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And you are
you do what

my friends if
I command you.
John 15:14

Vale Pulpit Supply

7th Oct	10.30 am	Rev Irene Greenman - Communion
14th Oct	10.30 am	Linda Smith - Ladies' Sunday (followed by a Finger Buffet)
21st Oct	10.30 am	Rev Geoff Harley
28th Oct	10.30 am	Rev Pat Ingle
4th Nov	10:30 am	Stephen Wells - Communion
11th Nov	10:30 am	Rev Irene Greenman Remembrance Day Service
18th Nov	10:30 am	Les Philips
25th Nov	10:30:00	Mike Huck - Gift weekend service

"Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:28-31

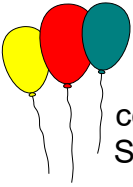
VALE DIARY DATES

- Thur 11th Oct 7.30 pm Deacons Meeting
- Tue 23rd Oct 2 pm Ladies Guild - Rosemary Wright from CICS
- Sun 11th Nov Last day for Christmas Child Shoe boxes
- Herald notes for December -January due today
- Tue 13th Nov 7.30 pm Church Meeting
- Tue 27th Nov 2 pm Ladies Guild - Lynn Lumb
- Sat 24th Nov to Sun 25th Nov Church Gift weekend

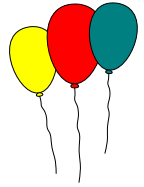
Quote of the day: "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone"
Neale Donald Walsch

The following regular meetings take place at Vale , All are welcome.

SUNDAY	Meeting for prayer and quiet before Church Service	9.45 am - 10.15 am
MONDAY	Elevenses, come and have a cuppa and chat in a relaxed atmosphere at Vale Rainbows for 5 to 7 year olds Brownies for 7 to 10 year olds	10.30 am to 12 noon 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm 6.10 pm to 7.20 pm
TUESDAY	Prayer Meeting in Church Luncheon Club (preorder meals) Prayer / Bible Study meeting at Vale (Parsonage or Church)	10.00 am 12 noon to 1.30 pm 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm
FRIDAY	Parent and Toddler Group (Term Time only) Yoga Exercises	9.30 am to 11.30am From 4.30 pm
SATURDAY	Men's breakfast 1 st and 3 rd Saturday	8.30 am to 10am



As most of you know, our family recently celebrated the marriage of our daughter Liz to Steve. There were around 80 people present between the reception and the evening event,



a mixture of family, friends from Liz's school days, work colleagues from her various jobs through the years, and friends from church. Considering the mix of people there was a wonderful atmosphere with people mingling with folk they had not met before that day.

It got me thinking what makes a good celebration? Of course it helps being together with people who know each other, but since there was such a mix of people at the wedding that was clearly not the only dynamic going on.

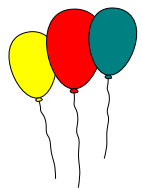
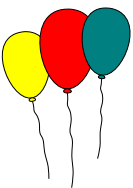
Then I came across the following quotation in a book I was reading. Attempting to explain to someone whose family did not celebrate Christmas, what made it special, one character made the following observation:

"It was impossible to explain the good and happy feelings inside everyone which made everything so enjoyable".

A wedding is an event that lends itself to celebration. Everyone, whether they know each other or not, is united by their link with the couple and their shared goodwill and joy.

And that is how it is, or should be, in church when we meet on a Sunday and other occasions in the church year. We are united by our shared links with each other and common beliefs as we celebrate together what God has done, and is doing, in our personal and corporate lives.

Kath Lawson



Vale News

Family News

To all at Vale, thank you for your support and faithful prayers, especially over this year when Frank's illnesses gradually got worse and led to a sudden and swift deterioration before his death in July. My own health has been up and down but your prayers have made a real difference to my morale. I continue to take the occasional nose dive but am coping pretty well.

Your flower girls have made deliveries at intervals and it is lovely to be reminded of you all as I enjoy the flowers.

And I now have a pre-loved cat to keep me on my toes!

Thank you all again. Meg

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Violet Noble had a fall at Waterside but thankfully, though bruised, nothing was broken and she remains bright and cheery.

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Congratulations to David Lidgett on becoming a Granddad.

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Congratulations to Steve Cribbs and Elizabeth Lawson who were married on August 25th at Mirfield Monastery. Steve looked very handsome in his finery and Elizabeth was stunningly beautiful. Some friends from Vale went to the party in the evening where the table decorations of African Violets in teacups were very pretty and the 3 tier wedding cake was decorated in different shades of purple.

