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All are welcome at Mount Hermon



Remember, remember the 5th of November Gunpowder, treason and plot. I see no reason why gunpowder, treason, should ever be forgot.

We approach bonfire night blissfully unaware that we are celebrating the failed attempt to assassinate the king of England. We do that by burning an effigy of a Catholic plotter on a bonfire. Guy Fawkes was not sentenced to being burned at the stake. As someone who was guilty of high treason he was sentenced to be hung, drawn and quartered. At the very last minute he managed to avoid this grizzly fate by falling from the scaffold on which he was to be hanged and breaking his neck.

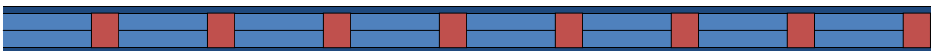
The gathered crowd were understandably greatly upset that their entertainment had to be cancelled! The plot was to blow up the House of Lords whilst the King (James the first of England) and his protestant lords were in session. Fawkes was discovered in a cellar under the parliament building which contained 36 barrels of gunpowder. In 1606 there was no House of Commons. England with Scotland was a nation divided in two (Catholic and Protestant) with each side unable to see the other's point of view – sound familiar? The divide was on religious rather than national grounds, although Scotland was really more aligned to the protestant cause. In 1603 Fawkes wrote this: "It will not be possible to reconcile these two nations, as they are, for very long". Oh how little seems to have changed in 400 years.

Well some things have changed. The churches are not as divided and mutually exclusive as they once were. In Addingham there is a very good churches together. We love and embrace the members of the other churches, Catholic, Anglican, Methodist all working together. There are no-longer harsh penalties for non-attendance at the state church. And yet if our churches are not divided the country certainly is. As I write this Brexit has not been resolved, and around the world there are so many conflicts, wars and political upheavals. I think particularly of the Muslim v Muslim conflicts in the Middle East, and please God do not let Ireland fall back into sectarian violence. Most of these struggles are of course more to do with ethnicity than religion. We despair as we see more refugees, more pointless wars waged by the many to satisfy the political aspirations of the few. It is mainly the civilians, the innocent that suffer. Can the church in England, having buried it's own differences, now help the rest of society to see the folly of open conflict and try to work together for the common good? I am reminded of Jesus' words in the sermon on the mount, the beatitudes which set forward a code of behaviour based on a new set of ideals of love and humility... rather than force and domination.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.

(Matthew 5 : 9).

Submitted by David Sharples (Minister)





" Oh no, it's from our church, and they're asking us to start helping with the church work, and put ourselves on some rota's!!

JOKE CORNER Two farmers were discussing a cattle auction. "Did you get as much as you were expecting for your cow?" - asked one. "No I didn't get what I expected," said the other "but I didn't expect that I would." *****

One night a man who liked a tippel went to his drinks cupboard and found his Scotch Whisky bottle empty. "Have you drunk my whisky?" - he asks his wife. "No," she says "I've been giving it to the hens." "Whatever for?" he asks. "I'm trying to get them to lay some scotch eggs," she replied. *****

A man goes to see his GP and tells him that his arm keeps talking to him! "Don't be ridiculous" said the doctor. "No really, listen to it." The doctor put his head next to the man's arm and he listened. ' "Come on give me a fiver" the arm said. "It's okay," said the doctor - "your arm's broke." *****

"Doctor" said the man, "are you sure I'm suffering from pneumonia? I've heard about a doctor treating someone for pneumonia and in the end he died of Typhus." "Don't you worry your head about me," - said the doctor, "if I treat someone for Pneumonia - he will definitely die of Pneumonia." *****

A man was given the job of painting the white lines down the middle of the road. The first day he painted 6 miles, the next day 3 miles, the following day less than half a mile. When the foreman asked why he was painting less each day, he replied, "I'm sorry boss - but I really can't do any better. Each day I start - I keep getting further away from the paint can." *****

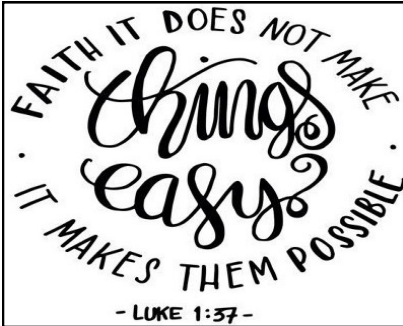
A man was talking to his friend and the subject of marriage came up. He said, 'My sister was going to marry an arctic explorer, but he got cold feet.'

WHERE DO I GO ?

If this isn't a place where tears are understood..... Where do I go to cry?
 If this isn't a place where my spirits can take wing..... Where do I go to fly?
 If this isn't a place where my questions can be asked..... Where do I go to seek?
 If this is not a place where my feelings can be voiced..... Where do I go to speak?
 If this is not a place where you'll accept me as I am... Where do I go to be accepted?
 If this is not a place where I can try to learn and grow..... Where then can I go?

The Church of Jesus Christ exists to help those who are hurting. We are here first to minister to the lost, then to the hurting, the poor and heartbroken, and to continue on with the work and example of Jesus who said in Matthew 25 : 40 "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Also In Luke 4:18 Jesus said: "*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed*"

Jesus came to minister to those who were in need, and we are to follow His example. A church that can't do that needs a new vision. The Bible tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together especially as we see the day approaching where Jesus will return for His Bride – the Church. But as we assemble together, we must remember that we are here to comfort and edify one another... and build each other up in our faith. Jesus set us a unique example, and we must all strive to be like Him.



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24

YOUTH IS A STATE OF THE MIND

YOUTH is not a time of life, it's a state of the mind, it's not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it's a matter of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigour of the emotions, the freshness of deep springs of life.

