

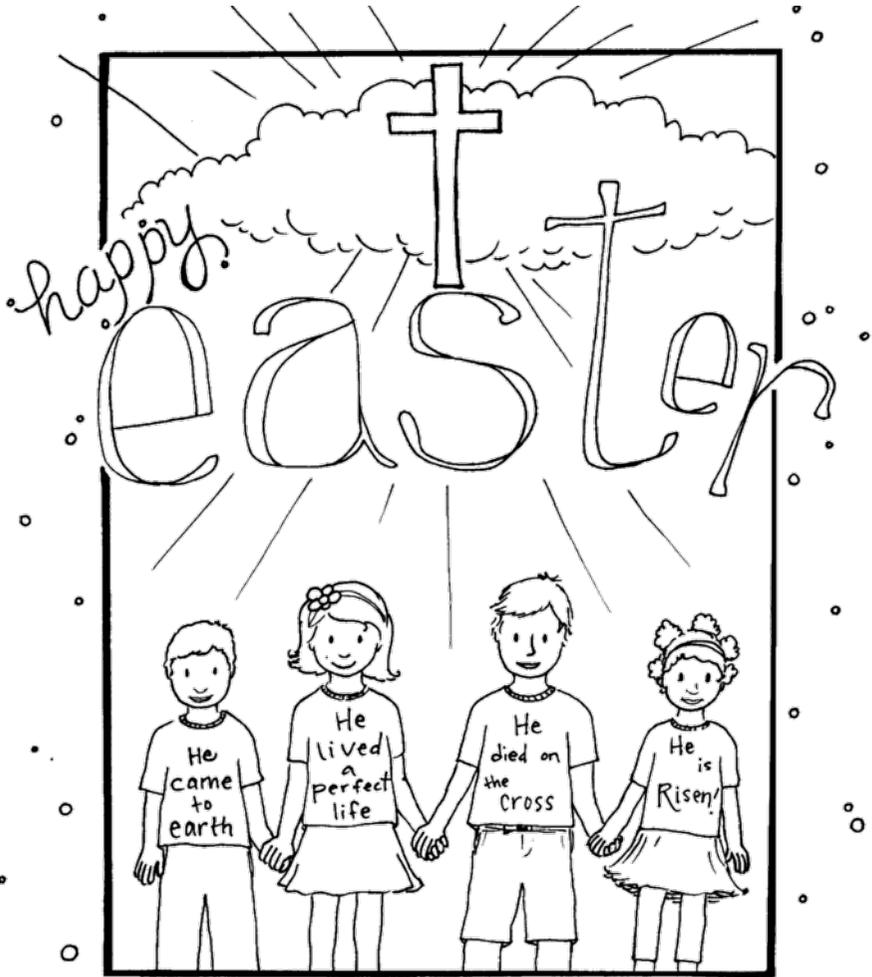


The
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Halifax Group Magazine

Heath New Hope New Providence



March/April 2018

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

Letter from the Manse

By now you will all have found your own ways of celebrating the season of Lent.

Some of you will have made up your mind to reflect, repent and pray, whilst others will have decided to give something up. This could be a habit, behaviour, chocolate, alcohol, smoking or for some of you, facebook.

The way in which we choose to observe Lent is very personal to each one of us, yet we all do it for the same reason.

We do it to commemorate the 40 days of Jesus' fasting and his temptation in the wilderness.

It is an opportunity for us, along with other Christians, to focus our attention on Jesus in the days leading up to Easter; the time of His death and resurrection by which all who believed were granted eternal life.

It is a time for everyone to begin a new life free from sin.

Easter is the symbol of new life and as we look around, it is there for all to see.

As the days grow longer and spring approaches we see the trees coming to life as new buds form on their branches, gardens burst into new life as daffodils and crocus's raise their heads in the spring sunshine, and we smile as we watch new born lambs frolic across the fields.

So, as the world begins the journey towards the joyous celebration to come when life is renewed, and the world is fresh again, and as we journey together as a group moving forward in our search for a new minister, let us join together in fellowship to renew our faith, to give thanks to God for all that we have and all that we are.

