by either James or Daniel

11 a.m. Break - time to circulate and ask questions

11-30 a.m. presentation either James or Daniel

12 noon Lunch

Time to circulate till about 1 p.m.

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 7-30 p.m.** A quiz organised by Mags to which we invite people from other churches in our area to bring a team or to make up a team. Why not bring a team from your church? The charge is £5 per person which includes Pie & Pea supper. A good opportunity for fellowship and getting to know people.

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November** Bonfire Plot & Fireworks at Averil & Alan's, 50 Whitehill Road, Illingworth. 6 p.m. Enjoy the plot & fireworks from the comfort of the conservatory. Of course there will be food and a box for donations.

Does it really matter?

They say that you are an unchanging God. Does that mean we should be unchanging too? What would happen if we sat in a different spot in church, stayed seated for the hymns or prayed with our eyes open? Would it stop you from hearing us? If we called you Mother-God or Allah, would the earth quake or the ceiling fall? Would you turn aside from our heartless prayers? If the words that we spoke made sense to a child, if the rap of a youth was the prayer we shared, would you pick up your blessings and walk out the door? If we shifted our gathering to a different day, to another space or another place, would our worship become unacceptable to you? If we risk making changes and being changed, would we displease you, our unchanging God? And if we do none of these things, but stay the same – what then, dear God? What then? Eternal God, ever constant and ever new, teach us what really matters to you.

*(Karen Campbell in the URC Handbook of 2015)*



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### ***October***

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- 8<sup>th</sup> – Juliet Foster
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Dawn Walker (Boy's Brigade/ Girls Association  
Enrolment)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rev. John Jenkinson (Communion Service)
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Group Service at New Providence

## **New Providence Diary**

### ***October***

- Friday's – 6.30pm Brownies at New Providence
- Friday's – 6.45pm Boys Brigade & Girls Association at  
the Carlton Centre
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – 12.15pm – Harvest Lunch
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7.30pm – New Provi Circle

## **NEW PROVIDENCE**

We will celebrate Harvest Festival on October 1<sup>st</sup> and as in previous years we are asked to bring gifts suitable for the Drop In centre.

Following the service we can enjoy a lunch of pie & peas and parkin – cost £3.50.

The loose collection and profit from the lunch will go to Commitment for Life.

## **CALDERDALE CHURCH WOMEN'S LUNCH CLUB**

Women from churches throughout Calderdale meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (October to May) at the Imperial Crown Hotel at the bottom of Horton Street. We gather at 12.00 finishing by 2.00pm. We enjoy a two-course lunch with coffee and mints, followed by an interesting speaker. The annual subscription is £8 and lunch costs £12. The first meeting of this year will be October 19<sup>th</sup> and new members are always welcome. For more information contact Elizabeth Brook, Marilyn Cockroft or Janet Mason.

Harvest time is upon us and one of our traditional and perhaps most well-known parables at this time of the year is the Parable of the Sower as recorded in Matthew 13. Although this is a parable we are familiar with, perhaps it still has something new or different to say to us today – even those of us who live in urban and suburban areas where farming and seed sowing is something of a foreign concept.

Jesus begins the parable by saying “A sower went out to sow....” And perhaps we tie ourselves in knots thinking about what it means to “go out.” I think we can translate “going out” as going about our daily work or business. Sowing seeds is what the sower did – it was his job, his daily business. So “going out to sow seeds” for us is about how we speak and act in the presence of others because of our Christian faith.

Secondly, we recognise the sower wasn't an expert. He threw seeds all over the place and some fell on rocky ground, some fell on the path, some fell among the thorns and some on fertile soil. He didn't go looking for fertile soil, he just sowed his seeds everywhere he went. As Christians we maintain our witness wherever we go and whoever we talk to. We don't know what effects our words and deeds will have on whose heart any more than the sower knew which of his seeds would produce fruit. None of us are experts but we don't need to be. The sower wasn't an expert but a novice with a willing heart and that willingness of heart is what God requires.

