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GOD'S TOP TEN

1. PUT GOD FIRST
 2. ONLY WORSHIP GOD
 3. NO SWEARING
 4. WORK 6 REST 1
 5. OBEY YOUR PARENTS
 6. DON'T HARM ANYONE
 7. DON'T CHEAT
 8. IF IT'S NOT YOURS, LEAVE IT ALONE
 9. TELL THE TRUTH
 10. DON'T BE JEALOUS OF OTHER PEOPLE'S STUFF
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Vale Pulpit Supply

4th Feb	10.30 am	Martin Ashby-Smith - Communion
11th Feb	10.30 am	Rev Kath Lawson
18th Feb	10.30 am	Les Philips
25th Feb	10.30 am	Colin Scholes
4th Mar	10:30 am	Stephen Wells - Communion
11th Mar	10:30 am	Jim Haughey - Mothering Sunday
18th Mar	10:30 am	Howard Ellison
25th Mar	10:30 am	Palm Sunday - Jim Haughey/Janet Waithaka
30th Mar	10.00am	Jim Haughey - Good Friday
1st Apr	10.30 am	Rev Kath Lawson - Easter Day

Vale Baptist Church



*Fun and games for all the Family
followed by a pancake supper*

Tuesday 13th February

5.30pm-7.00pm

All welcome

VALE DIARY DATES

Wed 7th Feb	7.30 pm Deacon's Meeting
Mon 12th Feb	7.30 pm Churches Together Meeting at St Mary's
Tue 13th Feb	5.30 pm Pancake Party
Sun 18th Feb	Last day for contributions for the Annual Report
Mon 19th Feb	Lent groups start 12 pm for lunch 12.30 pm for meeting
Tue 27th Feb	2 pm Ladies' Meeting - Doreen Landriau
Tue 13th Mar	7.30 pm Church AGM and deacon's election
Tue 27th Mar	2 pm Ladies' Meeting - Rev Irene Greenman

**Laughter is the best medicine,
But if you are laughing for no reason
You may need medicine.**

**Life is too short to be serious all the time.
If you can't laugh at yourself, call me and I'll laugh at you!**

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	10.30 am -12 noon
TUESDAY	Prayer Meeting in Church	10.00 am
	Prayer / Bible Study meeting at Vale (Parsonage or Church)	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm
	Ladies' Guild (4th Tuesday in the month)	2.00 pm
SATURDAY	Men's breakfast 1 st and 3 rd Saturday	8.30 am - 10am

I had a dream

This is my recollection of the dream which unusually for me I could remember when normally I can't recall any part of a dream after a few minutes of being awake....

For this reason I felt it was important enough to take the time to write it down and to share with others.

I was in a pub, so I am already out of my comfort zone, and a man asked me to explain the Bible. Everyone else in the bar fell silent as they listened for my reply.

I said that the Bible is not a book, it is a collection of books, like a library.

In the first part, what we call the Old Testament we read how God created us, loved us and wanted the best for us so he gave us a set of rules to live by. We did not like the rules so we did our own thing. Despite reminders from many prophets of how God loves us, we rejected Him.

In the second collection of books, the New Testament, we read that God decided to come to Earth as Jesus. he came to live with us, demonstrate His love, teach us and show us how to live. He set up his church from his immediate followers, and they gave up many things to follow him. He also died for us, so that even though we will die physically we can have eternal life with Him. In the last book, Revelation, we see a glimpse of what that will be like.

That's where I finished my answer, and I thought it was a reasonable, concise reply.

I then got an impression of God saying that it was OK as far as it went, but you've forgot the most important part. You didn't mention the Cross.

We have good Bible teaching in our church, Bible studies on how to live etc, etc, but the main thrust of Christianity is the cross. The emblem is the cross. The means of our salvation is the cross. The price paid for our sin is at the cross. New life and resurrection start at the cross.

Let us not forget to mention the Cross

Martin Ashby-Smith

Vale News

Family News

Our friend Violet Noble fell on the 11th of December and was taken to hospital the next day with 2 severe fractures to her right elbow. She had a plaster cast put on and came back to Waterside on the 14th. Another friend who had a fall is Rene Wilson but thankfully, she wasn't too badly hurt. Get well soon!

A good time was had on the 17th of November when ChurchesTogether in Todmorden joined us at Vale. We welcomed friends from the Fellowship, the Quakers, St Mary's, St Michael's and Roomfield. A delicious Bring & Share supper was followed by a quiz set by Arline Simpson. Sadly, Martin Parrott was still in hospital but we were entertained by the other three members of 'Forever Young' who sang songs by the Everly Brothers, The Eagles and several other artistes. We were given song sheets and everyone enjoyed singing along.



On December 17th we had our Christmas lunch which was also attended by friends from various churches. As always, we had a very happy time and everyone enjoyed their meal and fellowship. One of the desserts was a beautiful fresh fruit Christmas tree made by Irene Greenman; it was much admired and was delicious. Thanks again to Christine Clark for organising the donations of food items and the purchasing of the chicken legs which Eddie Banks and his grandson James kindly collected from Morrison's. Also thanks to all the people who served and helped in the kitchen.



On Saturday 6th January, we held our Post-Christmas Party which was a great success. It was well attended and started with games for the children led by Kath Kerr, Jacqui Lucas and Kay Graham. Friends came from St Michael's, Roomfield and The Fellowship and several parents of the children's came. There was line and barn dancing then the children were given stick-on 'jewels' so they could each decorate a crown to wear. A lovely supper followed and the evening concluded with everyone joining in Auld Lang Syne.

Rev Kath Lawson commissioned Jim Haughey as the Church's Evangelist during the Covenant and Communion Service held on January 7th then Jim welcomed Kath Kerr into membership.



