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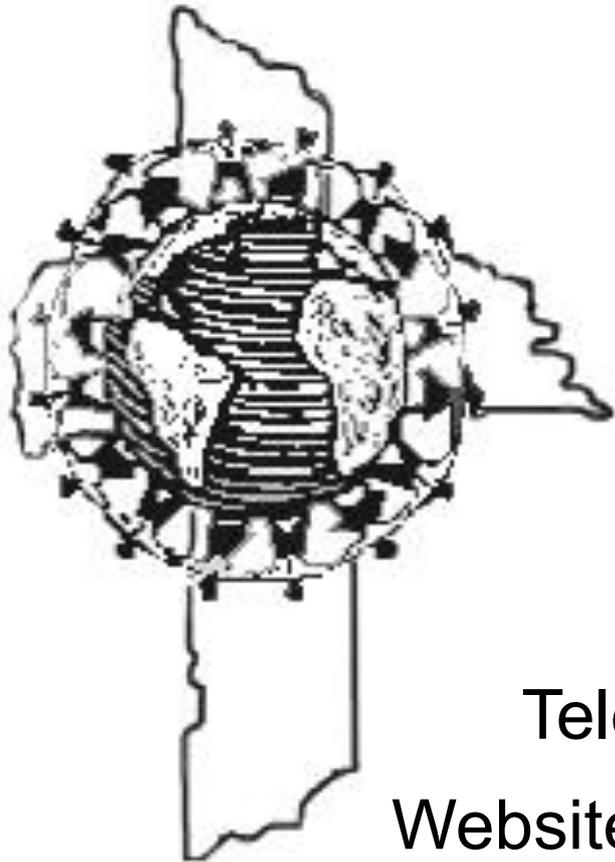
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BAPTIST CHURCH



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UNSUNG HEROES

As we celebrated the 80th Anniversary of VE Day at the beginning of May, we became aware of many veterans who served the nation in secret during WW2 at Bletchley and surrounding outposts - Lesley's mum, Betty, being one of them at 102 years old.

We now realise how important their work was as one historian noted that their work probably shortened the war by 2 years. We also know how well they kept their secrets and went unacknowledged for so many years; never looking for any accolades and just getting on with their lives. It's so good to see how they're now being celebrated for their accomplishments.

In our Bible Study meetings we have recently looked at "Heroes of the Bible". We know a lot of them, one that stood out to me was Rahab, who also was an unsung hero. She was a prostitute in the city of Jericho and she lived on the edge of society with her house built right into the city wall - it was a natural place for the Israelite spies to stay. She knew the danger she and her family were in and turned to the Lord for Salvation. Her faith gave her the courage she needed to hide the spies.

Rahab took the risk because she sensed that the Israelites relied on a God worth trusting and God rewarded her by promising safety for her and her family.

God works through people like Rahab whom we are inclined to reject and because of her faith she was rewarded. She turned out to be the mother of Boaz and so an ancestor of David and Jesus.

We need to remain vigilant and receptive to God's message as we may be needed as well.

Denise.

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Pastoral

Several weeks ago Mavis had her handbag snatched whilst shopping in Shipley. Fortunately she wasn't hurt, but was very badly shaken.

Not long afterwards she fell whilst on a day out in Ilkley. She was taken to Airedale hospital and had to have a hip operation from which, we are pleased to hear, she is slowly recovering at home.

Alan has also had a fall, whilst playing table tennis at Church. He too has needed a hip operation and we are pleased that he is now recovering at home.

Membership

On Sunday April 6th we were pleased to receive Lisa into Membership of our Church. She has been attending for some time now with her three daughters, and wishes to play a bigger part within the Church.

Eileen celebrated her 80th birthday on May 19th. We send her our best wishes on reaching this milestone.

Audrey and Milton are still not in the best of health at the moment.

Shirley continues to have problems with her eye and is attending hospital appointments.

There are others in our congregation who have health problems, including those who are named in our Prayer book each week. Some may be unknown to all of us, but like all those mentioned, are in need of our continued thoughts and prayers.

Please remember that Gaynor and Paul are willing to call or visit anyone in need.

Also, let me know if you have anything you would like including in the "Pastoral" section for the next edition of the "Messenger".

Christine

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BMS Birthday Scheme

We wish the following friends a very happy birthday.

Happy
Birthday

July

6th Shirley

9th Milton



Christine

The Gift of Peace

A recent article in one of the “Our Daily Bread” A4 Supplements focused on maintaining our peace in the midst of life’s stresses and frustrations. It concluded with seven verses from the Bible that are helpful in keeping faith when troubles come and tensions rise.

To help me remember them, because I find that frustration is a barrier to memory, I assigned each verse to a day of the week. I now begin each day by repeating its assigned verse to myself as I get dressed so I can keep it in mind as I progress through the day.

