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## **EDITORIAL**

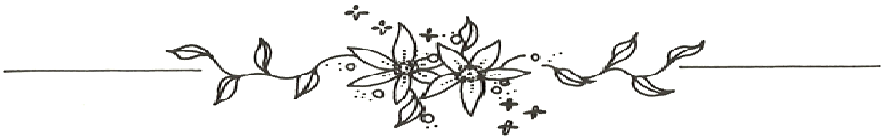
We are pleased to say that we have had a positive response to our first issue, which is very encouraging for the Editorial team. A number of people have offered to write articles and we hope more of you will do the same for future issues. We want this magazine to chronicle the lives, past and present, of the people of Skircoat Green and Savile Park and we are sure that many of you have tales to tell.

We are clearly going to have a regular contributor in Derek Bridge, who has already supplied us with several pieces for future issues. His current offering is on page 16.

There is something very poignant about Lost Houses and we give thanks to Kate Lycett whose generosity of spirit has allowed us to print her painting of the Lost House of Manor Heath (pp 15-16) as well as to make use of her research on the subject. Other information was gleaned from the Calderdale Council website.

The magazine is free and is also available on our website (see below), However, it is going to cost the church upward of £600 per year so if you feel like making a donation towards printing costs, I am sure Gill would be happy to hear from you.

*The Editorial Team*



### **CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS**

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Dear Friends,

Martin and I enjoy spending time with our two grandsons when we can, but sometimes this means we do things that we wouldn't normally do. When our thirteen year old grandson came to visit for a few days during his school Summer holiday, top of his "would like to do list" was going to a football match. Martin and I have other allegiances, but he supports MK Dons as we lived in Milton Keynes when he first became interested in football. So, on a Tuesday night in August that's where we were. The MK Dons stadium was built about 15 years ago. Its size matched the club's aspirations, but this means that it's much bigger than is needed by a team of their standard and is usually less than a quarter full. As I looked at the empty sections and the many vacant seats it struck me that so many church buildings are similar, because the days of full churches are only a distant memory for most congregations. If there's anything positive in this situation it's that there's plenty of scope for growth; always room for newcomers.



I remember the first time I went to a professional football match. I felt quite uncomfortable! Perhaps this was because Martin and I supported opposing teams and our seats were amongst his club's fans, but I think it was

more to do with it being a new environment for me. I hadn't known what to expect, nor how I should behave. We hope that new people will come to our church services, but perhaps we need to consider how they may feel when they come for the first time. And if you're reading this wondering whether to come to church for the first time, and perhaps feeling apprehensive about it, it may help you to know that although I've only been to a few football matches I'm starting to feel more comfortable.

Whilst the Dons' fans may be lacking in numbers, there's certainly no lack of enthusiasm or volume, especially as one person brings a large drum which is used to keep the chanting on track! I was reminded that in the life of the church a small congregation can be just as enthusiastic about faith as a much larger one, even if the singing isn't as loud. In the Old Testament book of Ezra, the people had returned from exile. The Temple was being rebuilt, but some of the older people wept because progress was slow and this new sanctuary lacked the grandeur of the earlier one. The book

of Zechariah is also about this time and the prophet challenges the people not to despise the day of small things, because God was in them and would do his work. As minister of four small congregations I find this encouraging.

The MK Dons team had a poor start to the season, so our grandson and the other fans were delighted when they managed to win this match 2-1. That they managed to do this was quite a surprise to me, as whilst the players were keen, their vision was lacking. There were many stray passes and some players looked startled when the ball came in their direction!

What was the problem? Some players seemed to be looking at their own feet rather than at what was going on around them. When they had the ball they couldn't see who they could pass it to, and if it was passed to them they didn't see it coming. It was as if they didn't have the bigger picture of what was happening because they weren't looking up and around.



Sometimes we're similarly limited in our vision. We can focus so much on the tasks of daily life, and even the running of the church, that we fail to look up and look around us. Even a glance around us might help us to see people in need of friendship, help or encouragement, or we might begin to understand difficult situations better and know how to respond practically or in prayer. When we take

time to look up, at least metaphorically, we encounter God whose vision is unlimited and who works in ways that are both small and big to bring about his purposes. We may also see how he is inviting us to join in his work. Sometimes it's as if he passes the ball to us, expecting us to run with it and join with others to make a difference in the world.

In a football stadium thousands of people watch a few others who play the game and most of us can only be spectators, but God invites us all to participate in his work with enthusiasm and vision.

God bless.