Pulpit list

Heath URC, Free School Lane. 10.30am

March/April 2018

- 4 March- Mrs Dawn Walker
- 11 March- Rev John Jenkinson – Mothering Sunday
- 18 March- No Service at Heath- Candidate Preaching with a view at New Hope
- 25 March - Mrs Susan Watson – Fair Trade Stall
- 1st April - Rev John Jenkinson – Easter Communion
- 8 April - Mrs Dawn Walker
- 15 April - Rev Daphne Hull - Communion
- 22 April - Mrs Val Jenkins
- 29 April - Group Service at Luddenden Foot

On 18 March we have a candidate coming to preach with a view to becoming the minister for our group of churches. This service is at New Hope at 10.30am. It is very important that as many of us as possible go to this service as a vote will be taken immediately after the service. If anyone needs transport to get to New Hope please ask any elder.

Activities in March and April

Thursday 8 March – 8.00pm Thursday Club – Andrew Simmons ‘A Celebration of Letchworth’

Sunday 11 March - 4.00pm – Messy Church

Saturday 17 March – 7.30pm - ELLAND MALE VOICE CHOIR

Tuesday 20 March - 10.30am - Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 24 March – 10.00am - SPRING FAIR with our usual delicious lunches

Sunday 8 April – 4.00pm – Messy Church

HEATH

Thursday 12 April – 8.00pm – Thursday Club – AGM with Games and Hot Cross Buns

Tuesday 17 April – 10.30am – Community Coffee Morning

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

**Heath Church
Free School Lane**



**ELLAND MALE VOICE CHOIR
SPRING CONCERT**

SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018 at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 including refreshments



**SPRING FAIR AT HEATH CHURCH
SATURDAY 24 MARCH 2018**

10am to 12 noon

CAKE STALL BOOKS TOYS GIFTS RAFFLE

Lunch served at 12 noon £6 for adults £1 for children

Everyone Welcome

During lent we are joining with our Churches Together Group for weekly discussions. We are following the York Course of study as we did last year. Meetings are as follows:-

Tuesday afternoons at St Marks at Siddal:
Wednesday evenings at St Andrews, Huddersfield Road.

Tuesday 20 Feb, 27 Feb, 6 March, 13 March, 20 March at
2.00pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday 21 Feb, 28 Feb, 7 March, 14 March, 21 March at
7.00pm – 8.30pm

This is a true story.

In class teacher asked pupils to draw a picture to confirm their understanding of a topic being taught -Division or sharing. Going around the room to observe and discuss their work one boy was asked about his drawing. "It's wafers for the Africans" he explained.

"Wafers for the Africans?" queried the teacher, looking a little puzzled. The support assistant whispered "They've just come from an RE lesson and have been learning about communion. He means the communion wafers." The teacher was still puzzled and repeated "Communion wafers for the Africans?"

The support worker looked up and again whispered " No. Not for the Africans he means the ANGLICANS

The pupil earned himself a merit mark, not necessarily for his work but for making his teacher chuckle.

HEATH

My name is Melanie Rumble and I run Our Place at Heath Church at weekends. We have a couple of events happening over the coming months, and I would like to invite members of the church and local community to attend if they wish to. Here's a little bit about us and the dates of the events.

Our Place (formerly Weekend Care) Is a small local charity based at Heath Church Hall. We provide companionship and social activities for older people in Calderdale at weekends, to help tackle loneliness, to provide inclusion for the vulnerable and to help carers get some respite. We provide transport, entertainment and a home cooked 2 course meal on Saturdays and Sundays.

We have the following events coming up that we would like to invite the church and the community to attend if they would like to :-

March 4th 1.30pm Ukulele Henry Musical Afternoon

March 10th We are holding a Dementia UK "time for a cuppa" fundraising coffee morning, with games and stalls and refreshments, and a chance to talk about what we do

April 15th 1pm Musical entertainment with Juliana

May 12th and 13th My Brownie units will be attending to do their hostess badges and provide entertainment.

It would be lovely if members of the church and local community could come and join us, all activities are free (the Dementia UK event is a fundraiser so there will be donation boxes and stalls)

May Thanks

Melanie Rumble,

Our Place Coordinator.

