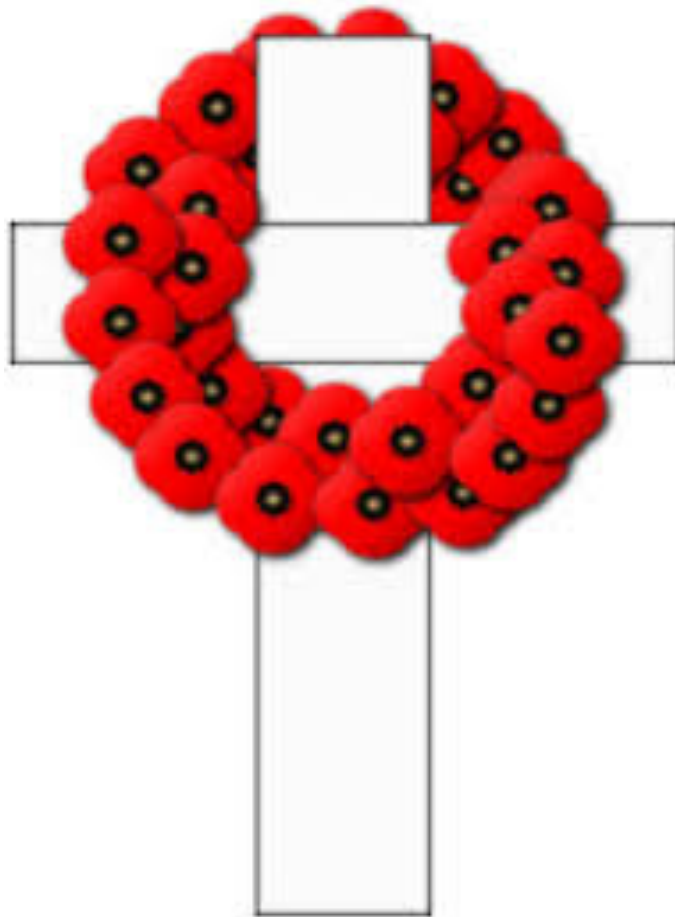


October/November 2025

The **MESSENGER**

**Remembrance Sunday 9th November – Civic Service at
Bramhope Methodist Church following the Service at
the Cenotaph at 11.00am**



Bramhope Methodist Church
Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist Circuit
www.bramhopemethodist.org.uk



For details of weekly Worship please check the service list or the church website

SUNDAY @ 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP - First Sunday in the month with HOLY COMMUNION
MONDAY 9.30-10am 11-12.00 4.30-5.30 6-7.00pm	PRAYER TIME in the Low Room PILATES – Contact Angela on 07745 801438 FIRST CLASS LEARNING - Maths, English & Science Tuition - 07415 190952 FAMILY KARATE CLASS. Chris 07393 203939
TUESDAY 10.30-12.00 10.30-11.30 4-6pm From 7pm	COFFEE SHOP in the Hall WHAT'S IN THE BOX for pre-school children – term time only. FIRST CLASS LEARNING - Maths, English & Science Tuition - 07415 190952 FILM CLUB – 1 st Tuesday in the month from Oct – April. Tel 0113-2678332
WEDNESDAY 10.15-11.15am 2.15-3pm 4.30-5.30pm 6-7.00pm	TAI CHI – organised by OPAL Tel 0113-2619103 MOVE IT OR LOSE IT. Suzie 07786 393375 MUSICAL THEATRE LIFE. Rebecca 07814 451017 FAMILY KARATE CLASS. Chris 07393 203939
THURSDAY 7.30pm	THURSDAY LADIES' GROUP - Second Thursday in the month September-May
FRIDAY 9.30-10.30 2pm	ZUMBA – Tel 07887 561908 HISTORICAL SOCIETY – meets twice monthly from Sept – May. Tel 0113-2672906
SATURDAY 9.30am (monthly) 9-10.30am	WALKING GROUP – guided walks throughout the year – meet at Church for car sharing or self-drive to the start. DANCE INC – a range of different dance classes for children from 3 to 10yrs+. Emma 07707 055491