Finally in faith we believe that some of our seed planting will produce fruit. Sometimes we get frustrated because we don't see the results of our seed planting in terms of

increased church attendance. However, although we may never see results in those terms, the knock-on effect of our words and witness may be life-changing for some people we encounter.

Everyone knows Billy Graham, but few remember Albert McMakin, his friend who



invited him to the gospel rally at which Billy was converted. Without Albert, Billy Graham may not have had the ministry he did. We never know whose life we might affect and the knock-on effects thereafter. We may not see the 30, 60, or 100 times crop – but that doesn't mean it hasn't happened.

Every blessing.



*“Er.....vicar – does the church have a position on the donation of GM vegetables for the Harvest Festival?”*

**A friend** was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside,

The Pastor said to him, “You need to join the Army of the Lord!”

My friend replied, “I’m already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor.”

Pastor questioned, “How come I don’t see you except at Christmas and Easter?”

He whispered back, “I’m in the secret service.

A vicar was talking to one of his parishioners. He said, “When you get to my age you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter.”

“Why do you say that”, enquires the parishioner. The vicar replies,

“Well I often find myself going into a room and thinking what did I come in here after”

A little girl became restless as the preacher’s sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered. “Mommy if we give him the money now will he let us go.

## DEAR AUNT MARTHA

Dear Mr. M- Thank you for your kind invitation, you can call me a traditionalist if you like and may be your Vicar is now highly enthusiastic about your idea, but for reasons of anonymity I cannot attend the 'Do it Yourself' Holy Communion at your house next Sunday. I am sorry, I couldn't make out the name of the whisky you'll be having but unfortunately your writing has become rather indistinct.

Dear Michael - I hope you won't mind me calling you Michael. I have to agree the vicar could have let you play baby Jesus in the church nativity play, though at 25 you might be getting a little old to play babies even if as you say, you can do it so well, and if the Vicar let you be a palm tree again, you can obviously play that very well and you must be getting quite experienced at it by now. No I don't think palm trees should be indoors, not even in a church. I have to concede, there may have been a Christmas tree in church that's traditional, I wouldn't expect to see palm trees in there, would you? Why don't you ask him if you could play the Inn Keeper next year, he might even allow you to stand in the doorway.

Dear Mr. M - Thank you for your report on your 'Do it Yourself' communion. I'm so glad it went so well. How many bottles of whisky? I'm afraid the paper was smudged and I couldn't read that bit very easily. It seems the vicar thoroughly enjoyed himself but what did he say when you started dragging in people from off the street. I must say, when you sent me that invitation, I certainly had my doubts, but by the number of converts you made it was certainly

worth it. However, your ideas on the baptism service are very unorthodox and I really do believe that total immersion is out of the Question.

P.S. Has the Archdeacon recovered yet?.

Dear Bishop - You'll never guess, we had a terrible thunder storm the other night and the Cathedral was flooded - Do you know, someone had actually stolen all the lead from its roof and when they caught him, he had the audacity to say he gave you a receipt for it.

Dear Vicar - Yes I do think it is a good idea setting up a 'fruit and veg' stall at harvest festival but I can't quite get this idea of holding harvest festival three times a month and am of the firm opinion that this will digress from the true meaning of harvest festival. However, I really must thank you for that wonderful liqueur you sent me. What a delightful fragrance and colour, it's such a shame about the taste but you did explain about it being very new. Incidentally, I have been asking around for unwanted hollyhocks and roses and will soon let you have some more, all my friends agree it's a lovely thought having a fragrant compost heap in your churchyard, where did you get such an idea from?

Dear Bishop - Have you a twin brother by any chance, for I was sure I saw you in town the other day. I believe it must have been last Tuesday, for it was the day before the Bank was robbed.

Not just at harvest time,  
do we need to have a reason  
we can plant seeds of hope  
in and out, of every season.

We can reap souls to Jesus,  
no matter the time of year  
it doesn't have to be Autumn  
harvest time, is always here.

Seeds of faith can be planted,  
into the hearts of everyone  
whether under snowy covers  
or the warm blanket of the sun.

We can gather in the lost,  
bring back a wandering soul  
it doesn't have to be Fall  
for the harvest, God controls.