Pulpit Supply

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Apr.	15 th	Mr. Andrew Mitchell	
Apr.	22 nd	Mr. David Truswell	
Apr.	29 th	Mr. Peter Fleming	

Friendship Hour at 2.30pm

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 March 14th will be Bedpans and False Teeth with Denise Adlard, on March 28th it will be the Spring Dinner, on April 11th it will be Thailand-part 2 with Chris Freeman and on April 25th "Cragside" House and Gardens with Trevor Moody.

Saturday April 14th Simeon Wood on flute concert at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Cynthia Feather at £10 each, children free, we need to sell at least 40.

Simeon will be with us at the service on the 25th March- a taste of what's to come, a wonderful evening was had in 2007 when we sold out of tickets, it is New Hope's 10th birthday! This year let's celebrate!.

A NEW DEFINITION OF THE ULTIMATE SIN

We have been lulled into a guilt free euphoria. We no longer risk purgatory by not eating fish on Friday; it's OK to play football on Sunday; it's OK to 'live over the brush'; same gender get-together can now be licenced, and any more you can think of.

Now we learn that the ultimate sin (which will bring the world to an end as in Revelations) is to buy lettuce in a plastic bag.

OH NO, NOT THE DREADED PLASTIC BAG!!!!

But all is not lost. An extra tax on bags or an 'indulgence' will lessen the guilt and also be good for the exchequer.

Back in 1963, in his book, *The Drought*, JE Ballard foresaw the world suffering from plastic poisoning, when a layer of plastic covered the entire ocean and prevented evaporation. Hence no clouds, no rain, no hope.

So you know what to do, buy naked food or unwrap it at the checkout, so YOU can't be blamed for the end of the world!!!

Mike Riley ☺

Pulpit Supply

March

4th Alison Dobson

11th TBA

18th Preaching with a View at New Hope

25th Mr. Peter Oates (Palm Sunday)

April

1st Mr. Andrew Mitchell (Easter Sunday Communion)

8th Linda Guy

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New Providence

Diary

March

Friday's – 6.30pm Brownies at New Providence

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

Saturday - 17th – 5.00pm Social Evening at Heath to meet prospective Minister

Monday 26th – 7.30pm New Provi Circle

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I was asked to amend what I said at Paul's memorial services both in Lowestoft and Halifax and submit it for wider distribution via the magazine. It would read better if it is clear that it is a straight copy of what was said by me. John Seager.

A Tribute to Paul

We are met today to express before God how grateful we are for Paul's life among us and to share some memories of a great friend.

I have included in what I am saying here the reflections of others: it is a just a glimpse into our personal and collective memories. Together, we can never span the whole gamut of who Paul was and what he did with his life. Paul was already a leader among boys when I first met him at Square church in 1963, when my dad took up the ministry at Square. We were members of the Youth Club in which Paul stood out as a get-up-and-go type, full of ideas, self-confidence and an innate sense of leadership. He led the youth club till we no longer qualified for that label, and he was older than the rest of us, a detail we never shirked from reminding him about.

He became a leader among the church membership too, as an Elder at a tender age. We called them "deacons" in those days. His views, usually strongly held and plainly put, were faith driven and valuable, but he heard and respected others opinions and feelings. Paul was always practical, and irritated by pettiness and fudging, which you do sometimes come across in churches! If there was a job to do, be sure Paul would step forward. As he matured (not unlike a ripe and probably smelly cheese, which for

those of you who did not know him, is a reference to his kind of humour), he showed us a depth of spirituality which served to anchor our discussion in the right places, move us on to the next item. We respected him for his natural wisdom and authority.

In time, he offered himself as a lay preacher in Carlton and other congregations around Halifax, particularly leading family services and parades. People enjoyed Paul's direct approach, maybe not if you were picked out by name and questioned on what he had just said; challenging us in a good-natured way. His illustrations, both prepared and spontaneous, were drawn from everyday situations and from his extensive local knowledge. Always his messages were laced with humour and the nitty-gritty of human life. What Paul said we could relate to. Many local congregations would thank him for a ministry sorely missing now and I hope there are some here who join with me on this.