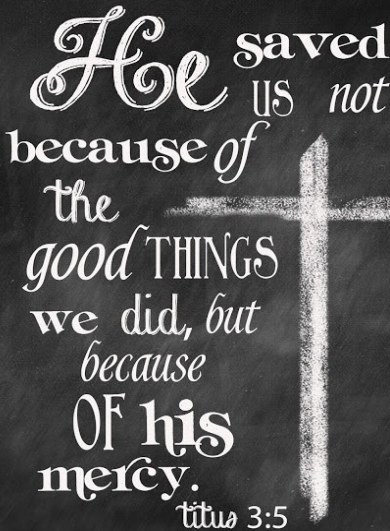
YOUTH means temperamental predominance of courage over timidity of the appetite, for adventure over the love of ease. This often exists in a man of 60 or more than a boy of 20. Nobody grows older merely by a number of years. We grow older by deserting our ideals.

Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, fear, self-distrust bows the heart and turns the spirit back to dust.

Whether 60 or 16, there is in every human being's heart the lure of wonder, the unfailing child-like appetite of what's next, and the joy of the game of living. In the centre of your heart and my heart there is a wireless station, so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, courage and power from man and from the Infinite, so long are you young.

When the aerials are down, and your spirit is covered... with the snows of cynicism... and the ice of pessimism, then you have grown old even at the age of 20, but as long as your aerials are up, to catch waves of... optimism, there is hope you may die young at 80. Submitted by Margaret Cobb

He saved
US not
because of
the
good THINGS
we did, but
because
OF his
mercy.
titus 3:5



be
strongly
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JOSHUA 1:9
THE LORD YOUR
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BELIEVING IN WHO YOU ARE



What is your mind-set? A prince acts like a prince because he believes that he is a prince. This results of him being told from birth that he is royalty, and at some point he accepts it, and then acts accordingly. When a girl is told regularly by her peers she's beautiful, she'll act with confidence and self-worth. Sadly the opposite's also true, we can believe that we are nothing because we take in.. and accept people's negative comments. If we believe we are nothing we're certain to act like it, and so

people will treat us accordingly... and that's truly a sad situation to be in.

As Christians, we're born again as joint heirs into the Family of God because of Christ's efficacious work on the Cross (Rom 8:16 -17). What does this mean? We are told we are divine royalty - but most of don't act like we believe it. We go through life filled with worry, feeling unloved and believing we are nothing important. When we start to believe we are sons and daughters of God... we will also act accordingly: HOW? We'll believe we are treasured and a person of worth. John 16: 27 says this : **"For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and believed that I came forth from God."** We'll have - unshakable confidence amidst all the battles of life because we believe that the all-powerful God will be with us. Hebrews 13 : 5 states: **"For He Himself has said... I will never leave you nor forsake you."** We will speak boldly knowing our Heavenly Father will vindicate us if necessary. Romans 8:31 says: If God is for us, who can be against us? We will be relaxed and joyful as God our Heavenly Father is the one who governs all the laws of nature and owns all the riches of the universe. Psalms 68:19 states: **Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation.** Will all this change your thinking?

Finally, when we truly believe we're Spiritual Royalty, and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ, the result we be a mind-set of inner peace.

Isaiah 26:3 says this: **"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."** (Submitted by Neil Bedford)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9



CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

- SUN** 3 Wendy Duckworth..... Cleckheaton (Communion)
 10 David Sharples (Minister)..... Remembrance Sunday
 17 Colin Braithwaite..... Sheffield (WR Union President)
 24 Pastor Chris Barnes.... Bethel Church, Bierley, Bradford

- TUE** These courses will be preceded by a light lunch at 1 pm.
 5 The ALPHA Course..... to commence at 1.30. pm.
 12 The ALPHA Course..... to commence at 1.30. pm
 19 The ALPHA Course..... to commence at 1.30. pm
 26 Ladies Knitting Group..... from 10 am to 12 noon
 26 The ALPHA Course..... to commence at 1.30. pm

WED 7.30. pm - **THE CHURCH BIBLE STUDY**

Venue will be announced at a later date.

All comers will be given a warm welcome.



- THU** 9.30. am - **Church Prayer Meeting** - held every week.
We value your presence... and your prayer requests.

10 to 11.30 am - **COFFEE POT** serving every week

The chapel will be open for - private prayers and devotions. Everyone is made welcome
Join us and enjoy fellowship in a warm, and friendly atmosphere, and meet new friends.



- SAT** 30th - **Christmas Coffee Morning** - 10 am to 11.30. am
You can find further details of this event on the back page.

SMILING IN DUTIES FOR NOVEMBER

- 3rd Gloria Bedford
 10th Nikki Sharples
 17th Maureen Marshall
 24th Jo Phipers



PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR :

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

(10.30. to 11.30. a.m.)

Cake Stall, Preserves, Books, Greetings cards, Bric-a-brac
Many Christmas Novelties, and Raffle with excellent prizes.



Entry Fee only £1.50. Includes drinks and fill up's

Come, enjoy a good time with us as we enter the festive season. Enjoy fellowship together & meet new friends.

One night, an elderly African-American woman was stranded on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rain storm. Her car had broken down and she was in desperate need of a lift. She stood there soaking wet, and decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her - this kind of thing was generally unheard of... in the conflict-filled 1960's. The man drove her to safety, helped her to get the assistance she needed for her car, and then he put her into a taxi cab.

She seemed to be in a big hurry, yet she made time to write down his address, thanked him, and drove away. After around seven days had gone by, there was a knock on the man's door. To his great surprise, a combination console, colour TV... and stereo record player was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. The note read as follows: Dear Mr. James: Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. That rain not only drenched my clothes... but also my spirits. Then... you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for unselfishly serving others, I will be forever grateful to you. Thank You.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus..." (Phil. 2 : 3 - 5)



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