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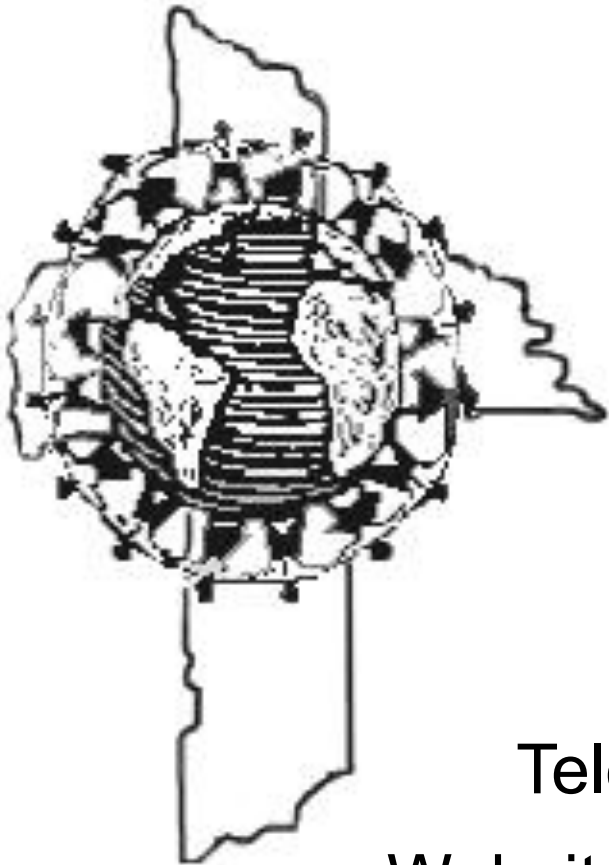
IDLE BAPTIST CHURCH



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RENEWED

Earlier this month, Lesley and I went into Bradford to see the new Darley Street Market which had recently been opened. It has been built to replace the old Oastler and Kirkgate markets. It is a very modern building with an outside courtyard where a Latvian Day was being held as part of the events for our Year as the City of Culture. People were dressed in their colourful National outfits and there were stalls selling clothing and food.

One thing that really caught my eye was a very ornate iron gate that had been refurbished from one of the old markets. It was mounted on the wall as a decorative mural. It had been upcycled or renewed to begin a new life.

In 1Peter 1:3-4 it says -"Praise be to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade."

New birth refers to spiritual birth or regeneration - the Holy Spirit's act of bringing believers into God's family. Jesus used this concept of new birth when He explained salvation to Nicodemus.

And like that old iron gate that has been renewed and repurposed, we are being renewed through the Holy Spirit to do God's work.

Denise

Pastoral

It has been good to see Muriel and Alan improving after they have both undergone hip surgery. We hope they continue to make good progress.

We remember Shirley, who has occasionally had to miss being at Church due to health problems.

She was saddened to hear of the death of her friend Rev. Graham Corderoy on July 13th. Graham had trained for the Ministry with Arthur.

Also Shirley is worried about her brother Peter who is in a Hospice.

We remember both these families in our prayers.

We also continue to pray for Audrey and Milton who are not in the best of health. However it was good to see Audrey in Church again recently.

At this time of year many of us try to get away on holiday. These are times when we are able to relax from our normal daily life and hopefully return refreshed in mind and body.

In June I travelled to Norfolk to stay with my College friend, whom I have known for 65 years! It was good to be in the countryside and enjoy the beautiful scenery, fortunately in very good weather. On the way through Lincolnshire I visited Jennifer and John in their new home. They are well settled near to their daughter Helen and her husband.

It has been good to see Jennifer and John in Church again a few times this Summer.

Just another reminder that if you have anything of interest which you would like to include in the "Pastoral" notices, please let me have it in time for the next edition of the Messenger.

We congratulate Paul on the birth of his new Granddaughter in June.

Membership

On Sunday 27th July we were pleased to receive and welcome Paul and his wife Nokwanda into Membership of the Church. Paul is well known to us and has preached here many times. Nokwanda worships with us whenever her work schedule at Leeds hospital permits.

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Christine

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BMS Birthday Scheme

We wish the following friends a very happy birthday.