His sense of duty meant he would chair a committee, join a working party, come up with ideas and his energy stimulated others. Paul led by example. When the unenviable task of raising extra funds for church mission or maintenance called for a volunteer, Paul would step up and serve manfully. But church life was only part of his story.

Within the local community Paul expressed his Christian faith and gave his gifts to others. He worked for years as a magistrate, mainly on the Juvenile Bench in Brighthouse, working in that court so as to avoid conflict of interest with his work among youngsters in Halifax. That court work is demanding and requires great strength of character and the wisdom that comes from well-digested life

experiences. He cared about the person in the dock when delivering justice as Chairman of the Bench. Even in his later years you could not put him out to grass. He and Jennifer were founder trustees of SOFA, Southowram Over-Fifties Association, where he continued to serve till he and Jennifer moved down south! Always, Paul lived and breathed Halifax, his heart was for local people, for our history and beautiful countryside, which he so enjoyed making the very best use of. He also served as trustee and sometime chair of the Joseph Crossley Almshouses Trust.

Paul's rascally sense of humour went before him and the targets of his jokes were unpredictable. Paul was jovial and great fun to be with, delivering puns even I found cringe-worthy, and that's saying something! He had little time for pomposity, he poked at egos and enjoyed the saucy kind of humour found on the card racks of Blackpool promenade, as Matthew vividly pointed out at the Memorial service in Lowestoft. Paul was an original, and could be relied upon when it came to party planning: devising his own games with some uniquely creative drawings, often using his extensive local knowledge, his jokes usually very silly and corny. But Paul was always good fun. He enjoyed making us laugh, even at his own expense. I suppose many of you know he was colour blind. Also, that he worked in sales in the wool trade! Only Paul could get away with that! Mind you, he often needed interpreters when choosing colour schemes for church redecoration.

Paul, of course, had a lovely deep bass voice, and loved singing. He sang solos in our church choirs and in the Elland Male Voice Choir, and was not shy in rendering

robust ditties with Roy, Ken and others during parties galore through the years.

His deep Christian faith served him well from youth to old age. He had a serious side, a zeal for the Kingdom, and he used his gift with young people to introduce them to Christ and coach them in preparation for life.

Being a father was a central part of Paul's life and Matthew described it eloquently on behalf of the whole family. Paul was loving, thoughtful, committed and given to healthy homely routines like polishing boots, and making bread and soup for the family to consume round the telly on a Saturday evening, and it was his joy. Many of you will have memories too from knowing the Jagger family.

No tribute by me would be complete without mentioning his love of gardening. He even annexed the neighbours waste ground, though he did first try to find out who owned it, and he turned it into a very productive allotment. A fine example of guerrilla gardening. He and I enjoyed swapping tips and we often enjoyed the fruits of his labour at church during the growing season, all proceeds for church or charity.

Paul and Jennifer have been very good friends to Anne and myself, and to many here. Apart from spending so many years in shared church-related activities, we enjoyed outings together, meals at home with hefty helpings of home grown produce, and we even survived his wickedly strong gin and tonics.

These few words, though, and these few minutes are not the real tribute to Paul, nor nearly enough by way of thanks. **It is the people he touched in life, those here in Halifax, and in Lowestoft and many other places where he went and did his thing, whose memories of Paul will long live on as his legacy in life.**