Heather

## ***ELIZABETH OUR QUEEN***

I was about three years old when the Queen succeeded to the throne but I have no memories at all of King George or the occasion of his death. However, I do remember the excitement around the new queen, the talk about 'New Elizabethans' and the children's magazine, the Young Elizabethan; the real feeling of optimism in the air after years of post-war austerity and the expectation that this was the beginning of a new era. A young, beautiful monarch, - and one who had served in the army during the war - with a handsome husband and young children, was just what this country needed at that time. So many of us have grown old under her reign: as we have seen prime ministers and politicians come and go, the Queen was always there, a symbol of faithful service with a deep love of country and of her people.

It always struck me as odd when Americans refer to her as Queen Elizabeth: to most of us, she is simply The Queen, as though no other existed.

On a childhood visit to the Windsor Horse Show, my 4-year-old brother said, 'Is that the Queen? What a *small* Queen.' She was indeed small in physical stature but a giant in moral terms and her influence was huge. Her sense of duty was as innate in her as her five other senses, not something she put on for show, and she was fulfilling the duty she had pledged at her coronation until the last days of her life. She clearly enjoyed life enormously - family get-togethers, jokes, her horses, dogs, and country walks, as well as her travels and matters of state. She was the same with everyone she met, commoners or heads of state, statesmen (or rogues posing as such) or schoolchildren, monarchists or republicans. She had a smile that would soften the stoniest heart and incite laughter in the most curmudgeonly of people.

Her faith was deep and personal and shone from her words and her deeds. She was secure in her position as a child of God and that gave her the strength and courage to face many obstacles and crises firmly and confidently. She will be much missed by people who never met her but who felt that she was part of their family nonetheless. She is truly one of whom it can be said that, with her death, an era has come to an end, that era which began in 1952 and lasted for 70 years. God bless Her Majesty.

*G. Wassell*

## ***THE FRUIT OF PEACE***

Over 70 years of friendship that grew out of war-time ashes between Halifax and Aachen is a remarkable achievement which began in the most desperate circumstances at the end of WW2 and continues today.

The spa town of Aachen lies on the western boundary of Germany close to Belgium and the Netherlands. In 1944 42,000 of its pre-war 52,000 buildings had been destroyed or severely damaged by bombing. In 1945 the Allies allocated it to the British Zone of Occupation with the aim of restoring democracy and the city's fabric. A great problem to be tackled was the large number of homeless children. A large damaged army barracks was found, where youngsters could live temporarily: it came to symbolize the beginnings of recovery, with young people from Halifax helping with repairs.

UK towns were encouraged to "twin" with German towns in the spirit of friendship. In 1949 the first contacts between Halifax and Aachen took place under the guidance of Alderman Percival Whitley and later that summer a party of 34 young people with diverse skills made up the first group of Halifax people to go to Aachen. During the early 1950s further working parties went there, some under the supervision of Maurice Jagger, later Mayor of Halifax. As well as physical work, the young people met and made friends with young Germans.

During the 1970s there were important changes in the leadership and organisation of the links between the towns. Arnold Edwards, a key player in the early days, retired in 1972 from his work at Forest Cottage, Ovenden and he was replaced by Iris Sharpe. A notable milestone in 1979 was the signing of a Twinning Charter between Aachen Council and Calderdale Council. After 30 years of friendship the close acquaintance had at last led to marriage. A wide range of exchanges included Mixenden Community Centre, Sowerby Bridge Scouts, St Malachy's Scouts and Heath School Choir. Regular visits between families also took place.

Even during his lifetime in the 8th century, Charlemagne (Karl der Grosse in German) was known as the "Father of Europe" and his influence is still strongly felt in Aachen to this day. He was crowned Emperor and it was in Aachen that he built the most magnificent of all his palaces in the whole of his empire. This led to the development of today's city. The Aachen Court became the intellectual and spiritual centre of the empire and gathered the most brilliant thinkers from many countries. It was here that the "Carolingian Minuscule" was developed, the type of hand-writing that we .

still use today. Important in this was the scholar and churchman Alcuin who came originally from Yorkshire.

Since 1950 the standing of Aachen and Charlemagne in European history has been commemorated in the award each year of the “Karlspreis”. It is one of the most important political awards in Europe which recognises outstanding services in political, economic and intellectual ways. British recipients include Sir Winston Churchill, Roy Jenkins, Tony Blair and Timothy Garton Ash (Academic and writer better known in Germany than in England!)

The prize medal is presented at a very special ceremony in Aachen Town Hall. In the Coronation Hall, a splendid room where German Kings were crowned, a bronze life-size statue of Charlemagne watches the proceedings carefully! Representatives of Calderdale Council and the Halifax Aachen Society have been privileged to attend the ceremony on a number of occasions. It has always been considered a great honour to be invited. Frequent visits between Halifax and Aachen continue. Visitors on Halifax Aachen Society trips often stay with host families and see around the beautiful university city of Aachen and nearby places such as Bonn, Cologne and Maastricht. It's so much better to be invited into someone's home and experience their everyday life than to stay in an anonymous hotel. Long-lasting friendships have been made. Additionally, local groups have made their own arrangements to visit Aachen – examples include Halifax Minster Choir, the Sowerby Bridge Rushbearers, Calderdale Cyclists Touring Club and Crossley Heath School. Halifax Aachen Society can help with contacts and information.