Happy
Birthday

September

28th Christine

October

4th Audrey



Christine

Just a message to say “Thank you” to All for your prayers over the past few months since Alan’s fall. We have both been aware of the love and support we have received during his recovery and have been amazed how quickly he has been able to walk without crutches.

It has also been a “learning time” as we had to do things differently, travelling on buses, thinking about how much shopping we could safely carry, and realising that there are things we are unable to do without taking risks. Thankfully, Alan was able to return to driving the car very soon after Surgery, so this solved several problems, but it did make us realise how fortunate we are to have such freedom again, although we must be more careful as we grow older!

(Our family keep reminding us “To Be Careful” but we don’t feel Old so Sky Diving or Fencing may be safer than Table Tennis!)

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It was good to go away on holiday, to relax after a stressful few weeks and spend time just “being us”. The scenery on the Derbyshire boundary was beautiful, we breathed in the fresh air and just enjoyed God’s wonderful World. So often, life is so hectic, there doesn’t seem to be time to look around, to listen to the birds and gaze in wonder at the created world we live in. We were able to do just that during our week away. On Sunday, we sang the words of one of my favourite hymns, it described beautifully what we had seen .

“O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!*

Yes, I want to sing when I enjoy God’s wonderful gifts of Love, Joy and his (inner) Peace in a world so far removed from Him at this time.

“May We All find His Peace in the joy of nature wherever we are, whatever we are doing. May God Bless our Church, the people, and all He calls us to do in His name. Amen”

Pat W

NOTICE BOARD

DATE		PREACHERS	STEWARDS	TEA & COFFEE
August	3	Paul Allen (Communion)	Rosemary	Eileen
	10	Christine Kerton (Leprosy Mission)	Stephen	Denise
	17	Geoff Forder	Helen	Lesley
	24	Alan Harris	Elizabeth	Doug
	31	Paul Severs	Christine	Elizabeth
September	7	John Wilson (Communion)	Doug	Audrey
	14	<i>To be announced</i>	Eileen	Rosemary
	21	Gaynor	Audrey	Christine
	28	Brian Gamble	Helen	Lesley
October	5	Cath Mawson (Communion)	Rosemary	Eileen

DATE		COMMUNION	FLOWERS
August	3	Christine	Rosemary
September	7	Eileen	Christine
October	5	Audrey	Audrey

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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 5th October, 2025

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

Sunday 28th September, 2025

Milton

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Come down, O Love divine

“Come down, O Love divine” is probably the most well known hymn about the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian. Firstly, the words ask for the Holy Spirit to come into our lives. Then it describes the effect of the Holy Spirit in a person’s life.

1 Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

The first verse is a prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to come to us and fill us with the love of God.

When Jesus was baptized the Holy Spirit came to Him from above like a dove.

Luke 3 v 21-22

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

In Acts chapter 2 Luke describes how the Holy Spirit came down to the disciples and the effect this had.

Acts 2:1-4

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Here we read of the “holy flame”.

In Romans Paul asks that the Holy Spirit will come to us and give us the comfort of “joy and peace”.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

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When the Holy Spirit comes into our lives our outlook on life changes.

In Romans 8 Paul writes

5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

The Holy Spirit will act as a light to guide us in our lives.

In John 16 Jesus told the disciples

13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

In Ezekiel 36 we read the prophesy that God will

.... give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

In John 8 v 12 Jesus describes himself as the light of the world:

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

*3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*

In this verse the prayer is for generosity and humility.

Jesus said to the disciples, John 15 v 12 & 13

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

In the beatitudes in Matthew 5 we read in verse 5

*Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*

In 1 Peter 5 v 5 we read the following about humility in the Church:

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

*"God opposes the proud
but shows favour to the humble."*

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4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling
The Holy Spirit gives us the desire to know more and more about God and His love
for us.
When David was in the desert the words of Psalm 63 expressed his desire to find
God:

*You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.*

When the Holy Spirit comes into our lives we have a new understanding of the love
and grace which is ours through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Paul writes about the grace of God in Romans chapter 5:

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of
God.*

*5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

And further on in Romans 8 v 10 – 11 we read:

*But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of
sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who
raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will
also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.*

Bianco da Siena, who wrote the hymn lived in Italy from about 1350 until 1434. He
was a member of the Jesuates who were a group of unordained men who followed
the rule of St. Augustine. The translation is by Richard Frederick Littledale and first
appeared in 1867.

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>
	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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