I thought I would share this idea because it has helped me to learn these verses by heart so they are ingrained in my mind and ready I need them.

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MONDAY

"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone LORD, make me dwell in safety." (Psalm 4:8)

TUESDAY

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." (Isaiah 26:3)

WEDNESDAY

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

THURSDAY

"Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1)

FRIDAY

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace" (Colossians 3:15)

SATURDAY

"May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way" (Thessalonians 3: 16)

SUNDAY

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5: 7)

I pray that the peace of the Lord will be with us and give us strength as we journey through the difficulties of life in this beautiful but broken world and await the coming of our Saviour: "Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1)

Elizabeth

VE Day celebrations.

Re:- Betty Hollingbery (nee Vowels)

Lesley's mother, who recently celebrated her 102nd birthday!

Following her basic training, Betty was told to report for "Special Duties". She wondered what this meant! The first thing she had to do was sign the "Official Secrets Act". She was then sent to Eastcote, one of the out stations for Bletchley Park.

She was one of the WRNS who set the Bombe so that messages could be sent to Bletchley for reading. The WRNS were not treated very well by the orderlies, as they couldn't find out what they were doing.

On VE Day 1945 Betty was in the crowd outside Buckingham Palace, cheering the King, Queen and Winston Churchill. Little did she think that 80 years later, she would be there again, parading down the Mall and going to a reception at Buckingham Palace.

However.... On Sunday May 4th, Betty, my sister and I were driven from Marsden to London. We arrived at the Ermin's Hotel in Westminster, where we were welcomed by the Royal British Legion. In the evening we attended a reception in order to meet the other veterans who were staying at the hotel.

After breakfast on May 5th we were taken to the Queen Victoria Memorial (via thorough security checks). Until we were seated, we had not realised that we would be at the base of the Memorial, looking down the Mall and sitting behind members of the Royal family.

Following the Parade we were escorted through the Palace to the terrace to watch the Fly Past, and then indoors to the Reception. There were dainty sandwiches and a variety of savoury and sweet items and as much tea as we could drink.

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All the Royal family attended, including Prince George. They all did the rounds, chatting to as many people as they could. The highlight for Betty was when she had a chat to the Queen and shook her hand.

On our return to the hotel Betty was worn out and went straight to bed!

We returned to Marsden on May 6th. On May 8th Betty was interviewed by "Look North" and was on the evening show. She was even named in a letter in the "Radio Times". The letter was from author Ronald Koom, who has dedicated his book about Bletchley out station at Eastcote to her.

It is amazing that it has taken 80 years for Betty to receive the recognition she and her Co- WRNS deserve.

Lesley

VE Day Coffee morning

At our coffee morning on May 6th we arrived to find the Church festooned with bunting and table decorations. During the morning Shirley recalled some of the memories she has from WW 2. This was very interesting and encouraged some of us, who were children at the time, to tell of our own memories. Thank you to Shirley for her contribution and to Denise for decorating the Church.

Christine

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NOTICE BOARD

| DATE | | PREACHERS | STEWARDS | TEA & COFFEE |
|--------|----|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| June | 1 | Peter Whitman <i>(Communion)</i> | Rosemary | Christine |
| | 8 | Paul Allen | Audrey | Denise |
| | 15 | Gaynor | Stephen | Eileen |
| | 22 | Peter Whitman | Eileen | Elizabeth |
| | 29 | Alan Harris | Elizabeth | Doug |
| July | 6 | Gaynor <i>(Communion)</i> | Helen | Rosemary |
| | 13 | Peter Whitman | Doug | Helen |
| | 20 | Brian Gamble | Christine | Audrey |
| | 27 | Paul Severs | Audrey | Christine |
| August | 3 | Paul Allen <i>(Communion)</i> | Rosemary | Eileen |

| DATE | | COMMUNION | FLOWERS |
|--------|---|-----------|------------------------|
| June | 1 | Rosemary | Roy and Dorothy |
| July | 6 | Helen | Mrs P Wagstaff |
| August | 3 | Christine | Christine and 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 3rd August, 2025

Please let me have anything you

would like to see in that edition

by

Sunday 27th July, 2025

Milton

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“Golden harps are sounding”

A hymn for the Ascension of Jesus.

This final event in the life of Jesus on earth is written about by Luke both at the end of his gospel and in the first chapter of the book of Acts.

Luke 24 v 50 - 53

When (Jesus) had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Acts 1 v 6 – 11

Then they gathered around (Jesus) and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The hymn “Golden harps are sounding” written by Frances Ridley Havergal is based on the Ascension of Jesus.

1 Golden harps are sounding, angel voices ring,
pearly gates are opened, opened for the King:
Christ, the King of glory, Jesus, King of love,
is gone up in triumph to his throne above.

