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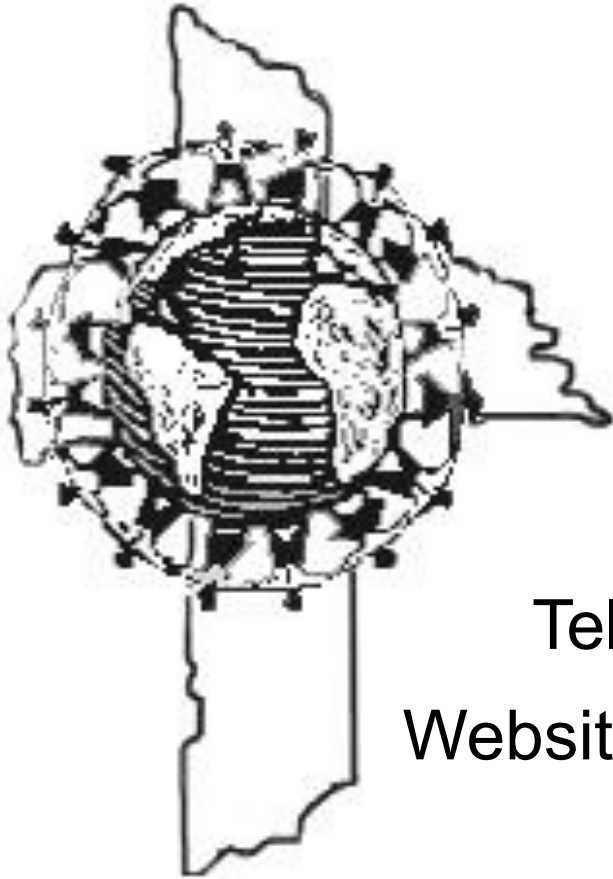
IDLE BAPTIST CHURCH



OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

2025

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AUTUMN & HARVEST

As the days start to shorten and the cooler weather arrives in Autumn I am reminded also that I am coming to that time in my life. I have fewer years ahead of me than behind me.

Then in my book of prayers for today is the title - "The Beginning of Wisdom," followed by a quote from Proverbs 3:13-18 -

"Happy is the one who finds wisdom and who acquires understanding, for wisdom profits more than silver, and brings gain better even than gold. She is more precious than jewels and nothing you might name can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand and in her left are riches and honour. Her ways bring pleasure, and all her paths bring peace. She is a staff to all those who lay hold of her; a source of happiness and security to those who hold her fast."

We acquire wisdom throughout our lives in education and life lessons, but most of that is worldly wisdom.

When we accept Jesus as our Saviour through the Holy Spirit we inherit a different kind of understanding through which true meaning is found for all. True wisdom lies not in human ingenuity, but in God, the beginning and end of all.

Therefore at this time we can celebrate our wisdom and our Harvest. Our Harvest service will involve collecting items for the Central Food Bank; hoping to support those who work, tirelessly, for those who are in need.

Denise

Pastoral

Several of our friends are unfortunately experiencing health problems.

Milton has seen his Doctor and is awaiting another appointment to see a Specialist.

Shirley had a biopsy last month and is waiting for the results. Sadly her brother passed away in July after a long illness.

Muriel had a setback whilst recovering from her hip operation, however she is now much improved and is getting about with the help of a walker.

Paul has recently spent time in hospital.

Lesley has had a fall, resulting in a broken elbow, for which she needed an operation.

Denise also has had to go into hospital for surgery recently.

Brian needed tests after feeling unwell. Thankfully the results proved that his illness wasn't due to a stroke, as had been suggested.

Please remember all these friends, and others for whom you have concerns, in your thoughts and prayers.

Graduation

We send our congratulations to Elizabeth's daughter, Isla, who has recently graduated from Edinburgh University, and wish her much success for the future.

Christine

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BMS Birthday Scheme

* *Happy, happy, birthday, happy year begun,
God who gave us birthdays, knows them, every one!*

We used to sing this in the primary on Children's Birthdays

October

4th Audrey
25th Stephen
31st Alan

November

27th Rosemary

December

4th Lesley



Christine

* Audrey

HARVEST

It's only a 7 letter word, but it's possible to make many different words from these letters.

