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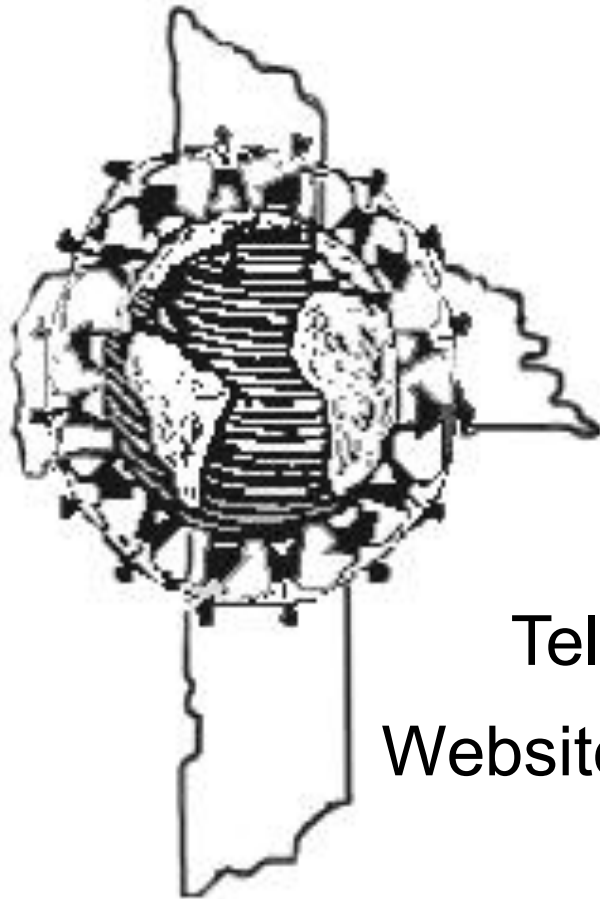
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BAPTIST CHURCH



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THANKFULNESS

As we come into the Autumnal months we celebrate Harvest Time and give thanks for all the many blessings we have received from God.

I remember one Harvest Festival as a little girl, I walked down the aisle in Church with a great big pineapple and very proudly presented it to be displayed.

This year we are collecting items for our Church's store cupboard so they may be used for our Community Coffee Mornings and Lunches. In that way we can share with everyone.

Giving thanks to God is so important as part of our Christian lives, especially when people are experiencing famine, floods, earthquakes and wars.

Even when Job was experiencing extreme troubles he still gave thanks and praise to God.

In Thessalonians 5:18 - Paul said: "... Give thanks to God in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Not only do we thank God for physical gifts, but also for the Fruits of the Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Forbearance, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.

So as we prepare for winter this year, think about all the little and big ways God blesses us.

Denise

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Firm Roots Cancer Support Group at Idle Baptist Church

A little about ourselves

Our group is open to anyone who has been affected in some way by cancer. You may have cancer yourself and be undergoing treatment, you may be in remission or on the mend. Some of our people are or have been caring for a loved one with cancer, they too have valued the support they have received in the group.

We are a small friendly group. The numbers who come each month vary depending on circumstances. But there are usually 6-8 people. The group is open to anyone, people of faith, or no faith, you don't have to be a Christian to come.

When we arrive, we greet one another over tea coffee and cake and introduce new members. Some of us might not have seen each other for a month so there is a lot of catching up to do!

This part of the meeting is really important for us, it is a time to share what has been happening, their hopes and fears, with people who understand. During this time tears are sometimes shed – that's ok, we all understand – but there is also much laughter, both are equally important.

After we have had our refreshments and catch up, we think about things that are important to us. Where we find hope or comfort, feeling fearful, finding peace and encouragement. We look at some simple verses from the bible and see how they might help us.

We pray for one another and others we know who are going through struggles. We say a short, written prayer together before we leave.

At 12 midday lunch is served at the church for anyone who would like to stay and talk for longer.

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Supporting one another is very important to us. we have a prayer sheet that can be used till we meet again and first names or initials only are used to respect confidentiality.

Confidentiality is emphasised at the beginning of each meeting.

If you would like to join us you can just turn up or if you prefer you can phone Gaynor or Penny and we will make sure one of us will meet you at the door of the church.

If you would like to know more, then contact Gaynor on 07810855024

Gaynor Hammond

When a torch grows dim or stops working, do you throw it away?

No, of course not. You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside?

Of course not. You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA Attention and Affection.

Some need AAA Attention, Affection and Acceptance.

Some need C Compassion.

Some need D Direction.

And if they still don't seem to shine, simply sit with them and share your light.

Rosemary

BMS Birthday Scheme

We wish the following friends a very happy birthday.

October

4th Audrey

25th Stephen

31st Alan

November

27th Rosemary

December

2nd Jane

4th Lesley



Christine

Happy
Birthday

Pastoral

Milton has recently been fitted with a pacemaker and we send him our best wishes and hope he will soon feel much better.