Liz and Steve send their thanks for the cards, good wishes and generous gift from you all.

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**Flowers** for the end of July were provided from our Flower Fund and for August by Mrs Rene Wilson (in memory off Tommy), Mr & Mrs Jim Anderson (in memory of Tommy & Barbara Threlfall) and the family of Elsie & Jackie Yates. Thank you to everyone for your contributions; also to all our friends who make donations and wish to remain anonymous from which our September flowers were taken.

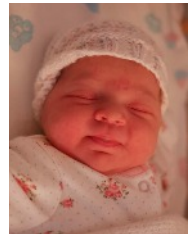
## Not in Church Meetings!

Ex-president Ronald Reagan was reported to have announced:

“I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency, even if I'm in a cabinet meeting”.

The little box on the table in church during October is for donations to the work of CICS.

**Congratulations to the Ovendens on the arrival of Eleanor Ada Joy at 4.47 pm on Tuesday 18th September 8 lb 4 oz.**



### **Ladies' Guild**

By the time you read this, Paul Moores will have been to speak to us on September 25th on the work of the Leprosy Mission.

Mrs Linda Smith will be with us on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October for Ladies' Sunday and everyone is welcome to stay for a Light Buffet after the service.

The next Ladies' Guild meeting is on October 23<sup>rd</sup> when Rosemary Wright is to speak on the work of CICS (Christians in Calderdale Schools).

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, Lynn Lumb will be showing us miniature Knitted Prayers - Fair Isle knitting achieved by using fuse wire and a magnifying glass. This should be fascinating please come and bring a friend with you.

We will again be sending shoe boxes with gifts for disadvantaged children overseas. If you would like to fill a box, please note they need to be at Vale by the 11<sup>th</sup> of November so that Joyce Brierley can take them to the collection point in time.



If anyone would like to give a donation towards the work of Gideons International, would they please see me? I hope to send a cheque to them in October or November. Thank you. Diane

The Luncheon Club which has been for many years at St Michael's church moved to Vale on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. The time is from 11.45 am to 1.30 pm on Tuesdays and meals cost £4.60.

**If anyone intends coming for the first time, please contact Jim on mobile 07910 340163 as he needs to pre-book these meals.**



## Harvest Supper & Hoedown

On Saturday September 15th, Roomfield and Vale Baptist Churches held a Joint Harvest Supper and Hoedown.

Thanks to all who contributed to a magnificent Bring & Share supper. There was still plenty of food to fill doggy bags, even after 'seconds' and 'thirds' (fourths?).

Dancing was led by Kath and Margaret and everyone joined in our enthusiastic rendition of 'The Music Man'. A special mention must go to Kevin:- who knew he could do such an impressive 'Dam Busters' action?? However, Amy outdid everyone with her untiring energy.



Thanks to David for organising the straw bales and to everyone who contributed to such a wonderful evening of food, fun and fellowship. There was a display of fresh fruit and vegetables and our Harvest gifts were donated to the local food bank. Donations of £28 were received for B.M.S.

On Sunday we continued our Harvest Thanksgiving at Roomfield church in a service led by Susan Western. Afterwards, we enjoyed fellowship and refreshments.

### 4 Reasons you know you're a Volunteer

1. You don't get paid.
2. On a regular basis, your significant other looks at you and says "*Another meeting tonight?*"
3. You go to your 30th high school reunion and your old friends say, "*My goodness, you look so young and bright-eyed*" and you know it's because you find the kind of fulfilment that volunteering can bring.
4. At night when you go to sleep and in the morning when you wake up, you know in your heart that whatever evils and problems afflict this world – you are making it a better place. You are the reason we can all have faith in the human spirit.

## Holiday Club 2018

I am pleased to say we had another very successful holiday club this year and would like to thank again all those that helped in many ways to make it possible.



I have to confess I was a bit anxious on the first day but working with such an experienced and gifted team, I soon relaxed and enjoyed the experience as much as I hope you all did too.

Thank you to Madison who suggested this year's theme of "Friends of Jesus". Over the 3 days we looked at the stories of Zacchaeus, Mary and Martha, and the woman at the well. We looked at the different aspects of friendship; in particular the example Jesus is to us all.