Our Society exists to continue the friendship. It has a Social meeting open to everyone each month in the Maurice Jagger Centre, with a variety of enjoyable activities. Everything is in English! On 26th October at 7.30pm Nigel Sutcliffe will talk on “The Talking Newspaper”.

Town Twinning has always shown that it is through personal face-to-face contacts and friendships between ordinary people that understanding and cooperation are nurtured. This is increasingly important in a world where peace is still so fragile.

The Society welcomes new members from anyone of any age who is interested in Twinning between Halifax and Aachen. There's more information at [www.halifaxaachensociety.co.uk](http://www.halifaxaachensociety.co.uk) or you could e-mail to [secretary@halifaxaachensociety.co.uk](mailto:secretary@halifaxaachensociety.co.uk)

*Geoff Barnes*

## 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Heywood URC, Northowram



Heywood Chapel in Northowram has a much longer history than Heath. Following on from our item on the origins of the URC, readers may be interested in the story of Oliver Heywood that illustrates the evolution of the URC from Anglican to independent to Congregational to URC.

Oliver Heywood (1630-1702) had been appointed the vicar of Coley Church at the age of twenty having attained a degree in practical theology at Cambridge University. For twelve years he maintained a successful ministry, but when the political and religious climate changed, demanding among other things that all clergy should use the Common Book of Prayer and be episcopally ordained, he refused to conform, and ended up losing his living. He was excommunicated from the Church of England; had his possessions confiscated, was fined and was prevented from preaching. However he continued to travel and preach extensively – on average 1,000 miles a year on horseback – encouraging the non-conformist fellowships to hold firm to their beliefs. Eventually the authorities caught up with him and he spent nearly a year imprisoned in York Castle.

When Laws were relaxed, he purchased the property in Northowram which he had previously rented and established a non-conformist fellowship there, which he referred to as a 'Meeting House' (the cottage still exists), eventually building a chapel in the village.

Still to be seen is a later manse that was at one time the home to the Northern Independent Theological College, as well as the school that he established for the education of local children. *(The photo shows Mike Beecham (local historian) and a group of visitors outside the Chapel that was built in 1836 to replace the first chapel).*



Sheila Graham has written a book for the anniversary, entitled: 'A Melting Season – Inside the Mind of Oliver Heywood'

Jane Simmons

## ***MY NEIGHBOUR'S ROSES***

The roses red upon my neighbour's vine  
Are owned by him, but they are also mine.  
His was the cost, and his the labour, too,  
But mine as well as his the joy, their loveliness to view.

They bloom for me and are for me as fair  
As for the man who gives them all his care.  
Thus, I am rich, because a good man grew  
A rose-clad vine for all his neighbours' view.

I know from this that others plant for me,  
And what they own, my joy may also be.  
So why be selfish, when so much that's fine  
Is grown for you, upon your neighbour's vine.



*Abraham L Gruber (1807-82)*  
*Submitted by John Seager*

We have filled this lovely world  
with anger, hate and fear,  
whose noise drowns out the quiet voice  
that we most need to hear:  
the still small voice of God himself,  
the voice of love divine  
that says to all the people  
I am yours and you are mine.

Love does its work in silent ways  
As yeast works in the dough,  
To lift mankind from brutishness  
As all the conflicts go.

'Love one another' is God's plea  
And peace will surely rise  
To fill the world with joyfulness  
As sunshine fills the skies.

*G. Wassell*



## HEATH IS A FAIRTRADE CHURCH

Most of us love chocolate. The Fairtrade Foundation remind us of some considerations when we are buying chocolate.

It is a sad fact that few cocoa farmers earn enough to cover basic needs—women cocoa farmers can earn as little as 23p per day. But farmers deserve more, They deserve a living income.

When you choose Fairtrade chocolate, you know that farmers are getting a fairer price for their cocoa, supporting a brighter future for them, their families and their communities.

What is more, choosing Fairtrade has never been easier, meaning you can make the ethical and fair choice every time you shop. Below are some suggestions of chocolate easily available around Halifax. There are many others available too. Difficult decisions!



### CO-OP 4 S'MORES ICE CREAM CONES

As the weather heats up, why not indulge in this white marshmallow and light brown biscuit flavour ice cream with a chocolate flavour sauce, topped with a chocolate flavour disc and biscuit pieces in a wafer cone with chocolate flavour



### DIVINE DARK CHOCOLATE WITH MINT CRISP

Enjoy this rich velvety 70% dark chocolate studded with the crunch of cool natural peppermint crisp.

