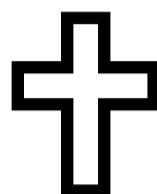


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Even though as apostles of Christ we could have made demands on you. But we were gentle when we were with you, like a mother taking care of her children. 1 Thessalonians 2:7

Vale Pulpit Supply

3rd June	10.30 am	Rev Irene Greenman - Communion
10th June	10.30 am	Mike Huck - ANNIVERSARY
17th June	10.30 am	Alan Waddington
24th June	10.30 am	Howard Ellison
1st July	10.30 am	Colin Scholes - Communion
8th July	10.30 am	Neil Chapman
15th July	10.30 am	Rev Pat Ingle - Family Service
22nd July	10.30 am	Jim Haughey
29th July	10.30 am	Rev Kath Lawson



***Vale Baptist Church
Fridays***

9.30 am – 11.30 am

Cost - £1.50 per family

All welcome

Ultimate Authority

Years ago, when I was an IT guy, a friend introduced me to a desktop operating system. It was called Linux — pronounced “linn-ux” . . . unless, of course, you were in the know.

You see, the creator’s name was Linus, and so it became the personal, moral responsibility of a select few to make sure no one ever pronounced the name “Linn-ux” without correcting the speaker: “It’s pronounced ‘Lye-nux,’ like Linus with an X.” Debate was understandably passionate on both sides.

Then late one night I got a message from a friend, which simply said “FINALLY!” The attached file was a recording of Linus Torvalds himself, saying, “Hello, this is Linus Torvalds, and I pronounce Linux as Linn-ux.” What had been a silly, yet contentious dispute among hundreds of colleagues came to a halt in a matter of days as the sound of Torvalds’s voice made its way through the IT ranks. No one could argue with the creator! He was the ultimate authority.

And so it is with all of us. There is an ultimate authority in our lives. Some voice which defines what is true and against whom argument seems futile. God’s word is the ultimate authority in our lives.

When God makes a promise that he will never leave nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5), it is true. We can know we have communion with God even when we feel lonely, and we can feel a genuine sense of peace even when our mind perceives isolation. Thoughts and feelings may help to inform our reality, but it is only God’s word which can define it.

So think godly thoughts, feel godly affections, but let them both be ruled and defined by the Bible. Do it all in reliance on God’s help to show you the truth of his word and to let it take hold both in your mind and your heart (Psalm 119:105).

When the Creator speaks, no one can argue; he is the ultimate authority — both the one to whom we will give an account of our thoughts and deeds (Romans 14:12), and the one who promises to show us the way in his word (John 16:13).

(Taken from an article by Josh Squires)

Vale News

Family news

We were all invited to a lovely buffet after the service on Sunday 15th April to celebrate Joyce Brierley's 70th birthday (on 17th) and besides Joyce's family, there were several mutual friends we had the pleasure of seeing again. £60 was given to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Region 2 of the Girls' Brigade, in lieu of gifts.

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Christine Clark, Joyce Banks, Kath Kerr and Diane Morris visited Barbara Britton at Heatherstones on Monday 16th April and it was a pleasure to see her. Barbara looked very well and is looking forward to her holiday in Blackpool in June

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What a wonderful day we had when Kevin Stokes was baptised on April 29th with David Kerr officiating with Jim's assistance. We sang to guitar accompaniment by Jake Womack (from Northern Lights), Neil Munro and Lewis Haughey.



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Kevin and Penny were received into Membership and Howard Ellison gave the sermon. The service was followed by a Bring & Share buffet. It was especially nice that Kevin's family were there including Mason, of whom we are all very fond.

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It was a lovely surprise to see Patrick & Janet Ingle when they came to Eleveses on April 30th, prior to planting a rose in our Memorial Garden.

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Thank you to Christine Shirt for her knitted chicks at Easter. Their sale raised £25 for church funds.

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Thank you to everyone who helped with the market stall on Thursday May 10th, also for all the contributions of baking and bric-a-brac. £212.56 was made for church funds.

Flowers for the end of March were provided by Mr. & Mrs. E Banks and for the beginning of April by Mrs Diane Morris in memory of her Mum. Flowers for the end of April were provided by the family of Jackie Yates and by Diane in memory of her Dad. Thank you all for your donations and also to those who wish to remain anonymous. After brightening the church on a Sunday, the flowers are always gratefully received by our friends who aren't able to join us.

Ladies' Guild

Rev Betty Pedley spoke at our April meeting about Crosses around the World and her talk was extremely interesting. Betty brought crosses from different countries, made and decorated in many different ways, and could be possible future projects for one of our holiday clubs.

Mrs Doreen Landriau will be our Speaker on June 26th and we look forward to her talk which is entitled 'Then and Now'.

Thank you to everyone who helped raise £200 for 'Mary's Meals' in Kenya by contributing at Elevenses and the Lent Group. I sent a cheque for this amount and a receipt is on the notice board in church. Private benefactors are matching all donations so our £200 will be doing twice as much good! *Diane*

A Prayer for Lonely People

Dear God, when I am lonely and when I feel despair
Let not my ailing heart forget you hear my prayer
Remind me that no matter what I do or fail to do
There still is hope for me, as long as I have hope in You.
Let not my eyes be blinded by some folly I commit
But help me to regret my wrong and to make up for it.

The little box on the table in church during June is for donations to CICS.

A Bad Day

There I was is sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the car park, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my old lady in bed with the gardener and then my dog bit me."

"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you, you jack-ass, show up and drink the whole thing! But enough about me, how's your day going?"