We made contact with 24 children over the 3 days and averaged 20 children each day. Although we had a large group there was a wonderful atmosphere at all times and they all behaved exceptionally well - a credit to their parents.

A barbecue on the Friday evening rounded off the event well.



Neil Chapman did a wonderful job of continuing the theme during our Family Service on the Sunday.

I am sure we all had certain highlights over the 3 days, but for me it was when Alfie and Daniel jumped to their feet on the first day and followed the dance moves of the "Jesus what a friend video" and the younger children got up and followed suit. Jim







## **A Wonderful Weekend!**

It all began on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> September when nine of us from Roomfield journeyed over the moors to Haworth, through mist and rain – for the start of our 'Quiet Day'. After tea, coffee, biscuits and chat, and meeting up with our leader Louise Armitage, we began with a relaxation exercise and meditation on a stone. It was surprising what we could see in our chosen stones!

Following a Bible reading from Luke 5 1-11, 'putting out in deep water', we then discussed our experiences of church, strengths, weaknesses, what attracts/ puts off, why people come/ or not!

We then put our thoughts and ideas of what we would like to see in our church on a large box.

Words we used included:

encouragement - inspiration - refreshing - joyfulness - team work - love reflection - discussion - caring - greater commitment - community involvement - music -child friendly - acceptance - prayer - praise

After lunch we all thought about a tree, how it related to our church and then we shared our ideas with each other. The day ended as we shared some special moments of wonder- when we felt God was near. During the day we felt we got to know each other better and we did identify some first steps we could take on our ongoing Christian journey. We are grateful to Louise for guiding our thoughts and discussion in such a sensitive and imaginative way. Our journey home now was in bright sunshine!

However the day didn't end there! Three hours later we were at Vale enjoying a delicious 'Bring and Share' meal, followed by a Barn Dance! We had so much fun, not a lot of expertise, but lots of laughter and enthusiasm! Some of the children gave us a demonstration of 'flossing' – a new dance craze!

Next day – Sunday morning, saw the fellowships of Vale and Roomfield together again for our Harvest Service. What a joy it was to see the church full and buzzing ! Susan Western led an inspiring, enthusiastic and imaginative service focussing on how the lives we live and the way we live them, should reflect and show God's love for all – this being a more spiritual Harvest!

After the service many stopped and chatted, ate cake, drank coffee and tea and enjoyed friendship and fellowship. The Harvest contributions of food and cash were for Todmorden Food Bank and the offerings amounted to £165 40.

A wonderful weekend indeed!

Dilys Peacock

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He who receives a good turn should never forget it -  
 He who does one should never remember it.

| <b>Roomfield Church – Regular Activities</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                             |
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| <b>MONDAY</b>                                | <b>Inspire – Bible Study</b><br><br><b>Piano lessons with Graeme Simpson</b><br>Contact for times (and possibly other days) on<br>01706 557534                                                                                    | <b>11:00 am</b><br><b>(check for dates)</b>                                                                 |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                               | <b>Yoga with Jan Johnson</b><br><b>Contact on 01706 557534</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>6.30 - 8.00 pm</b>                                                                                       |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                             | <b>Rainbows, Brownies &amp; Guides</b><br><b>For Rainbows,</b><br>contact Katie (07769151276)<br><b>For Brownies,</b><br>contact Lucy Reynolds (07718942980).<br><b>For Guides,</b><br>contact Theresa Scholfield (01706 839959). | <b>5.00 – 6.00 pm</b><br><br><b>6.10 – 7.20 pm,</b><br><br><b>7.30 – 9.00 pm,</b><br><br><b>(term time)</b> |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                                | <b>Quo Vadis/ Film Nights</b><br>(occasional Fridays)<br><b>Pilates Classes</b><br>Contact Kerensa McKie: 07724 144963                                                                                                            | <b>7:30 pm</b><br><b>(check for dates)</b><br><br><b>9:00–10:00 am</b>                                      |

**Lord You know me completely,  
even as I struggle to know myself.**

**You know what delights me,  
what inspires me,  
and what moves me to tears.**

**You know each dream I have,  
and all the things  
that I dare not dream.  
And yet even they cannot compare  
With the dreams You have for me.**

**Help me to become the person that  
You made me to be.  
In daring to trust  
in Your dreams for my life,  
may others glimpse heaven  
through me.**

Charlotte Andrews