Divine Chocolate is the only Fairtrade chocolate company to be co-owned by cocoa farmers and they're also better for the planet because: they are palm-oil free and made with natural ingredients. They are plastic-free and use recyclable foil and paper.



### GREGGS SWEET TREATS

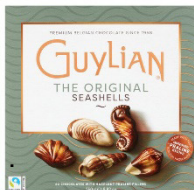
Greggs latest Fairtrade commitment – to source 100% of the chocolate used in their products and across the supply chain from Fairtrade accredited suppliers – means you can enjoy a range of chocolate treats at fair and affordable prices – from Milk Chocolate Cookies and Caramel Shortbread to Chocolate Brownies.



## LIDL J. D. GROSS 56% COCOA MINT DARK CHOCOLATE BAR

Indulgent, rich dark chocolate with mint. This is perfect for an after dinner sweet treat.

Also, some of the most reasonably priced Fairtrade on the high street, so a fair price for you and the farmers – win, win!



**GUYLIAN SEASHELLS BOXED CHOCOLATES** Guylian's original chocolates are made with carefully selected ingredients of the highest quality, such as Fairtrade West-African cocoa beans and hand-selected Mediterranean hazelnuts. In Sint-Niklaas, Belgium, they turn these ingredients into their famous hazelnut praliné filling in copper kettles, following the original recipe of founder Guy Foubert.

## URC'S COMMITMENT TO LIFE



One of the partners we support in Bangladesh is ActionAid. They do outstanding work, like helping 10-year-old Jesmin who lived on the streets of Dhaka.

Jesmin's family was so poor they barely had anything to eat. Now Jesmin lives in Action-Aid-funded 'Happy Home', where she can enjoy a proper meal, learn and play with other girls, and gain skills for the future, safe from harm.

*"When I used to live on the street, boys used bad words against me and they were beating me. So my understanding is girls are not safe on the streets."*

*"Now I love living in Happy Homes. I can eat healthy food regularly. I've learned to make necklaces, bracelets, anklets, and I can do embroidery. And I can study. I am in class 5. My favourite subject is Social Science and English."*

Thank you for your prayers, advocacy, and generosity in support of remarkable young people like Jesmin, who thrive if only given a chance

## **EILEEN CARLING 1918-2022 IN HER OWN WORDS**



Way back in the 'twenties an apprehensive child was taken to Heath Sunday School under protest! It would seem that something must have happened to allay my fears as here I am nearly 80 years later!

As I remember, Church services were not very inspiring for young people in those days - no humour or laughter in church - but Sunday School was a happy place to be with one's friends and a good foundation for the rest of your life. After assembly we retired for lessons in the turrets, girls in one and boys in the other. I rather think the boys caused more trouble than we did, necessitating regular visits from the Sunday School Superintendent.

As was normal in those days, our social life was mainly centred on church activities, with bazaars, concerts, dances, special weekends and anniversaries.. Belonging to the 25th Halifax Guides was memorable and great fun with so many activities, camps, treasure hunts and tracking round the district. Have you ever sampled the joys of frying eggs on Norland Moor on a windy day so that they set adorned with sprigs of heather?

Church life has included being an Elder, a founder-member of the Ladies' Circle and its various offices, helping with the Luncheon Club, choir and, nowadays, just trying to be helpful in what I think of as 'me in my small corner' jobs.

I met my mother-in-law-to-be, Sarah Ellen Carling, at Heath. She was a deacon, a great stalwart of the Congregational movement and a gifted organist, once arranging a large gathering of Free Church members at the Victoria Hall and being the first lady to play the organ there. She married into a sea-faring family, I married the eldest son who was at sea and have a brother-in-law and nephew who have followed the family tradition, which has been traced back to the early 1800s. I am fortunate to have my daughter, son-in-law, two married grand-daughters and one great-grandson all living locally, and I did have a few moments of fame when I met the Queen when she came to open the new H.Q. of the Halifax Building Society!

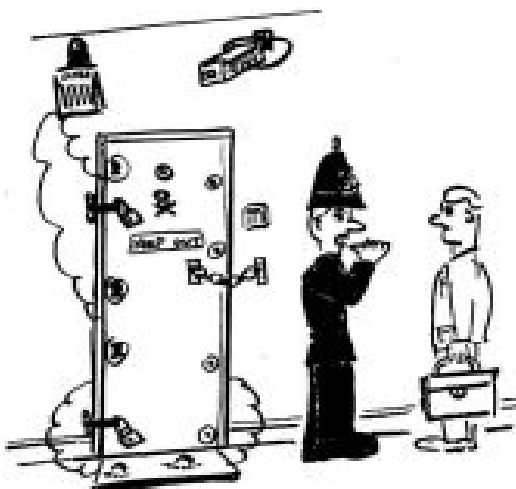
So, from reluctant child to long-serving member, I feel very conscious of belonging to a loving and caring Church family who give so much support in keeping and strengthening one's Christian faith, My hope for the future would be that

expressed by the then William Hesketh Lever, later 1st Viscount Leverhulme, the founder of Port Sunlight, who had a Congregational Church built in 1904. It was his wish that it would be a church for all Christian people and that some day denominational labels would not be necessary and that all churches would simply be Christian.

