

WESSENGER

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BAPTIST CHURCH

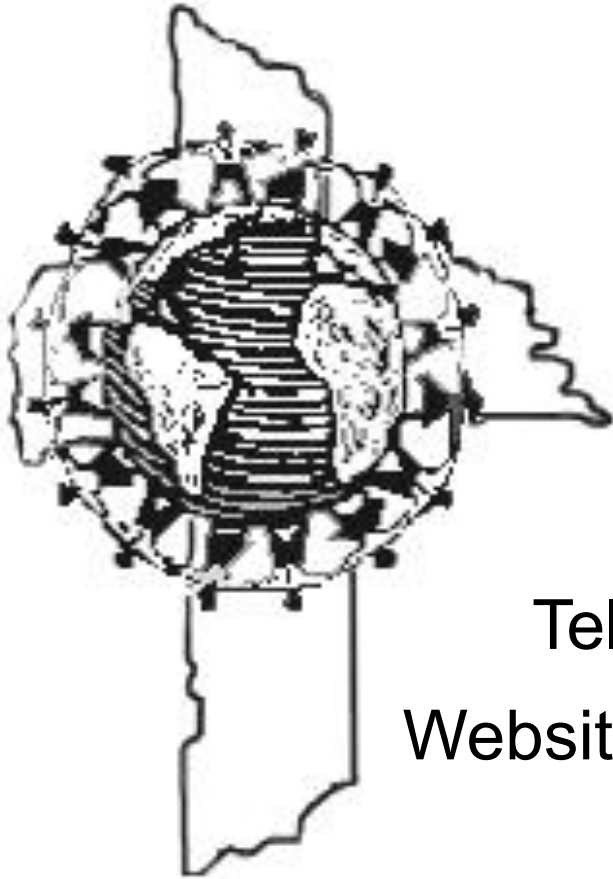


DECEMBER-JANUARY

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Songs and Praise

On the program “Songs of Praise “ on Sunday, Aled Jones was talking about old hymns we sang in school assemblies. They went through the list of popular choices and at number one was “Shine Jesus Shine”.

At Carol Services we again remember the old Christmas carols, some we can still remember all the words and they resonate with our memories of many bygone Christmases.

All through the Scriptures we are encouraged to sing God’s praises. In Judges 5:1 - The Song of Deborah:

“Hear this, you Kings! Listen you rulers! I, even I, will sing to the Lord; I will praise the Lord, the God of Israel in song.”

Paul sang God’s praises in all circumstances, even in prison.

So let’s enjoy this Christmas season when we can get together and celebrate Christ’s birth through songs and praise.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Denise

Pastoral

It is good to hear that Lesley is recovering well from her fall, which had resulted in her suffering a broken elbow. However, she is advised not to drive yet!

Nokwanda has had an operation recently and is resting at home. We send her our love, and look forward to hearing of her progress.

Sadly Denise is having to have ongoing treatment. We assure her and her family of our love and continued prayerful support during this difficult time. Whilst keeping them all in our thoughts, we pray that Denise may be given strength to continue with the treatment, with the hope that this will eventually prove to be successful.

There are still others who continue to have health problems. We think especially of Milton and Audrey, thanking Audrey for helping out with Stewarding and flower arranging, and Milton who is continuing to edit the "Messenger".

Shirley has been able to worship with us when she feels well enough, for which we give thanks, and continue to keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Paul is waiting to go into hospital for an operation, once Nokwanda is fully recovered from her surgery.

Barbara's mother, who is 102, is very frail at the time of writing. She is being well cared for in a Home. We pray for all the family at this worrying time, and remember all who give their time in caring for those who are unable to look after themselves, due to age or disabilities.

Jane Teale is still in a care Home as far as we know. The Care Home in question refuse to say if she is still there. This is in line with their regulations. So we can only hope that she is still in their care. Christine will continue to send her a birthday card from the Church, though, sadly, not many of our friends will remember her.

Christine

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BMS Birthday Scheme



December

2nd Jane

4th Lesley

January

28th Patricia W

February

16th Roy



Between October 2024 and September 2025 I have been able to send a total of £326 to the BMS Birthday Scheme.

Thank you to all who have continued to give each year.

If you would like to join the scheme, please have a word with me. You only have to give one donation each year on the occasion of your birthday.

Christine

Harvest Festival

Looking back to October, we had our Harvest Festival. It was pleasing to have a display of items for the food bank, along with a small display of autumn fruits and vegetables.

Thanks to Stephen, who took the non perishable food to the Food Bank.