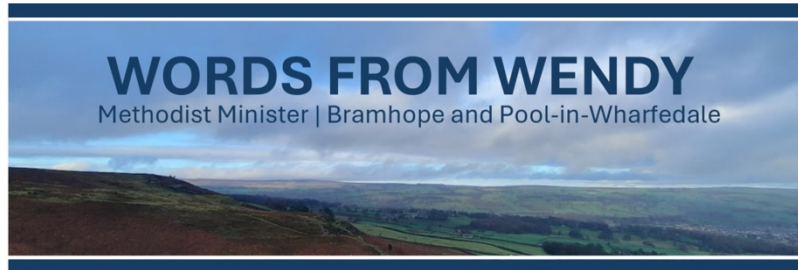
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Bramhope Methodist Church, Eastgate, Leeds LS16 9AA

Minister: Rev Wendy Walker

Email: wendy.walker@methodist.org.uk

Tel: 07482 717 810



Dear Friends

As a congregation we recently joined together in the Covenant Service, renewing our commitment to God and to one another. It was a moment of quiet depth and shared resolve—a reminder that our faith is not a solitary journey but a communal calling. We live in a time of global turmoil and local transition. Conflicts rage, communities fracture, and uncertainty seems to echo across every headline. Within our own church family, we face change. Yet in all this, we are invited to trust, not only as individuals seeking God's guidance, but corporately, as a people bound together in Christ. Our covenant is not just personal — it is shared, lived out in worship, service, and mutual care. Let us continue to walk forward in faith, holding fast to the One who holds us. And as we do, may the words of the covenant prayer shape our hearts and our life together:

I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing: I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Grace and Peace

Wendy

Lead Minister for Bramhope and Pool-in-Wharfedale

Our Church Mission Statement:

“Together as a Church family we are aspiring to love God, the Community and each other through worship, prayer, learning, service and outreach.”

MHA Volunteers

Alongside her role as our minister, Rev Wendy is a chaplain at MHA Glen Rosa in Ilkley. She would love to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer their time to share conversation with the residents or help them to engage at weekly worship services (finding hymn pages, adding their voice to the singing). At least one person has expressed an interest but would require a lift, so please chat to Wendy if you would like to help wendy.walker@mha.org.uk.

FLOWER ROTA - October and November

5 th Oct	B Neville	2 nd Nov	B Foster
12 th	Harvest	9 th	Remembrance
19 th	G Acomb	16 th	N Sykes
26 th	C Jeffries	23 rd	C Halstead
		30 th	At Guiseley

The church is open on Saturday mornings between 9.30 and 10.30am. Please use the Low Room to prepare flowers where the vases are stored. Ring 0113-2678773 if you have any queries, or would like to be included or taken off the Rota.

Thank you to everyone who generously donate flowers every week, these are distributed to friends and neighbours after our Services.

Worship in October and November

Sunday morning Services all start at 10.30am

October	
5 th	Holy Communion Service led by Rev Tim Perkins
12 th	Harvest Service led by Rev Wendy Walker with dedication of food donations for the Salvation Army
19 th	Service led by Rev David Halstead
26 th	Service led by Mrs Joan Bosomworth
November	
2 nd	Holy Communion Service led by Rev Mark Godfrey
9 th	Remembrance Sunday – 11am at the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance followed by the Village Civic Service led by Rev Alistair Newton
16 th	Service led by Rev Wendy Walker
23 rd	Service led by Mrs Pauline Tate
30 th	Joint Service with Yeadon and Guiseley at Guiseley. No Service at Bramhope.

Harvest Collection for the Salvation Army

This collection is ongoing up to and including Sunday 12th October when our Harvest Service and dedication of food donations will be led by our Minister, Rev Wendy Walker



Toy Collection for the Salvation Army – During November we will be collecting new toys and books. These will be dedicated at our Toy Service on Sunday 7th December before sending to the Army for distribution to needy families and children. Donations can be left at Church in the vestibule on Sundays or at Coffee Shop on Tuesdays.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

TREASURER'S INTERIM REPORT

For the year to August 2025



2025 ACCOUNTS

The averaged weekly collections for the year to August were:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Envelopes, Cash and Standing Orders	£ 505	£ 487

This is an increase of nearly 4% and totals £26,311 for the year. We have benefited from new members and those reviewing their giving. Thank you for this generosity.

