

Grapevine



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DATES FOR DIARY: April/May 2023

Coffee Stop			Thursdays	10:00	
Saturday Marketplace			1 st Saturday	10:00	
April					
2	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Palm Sunday Service Led by Rev Sue Taylor		
6	19:00	F2F & Zoom	Maundy Thursday Service Led by Rev Sue Taylor and Rev Roz Page		
7	11:00	F2F & Zoom	Good Friday Service Churches Together Led by Rev Sue Taylor		
9	11:00	F2F & Zoom	Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion Led by Rev Sue Taylor		
16	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Low Sunday Service Led by David Schofield		
23	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Sunday Service Led by Steve Bagsł	naw	
30	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Sunday Service Led by Wednesday Fellowship		
May					
7	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Sunday Service Led by Mike Richar	dson	
14	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Sunday Service with Christian Aid week Led by Rev Sue Ta	,	
21	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Sunday Service Led by Steve Bagsh	naw	
28	10:45		Joint Service at Far	town	

Our services can be accessed from anywhere in the world and we would be delighted if you are able to join us - please contact media@lindleymethodist.org for Zoom invitation details and we look forward to you being with us.

LETTER FROM YOUR MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Easter will be upon us before we know it. Time can seem to pass so quickly. I hope you have enjoyed our journey through Lent where we have been considering 'Living Lent in Lindley'. Each week we have considered a theme beginning with the letter 'L'. The



themes were: Locally, Learning, Liberating, Loving, Listening and Living Lightly. It has been a privilege each week to hear a different person sharing their reflections on the theme with us. It's been an ideal opportunity for us to hear other people's stories alongside the Gospel stories we've heard each week.

You may remember, when I first joined you nearly four years ago, that I said then that I enjoyed hearing people's stories of their lives and their faith journey. I have been privileged to have conversations with many of you and I want to continue to encourage you to share your stories.

During the winter we have also been offering the church on a Thursday, as a 'warm space'. I am grateful to all the people who have volunteered each week to be there to keep the space open all day. We have only had a handful of visitors but I know when they have come they have received a very warm welcome and we have made time to be available to hear their stories.

Each week we pray the church prayer and say 'may our faith be seen in action'. This is what we have been doing by offering the warm space and through our publicity (with thanks to the scouts for delivering our leaflet) people in this community will know that Lindley Methodist Church is a place of welcome where people

are concerned about the community and the people who live in it. This is an important part of our witness as a Christian community.

Market place, the first Saturday of every Month, started by Hilary and Angela has also shown this same Christian commitment to the community, and to our world, with the news of our recycling scheme travelling far and wide. People have even taken photos with a view to thinking how they may do something similar in their communities.

As we journey on through Easter and the year ahead, may we continue to be a church, where we reach out to others and where our 'faith in action' is seen by many who then feel drawn to join us on this journey of faith.

Best wishes, Sue

THE BUTTERS FAMILY CHALLENGE



So progress so far is... Today we are officially on Day 22 of 40.

In total as of today we have walked 39.3miles!!

And in terms of donations, we originally set ourselves a target of £200 which we successfully reached, and passed!!! around 9th March just 15 days into our challenge!

We've now upped our target to £500.

So most days Isaac and I walk together, locally in Lovely Lindley! On some days we include my husband, Isaac's Daddy Mark and we walk as a family, on some days Mark will walk during the day and Isaac and I walk either in the evening or first thing as the sun rises!

And as you may see from the pictures we've experienced the mornings and evenings getting gradually lighter (joyful) and certainly experienced a variety of weathers!

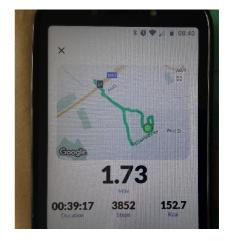
We've walked a variety of routes, around our home within the lovely Lindley! We've racked up miles dribbling a football (in Isaac's case that is!), walking to and from church, up to the motorway to wave at the lorries and get 'honked at!' and even collected some miles walking up

and sledging down the hill in the

lovely snow last week!!!

Must say we have faced the odd challenge so far... Getting up in the morning hasn't always been welcomed, the snow made things interesting and I had a solo walk to do when Isaac picked up a bit of a muscle strain!

But... The highlights definitely outweigh the challenges.



Isaac says he enjoys looking at the sunsets, sunrises, and scenic views!

I certainly agree!

Isaac also says he likes seeing how much money we've raised!

The messages accompanying donations are a real encouragement!

And what I'm really enjoying is the time we're making to be out together, listening to each other, talking with no distractions other than what's around us!

We really really appreciate all the support from those around us!