It's always harvest time,  
we don't need to have a reason  
we can sow seeds of eternal hope  
in and out, of every season!

## WORDFIND

### Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)

Based on John 15:9-17 (NIV)



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

DOWN

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SERVANTS

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## BIBLE CROSSWORD CLUES

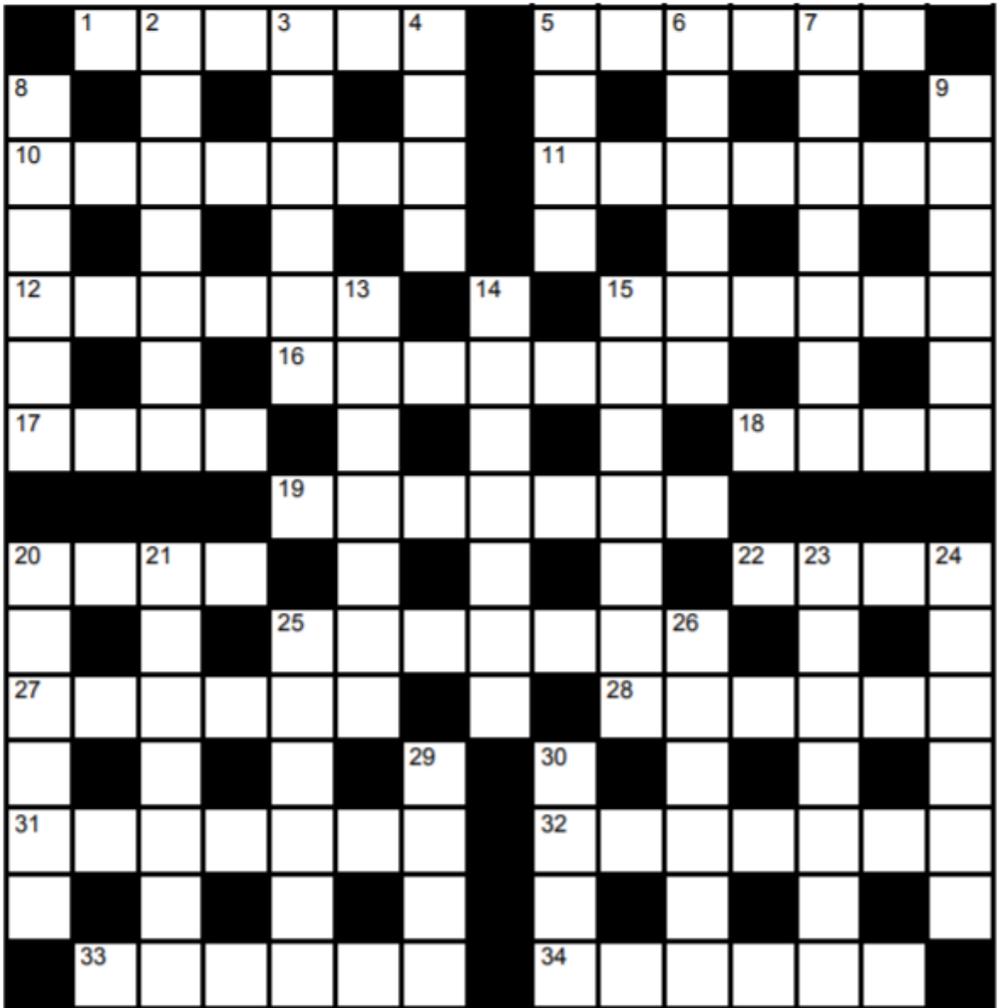
### Across

- 1 A nation referred to in the O.T. and the N.T. (6)
- 5 Teacher; leader (6)
- 10 Letter (7)
- 11 Blood was painted on these (7)
- 12 "Out of the \_\_\_\_\_ came something sweet" (6)
- 15 Where was Jacob? (6)
- 16 Made unholy (7)
- 17 Ezekiel lay on this for three years (4)
- 18 Very old (4)
- 19 Sure (7)
- 20 Ethiopia (4)
- 22 Remaining (4)
- 25 Naaman's maid, for example (7)
- 27 Seraiah's father (6)
- 28 Land (6)
- 31 Hold inside (7)
- 32 The teaching place of the Ethiopian eunuch (7)
- 33 Jews are renowned for celebrating these (6)
- 34 A child of Caleb & Maachah (6)