We are saddened to hear that Jan Thornes eldest son Stephen has passed away, the funeral was held recently. We send Jan, who is our Church cleaner, our condolences and assure her of our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Baptism and Church Membership

On Sunday August 6th we were very pleased to witness Elizabeth's Baptism. Prior to being Baptised she told us of the journey which led her to become a Christian and being Confirmed into the Church of England. Since her marriage to Peter, she has been worshiping regularly with us here at Idle and finally made the decision to be baptised.

After her baptism, Denise welcomed Elizabeth into Membership of our Church.

She has already shown her willingness to be involved in whatever way she is able, for which we give thanks, as she begins this next stage of her Christian life.

Christine

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Doug retires from flying on October 6th so, as he stays grounded, we wish him a Happy Birthday and a happy retirement, God bless Doug.

Our Treasurer has just completed a course of treatment. We pray that he too will 'Get well' soon.

Shirley

It's not the things that can be bought
that are life's richest treasure
It's just the little 'heart gifts'
that money cannot measure....
A cheerful smile, a friendly word,
a sympathetic nod
Are priceless little treasures
from the storehouse of our God....
They are the things that can't be bought
with silver or with gold,
For thoughtfulness and kindness
and love are never sold....?
They are the priceless things in life
for which no one can pay,
And the giver finds rich recompense
in giving them away.

H.S.Rice

Shirley

THANK YOU

I am pleased to let you know that I had my pacemaker implant fitted on Friday 22nd September, after a relatively short wait. I must thank all the staff at Bradford Royal Infirmary for their wonderful treatment. Also my sincere thanks to everyone for your kind thoughts and good wishes.

I know that Audrey will be pleased that I will be able to drive again shortly and she will be released from her least favourite task of having to chauffeur me around!

Milton

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NOTICE BOARD

DATE	PREACHERS	STEWARDS	TEA & COFFEE
October 1	Cath Mawson <i>Communion</i>	Eileen	Helem
8	Geoff Forder <i>Harvest</i>	Helen	Rosemary
15	Gaynor	Shirley	Audrey
22	Brian G.	Elizabeth	Lesley
29	Paul Allen	Rosemary	Christine
November 5	Gaynor <i>Communion</i>	Christine	Eileen
12	Allen Holmes <i>Remembrance</i>	Audrey	Denise
19	Paul Severs	Doug	Elizabeth
26	Paul Allen	Elizabeth	Helen
December 3	J. Small <i>Communion Advent</i>	Eileen	Audrey

DATE	COMMUNION	FLOWERS
October 1	Rosemary	Audrey
November 5	Christine	Eileen
December 3	Audrey	Mrs. J. Teale

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, 3rd December, 2023

Please let me have anything you would like to see in that edition by

Sunday, 26th November, 2023



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Milton

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Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;

The words of 'Abide with Me' were written by Scottish minister and poet, Henry Francis Lyte in 1847. Lyte probably wrote the hymn just after conducting his final church service in September 1847; Lyte at the time was suffering from tuberculosis, an infection he would die of two months later. Lyte's inspiration for the hymn probably came in 1820 after visiting his sick friend, William Augustus Le Hunte. As his friend lay on his deathbed, he repeatedly said the phrase, 'Abide with Me'.

Lyte was born in Scotland in 1793 and trained for the Anglican ministry in Dublin. He served in several parishes before moving to Lower Brixham, a small fishing village in Devon where he served for 24 years.

The first verse is a prayer for God's abiding care when friends fail.

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

In the first two verses of Psalm 61 we read:

*Hear my cry, O God;
listen to my prayer.
From the ends of the earth I call to you,
I call as my heart grows faint;
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

In Luke 24 we read about how the resurrected Jesus appeared to two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We read in the King James version:

²⁸ And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

²⁹ But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

Although the words above were the initial inspiration for the first verse, 'Abide with me' is not an evening hymn.

'Evening' is being used as a metaphor for the close of life, a transition from life's 'little day'.

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2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

Our unchanging God still cares for us when everything seems to change and decay.

In the first chapter of James we read:

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Psalm 102 verses 26 and 27 say:

*They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
Like clothing you will change them
and they will be discarded.
But you remain the same,
and your years will never end.*

3. I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

The Lord will protect us when the devil attacks.

In Romans 16 v 20 we read:

*The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.*

Psalm 61 v 3 & 4 say:

*For you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the foe.
I long to dwell in your tent for ever
and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.*

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4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

The Lord will be with us when death approaches.

We find these reassuring words in Psalm 27 v 1

*The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?*

*The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?*

Also Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15 v 55

*“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”*

5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

The Lord will carry us from this life to Heaven's glory.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

*Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away,
yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and
momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far
outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what
is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

(2 Corinthians 4 v 16 – 18)

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In the 21st chapter of Revelation John describes his vision of the New Jerusalem which

“...has no need of the sun or the moon because the glory of God shines on it,” (verse 23).