Claire Butters

COFFEE STOP - 'THE DAY OF THE SNOW 9TH MARCH'

Over 20 years ago now, my David and Diana Hogley started Coffee Stop. It had a doubtful start, but eventually really took off and as regulars will know, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday, as well as a Service we had a lunch. Of course, we mustn't forget Keep Fit with June.

Then in March 2020 with the pandemic we had to close. In the summer of 2021 Revd. Sue suggested we re-commence Coffee Stop starting in September, and tasked me with drawing up a Rota of willing helpers. Even though Diana lives in Holmfirth she wanted to help and has been on the Rota since, but now we are established once again, she feels it is time to step back and today, despite the snow, she made it for her last duty.

Thank you Diana from all at Coffee Stop.

Gillian Holmes



LINDLEY COMMUNITY CHOIR

At Lindley Methodist Church we've been focussing on Living Locally in Lindley and during Lent we've been looking at what our community means to us and where we can play our part.

One of my joys is being a member of Lindley Community Choir. The Choir started in 2011 when Lindley Junior School received a Community Partnerships Grant from Kirklees for a School's Integrational Project to encourage old and young to learn and share new skills together.

We certainly have!

There are over 100 members of all ages and mixed abilities. We meet in the Winter months



Six happy winners holding one of the trophies

from October through to March, once a week on Monday nights in Lindley Junior School and have entered various competitions in Huddersfield, Leeds and Harrogate.

Our Musical Director, Alison North MBE is, of course, is well known locally and nationally as a very talented and inspiring leader. Under her guidance with our accompanist Emma McKenna ((Head Teacher), we have won several trophies and had a lot of fun together. It is an uplifting experience.

We work towards and perform every year in The Huddersfield Mrs Sunderland Performing Arts Festival in February and have had much success.

This year we won three trophies! The Peterborough Choir Trophy awarded to the best local choir, the Hepworth Trophy for an Adult Mixed choir of 21 voices and over and the Daphne Thorp Trophy for the Adult/Mixed age Class Festive.

It's an added bonus as my husband Nic and I are both in the choir, along with our friends. An activity we can all enjoy together with a good mix of soprano, alto, tenor and bass – we all have our parts to learn.

The choir also had a very successful concert at Lindley Methodist Church on Friday 24th March 2023 and all proceeds went to Forget Me Not Children's Hospice

If you would like more information about joining the choir please email: lindleycommunitychoir@live.co.uk

Vicki Wimpenny

SPRING QUOTES

"Flowers are the music of the ground. From earth's lips spoken without sound." Edwin Curran, author

"Spring won't let me stay in this house any longer! I must get out and breathe the air deeply again." Gustav Mahler, composer

"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring." Bernard Williams, philosopher

CHURCH IS... BY DAN DOWMAN

For the hurting and the healed.

For the lost and found.

For the hungry and well fed.

For the refugee and those at home.

For the searchers, the reachers,

the better life seekers.

For the illiterate and the educated.

For the poor and piggy-banked.

For the gay, the straight,

and everyone in between.

For the sorry and the forgiven.

For the purposeless and the purposeful.

For the person with faith

and the one with none at all.

For the ones that crawl

and those who walk tall.

For you, for me.

For one, for all.

That's what church is.

While on holiday in Norfolk last year, we visited Binham Priory – a lovely church and ancient ruined abbey near Blakeney and Wells-next-the Sea. This poem was on their welcoming table and we thought it was worth sharing.

Many blessings! Paula Bagshaw



MINOR PROPHETS: A SPIRITUAL SELFIE!

When we were at 3Generate we picked up some material from the Frontier Youth Trust to encourage young people to consider their spiritual lives. We have started using this with the Minor Prophets.

In the first session, we looked at the beginning of Acts where the disciples were downcast and a little bereft and wondering what was going to happen next. Jesus had said lots about what would happen after his death, but how would this happen, what would it look like? So, while they were waiting, they got on with the practicalities of daily life: they met together to pray and read the scriptures; to talk and eat together; to replace Judas with Matthias. Then on the day of Pentecost it all kicked off! The Holy Spirit arrived in spectacular fashion, with wind and fire and gifts galore and many more believers were added to their number. And then what next? They got on with life again, but this time with the Holy Spirit alongside and within. The apostles preached and taught and performed miraculous deeds and the believers looked and listened; they sold their possessions and gave to those who were in need; they met together in the Temple courts; the broke bread in smaller groups in people's houses, they praised God and prayed. All was good and the church grew.

