



ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

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Worship



Morning services, led by Revd. Tim, are posted on our Facebook page (facebook.com/settlemethodist) at 10.30 a.m. every Sunday, and then posted on YouTube. The morning service on 25th April will be an All Age Service.

Services of Evening Prayer with Revd. Tim can be found on YouTube each Sunday by searching for The Settle Methodist Circuit.

Short reflective services are being held **in church** each Sunday at **5.0 p.m.**

Continuing our series on roles within the church:

What does a Worship Leader do?

Anyone who feels called to lead worship (but not preach) has to complete a training course and can then be appointed by the Church Council to serve as a Worship Leader in their local church. The training course covers all aspects of worship other than the sermon e.g. the church year, different types of prayer and choice of hymns. The role of Worship Leader varies from one church to another e.g. they may be part of a music group, leading the opening part of worship on a regular basis before handing over to the preacher, or they may be invited by a visiting preacher to use their local knowledge to choose hymns and/or lead prayers of intercession.



Coffee Pot

Don't forget our 'virtual' Coffee Pot 10.30-11.30 a.m. every Tuesday. Full details are posted on our Facebook page.

Yorkshire Preachers: no.11

Elizabeth Mortimer (née Grayshaw):

Elizabeth, born and bred in Shipley, became a local preacher in 1839. She was so gifted that she became a “hired local preacher”, working in at least four circuits before returning permanently to her home town when she married. She raised a family and was the “mainspring” of the Shipley Society.

After noting that she was not only a preacher but a class leader, a Sunday School teacher, a temperance advocate and an enthusiast for bazaars, sewing meetings and tea meetings, her obituary in the Primitive Methodist Magazine makes this surprising comment, “If it were possible for a person to ‘do too much’ in the vineyard of the Lord, possibly she did a little too much”. She must have been an amazing lady.

Jane Mansergh

FAMILY NEWS



Congratulations to Mr and Mrs
Alex Tarbox!

Dear God,
I've recently been thinking about colours and the way they reflect our moods. When we're down we say we've got "the blues", other days can be "grey days", depression is a "black mood" but when we're feeling good we're "in the pink". If we're angry we "see red" but we also associate red with danger, which is why it features on so many road signs. Researchers have shown that rooms painted green are more relaxing and yellow bedrooms promote a good night's sleep. Red can stimulate alertness and mental activity but an exam room painted red reduces overall performance as it creates a sense of panic. Colour choices can change our sense of well being. A smart dark suit is the go to choice for formal events but shouldn't be confused with "the little black dress" and blue jeans are clearly for relaxing. There was quite a craze in the 1980s for "having your colours done" where experts assisted you to choose make up and clothes that promoted self confidence. I was pondering this as I took my daily wander and looked around and realised that the best use of colours lies in nature - nothing is more cheerful than a golden daffodil or as relaxing as a blue-green sea. A child once asked me what colour to paint a smile and I said I didn't know, so he painted an inverted multi-coloured rainbow... I reckon he got it right.

Best wishes

Old Lil Nongle

Tip No.6

Electrical gadgets are great, but the environmental impact of manufacturing them and disposing of them at the end of their life is high. Think before you buy more gadgets.

Borrowed from the Anglican Green Fingers website.

Questions

Following on from the article on Questions in the last Newsletter, here are some questions which you may find difficult to answer!

1. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
2. Why do 'tug' boats push their barges?
3. Why is it called 'after dark' when it is really 'after light'?
4. Why is "phonics" not spelt the way it sounds?
5. Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
6. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
7. Why are they called buildings when they're already finished? Shouldn't they be called built?
8. Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do 'practice'?

from *A Bucket of Surprises* and *A Box of Delights* by J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books

Guide Dogs for the Blind

As most of you already know, John and I have supported Guide Dogs for the Blind for many years and fundraised for them for the last ten or so. Like every other charity, Covid has affected us very badly and there have been no opportunities to raise much needed cash, so many of us decided to hold a virtual tea party on Zoom and ours was last Saturday. After general chit chat, we welcomed our speaker, Carl, and his wonderful guide dog, Zara. Carl explained how he had unexpectedly lost his eyesight around six years ago and for quite some time refused to admit he had a problem (something we hear very often) until one day his consultant said he must surrender his driving licence immediately. Carl explained his devastation and how he spent a long

time feeling like a prisoner in his own home. He lost his job, couldn't go out on his own and was totally dependent on other people. Becoming a guide dog owner is a long process but eventually Zara, a beautiful pure, almost white Labrador came into his life and totally changed everything. Now he goes where he wants, when he wants, with Zara by his side. She is not only his guide dog but his best friend and his soul mate!

Our charity also provides lots of other help to blind and partially sighted people; we have companion dogs, buddy dogs, sighted guides, family and educational support for children etc etc. There are no age restrictions.

We really do appreciate how difficult times are just now but, if you should feel able to support us, our just giving page, Eileen's Virtual Tea Party in Settle, is still open, link <https://www.facebook.com/1797330425/posts/10215407356975932> or there is a link on my Facebook page (Eileen Pittendreigh Edwards).

Thanks to everyone who has already supported us, both on this occasion and in the past. We can't explain how much it means. Everyone has the right to independent living! Hopefully, we are coming out of lockdown now but, to many blind and partially sighted people, that is their way of life.

Best wishes, Eileen



**Methodist Women
in Britain**

YORKSHIRE WEST DISTRICT
Working with World Mission Fund
DISTRICT EASTER OFFERING
SERVICE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN A DISTRICT EASTER
OFFERING SERVICE TO BE HELD ON ZOOM ON
WEDNESDAY MAY 12TH AT 7p.m.

WHETHER YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE
EASTER OFFERING OR NOT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO SEE
YOU AS WE LEARN TOGETHER HOW THE MONEY IS
USED. THE THEME IS

'INTO ALL THE WORLD'
AND IS THE MATERIAL PREPARED FOR 2020.

TO RECEIVE THE LINK PLEASE CONTACT SUE GRA
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Earth Day

This international event has been held on 22nd
April each year since 1970 to draw people's
attention to environmental issues. This year's
theme is 'Restore our Earth'.

Prayer for the environment

**Loving God, we thank you for the
wonder of all that you have made. As
we go about our business today, may we
tread with care, consume with
moderation and share with generosity so
that all your people might delight in
your goodness and so that those who
come after us may receive a rich
inheritance. In Christ we pray. Amen.
(Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the
Methodist Conference)**