Christine

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Remembrance Day

This year Paul led our Worship, which included the two minutes silence, as we remembered those, especially from our Church, who gave their lives in both world wars and in more recent atrocities. Thanks are due to Paul and also to Pat and Alan, who again set up a fitting display inside the Church. Audrey's poppy display added the finishing touches. Alan miraculously found a way of putting up the poppies outside, over the large window, without using a ladder!

He has had a memorial plaque made which is to be put on the wall outside, under the same window, to commemorate the wars.

Christine

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Bradford Metropolitan District Food Bank.

We wish to thank everyone for their kind generous donation of Fourteen Bags of food plus cash donations.

Stephen.

WORDS CHALLENGE

In the last Messenger, I gave you a challenge to make as many words with the 7 letters in the word HARVEST as you could. Hope you had a go? Denise and Shirley gave me their lists of words; well done to you both!

I tried this myself years ago. I've kept my list and added to it occasionally. There are now 71 words on my list!!!!

I might try the same with the word CHRISTMAS!?

Rosemary

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NOTICE BOARD

DATE		PREACHERS	STEWARDS	TEA & COFFEE
December	7	Paul Allen (Communion)	Rosemary	Helen
	14	Paul Allen	Elizabeth	Doug
	21	John Wilson	Christine	Denise
	28	Brian Gamble	Doug	Lesley
January	4	Paul Allen {Covenant}	Stephen	Eileen
	11	Gaynor	Rosemary	Doug
	18		Christine	Helen
	25	Paul Severs	Elizabeth	Christine
February	1	Paul Allen (Communion)	Eileen	Rosemary

Thank you to everyone who helps with Stewarding and preparing tea and coffee each Sunday. I have done the new rotas and will put them in the vestibule and the small hall before the end of December.

Please remember to ask someone else to change with you if you are unable to do your duty. This has worked well in the past, and is really helpful.

Christine

DATE		COMMUNION	FLOWERS
December	7	Rosemary	Rosemary
January	4	Helen	Shirley
February	1	Christine	Pat

IF YOU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE COVER

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QUIET ROOM

In this busy life it is often helpful to

“Take Time Out”

be quiet for a few minutes and have time to think.

Please feel free to use our Quiet Room.

It is open whenever the building is in use.

**Use this quiet space
and seek God’s presence.**

ALL ARE WELCOME

The next edition of the Messenger will be available on

Sunday, 7th February, 2025



Please email me

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with anything you would like
in that edition

Sunday, 25th January, 2025

“HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS”

Milton

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While shepherds watched their flocks by night

This Christmas hymn written by Nahum Tate is a paraphrase of Luke 2 v 8 – 14. This tells how angels appeared to some shepherds in fields near Bethlehem.

The relevant Bible verses from Luke's gospel are followed by the paraphrase.

Luke 2 v 8 & 9

And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

Luke 2 v 9 & 10

.....the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

2 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
'glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

In John 1 v 9 we read:

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

Luke 2 v 11 & 12

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you:

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3 'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

This is foretold in Isaiah 9 v 6:

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Luke 2 v 12

....'you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

4 'the heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.'

In Matthew 1 v 23 we read, "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

Luke 2 v 13

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel,
praising God and saying,*

5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

John records in Revelation 5 v 11 his vision of a large company of angels,
*Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands
upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand.*

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Luke 2 v 14

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.’

6 'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.'

Revelation 5 v 12

John tells us that in his vision the angels praised God.

In a loud voice they were saying:

*“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honour and glory and praise!”*

Jesus said, *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not
give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.*

John 14 v 27

Jesus brought peace and good will to earth. Evidence of this we see in His life, death and resurrection. We can experience this peace by trusting Jesus as our Saviour and Lord.

This famous paraphrase of Luke 2:8-14 by the poet Nahum Tate was first published in 1700.

Since then it has been published in the vast majority of hymn books.

Peter

WEEKLY DIARY

Sunday	10.30am	Service of Christian worship <i>Includes Communion on the First Sunday in the month</i>
Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Well Connected Café <i>Second Monday of the month</i>
	7.30pm - 9.30pm	W.I. <i>Third Monday of the month</i>
Tuesday	10.30am to 12 noon	Firm Roots Cancer Support Group <i>First Tuesday in the month</i>
	10.00am to 12.00 noon	Coffee drop in <i>First & third (& fifth) Tuesdays</i>
	11.00am to 12.45pm	“Memory Tree” <i>Second and fourth Tuesdays</i>
	5.30pm & 8.00pm	Slimming World
Wednesday	9.30am - 12 noon	Table Tennis
	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Brownies and Rainbows <i>School Term Times only</i>
Thursday	3.00pm & 8.00pm	Slimming World
Friday	9.00am & 11.00am	Slimming World
	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Guitar Class
Saturday	10.00am - 2.00pm	Art Club

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