It can, however, be difficult to maintain that spiritual connection to God. Real life can get in the way. We don't live day to day with a community of believers (most of us probably wouldn't want to!). We have been encouraged to contemplate our "spiritual selfies". What do we do to maintain our connection to God? What helps us to stay close? Where, when, what, how are the questions to consider.

Here is my spiritual selfie. I took it outside as that is where I find it easier to connect with God, particularly walking with Willow (the dog) out in the hills, away from people and noise. I love singing and find the words and music of songs we sing in church and when I listen to Christian music speak to me. I am also inspired by "one off" Christian events, such as Spring Harvest or a conference which can be intense but leave you with lots of challenges and thoughts. The mug represents church and also time spent with friends having a cup of tea and chatting about life.

Why don't you consider your spiritual selfie and share with us through Grapevine.

Nicola Lee



MEMORIES OF THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS

As the elderly cousins Elizabeth and Mary sit by the fire looking at their old photo albums – they are visited by Gabriel who asks them if they would like to see the first Christmas re-enacted for them. So began the annual Lindley Nativity – a chance for anyone to come on the morning and take a role in acting out the story...

Mary visited by Gabriel; then she and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem with a beautiful wheeled donkey before finding no room at the inn. Jesus delivered by angels both young and very young in the middle of the carol. Shepherds with some great sheep hurried to join the party and then a very grouchy and hard to please Herod welcomed the three wise travellers astride their hobby horses. The tableau completed as Herod taking advice from his virtual advisor directs the wise (wo)men to Bethlehem – where they deliver their gifts.



And before we know it – another Nativity story has been told by what turned out to be a cast of 15 with full congregational involvement in the singing, the oo-ing, the ahh-ing and a little boo-ing for Herod!! 'And Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart'. It is a story of love coming into the world in the form of a baby – a love that is for everyone – and that includes you as you read this.

Thank you to all who helped perform our 2022 Nativity on 18th December 2022. It was as ever a joy to lead!

Steve Bagshaw

YOUNG LAMBS BY JOHN CLARE

The spring is coming by a many signs;
The trays are up, the hedges broken down,
That fenced the haystack, and the remnant shines
Like some old antique fragment weathered brown.
And where suns peep, in every sheltered place,
The little early buttercups unfold
A glittering star or two--till many trace
The edges of the blackthorn clumps in gold.
And then a little lamb bolts up behind
The hill and wags his tail to meet the yoe,
And then another, sheltered from the wind,
Lies all his length as dead--and lets me go
Close bye and never stirs but baking lies,
With legs stretched out as though he could not rise.

SPRING QUIZ

- 1. According to the UK Met Office, on what day does Spring commence?
- 2. The song entitles "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring" comes from which Gilbert and Sullivan work?
- 3. Who is the Roman Goddess of Spring?
- 4. In which year did the so-called "Arab Spring" take place?
- 5. Whose law of physics states that "the extension or compression of a spring is directly proportional to the force applied"?
- 6. What name is given to the first day of spring when the night and day are the same length?
- 7. Who painted the large tempera painting known as "Primavera" (Spring)?
- 8. Popular in SE Asia, what do we call the filled pastry appetiser of meat or vegetables?
- 9. What type of animal is the Spring Peeper (Pseudacris Crucifer)?
- 10. Which town in central Australia takes its name from the wife of an ex-Postmaster General of South Australia?
- 11. The song "Younger Than Springtime" features in which Rodgers and Hammerstein musical?
- 12. In which of Shakespeare's plays is the poem "Spring" performed in the closing scene?
- 13. Who wrote the music for the ballet "The Rite of Spring"?
- 14. Who is the Greek Goddess of Springtime, Flowers and Vegetation?

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

In recent years we have lost a number of our very kind supporters who have donated money towards the flowers which are put on the altar and in the front of Church throughout the year. We have a few gaps in the flower calendar to fill.

Would you like to make a donation once a year for Church flowers? It could be to remember a loved one, a birthday, a special occasion or just because you enjoy seeing flowers in Church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please let me know if you would like to become a flower donor or wish to discuss it further

For your information, our church flower arrangers are Vicki Wimpenny, Susan Butterworth, Sheena Rudd and Ruth Schofield. We are always pleased to welcome more helpers on the rota too.

Thank you.

Vicki Wimpenny 01484 539923

Date	Donor	Donor	
April 2nd	Check	Check	SB
EASTER 9th	Liz Little	Glenys & Colin Vere	СОМ
16th	Check	Check	COM
23rd	Marjorie Lawrence	Winifred Watson	SR
30th	Check	Check	SR
May 7th		Kathleen Crowther	VW
14th	Check	Check	VW
21st	Carolyn Jones		RS
28th	Check	Check	RS
17th	Check	Check	RS
24 th	Hilary Maddran		SB

OPEN THE BOOK

'Good Morning Mrs Thompson' reply the children – this time 120 reception age boys and girls in a horseshoe on the floor of the Infant School await the next instalment of Open the Book. Our troupe numbered ten as we acted out the story of the unmerciful servant (Matthew 18:21-35).