‘Abide with me’ has three additional verses which do not appear in hymn books.

Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,
But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,
Familiar, condescending, patient, free.
Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.

Come not in terror, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee.
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

‘Abide with me’ is very popular, often sung at funerals and other events.

For example, it was sung at the funeral of King George V and at the wedding of his granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth II.

Lyte wrote a considerable body of poetry, hymns, and psalm paraphrases.

His other well-known hymn is ‘Praise my soul the King of Heaven.’

Peter

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“Lest We Forget”

Just a few words of Thanks for all our Knitters and Crocheters for all your efforts over the past two months, the response has been brilliant!

Whether you have created one or one hundred and one poppies, they are ALL important, every stitch is gift of Love and Remembrance and as we have started sewing them onto netting the effect is beautiful.

Some of you will have seen our progress on Tuesday, whilst others will be able to view our drape at future Coffee mornings.

Keep up the good work being Creative!

Pat W

Bright Side

Laugh more, worry less,
Find some humour in your day;
It's guaranteed to ease the stress,
Helps chase the blues away.
See the rainbow through the rain,
Chunks of sunlight in grey skies.
Feeling lighter of heart again,
Should come as no surprise.

Pamela Ramage

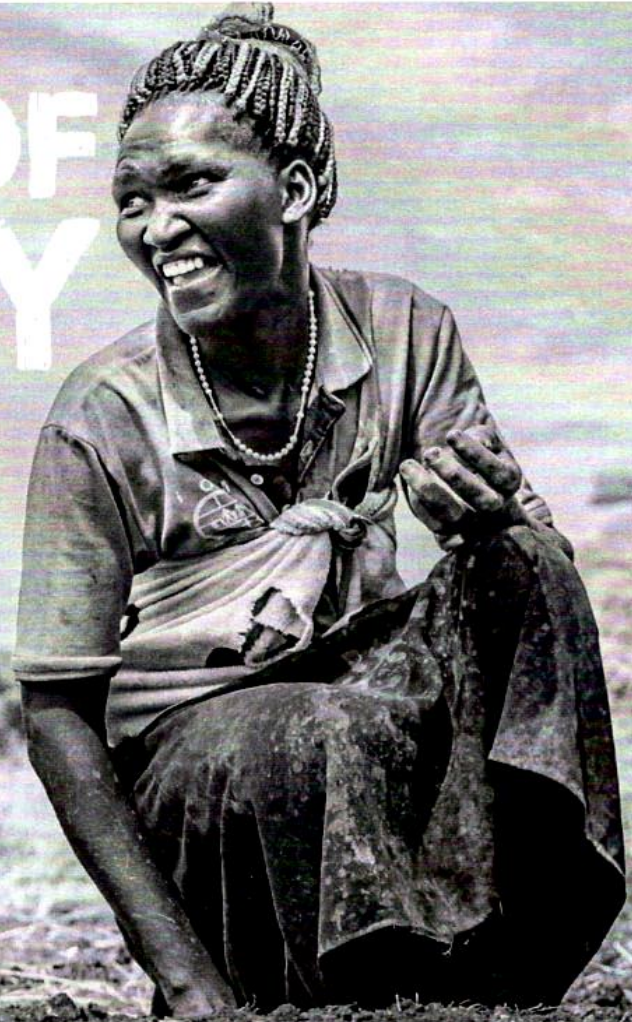
Another lovely poem from the Peoples Friend magazine, it seems quite apt after our holiday, when it rained every day, but still managed to get out and managed to get soaked at both Whitby and Scarborough!

Fortunately, we were able to have cups of coffee and dry out, so we could laugh about our adventures!

Pat W

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DAYS OF PLENTY



In the face of wildfires, famine, climate change and the after-effects of civil war, farmers in Uganda have to rebuild their lives. By supporting BMS World Mission's *Days of Plenty* appeal, you can bring lasting hope and life-changing opportunities for these families. Will you help make a difference? Head to [bmswm.org/DaysOfPlenty](https://www.bmswm.org/DaysOfPlenty) to find out how you can support farmers in Uganda today.



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WEEKLY DIARY

Sunday	10.30am	Service of Christian worship <i>Includes Communion</i> <i>on the First Sunday in the month</i>
Monday	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Well Connected Café <i>Second Monday of the month</i>
	7.30pm to 9.30pm	W.I. <i>Third Monday of the month</i>
Tuesday	10.30am to 1.00pm	Firm Roots Cancer Prayer Support Group <i>First Tuesday in the month</i>
	10.30am to 1.00pm	Coffee drop in followed by lunch <i>First & third (& fifth) Tuesdays</i>
	10.30am to 2.00pm	“Memory Tree” <i>Second and fourth Tuesdays</i>
	5.30pm	Slimming World
Wednesday	9.30am to 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 to 4.00pm	Guitar Class
Saturday	10.00am to 2.00pm	Art Club

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