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Refrain:

All his work is ended, joyfully we sing:

Jesus hath ascended: glory to our King!

2 He who came to save us, he who bled and died,
now is crowned with glory at his Father's side.

Nevermore to suffer, nevermore to die,

Jesus, King of glory, is gone up on high. [Refrain]

3 Praying for his children in that blessed place,
calling them to glory, sending them his grace;
his bright home preparing, faithful ones for you;
Jesus ever liveth, ever loveth too. [Refrain]

Angels singing and harps sounding are often associated with heaven,
where Jesus was taken at the ascension.

When angels announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds “Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.’” Luke 2 v 13 & 14

In Revelation 14 v 1 – 3 John described the sound of harps in his vision:

Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

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In Revelation 21 v 10 – 12 John's vision describes the pearly gates:
And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates.

Jesus had completed his work, dying on the cross to save us. Now he is crowned with glory.

Again, John's vision describes this in Revelation 5. Jesus is depicted as a lamb.

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.

And they sang a new song, saying:

'You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

because you were slain,

and with your blood you purchased for God

persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands.

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!'

While on earth Jesus prayed that we would believe He is the Son of God and now He continues to pray this in heaven.

In John's gospel we read in chapter 17 v 20 & 21 when Jesus is praying

for his disciples he also prays,

‘My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

In Hebrews 7 v 25 we read that Jesus “is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.”

Also in Hebrews 9 v 24

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence.

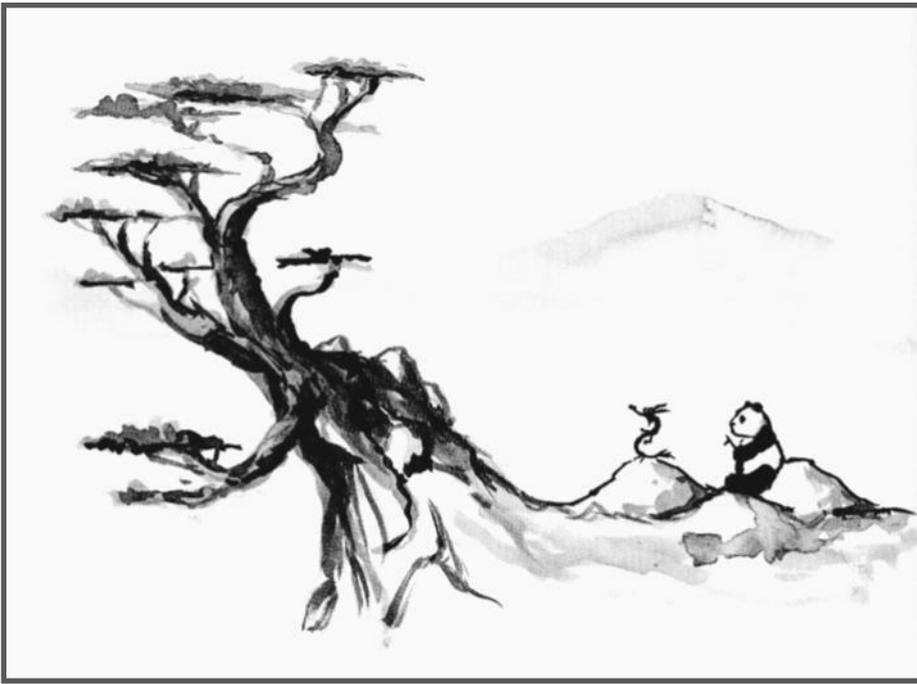
Finally, we see a reference to the well-known verses in at the start of John 14 when Jesus said,

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Peter

Bing Panda and Tiny Dragon



Big Panda



Tiny Dragon

“That tree has been through some rough times,” said Tiny Dragon.

“Yes” said Big Panda, but it is still here and has gained strength and beauty.”



“Big Panda” said Tiny Dragon, “I like the way you listen to me and talk to me and travel with me, but most of all I like the way you make me feel”

(These are copied from a best selling book by James Norbury to share ideas that have helped him through some of his most difficult times. He hopes they may help you too!)

Milton

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WEEKLY DIARY

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| 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> |
| | 7.30pm - 9.30pm | Walking Netball (W.I.) <i>Fourth 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 | Slimming World |
| Wednesday | 9.30am to 12 noon | Table Tennis |
| | 2.00pm to 3.15 pm | Memory Tree Gentle exercise class <i>Third Wednesday in the month</i> |
| | 5.00pm & 8.00pm | Brownies and Rainbows <i>School Term Times only</i> |
| Thursday | 3.30pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm | Slimming World |
| Friday | 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.30pm | Slimming World |
| | 1.00pm - 4.00pm | Guitar Class |
| Saturday | 10.00am - 2.00pm | Art Club |

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