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Calendar

- Sunday 5th March** Service led by Rev Brian Davison
Followed by communion
- Sunday 12th Mar** Service led by Sheila Coop
- Sunday 19th Mar** Service led by Rev Brian Davison
Mother's Day
- Thursday 23rd Mar** Church AGM @ 5.30pm
- Sunday 26th Mar** Service led by John Piper
- Sunday 2nd April** **Palm Sunday** Service led by Rev Brian Davison
Followed by communion
- Friday 7th April** **Good Friday** Service at Macedonia (TBC)
- Sunday 9th April** **Easter Day** Service led by Sammy Spaine
- Sunday 16th April** To be confirmed
- Sunday 23rd April** Service led by Graham Laffey
- Sunday 30th April** To be confirmed
- Sunday 7th May** Service led by Rev Brian Davison
Followed by communion



Our services will be live via zoom. The ID you need for any of Beulah's services is 483-214-0593 and the password is 92315.

“Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark.” – Rabindranath Tagore

They say faith is what keeps the world going; they say faith can even move mountains. This quote by Rabindranath Tagore indicates that having faith in yourself is quintessential. When you face a challenge, you often question your faith. However, knowing and believing that everything will be fine is what one should always hold on to.

Dear friends

Just over a month ago I began to find the answer to one of the biggest questions of the 1960s "Will you still need me, will you still feed me when I'm 64?" - Well so far so good.

It's an odd date to choose, but it was one of Paul's earliest songs, written when he was 14, so thinking 50 years ahead. And he reported that it came to mind when preparing the Sgt Pepper album because his Dad had just turned 64. But I digress (it's age you know...) 😊

For whatever reason it's become a "milestone", and celebrating any "milestone" is a time for looking back and looking forward, and I'm probably at the stage where more of my life (even my "adult life" – post 20) has been than is to come, but there is still more to look forward to.

Looking back, I give thanks that God has been everything he promised to be. He's been there at all times, challenged me when I needed it, encouraged me when I needed it, led me as I learned to listen, to seek to think things through within his wisdom.

He's been there in the very happy times, and the hard times, & I would expect nothing else.

I've never expected God to spare me any of the hard things that can be part of life in this world, instead he is with us in it all. Is 43 talks of WHEN we go through hard times.

There has been so much too that has been wonderful, all the more wonderful because he has been in it with me, with us, family, friends, various churches along the way.

They say in the investments business that "past performance is no guarantee of future results" and in one sense that is true of God since his guarantee of his promises lies within himself, and his nature, not anything else, yet his goodness in the past, his reliability even when I could not see his hand, is pretty good evidence that there is more to come!

Looking forwards one person told me "you're still a spring chicken". That is true, and I intend to be so for the foreseeable future.

Each day I am younger than I ever will be again, a good reason to make the most of it.

Each day there are more opportunities to show his love, more opportunities to see his goodness, more opportunities to work with him to make the world a better place, even for just one individual, so I hope to make the most of the opportunities that are only here today, and there will be more along the next day....

Thankyou Lord for your goodness in the past. Thank you for your goodness right now. Thank you for the goodness that is yet to be revealed, that is still to come (from the perspective of one travelling linearly through time 😊).

I'm reminded of the old Chorus (from Heb 13:8) "Yesterday, today for ever Jesus is the same, all may change but Jesus never, Glory to His name". His nature is the same, never changing, yet, praise God, the way that nature is revealed is always new, in new and changing circumstances.

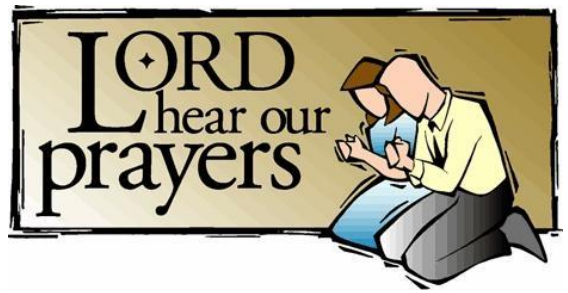
In 1875 Fanny Crosby wrote "All the way, my Saviour leads me" – Amen to that!

Love in Our Lord

Brian.

Prayers Among our fellowship:

Please pray for the family of June Brain, especially Steph and Pete as her main carers. We give thanks for all June did to support the work of Beulah, as for example her work with the mums and tots' group and all her input into the Christmas Fairs. We have always been grateful for her generosity and know what a huge and positive influence she had on her family and on the residents and staff of the care homes she worked in and led.



Pray for those who are ill at this time- Joe Ashton, now in Gillibrand Hall in Chorley awaiting decisions as to his future care; Bob and Sylvia Beattie; Wynne- undergoing more tests. Pray for Carol Zimmerman as she has 2 months now to find alternative accommodation after a court ruling last week. Pray that she is offered a suitable council home in this time frame. Pray for all those who are housebound or in care homes – let them know they are not forgotten!

Congratulations to David and Alison Cheetham on the birth of another grandson on 13th January- Jamie Blaine- and we send our love to Andy, Meg, Maisie and Felix.