There used to be a saying that certain events were as likely to happen as putting a man on the moon - and look what happened!

*(Ed's note: This piece was written about twenty years ago, and clearly some family details have changed in the intervening years!)*

## **BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY**



“Well, that’s his office but the Crime Prevention Officer isn’t in yet.”

The police cartoon lampoons the over-the-top security of the Police Crime Prevention Officer but the real message is: don’t be a victim of the opportunist burglar who loves to find your door open or your car unlocked. So, be careful. Be Safe

*Jim Walker*

## ***THE LOST HOUSE OF MANOR HEATH***

In the early part of the nineteenth century, South Grove Gardens in Skircoat Green, an area of agricultural land with an orchard and summer houses, was bought by John Crossley, son of the founder of Dean Clough Mills and in 1852 he built his family home here, changing the name to Manor Heath. There are few reminders now, apart from a small sign by the sunken garden, which is the footprint of the old house, and the flights of steps which led down into the grounds of the nineteen-acre estate.

The mansion was designed by Alfred Smith (one of the architects of the Army and Navy club in Pall Mall), the original design being Italianate in style until Crossley changed his mind and the final design was Gothic. From the architects' drawings and contemporary descriptions of the place in its heyday, the house must have been rather beautiful. The park is so often sunny, and the stone, before it was blackened, would have been warm in colour.

It was a large mansion and needed many servants for its smooth running. Some of these lived in the house in tiny rooms. Four other properties formed part of the estate, built on the perimeter and still inhabited today. In Crossley's time they housed the coachman, gardener, butler and watchman. There would also have been a coach-house, stables, cow house, pig pens and a covered shed. There was a paddock for the exercising of the horses. There was also a kitchen garden, as in many Victorian estates, with a cucumber house, a vinery and a peach house, with a potting shed, also used for propagation.

In August 1863 the house received the first of two Royal visits when Albert Edward, Prince of Wales and later King Edward VII came to Halifax to open the new Town Hall. It was fitting that he should stay with the man who was Mayor as well as a sign of the acceptance of industrialists in society, and the visit was featured in the Illustrated London News which described the mansion as "a truly magnificent residence. standing in a handsome and well-arranged domain and beautifully laid-out grounds about a mile from Halifax".

In 1871 Crossley's daughter, Anne, married an Italian immigrant named Giulio Marchetti, who had fought with Garibaldi, a prominent figure in the battle for the unification of Italy. Marchetti worked for Crossley, first as manager of the firm's warehouse in London and later in Halifax, living at Manor Heath.



John Crossley resigned his parliamentary seat in 1877 owing to poor health and put the estate up for sale but it did not reach the reserve price. Crossley died in April 1879, while staying with his sister-in-law at Broomfield.

Anne and Giulio continued living at Manor Heath though it is not clear whether they bought the property or had had it given to them. They put the estate up for sale again in 1883 but once more it failed to reach the reserve, although the mansion had been offered separately from the land. In 1912 there was a second royal visit, this time by King George V and Queen Mary who were on a tour of the west Riding and who also visited the works at Dean Clough.

In 1925 Anne Marchetti died and her husband remarried and moved to London, leaving the property empty, until in 1929 he sold the estate for £18,500 to the Halifax Corporation, who turned it into a public park. Unfortunately, despite many suggestions such as an art gallery or museum, no practical use could be found for the house, apart from the period of WW11 when it was used as the local headquarters of the National Fire Service. In 1957 the Council finally decided that the building should be demolished and a builder named Frascini, who had knocked down various buildings around Halifax already and who styled himself 'the most hated man in Halifax', agreed to pay £150 to do the job, if he could keep the building materials, much of which was of high quality and later used in other buildings. The demolition work took five months and it took 100 sticks of gelignite to bring down the 70ft octagonal tower.

So the glory days of the mansion as a family home were short and many people only remember it as a 'spooky' place that they passed on their way to and from school across the park, but the house lives on in the delightful paintings of Kate Lycett, who generously gave permission for use of one of her works to illustrate this article.