Excluding bequests and related expenditure the draft accounts show a surplus of £2,290 compared to £11,127 last year.

Income is up £3,700 with increases in Giving £1,000, donations £2,200, rents £1,000 and sundry income £1,100 offset by reductions in Gift Aid £1,600.

We have benefitted from a donation by a local charity of £3,000 and a gift of £10,000, the latter specifically for the redecoration of the Church Sanctuary. The redecoration of the Sanctuary, the cleaning and repainting of the organ have been completed successfully and new cushions purchased and fitted. Congratulations to all involved in the process, the result is a big improvement to The Sanctuary.

Ongoing expenditure is up this year £12,500 due mainly to increases in repairs £7,000. These consisted of boiler, projector, organ and dishwasher servicing and repairs to the drive as well as repairs resulting from a leak which amounted to £4,300 of which only £868 was recoverable from our insurers. In addition utility costs are up £4,400, a combination of a long cold winter and increases in unit energy costs, and printing and miscellaneous costs increased by £1,100

The Maintenance Reserve stands at £16,000. The Development Account stands at £nil, The balance brought forward of £3,466 having been utilised in the Sanctuary Improvements.

2026 OUTLOOK

Although the surplus is well down on last year the major negative impacts were repairs, which should reduce quite significantly in the future, and utilities which will continue at the higher current level.

Heating costs, which have been stable in recent years, have increased sharply and usage as well as other costs are being monitored and controlled where possible.

While we have fortunately benefitted from donations and bequests for several years, ongoing Income and Expenditure, which may not include these incomes, must be monitored to ensure a realistic assessment of the ongoing position.

Maintenance of Collection Income and the ability to provide Special Events is a concern in the short and long term. Thank you to those organising Special Events, helping with lettings and the many varied other activities which are enjoyed by both the Congregation and the wider community. Continued Giving cannot be stressed too highly. Please continue to give so generously.

Norman Sykes, Honorary Treasurer

NEWS and DIARY DATES

Concert at Pool

Pool Methodist Church welcomes the Chippendale Singers – a mixed voice choir based in Otley with a wonderfully varied programme.

Saturday 4th October @ 3pm

Refreshments included
Free entry, donations welcome - all proceeds for Church funds.

Concert at Ben Rhydding Methodist Church

“May Glory Shine”

A musical response to the Methodist Modern Art Collection exhibition

Saturday 4th October @ 4pm

Choral music from the Renaissance to the present day, reflecting themes of peril, grief, hope and love, including pieces by Byrd, Stanford, Finzi and Whitacre

Pinsuti Chamber Choir directed by Robert Webb
Organ: William Campbell

Admission free, donations welcome

Care for a Cuppa Café

A welcoming café for those living with memory problems

We always enjoy meeting new people, so if you know of someone living with dementia/memory problems, please let them know about the Café. There is always a warm welcome, teas, coffees and cake, plus activities, singing and exercise.

1st Tuesday of every month 1.30-3.30pm
At Bramhope Village Hall, Old Lane, LS16 9AZ
£2 per person

For more details, please contact catherinebirkby@outlook.com

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Every Tuesday Morning during Term Time
from 10.30-11.30 in the Low Room at Church

Relaxed story based sessions for pre-school children/babies and their Carers. Each week we look at 'what's in the box' and try to guess what the story is and the children love seeing what's there. We have a story and then do a craft activity.