POST CHRISTMAS PARTY



Ladies' Guild

Weather permitting, by the time you read this, we will have had our AGM on 23rd January. Mrs Doreen Landriau is coming to speak to us at our meeting on February 27th and our Speaker on the 27th of March will be Rev Irene Greenman. Everyone is most welcome.

Flowers for the end of November and beginning of December were provided by anonymous donations and for the end of December by Helen & Ian Walsh and Diane Morris and for the beginning of January by Margaret Crowther. Thank you to all who contribute to our Flower Fund.

We plan to hold a Pancake Party on Tuesday 13th February at 5.30 pm. Any donations received will be given to help the work of Christian Aid.

Lent Groups

We will be running Lent Groups as usual this year using material from Embrace (used to be Bible Lands). These will run from 12.30 to 1.30 pm on the Mondays in Lent and from 7.30 on Tuesdays.

Lunch of soup and a roll will be served from 12 pm before the Monday meetings for those who would like it. Donations for lunch will be sent to "Mary's Meals" a charity providing meals for African children.

Dates of the meetings are:

Monday Feb 19th, Tuesday Feb 20th.

Monday Feb 26th, Tuesday Feb 27th.

Monday Mar 5th, Tuesday Mar 6th.

Monday Mar 12th (no evening meeting on Tuesday due to Church AGM).

Monday Mar 19th, Tuesday Mar 20th.

No meeting in Holy Week. All welcome to join us for any of the meetings.

Kath.

Please note that donations towards the cost of printing *The Herald* are due in February. A suggested amount is £2.50 for the year.

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

Bible Bite Wordsearch

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Little family sold change slave Judah sack
 cup famine sent food heart test spies
 recognise Joseph Egypt Benjamin brother father
 servant God master thief

Come on you guys why not join us for "Men's Breakfast"?
 We meet every first and third Saturday of the month at
 8.30 am. On the first Saturday we follow breakfast with a
 walk although this is optional and dependant of weather.
 The photos are from our recent walk to Bride Stones.



**Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates:
"Is it true?" - "Is it necessary?" - "Is it kind?"**

Memory Clinic

Two elderly couples were enjoying friendly conversation when one of the men asked the other, "Fred, how was the memory clinic you went to last month?"

"Outstanding," Fred replied. "They taught us all the latest psychological techniques: visualization, association, etc. It was great."

"That's great! And what was the name of the clinic?"

Fred went blank. He thought and thought, but couldn't remember. Then a smile broke across his face and he asked, "What do you call that flower with the long stem and thorns?"

"You mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's it!"

Fred turned to his wife.

"Rose, what was the name of that memory clinic?"

A doctor, a civil engineer, and a computer scientist were arguing about what was the oldest profession in the world. The doctor remarked, 'Well, in the Bible it says that God created Eve from a rib taken from Adam. This clearly required surgery, so I can rightly claim that mine is the oldest profession in the world.'

The civil engineer interrupted and said, 'But even earlier in the book of Genesis, it states that God created the order of the heavens and the earth from out of the chaos. This was the first and certainly the most spectacular application of civil engineering. Therefore, fair doctor, you are wrong; mine is the oldest profession in the world.'

The computer scientist leaned back in his chair, smiled and said confidently, 'Ah, but who do you think created the chaos?'

Plough Sunday / Monday (One of a series of unusual church services)



One may ask what has ploughing to do with the Pennine Uplands until recalling that the hardy Oat provided Oatcakes as the basic food throughout Northern England.

Long ago, the ploughing season started in early January. To allow beasts to forage the fields after harvest, there was no autumn ploughing in Mediaeval times. As winters were bleak and dangerous with starvation just around the corner, ploughing was started with the jolly pagan festivities adopted by the Christian Church. The plough lads with their light single mouldboard plough, all decorated with ribbons, would progress around their villages calling, like carol singers, at each homestead expecting gifts for their evening's junketing. Those who failed to contribute would be punished by having a furrow ploughed across their entrance for all to see.

Back in the Sixties, I was invited to join my Young Farmer's Club in carrying a plough into church for the annual Blessing of the Plough, which included those who worked with it, the soil and the crops. Carrying even a small modern two mouldboard tractor mountable plough with sharp knobbly protrudences was uncomfortable to say the least. Four of us heaved and staggered our way to the altar, our limbs frequently attacked by hard metallic parts causing un-Christian mutterings as the unevenly distributed weight made itself felt.

The moving service, much simpler than Harvest Festival, was a reminder of God's constant influence in our lives and of mankind's need to liaise with nature in order to survive.

Michael Kirke

NOTE FROM GOD

We need to talk

Roomfield Pulpit Supply

4th Feb 10.45 am Rev Kath Lawson
 11th Feb 10.45 am Linda Smith
 18th Feb 10.45 am Neil Chapman
 25th Feb 10.45 am John Lockhart
 4th Mar 10:45 am Rev Irene Greenman
 11th Mar 10:45 am John Lockhart
 18th Mar 10:45:00 TBA
 25th Mar 10:45 am TBA
 1st Apr 10.45 am TBA

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)

Saviour by Deborah Ann Belka

The Lord is my Saviour,
what more do I need
when I am hungry
on His Word, I feed.

He renews my spirit,
in the verses I read
He calms my soul
when to His ways I heed.

Though I have troubles,
I have nothing to fear
for I know my Lord
will always be near.

He brings me relief,
when I lean on His promise
to lead me and guide me
out of the darkness.

He's preparing me a place,
with His blood I'm anointed
In Him, my joy overflows
I'll not be disappointed.

His justice and forgiveness,
in my heart I will store
until the day I meet Him
on heaven's shore.

The Lord is my Saviour
what more do I need!

(from Psalm 23)