## ***THE POWERFUL PRAYER***

'More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.' When Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote these words, I believe it was not just inspiration but divine inspiration. Christians as a whole believe in the efficacy of prayer but do we make the best use of it? For too many people the hasty use of the Lord's prayer is something which is triggered by adverse circumstances. In an emergency, people will use it as an incantation to ward off evil - which is not what it was intended to be.

In the established church, there are prayers for every eventuality, as well as prayers of praise, thanksgiving and intercession. This is good. All kinds of prayer are good. They are our means of approaching God and communicating with Him. They are our lifeline. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, they knew that He would give them something new and different. They were not unacquainted with prayers for they would listen to them regularly in the synagogue, but they would probably not have been used to personal prayer.

So it was that Jesus taught them what we know as The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9ff). This is the framework for all of the prayers which have been offered since. If we carefully examine it in detail, we see that it is complete in itself, containing all that we need in a prayer to Almighty God.

'Our Father, which art in heaven.' Jesus told us that God is our heavenly Father and we are His beloved children. We use the first person plural throughout: no doubt Jesus saw it as a communal prayer, and certainly if we substitute the word "I" it becomes unacceptably selfish and egotistical. The pronoun "we" helps us to feel that we are praying as part of a group and speaking on behalf of one another. I am quite sure that the intention was for "us" to apply to everyone on earth regardless of creed, colour or gender.

'Hallowed be thy name.' His Name is raised above all, he alone is worthy of our worship and respect.

'Thy kingdom come.' As Christians, we fervently wish for the coming of God's kingdom on earth.

'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' Just as God's wishes and laws are adhered to in heaven, so we devoutly pray that they will be followed on earth - which will herald the arrival of God's kingdom.

Give us this day our daily bread.' God of the harvests will not see human-kind starve. In fact, as Jesus is described as 'the bread of heaven', we can take this to mean that He will provide all that is needful, spiritually as well as materially,

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us.' May we be treated by You in the same way that we treat others. If we cannot be kindly and forgiving to one another, how can we expect God to forgive us our many sins and shortcomings?

'Lead us not into temptation.' God would never actually lead us in this direction, but we are asking Him to help us not to stray.

'But deliver us from evil.' Protect us, Lord, from all the dangers and pitfalls of this world.

'For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.' We know that God, our heavenly Father, is all-powerful. He who made the heavens and the earth and all things, has charge of all the lands of the earth and the power to change everything and anything as He wishes, This is not for a specified time, but for all time. 'As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.' His glory is endless.

Surely this wonderful prayer contains everything necessary for a perfect offering: adoration, submission to His will, requests for His goodness and mercy, forgiveness, protection from the world, and worship.

How could any prayer be more perfect in every way than one taught by Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*Derek Bridge*

## **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**

Please ensure that all contributions for the December issue of Heath Lives are received by the editor before

**9 a.m. on Monday 14th November**

We welcome all contributions but publication is not guaranteed.

Send to: [garnetnr@outlook.com](mailto:garnetnr@outlook.com)  
or hand to Gemma or to Anne Boyd

Please note that inclusion of an article does not necessarily mean that the Editors agree with the sentiments expressed.

## ***BACK IN THE DAYS***

Back in the days of tanners and bobs,  
When Mothers had patience and Fathers had jobs,  
When football-team families wore hand-me-down shoes  
And T.V. gave only two channels to chose;  
Back in the days of three-penny bits,  
When schools employed nurses to search for your nits;  
When snowballs were harmless, ice-slides were permitted  
And all of your jumpers were warm and hand-knitted;  
Back in the days of hot ginger beers  
When children remained so for more than six years;  
When children respected what older folk said,  
And pot was a thing you kept under your bed;  
Back in the days of Listen with Mother,  
When neighbours were friendly and talked to each other;  
When cars were so rare you could play in the street,  
When Doctors made house-calls, Police walked the beat;  
Back in the days of Milligan's Goons  
When butter was butter and songs all had tunes;  
It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea,  
And your annual break was a day by the sea;  
Back in the days of Dixon's Dock Green,  
Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream;  
When children could freely wear National Health glasses  
And teachers all stood at the FRONT of their classes;  
Back in the days of rocking and reeling  
When mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling;  
When woodwork and pottery got taught in schools  
And everyone dreamed of a win on the pools;  
Back in the days when I was a lad  
I can't help but smile for the fun that I had.  
Hopscotch and roller-skates, snowballs to lob,  
Back in the days of tanners and bobs.