For more information please contact:

Jean Snaith (Activities Organiser) activities@wandamethodists.org.uk

Tel 07380 116796 OR

Hester Ayling (Children's Worker)

children@wandamethodists.org.uk Tel 07454 027507

ONE OR TWO MORE VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE APPRECIATED to help with this thriving group – please contact Jean or Hester





QUIZ NIGHT POSTPONED TO
Friday 21st November - 7 for 7.30 start



with a delicious
PIE and PEAS and PUDDING SUPPER
(vegetarian option available – please ask for this when booking)

Come and enjoy a fun-filled night with fabulous food and prizes
Tickets £10 Adults and £5 under 13s
Tel 0113 267 3143

The Methodist Modern Art Collection Exhibition is in Bradford at five locations until the 12th October - Bradford Cathedral, Ben Rhydding Methodist Church, The South Square Centre, St James Church, Thornton and Woodhouse Grove School. as part of the Bradford City of Culture.

The Art Collection is one of the Methodist Church's greatest treasures. It is an outstanding collection of 20th and 21st Century religious art, founded in 1962 by Dr John Morel Gibbs during the post-war revival in British religious painting. Since then, it has grown to comprise more than 60 paintings, prints, drawings and sculptures including examples of British 20th Century paintings by Graham Sutherland, Elisabeth Frink and Maggi Hambling, as well as examples by South Asian artists F N Souza and Jyoti Sahi. The Collection has enhanced worship, opened faith conversations, amazed visitors, and inspired different art forms including poetry and dance.

Opening Times at:

Woodhouse Grove School Tuesdays 6pm–9pm

Saturdays 1pm–6pm and Sundays 1pm–5pm

and at

Ben Rhydding Methodist Church Fridays 11am–3pm

Saturdays 10am–4pm and Sundays 2pm–4pm



DEBT CENTRE UPDATE

July
2025

The Wharfedale & Aireborough debt centre – a partnership between the Methodist Circuit and Christians Against Poverty – has been running for 6 years, supporting people who find themselves facing unmanageable household bills.

Led by a new Chief Executive, CAP describes itself as a movement of over 300 colleagues, around 3,000 mission field workers (church-based teams and leaders) and almost 30,000 generous Christian supporters. We believe that the overarching goal of this movement is that, whenever someone is experiencing financial crisis or vulnerability, there will be a church in their community that is ready to walk alongside them. That church will offer steadfast support as they restore their financial resilience and hope for the future and will introduce them to the fullness of life that Jesus offers.

In Wharfedale & Aireborough, we are part of this movement.



A MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL DODD our Debt Centre Manager

The CAP ministry continues to be a challenging but ultimately rewarding experience. New clients come from all areas within the Circuit including Yeadon, Otley, Guiseley, Bramhope, Burley-in-Wharfedale and Ilkley.

A number of clients have become debt free enabling them to move on with their lives without the weight of unmanageable debt.

CAP operations have moved to a regional structure to better meet the needs of clients and to be closer to partner churches.

There has been a renewed focus on more vulnerable clients with complex needs. These clients tend to have multiple health and social issues as well as unmanageable debt. In addition, we are seeing more clients who have 'deficit' budgets. This means that even if their debts are sorted, they have insufficient income to cover their day-to-day expenses. Local food banks and organisations providing fuel vouchers, unfortunately are filling the gap in the short term. There is a core group of befrienders who are the vital community and church link with clients. We are always on the lookout for more befrienders to spread the load!

YOUR SUPPORT

- Contact Michael on 07935 223663 or michaeldodd@capuk.org to offer your support
- Pray for Michael and the CAP team as they undertake this personally demanding work
- Contact Richard Lowe on 01943 862357 or finance@wandamethodists.org.uk to support our debt centre through personal giving and church fundraising



A Word in your Ear One Year On

It is now just over one year since a new government was elected with a large majority on a manifesto for “Change and Growth”. What has happened so far?

Internationally our Prime Minister has been very active in seeking support for Ukraine by means of “the coalition of the willing”, the revitalisation of NATO, increase in defence spending in Western Europe and in seeking a continuation of support from the USA to maintain European stability. His negotiations with President Trump have resulted in relatively low tariffs for UK trade with America.