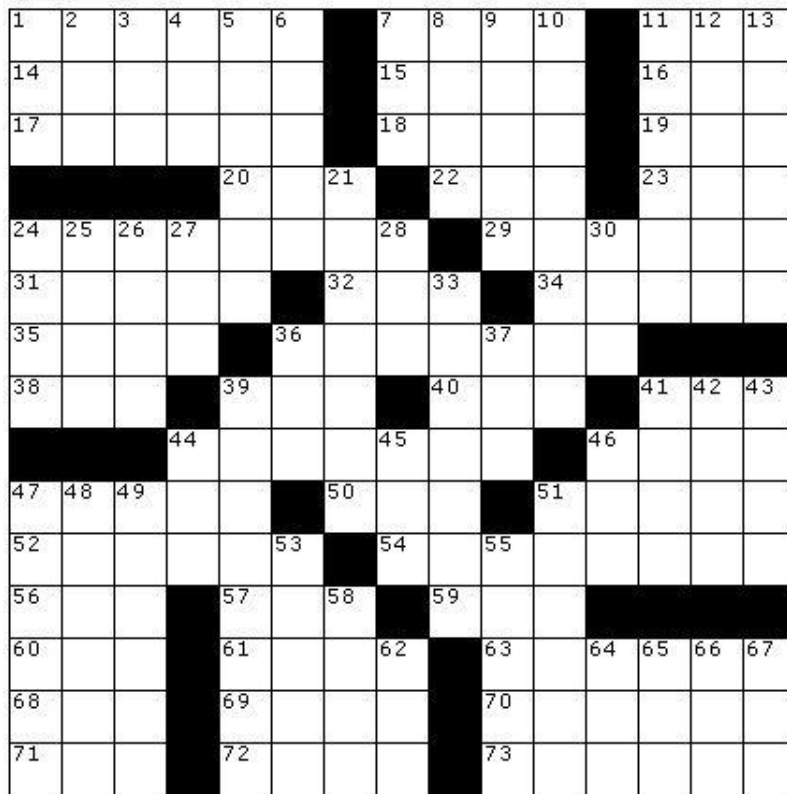


Our warm space restarted on Monday 27th February from 12-3, and will be every Monday. It is open to everybody, so why not come along and encourage the volunteers. You can enjoy free soup, a hot drink and cake as well as the company and the opportunity to read/ borrow any books and games/ jigsaws. Spread the word with friends and neighbours!

We're proud to say we've been funded by the One Oldham Fund to deliver a Warm Space project on a Monday from 12-3 starting on Mon 9th January. Thanks to Action Together for supporting and funding our project!

News from the Leaders

- Thank you for your patience during the work to install the new boilers, which will be finished this week. The new boiler servicing the Hall is up and running and pre-school report that it is very efficient, so we hope that our heating costs will be reduced and that we will be more eco-friendly!
- Thank you to Steve and Iain for painting the Primary, which looks much cheerier now. We intend to get new curtains to finish the refurbishment of this room!
- Thank you to all the volunteers who are running the warm space, especially Elaine for sorting out the rotas and keeping us on track. We intend to operate it until the end of March – please pray for this and for guidance on how we develop this in the future.
- We will hold the church AGM on **Thursday 23rd March**. We intend to have a meal together around 5.30p.m. and then to hold the AGM and discuss where God is leading us. We hope every member of the congregation will come if they are able, and transport will be provided to anyone who needs it.
- Please share any ideas for celebrating Easter- Julie will be decorating the railings as she did last year as a witness as to why we celebrate Easter.
- The Hollinwood Churches are sharing in a Lent course together on a Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at Hollins Millgate Church. Please share in this if you can.
- It was encouraging to share in the service at Haggate Baptist Church on the 19th February and to meet the fellowship there. We will be looking for opportunities to work together in the future.
- Any gifts towards the Sunday flowers will be gratefully received!



ACROSS

- 1 Assert
- 7 Junk e-mail
- 11 Air blower
- 14 Where we all want to end up
- 15 ___ hoop
- 16 Compass point
- 17 Number to be added
- 18 Heroic
- 19 Unrefined
- 20 Peak
- 22 Fire remains
- 23 Expert
- 24 Wicked city
- 29 River of Mesopotamia
- 31 Excessive interest
- 32 Turf
- 34 Holy person
- 35 Pig
- 36 Respects
- 38 Large weight unit
- 39 Boxer Muhammad
- 40 Ghost's greeting

- 41 Lode yield
- 44 Robes
- 46 Bridge
- 47 Applaud
- 50 Neither's partner
- 51 San ___ (CA city)
- 52 Baseball's Jackson
- 54 Capital of Syria
- 56 Serving of corn
- 57 Compass point
- 59 That woman
- 60 Before, poetically
- 61 Twin brother of Jacob
- 63 Cats
- 68 Time zone
- 69 Made music vocally
- 70 Uproar
- 71 Affirmation
- 72 Abel's brother
- 73 Lands

DOWN

- 1 Expression of surprise
- 2 Headed

- 3 Boy
- 4 Adam and ___
- 5 Aristocracy
- 6 A witch lived here
- 7 Her
- 8 Insect in a cocoon
- 9 List of highly desired guests
- 10 Male ego
- 11 Sports car brand
- 12 Bayer's competitor
- 13 Freshest
- 21 The suffering of Christ on the cross
- 24 Wind
- 25 National capital
- 26 Subatomic particle
- 27 Sphere
- 28 Fiery
- 30 Vapor
- 33 Prophetess
- 36 Shade tree
- 37 Aurora
- 39 Jauntiness

- 41 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- 42 Prego's competition
- 43 Son of Seth
- 44 Cask
- 45 Cain fled to this land
- 46 Sister for short
- 47 Frightening
- 48 Funeral car
- 49 Herons
- 51 Persian king; the Mede
- 53 Result
- 55 Metric length unit
- 58 Covet
- 62 Good grief!
- 64 Time zone
- 65 Environmental protection agency (abbr)
- 66 Furrow
- 67 Compass point

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