*David Wood*



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## ***THEY GAVE THEIR TODAY***

*If you would like to knit a poppy or two, to be added to our Remembrance display on the railings, please use this pattern and hand the finished items in at the church (if you are a hall-user, please leave it/them by the books in the passageway) by the end of October.*

**Poppy** - any red or orange double knitting yarn  
**Poppy Centre** – black or navy

**Poppy** - with 4m needles cast on 80 stitches

Knit 8 rows

**9<sup>TH</sup> ROW** Knit 2 together across the row (40 stitches)

Knit 2 rows

Next row as 9<sup>th</sup> (20 stitches) knit 2 rows

Next row as 9<sup>th</sup> (10 stitches)

Next row as 9<sup>th</sup> (5 stitches)

Break yarn leaving about 12 inches of yarn and thread through remaining five stitches, pull up and secure, sew up seam.

Poppy Centre: with dark yarn cast on 8 stitches, stocking stitch for 8 rows, (ss knit a row, purl a row), break yarn leaving 8 inches yarn and pull through stitches. With wrong side of knitting face up stitch to centre of poppy. Tucking in corners to make circular.

A black button could also be used as an alternative centre.



Or make an angel for our Advent display—needed by mid-November, please



## CHRISTMAS ANGEL

### What you will need.

Some wool (in any yarn or colour)

Knitting needles (between size 10-8 (thats 3.25mm and 4mm))

Darning needle (like a big sewing needle)

Small amount of stuffing

The angels have been designed to be as simple and as flexible as possible so everyone from a beginner to a more advanced knitter can have a go. Feel free to adapt the pattern if you want by adding in different colours or making a larger angel.

If you want a place to start we have used size 9 needles with double yarn to knit some of ours.

You will need a basic knowledge of knit and purl to make these angels but don't let that stop you if you haven't done it before. Find someone who can teach you and ask them to help you learn a new skill.

And most of all have fun.

### The Pattern

#### Angel - Body

Cast on 48 sts

1. Knit row
2. Purl row
3. K2TOG, K10\*, repeat until end
4. Purl row
5. Knit row
6. P2TOG, P9\*, repeat until end
7. Knit row
8. Purl row
9. K2TOG, K8\*, repeat until end
10. Purl row
11. Knit row
12. P2TOG, P7\*, repeat until end
13. Knit Row
14. Purl Row
15. K2TOG, K6\*, repeat until end
16. Purl row
17. Knit row

18. P2TOG, P5\*, repeat until end
19. Knit row
20. Purl row
21. K2TOG, K4\*, repeat until end - 20 sts
22. Purl row
23. Knit row
24. Purl row
25. Knit row
26. Purl row
27. Knit row

Pattern is continued on the other side.



This angel is knitted in sparkly cream, with sparkly mohair wings.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL  
[www.christmasangel.net](http://www.christmasangel.net)

At this point, you can change your colour to create the face if you want.

28. Purl row
29. knit row
30. Purl row
31. Knit row
32. Purl row
33. Knit row
34. Purl row
35. K2TOG - repeat until end
36. Purl row
37. Knit row
38. P2TOG - repeat until end

Using a darning needle, thread the end of the yarn through the stitches and tighten to create the top of the head. Turn the angel inside out and sew up the head and the body. Around the neck, take a small amount of stuffing and place at the top of the head, then thread some yarn between stitches and pull loosely together.

### Angel - Wings

#### Option 1

Cast on 27 sts

1. Knit row
2. Knit row
3. Decrease at each end (Knit)
4. Knit
5. Knit 12 rows, decrease at each end  
cast off

#### Option 2 (more advanced)

The wings are knitted in short rows, with the yarn wrapped around the last stitch in the middle of each ridge. To complete this you need to bring your yarn forward, slip the stitch over purlwise, take the yarn back again, replace the slipped stitch, bring the yarn forward again and turn the work.

w&t = wrap & turn

Cast on 9 sts

1. K8, w&t, K8
2. K6, w&t, K6
3. K4, w&t, K4
4. K2, w&t, K2
5. K4, w&t, K4
6. K6, w&t, K6

Repeat these 6 rows, 4-5 times  
as necessary. Sew wings to the body.



Wings as they should look using option 2.

## THE WOLVES

When I was a boy, my grandfather told me that he had two wolves fighting inside him. One was gray, the other black. The gray one wanted my grandfather to be courageous, patient and kind. The other, the black one, wanted my grandfather to be fearful and cruel. This upset me and I thought about it for a few days. Then I asked my grandfather, 'Which of the wolves will win?' 'The one I feed', he said.