Why not have a go?

If you let me have your completed list, we can look at them during the Harvest Festival on 12th October.

There might even be a Winner's Prize!

Please note; there are 3 Rules:-

1. Each letter may be used only once in each word.
2. No plurals of nouns, (e.g hats) allowed.
- 3 No help allowed from Google or any such site!

Rosemary

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Harvest Festival



The Harvest Festival will be held on
Sunday 12th October at 10.30 am.

This year we are asking for Donations to the
BRADFORD FOOD BANK.

Items should either be in
TINS, PACKETS, BOXES or DRY GOODS.
PLEASE - NO FRESH FOODS!

Items can be placed on the Trolley as you enter the Church area,
then brought to the Front of the Church as the offerings are brought
to the front.

Thank You
Stephen

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NOTICE BOARD

DATE		PREACHERS	STEWARDS	TEA & COFFEE
October	5	Cath Mawson <i>Communion</i>	Rosemary	Christine
	12	Paul Allen <i>Harvest Festival</i>	Stephen	Denise
	19	Gaynor	Elizabeth	Audrey
	26	Paul Severs	Christine	Doug
November	2	Paul Allen <i>Communion</i>	Doug	Lesley
	9	Paul Allen <i>Remembrance Day</i>	Audrey	Audrey
	16	Gaynor	Eileen	Eileen
	23		Helen	Helen
	30	Paul Allen	Stephen	Stephen
December	7	Paul Allen <i>Communion</i>	Rosemary	Rosemary

DATE		COMMUNION	FLOWERS
October	5	Audrey	Audrey
November	2	Eileen	Denise
December	7	Rosemary	Rosemary

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 December, 2025



Please email me

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with anything you would like
in that edition

Sunday, 30th November, 2025

Milton

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How pleased and blest was I

This hymn by Isaac Watts is based on Psalm 122. There are also references to other passages.

The hymn is an expression of joy by people for being part of the community of believers, members of the Christian Church.

1 How pleased and blest was I,
To hear the people cry,
“Come, let us seek our God today!”
Yes, with a cheerful zeal,
We haste to Zion’s hill,
And there our vows and honours pay.

This verse expresses the joy believers have when they come to worship together.

In Isaiah 2 v 3 we read

*Many peoples will come and say,
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.’
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

Psalm 122 v 1 brings out the joy.

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’*

2 Zion, thrice happy place!
Adorned with wondrous grace,
And walls of strength embrace thee round;
In thee our tribes appear,
To pray, and praise, and hear
The sacred gospel’s joyful sound.

In Psalm 48 v 8 & 9 we read how God makes our place in his kingdom secure through his grace.

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*As we have heard,
so we have seen
in the city of the LORD Almighty,
in the city of our God:
God makes her secure
for ever. Within your temple, O God,
we meditate on your unfailing love.*

Also Psalm 122 v 4 says

*That is where the tribes go up –
the tribes of the LORD –
to praise the name of the LORD
according to the statute given to Israel.*

3 There David's greater Son
Has fixed his royal throne;
He sits for grace and judgment there.
He bids the saints be glad;
He makes the sinner sad,
And humble souls rejoice with fear.

Jesus is both our saviour and judge.
In Psalm 122 v 5 we read,

*There stand the thrones for judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.*

In Hebrews 10 v 19 – 23 the writer explains that we receive grace through the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

4 May peace attend thy gate,
And joy within thee wait,
To bless the soul of every guest;
The man that seeks thy peace,
And wishes thy increase,
A thousand blessings on him rest.

This verse and the first three lines of verse 5 are based on Psalm 122 v 6 – 9, a prayer for peace and security.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May those who love you be secure.

May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels.’

For the sake of my family and friends,
I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your prosperity.

5 My tongue repeats her vows,
“Peace to this sacred house,”
For there my friends and kindred dwell;
And since my glorious God
Makes thee his blest abode,
My soul shall ever love thee well.

The last three lines of this verse refer back to the first verse of Psalm 122, expressing the joy experienced coming to worship.

This also can be seen in the first two verses of Psalm 84.

How lovely is your dwelling-place,
Lord Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.

Peter

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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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