Quotable Quotes

The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time.
—Abraham Lincoln

We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.
—Chuck Swindoll

God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.
— Max Lucado

Yorkshire Baptist Assembly Wakefield Baptist Church

Sat. 28th April

The theme of the day was 'God at Work in Unexpected Places'

The day began with coffee, croissants and fruit and a session of worship, with some wonderful

singing, then this was followed by the keynote address by Ruth Rice. Ruth has founded 'Renew Wellbeing', which helps churches open spaces of welcome and inclusion, in partnership with mental health teams, to improve mental and emotional well being. Ruth was an inspirational and entertaining speaker, full of enthusiasm and described how she realised that there was a great need for support for people with mental health problems (1 in 4 people are diagnosed with a mental health issue) after her own personal experience of depression and anxiety. She has established 'Renew Wellbeing Cafes' in many parts of the country, which are quiet shared spaces where it is OK not to be OK. A phrase she used which stuck in my mind was 'God uses the gifts He has given us, its up to us to find the gift and share it!'

The next item on the agenda was news from other churches. We heard from a church in South Craven which 3 years ago had a congregation of about 20, but now has over 60, following a radical re- think of the way they worshipped, becoming much more informal and having cafe style services. Another church in Ossett has established a cafe on a Friday for mums and babies, where they can witness to God's love, and in Skipton the church gave out 'bags of blessings' in the town containing small gifts and bible verses. All these churches were open to change and God's guidance.

The formal part of the day came next with the AGM., brief and concise! After lunch I attended a workshop on 'God at Work in Conflict' led by Jo Williams from The Blackley Centre. She explained that conflict is part of life and need not be destructive, it can be positive if handled well, and it should not be ignored. ►►



◀◀ She and her husband Andy then acted out an entertaining drama illustrating how conflict can so easily escalate, and then we discussed how things could have been handled differently to achieve a more positive outcome. The two most important things she felt were effective communication (listening and talking) and focusing on issues, not people.

The day closed with worship and prayer and we left feeling uplifted and encouraged .

Dilys Peacock

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused...

"Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

God grant me the Senility
to forget the people I never liked anyway,
the good fortune to run into the ones I do,
and the eyesight to tell the difference...

HORSEMAN'S SUNDAY

That sounds a bit pagan when one thinks of carved horses heads decorating Viking and Saxon halls. Well, many Christian customs, even church ceremonies, were adapted from pagan practices to encourage conversions.



Horseman's Sunday is a reminder of our centuries old dependence on horse power. Who remembers horse traffic such as the chariot like milkmen's floats which were drawn by ponies and cobs? When milk was measured from huge churns into customers' jugs.. in the street mark you! Magnificent heavy horses once pulled smart brewers' drays and dusty coal carts et al from which strong men heaved vast barrels, sacks and bales. Daring children petted one ton beasts with feet as big as soup plates. Farm horses drew loads rated, according to load weight and soil conditions, as one, two or four horse tasks. Farmers then preferred intelligent horses for hoeing and loading row crops because they obeyed the human voice...no need for a driver! Why, they even bred their own replacements while war horses were still employed in World War II, and later, in transport, artillery and cavalry units. Poor creatures.

Does this explain why Horseman's Sunday is both a Thanksgiving Service for and a Blessing of these amazing beasts and their invaluable contribution to human history?

I attended one in a corner of Leicestershire when all who could beg or borrow, let alone own, any kind of horse were there. Blacksmiths and farmers who still worked with horses, Pony Club youngsters and hunt followers complete with hounds and those of us who exercised other people's horses.

Imagine a collection of horses and riders gathered in a field near a village church. The priest stood on a farm wagon complete with a piano, the same combo that toured the district loaded with Christmas carollers! Horses are remarkably sensitive to human feelings and most behaved well, just like hounds, while the riders joined in the hymns. We then dismounted to stand by our mounts for the blessing of both steeds and deeds. A remarkably moving service to compare with other unusual religious events known.

Michael Kirke (Roomfield)

Roomfield Pulpit Supply

3rd June	10.45 am	John Lockhart
10th June	10.45 am	Miles Anderson
17th June	10.45 am	Mark Johnston
24th June	10.45 am	Ian Brons (Open Doors)
1st July	10.45 am	TBA
8th July	10.45 am	TBA
15th July	10.45 am	TBA
22nd July	10.45 am	Mark Johnston
29th July	10.45 am	Margaret Collinge

Roomfield Church – Regular Activities		
MONDAY	Inspire – Bible Study	11:00am (check for dates)
TUESDAY	No events.	
WEDNESDAY	Rainbows contact Katie (07769151276) Brownies contact Abigail Birch (07796618411) Guides contact Theresa Scholfield (01706 839959)	5:00 – 6:00pm (term time) 6.10 – 7.20 pm (term time) 7.30 – 9.00 pm (term time)
THURSDAY	Pilates Classes Contact Kerensa McKie: 01706 818007	9:30–10:30 am
FRIDAY	Quo Vadis/ Film Nights (occasional Fridays)	7:30 pm (check for dates)

The Voice Of God

When we hear the voice of God
Speaking to our hearts,
Do we obey and follow Him
Or are we slow to start?

For when the Lord speaks to us,
We need to heed the call
And do the things He wants us to,
Giving to Him our all

I know at times it can be hard
To know the Father's will,
We need to listen to His voice,
For He speaks when all is still

Many times we fret so much
And rush so much about,
We then find all our busyness
May cloud our Saviour out

So this is why we take some time
To be still before the Lord,
So He can speak into our lives
And show us so much more.

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