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**NEW HOPE URC**  
Warley Road  
invites the Pastorate  
to a  
**QUIZ???**  
**Saturday 12th November**  
**2.30pm**  
followed by pie & peas  
(or vegetarian option)  
£5 per person  
proceeds to  
Yorkshire Air Ambulance

## BOOK REVIEW: 'STILL ALICE' by LISA GENOVA

A novel about someone suffering early-onset Alzheimer's? Really? For pleasure? Actually, yes. 'Still Alice' is a fascinating, scary and deeply sympathetic portrait of a Harvard professor in her fifties whose life is unravelling, slowly at first and then with increasing speed, as the disease takes hold. It is scary because it makes one realise how tenuous our hold is on 'reality' and how easily we can be wrenched away from it. From minor but significant memory lapses - getting completely lost in familiar surroundings, giving the same lecture to her class twice running - to the shattering diagnosis which gradually strips her of all she once knew, we follow Alice's footsteps as she leaves her job and her frequent international travel, and comes to terms with the fact that this is a hereditary disease which she has unwittingly passed on to at least one of her children, and as she finds her life almost totally restricted. There are, in the early stages, some compensations such as a rapprochement with her younger daughter and better understanding of that daughter's life-choices, but the price paid is heavy indeed. The title, 'Still Alice', implies that she remains the same person despite losing her memories even of her own children's names, but at the end she says of herself, 'I miss me.' If all that we once knew, remembered, loved has gone from us, what is in fact left? Is she still Alice and, if not, who is she?

## **ACTIVITIES IN HEATH CHURCH**

On the third **Tuesday** of each month at 10.30 a.m., a **Coffee Morning** is held in the Lounge (using the Manor Drive entrance). Everyone welcome.

On the third **Thursday** of each month in the evening, we hold meetings of the **Thursday Club** . We welcome new members.

### **Jason Whitaker Boxing Fitness.**

Boxing padwork sessions available for all fitness levels and abilities including group classes, 1-to-1s and 2-to-1s.

FB: Jasonwhitakerboxingfitness

Tel: 07929372498

### **Kim's Dance and Movement:**

**Tuesdays 10am** - Adult Beginners' Tap Class. Suitable for complete beginners or a little bit of tap experience in the past and needing a basic recap.

**Tuesdays 11am** - Adult Intermediate Tap Class. Anyone from 18-80 with previous knowledge or experience in tap dancing. Fun class.

**Thursdays 11am** - Move & Groove Dance fitness. Over 18's Aerobic-style fitness class. A nice feel-good class with a mixture of songs/routines including salsa and Cha-cha. All abilities as you can take it at your own pace.

Contact Kim on 07747 867706 or Facebook @kimsmoveandgroove

### **\*Move to Improve\* standing and seated exercise classes with Heidi.**

Help Improve your balance and posture, and strengthen muscle & bone plus improve your overall fitness.

Wednesday 2pm Back to Basics Gentle keep fit.

Friday Gentle keep fit 10am & 11.10am.

Please contact Heidi 07791869594

Email [heidimolle@googlemail.com](mailto:heidimolle@googlemail.com)



# WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT HEATH

## Regular bookings at Heath United Reformed Church September 2022

All activities and hire times are subject to change.

TT = Term time      S = Seasonal      V = Variable      O = Occasional

Day	User	Time	Location
Monday	New Age Kurling	11-1 07966 038923	Hall
	Janet's Eazi Dance	2-3	Hall
	Steph's Community Choir	2-3	Upstairs
	Kim's music lessons (may vary)	4-5.30 TT V	Upstairs
	Laurie's music lessons	4-5 TT V	Lounge
	Beavers	6-7	Lounge & Hall
	Cubs	6.30-8	Hall
	Halifax Philatelic society	7.30-9 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday)	Lounge
	Halifax Symphony Orchestra	7-9.30 S roybiggs@halifaxorchestra.org	Upstairs
Tuesday	Kim's dance class	10-12 07747867706	Hall
	Community Coffee Club	10.30-12 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)	Lounge
	Yvonne's Tai Chi	12.45-3.45	Hall
	Kim's music lessons	4-8 TT V	Upstairs
	Scout District Meetings	7.30 – 9.30 V	Lounge
Wednesday	Kim's music lessons (may vary)	10-12 TT V	Upstairs
	Heidi's cardiac rehab	2-3 07791869594	Hall
	Jason's Boxercise	7-8 V 07929 372498	Hall
Thursday	Kim's dance class	11-12	Hall
	Shahnaz's stretch, tone & more	6-7 07990 825412	Hall
	Thursday Club	7.30-9 (2nd Thurs)	Lounge/visit
Friday	Sign and Sing	9.30-1.30 TT	Lounge
	Heidi's cardiac rehab	10-12	Hall
	Kim's music lessons	4-5.30 TT V	Upstairs
	Janet's Eazi Tap	6-7	Hall
	Scouts & Explorers	7.30-9	Hall & Lounge
Saturday	Kim's music lessons	9-11 TT V	Upstairs
	Calderdale Chess League	2-7 O 07504 598590	Hall
Sunday	Worship	10:30-11:30	Upstairs
Variable	Jason's 1:1 Boxing skills	V 07929 372498	Meeting Rm 2

For further details, see page 19

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