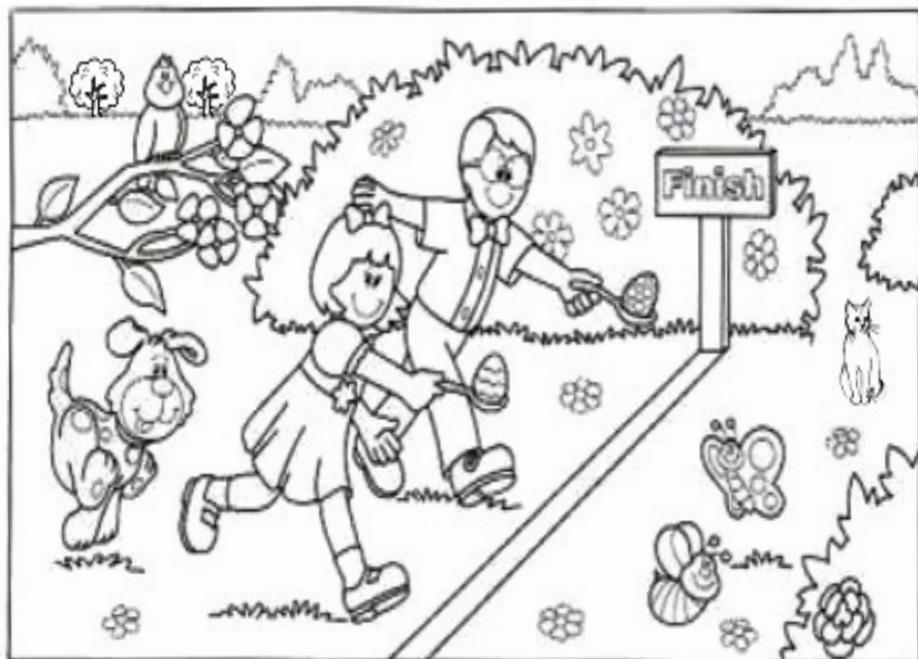
We thank God for him and his life well lived.

Following the service at Heath, Jill Brook our treasurer passed to me cheque's in memory of Paul for sending to Jennifer Jagger amounting to £315, to be shared between The Diabetic Association and Christian Aid.

John Seager 12th January 2018



CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PICTURES THERE IS AT LEAST 15



Crossword Clues

ACROSS

- 1 Space
4 Angels' illuminants
9 Total
12 Past
13 Vote into office
14 Gorilla
15 Moon, for instance
17 Youngster
18 CDs' forerunners
19 Winter weasel
21 Easter egg container
24 Golf props
25 "The — Daba Honey-moon"
26 Water barrier
28 Vaults
31 On pension (Abbr.)
33 In medias —
35 Tragic
36 Speaks unclearly
38 Guy's counterpart
40 Away from WSW
41 Regretted
43 Maestro, e.g.
45 Wisconsin, the — State
47 Slight amount
48 Genetic messenger

- 49 Duke Ellington classic
54 Whatever number
55 "Excavating for —"
56 Trouble
57 More (Sp.)
58 Subsided
59 Ram's mate

DOWN

- 1 Petrol
2 Khan title
3 Cauldron
4 Lent a hand
5 Outstanding athlete
6 Islander's neckwear
7 Group of eight
8 Cordwood measures
9 Content
10 "Once — a time, ..."
11 Apportion (out)
16 Wapiti
20 Anthropologist Margaret
21 Behind — (in jail)
22 First victim
23 Halves of weekends
27 "Little Women" woman
29 Sea eagle
30 Prognosticator

DOWN

- 32 Pharmaceu tical
34 Cracker type
37 Teeter-totter
39 Tilted
42 Pulitzer Prize category
44 Find 9-Across
45 "Dracula" author Stoker
46 Actress Paquin
50 Can material
51 Have bills
52 Depressed
53 Shelter wire

CROSSWORD

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NORMA'S WORD SEARCH

S P O R D W O N S T

L I G H T E R H G E

I S U C O R C N N S

D P N S D N I W I H

O R O W A L K S N T

F I L R O T H D E N

F N A B W M I U V I

A G M N D S A B E C

D A B D U T H R B A

G L S E S I U R C Y

G N I W O L B O W H

Walks

Spring

Lambs

Gamboling

Cruises

March

Winds

Blowing

Lighter

Evenings

Daffodils

Snowdrops

Crocus

Buds

Hyacinths

When all the words have been found work out the message with
The left over letters.

Easter Egg Hunt

Can you find which Easter egg appears only once?



Answers

NORMA'S WORD SEARCH

The north winds duth blow!! (and hope there's no snow!!)

CROSSWORD



Easter Egg

GROUP CALENDAR

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Mar. 11 th	TBA
Mar. 18 th	Service at New Hope
Mar. 25 th	Mr. Peter Oates





“Loose some weight, quit smoking
Move around more, and eat the
carrot.”



“Did you remember to water the
lawn?”

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May Deadline



All contribution need to be in by **Friday 13th April**
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Late submissions may not be inserted.

Thank you.