Domestically the situation is somewhat less clear. In her budget last October the Chancellor increased our taxes by £40 billion, including £26 billion in Employers National Insurance payments, an increase in the minimum wage, changes to Inheritance Tax and other changes.

Business owners have reacted with caution as they must balance their books. Consequently employment has fallen by 164,000 since the eve of that budget, the majority in the sectors of hospitality, retail, wholesale and motor repairs – affecting largely those under 35 years of age.

I presume that the majority of this money has found its way into the NHS or the energy sector. A comment that we had borrowed a further £20 billion this June and had used £16.4 billion of this to service our debts (interest payments) led me to wonder about the size of the National Debt and thus the problems facing the Chancellor.

The matter is discussed in some detail in “Return to Growth Volume 1” which is very readable. (1) Those interested might care to beg, borrow or buy the book, but for most the summary below will be adequate.

Governments do borrow (from time to time) and have to pay interest until the capital is repaid. The UK Government does the same and our debt and thus our interest payments rose between 2005 – 2010 following the crisis of 2008.

The costs were then falling gradually until the start of Covid when the (previous) Government borrowed very large sums of money to pay both employees and businesses during lockdown. A third of this debt is index linked and, as interest rates have risen, so have the interest payments. Though inflation, which had risen to 11% in 2022 has now fallen to 3.8%, it is still a problem and is no doubt one of the factors in the suggestion that the Chancellor may currently face a shortfall of £50 billion at the time of her budget in October (ie an excess of expenditure over income).

My understanding is that our debt is similar to our GDP (gross domestic product), that our interest payments are in the region of £100 billion per annum and that our growth rate is less than 1% whilst payments in welfare and in public sector pensions continue to increase.

The Government will wish to increase income and reduce expenditure. Income can only be increased by taxation or by borrowing and by sale of assets (think of privatisations of years ago). Expenditure can be reduced but not without distress or public outcry. The Chancellor has already tried to minimise the winter fuel payments and reduce some aspects of the Welfare Payments only to be defeated by her own backbenchers. What can be done?

By chance I came across an article in the Daily Telegraph (2) explaining the course of action taken by Sweden in the 1990s when faced with the imminent collapse of the Nordic Welfare model, apparently in worse shape than we are today. Mr Persson, Sweden's Prime Minister for much of the time from 1993 to 2000, when addressing McKinsey gurus, explained how Sweden went from a deficit of 11% in 1993 to a surplus of 3% in 2000 with growth near to 6%.

The "Swedish" cure involved dealing with unemployment over 10%, distressed banks and falling house prices, blending increases in taxes with reductions in expenditure. Important issues were:-

- a) Total commitment of the leader who will resign or call elections if obstructed.
- b) No tolerance of dissension between ministers.
- c) Expect and do not dodge a fight with some sectors.

What was actually done?

- 1) Pensions reduced by 2% with the end of inflation linking and restricted access to early retirement and a push to persuade people to work longer.
- 2) Parental leave payments fell from 90% to 75% of former salary. Sick pay cut from 90% to 65% for short absences.
- 3) Unemployment and social housing costs reduced. The net tightened on disability payments.
- 4) Start paying for prescriptions.

Though it is suggested that tax increases were 1/3 and spending cuts 2/3 of the changes, or perhaps 50 : 50, the extent of any tax rises is not stated, but it is noted that average sick leave fell from 25 to 11 days per year and that Sweden cut state spending by 8% of GDP in four years', despite increasing spending on education, job retraining and "all things digital" at the same time.

Conclusion:

- 1) This analysis of economic change can be updated in the next "edition" after the forthcoming budget, when
- 2) We can perhaps consider changes in energy, immigration, the NHS, pensions and the effect of covid on the young.
- 3) It could well be desirable and helpful if each MP had access to The Return to Growth and the Daily Telegraph article dealing with Sweden's problems.
- 4) As Methodists do we have a view on any additional actions our Government should take?