### Down

- 2 The lame man was too slow to reach this type of water (7)
- 3 To wait on, or be present (6)
- 4 Untruths (4)
- 5 The Promised Land was said to be flowing with this (4)
- 6 We have all done this (6)
- 7 Late in the day (7)
- 8 Animals (6)
- 9 A Philistine city (6)
- 13 Sisera, for example (7)
- 14 A nation in the O.T. neighbouring Israel (7)
- 15 Anyone who comes to God must do this (7)
- 20 Together with 'time' this happens to all (6)
- 21 Did Nadab and Abihu have a match for this? (7)
- 23 Self scrutiny before communion (7)
- 24 Half the time of Jesus' fasting (6)
- 25 Lebanese trees (6)
- 26 Provided by God when we are tempted (6)
- 29 Far extremes of the earth (4)
- 30 Luke Part II ? (4)

# BIBLE CROSSWORD



# SPOT the DIFFERENCE

There are 15 differences between these two pictures.  
Can you find them all ?



# Answers

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Solution

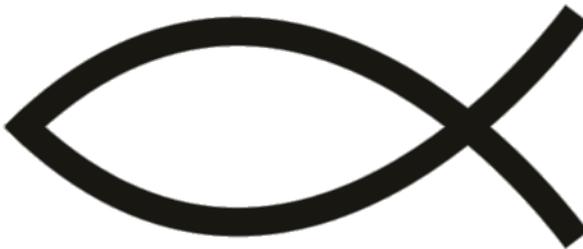


**Across:** 1 Israel, 5 Master, 10 Epistle, 11 Lintels, 12 Strong, 15 Behind, 16 Defiled, 17 Side, 18 Aged, 19 Certain, 20 Cush, 22 Left, 25 Captive, 27 Azriel, 28 Estate, 31 Contain, 32 Chariot, 33 Feasts, 34 Sheber.

**Down:** 2 Stirred, 3 Attend, 4 Lies, 5 Milk, 6 Sinned, 7 Evening, 8 Beasts, 9 Ashdod, 13 General, 14 Hittite, 15 Believe, 20 Chance, 21 Strange, 23 Examine, 24 Twenty, 25 Cedars, 26 Escape, 29 Ends, 30 Acts.

# GROUP CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>What's on</u>
Sun. Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	12.15pm	New Providence	Harvest Lunch
Sun. Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>		Heath	Harvest lunch after morning service
Sat. Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Heath	Simeon Wood in concert
Wed. Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour
Thu. Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Heath	Christian Aid Quiz
Sun. Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>		New Hope	Harvest lunch after morning service
Tue. Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Heath	Community coffee club
Sat. Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	New Hope	“Mags” Quiz
Mon. Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	New Providence	New Provi Circle
Wed. Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour
Sat. Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Heath	Sing For Fun



## PREACHER PLAN

### HEATH URC, MANOR DRIVE, 10.30 AM

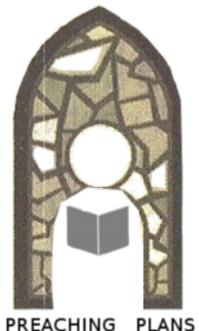
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### NEW HOPE URC, WARLEY ROAD 10.30 AM

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### NEW PROVIDENCE URC, KEIGHLEY ROAD 11.00 AM

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"It's an innovative way to boost attendance"

"You have it so easy. When I was your age, we didn't have spell checkers"

## Useful Numbers

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## ■■■■■■■■■■ November Deadline ■■■■■■■■■■

All contribution need to be in by **Friday 13th October** please. These can be either handed in to your church reps or stop press direct to the editor at: **[robertbrook@sky.com](mailto:robertbrook@sky.com)**

Late submissions may not be inserted.

Thank you.