Philip Smith

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Check out the Circuit Website for Special Services, News and Events <https://wandamethodists.org.uk> and the Church website for our Services, Events, the Messenger and Bible Verse of the Day www.bramhopemethodist.org.uk

Prayer, Worship, Study and Mission

PRAYING TOGETHER

A joint prayer time with St Giles is held every Monday morning from 9.30-10am in the Low Room at Church. This affords the opportunity for members of both Churches to come together, to pray for the village and the work of the Church.

Do join us – all are welcome

PRAYER MINISTRY

A member of the Prayer Ministry Team will be available on most Sunday mornings at the end of the Service to pray with those who would find this helpful. Leaflets, booklets and copies of prayers are available on the prayer table by the organ in Church. Please feel free to take them away for use.

VILLAGE PRAYERS – every Sunday, together with our friends at St Giles, we pray for the residents of our Village:

Creskeld Lane, Creskeld Park and Breary Lane East	5 th October
High Ridge Way, Kings Road and Kings Drive	12 th
Springwood Crescent, Cardenden Drive, Grizedale Place, Falling Foss Grange and Way	19 th
Heartwood Close, Dalby Fold, Grove, Lane and Court, Keldy Gardens and Approach	26 th
Guisborough Croft and Avenue, May Beck Green and Court	2 nd Nov
Eccleshall Grove and Gardens, Hatfield Close and Green and Galloway Croft	9 th
The Sycamores and Sycamore Close	16 th
The Birches, Cedars, Rowans, Poplars and Sandy Walk	23 rd
Wynmore Crescent, Avenue and Drive	30 th

PRAYER DIARY for October and November



Monday - We uphold in prayer the growing number of people who are no longer able to attend regular worship. May they feel that they are still part of our fellowship.

Tuesday - We give thanks for our Pastoral Visitors and the support they give us. Theirs is a vital role in our church community.

Wednesday - We continue to pray for our circuit during these times of change, giving thanks for all its officers and their commitment.

Thursday - We pray for the world wide Methodist Church and all those involved with World Mission.

Friday - We uphold in prayer our Parish Council. They work hard on our behalf keeping Bramhope a welcoming and vibrant community.

Saturday - As we see and hear of the many distressing and challenging situations in the world today, we pray for all governments and peace makers, asking that your Holy Spirit will soften hardened hearts and bring about peaceful relationships between all nations.

Amen

Joan Bosomworth

EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN

Previously the Church has had a prayer chain, made up of people who are willing to pray for anyone who needs confidential prayers and it would be good to restart it. If you are interested in making up a small group of people and to be part of this team, please contact Joan 01132-674198.

SACRED SERENDIPITY By Rev David Halstead

THE FAITH JOURNEY of Rev David Halstead

David believes his life has been punctuated by sacred moments of **serendipity**. Unexpected things have happened 'out of the blue', which turned out to be life changing. He believes that **serendipitous** events and encounters are one of the ways God reaches out to us.

Chapter 13 The Mission 'starts' - the Manchester Methodist Housing Association and another serendipity story of seeds being sown at Platt Lane bearing fruit.

Early in 1970 my predecessor at Platt Lane, Rev Geoff Clark, went to see the Superintendent of the Mission, Rev John Banks and said *"I have just been shown around some of the projects of a local Housing Association – that is something the Mission ought to be doing"*. John agreed and set about forming a Committee from supporters of the Mission – a banker, an estate agent, an accountant, a quantity surveyor, an architect and several other people of goodwill. The first project of the Manchester Methodist Housing Association was six small flats in the grounds of the Mission's home for elderly ladies in Didsbury which was opened in Feb 1975. The Association continued to grow and change according to the requirements of the Housing Corporation. At one point there was a shift away from new fair rent flats for the elderly to the rehabilitation of older housing stock. In 1986 the MMHA had rehabilitated and occupied 400 properties and had 75 in the pipeline. I was to become very involved with the MMHA when I became Superintendent in 1990. In 2006 the MMHA joined with the Ashiana Housing Association and became the **Great Places Housing Association**. Currently **Great Places** owns over 26,000 affordable homes in more than 30 local authority areas across the North West and South Yorkshire. In 2024/25 **Great Places** invested over £230 million into building new homes as well as running a wide range of projects and initiatives to help our customers and their communities. And it all started with a 'conversation' in the Methodist Central Hall in Oldham Street Manchester about the 'serendipitous' encounter Geoff Clark had had as he was going about his work in Moss Side.

Now a Platt Lane 'story' which is a wonderful example of the way the 'ethos' of the Mission enabled a 'miracle' to happen. It has 'serendipity' written all over it.

One day, in 1974, a lady stopped me in the street to ask for help. She was a widow who lived round the corner from the church. Her son was an alcoholic whose marriage had broken down and he had returned home to live with his Mum. Would I go and see him?

I did and over several weeks, on almost a daily basis, he began to tell me his story and I got involved in helping him to put together a 'recovery programme' - part of which included coming to help me with a project at the church adapting a room as an office for our new Community Care Group LINK. He had some woodworking skills, so for the rest of the story we will call him Joseph but that is not his real name. We talked as we worked, and Joseph began to believe that he could put alcohol behind him. He needed a more permanent job so we employed him to paint all the church premises inside and out. He took an interest in LINK and wanted to help as a volunteer. We talked everyday. One day Joseph said "I miss my wife so much". She came to see me and we talked about the possibility of a reconciliation. It was clear to me that, given the right circumstances, their relationship could be saved. Joseph asked her to give him another chance. They started talking about the possibility and in November 1975 they renewed their marriage vows. The next job was to find them somewhere to live and a permanent job.

As it happened we needed a caretaker so we gave Joseph a five year contract. As for accommodation, renting would have been an option, but I had **a better idea**. A lot of the housing around Manchester City's Maine Rd football ground needed serious renovation and was very cheap. We decided to buy one of the houses but knowing it would need a lot of work to it to make it habitable. I had contacts with a local Manpower Services Commission project who were prepared to use the renovation of 'our house' as a training project for their new recruits.

Once completed, Joseph agreed to pay an affordable 'rent' for the house, on the understanding that when the total 'rent' paid equalled the combined cost of the property and its renovation we would then hand over the ownership of the property to him and his wife. It was an informal, unconventional and potentially 'risky' arrangement but in the circumstances it just felt like the right thing to do. Interest free money was borrowed to fund the purchase and MSC did the rest. Joseph and his wife moved into their new home in 1976 and started to raise a family.

In the meantime the Platt Lane **LINK** project started its own MSC funded Painting and Decorating programme. Joseph was the ideal person to lead it – he successfully applied for the job of organising it and his wife took over his caretaking duties in the church.

The **LINK** scheme became a huge success and when we left Platt Lane in September 1980 many people had freshly painted houses and Mr and Mrs Joseph had their own home, a two year old son, a few months old daughter and a new life together, all because a chance encounter in the street with a distraught mother brought this situation to my attention at a time when I had access to the kind of ‘support’ which was needed.

Meanwhile the Halstead family and the church family at Platt Lane were about to embark on another adventure – participating in the **World Methodist Council Exchange Programme** in which ministers and their families in the UK, USA and other countries switch places for two months in the summer. The Halstead family (Naomi aged 8 and Fiona aged 5) and our Platt Lane Church were matched with the Chuck Cordes family and Florin United Methodist Church in Elk Grove Sacramento in California. It was a simple swap. We swapped manses and cars and took over each other’s pulpits and jobs.

We arrived in time for my first service on the **4th of July - the 200th Anniversary of Independence Day** to be warmly greeted and welcomed by the Church Steward dressed as George Washington!

We had a wonderful time and learned things which helped us enormously when we returned home – **more of that next time**. We will always be grateful for the **serendipity** which paired us with the people at Florin United Methodist Church.

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Rev David Halstead will be using one of the paintings from the Methodist Art Collection as the FOCUS of the Service he is leading at Bramhope on the 19th October.



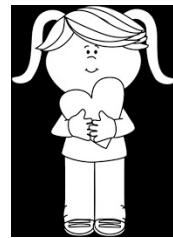
Church Family



A belated Happy Anniversary to Edward & Barbara Dodman who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in September.

ANY HUMAN HEART

A world in turmoil.
Not much good news in the media.
Years of turmoil still unresolved.
How long before it ends.
Utter chaos in so many communities.
Misery, poverty and starvation abound.
Affecting millions.
No end in sight.
Hope is all we have, faith in the future.
Every day we uphold others in prayer.
Always believing peace will come.
Reaching out in love and compassion,
Takes us into a better way of life.
Any human heart will not turn away
Trusting that eventually good will overcome evil.



Joan B

Church Groups

THURSDAY LADIES' GROUP

9th October at 7.30pm - Members' Evening

13th November at 7.30pm - Holy Beetle

If you enjoy interesting speakers, friendly company and a cuppa do join us, you will be made very welcome.

Telephone 0113 2672906 for more details.

COFFEE SHOP open EVERY TUESDAY

From 10.30 to 12 in the Church Hall. Come and meet old friends and make new ones in a warm, safe space. Enjoy coffee, toasted teacakes and lots of conversation. We look forward to welcoming you.



We are looking for more volunteers to work in the kitchen, can you help with this?

Please contact Margaret 01132 673143

WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group is currently resting!



FREEDOM FOR GIRLS GROUP

Meets once a month on Thursday afternoons to make up sanitary kits for Africa. Group members employ a range of skills, including measuring and cutting fabric, preparing or machining and finishing the products.

Telephone 07939 909424 for more details

BRAMHOPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY GROUP

Friday 10th October - visit to Harewood House

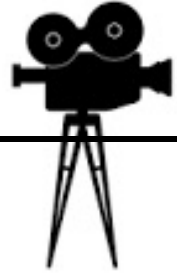
Friday 24th October - Talk by Judge Michael Heath

Friday 7th November - visit to Salt's Mill at Saltaire

Friday 21st November - Talk by Joyce Hill on medieval Leeds

New Members will be warmly welcomed.

For further details please contact Jack on 0113 2672906



BRAMHOPE FILM CLUB

I am pleased to announce that the new season for the Film Club commences on the 7th of October with a short AGM followed by our first film. In reviewing our films, we have found that the trend for the newer ones is to have a longer running time. So for the benefit of all, but particularly our projectionist, I need to emphasise that most films will start at 19:30 prompt.

October's film is 'Untouchable'. An enjoyable film of a disabled gentleman in France who employs the services of an unconventional carer. It is both amusing and heart-warming and is based on a true story.

For November's show, we look forward to the Oscar winning, 'Conclave', and in December a humorous film, 'The Penguin Lessons', again, based on a true story. So please do come along and perhaps bring a friend or two.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible,

Rob Handby, Chair

The Film Club meets in the Church Hall on the first Tuesday in the month from October through until April. Doors open at 7pm for a cuppa and biscuit prior to screenings at 7.30pm. Membership costs £29 for seven films and £23 for five films, with Guests paying £5 per showing. Contact Chris Goodall on 07593 370886 for membership queries.

LADIES AT THE FOX

The Fox has generously opened its doors only for us every fourth Monday of the month from 10.30-12noon. This is so that all ladies can come together to be treated to a lovely cup of coffee, including biscuits. We chat, laugh, share our frustrations, as well as our sadnesses and find refreshment, not only in the coffee, but in the sharing and enjoyment of each other's company.

Beryl Weatherley



BERNARD'S HOMEMADE MARMALADE & JAMS

Bernard was awarded a Silver Certificate for his entry in the 2025 Dalemain World Famous Marmalade Awards Festival, which this year celebrated its 20th Anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS BERNARD

At just £3 a jar these are a delicious bargain and all proceeds go towards Church funds. (Overheard recently several comments from people saying they would not like to have shop marmalade again, after tasting Bernard's homemade.)

Pick up a jar after Sunday Service or from Tuesday morning Coffee Shop or phone 0113-2678169 to arrange a home delivery.

<https://www.dalemain.com/about-the-festival>



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