Peter asks: "How many times should I forgive my friend who has done bad things to me? Seven times?"

"No, not seven times; but seventy times seven" replies Jesus.

Peter gets his calculator out and just stares at it!!

Meantime Jesus tells the familiar story and the Kings heart melts as he forgives his much indebted servant.

The servant jigs off relieved and then sees his friend – and throws them in jail for a very small debt.

The guard is sent to drag the servant back to the king and he's thrown in jail.

Jesus says – "you should forgive each other from the heart – that's God's way"

And another performance ends with a song. Smiles all round.

The assembly finished, the children go back to their classes with waves and high fives to the cast!!

Open the Book happens on every few weeks on Tuesdays 8:15am to 9:30am. If you fancy joining us – just chat with the boss (Gillian Holmes) – we'd love to see you.

Steve Bagshaw (one of the newest members of the troupe)

GRAPEVINE MEETS DAVID SCHOFIELD

Can you give a brief introduction to yourself

I was born in Huddersfield and grew up on a farm at Lepton. When our children were young, we moved to North Yorkshire for 20 years, living at Northallerton and Thirsk, before we left the UK for mainland Europe, spending 10 years until retirement in an area north of Lyon.

Having arrived back in the UK in 2018 we were looking for a Church to join. Lindley Methodist seemed to fulfil our hopes, we were quickly and caringly welcomed and having worshiped in a large Anglican Church in Lyon, where there may have been over 20 nationalities worshipping together, we felt it a good fit, having realised that we were unable to return to a very small village church.

I believe we chose – or were guided – to the correct place. Lindley Methodist is active, cares for the community in which it is based and has faith at its centre.

What are you reading at the moment?

As Ruth knows, I do tend to have several books on the go at the same time! At the moment I am reading a book called the Bigger Table; a history book about the Russian Empire from 1552 until the revolution; a local history book and a rather enjoyable cold war spy novel.

Tell us something that not many people know about you

I enjoyed racing Go karts while in France and motorbiking the off road tracks of the Beaujolais hills. It was a period of relaxation with friends during the weekends something which I thoroughly enjoyed. I'm not mentioning that I play guitar and piano as someone will think that I can be added to the musicians' rota at Church – no asking please at the moment! However, it is something I enjoy and equally played in a band in France with friends, which was another great pleasure?

Who is your favourite person from the bible?

I don't really have a favourite person from the bible, but, I do tend to quite like my namesake, although he was a King and I certainly am not.

King David seemed to be someone who tried to do things, was human in every respect, failed in many ways, but always returned to God.

Some of his failures were a bit extreme, such as his arrangement of the death of Bathsheba's husband Uriah to fulfil his own desires. But there is a feeling that beneath all of this he had his strong belief in God. He received from God the plans for the first Temple and whilst not allowed to build the temple was able to pass them to his son, Solomon who carried it out.

What is your favourite hymn, and why?

One hymn that I would choose is "King of Kings, majesty....". It expresses so much including the Majesty of God, the powerful, but gentle saviour in Christ and the realisation that what was is offered to us is not deserved, but is freely available for all. Equally I like the music!

What is/was your job? In an alternative universe, what job might you have chosen?

I worked for all of my career in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical industries, initially in labs, but as time moved on more into both Operations management and running Research departments and was privileged to work with people in different countries around the world.

If I had another opportunity to begin again – which we don't – I would have ignored the careers experts and followed my heart into Music and art.

Where would you like to be right now?

To be honest I am reasonably happy where I am, but would love to travel to other countries and see other cultures and equally spend more time in France, somewhere which is very much a part of my life. I miss the food, wine and social life!

What makes your heart sing?

I love to be outdoors, looking at creation, seeing the changes of the seasons, listening to the birds in Spring. I particularly love hills, both looking up to them and then looking down from the top and realising how tiny I am. It is an experience which I feel gives me hope, confidence and allows my head to be emptied of at least some of the rubbish which has accumulated there.

What do you do to relax?

I play some music, read, have re-started watercolour painting again, continue to maintain my French language skills with U3A. I do tend to get distracted from all of these by the practical things in life such as DIY, which my brother-in-law says stands for "Don't involve yourself".

What luxury would take to a desert island?

I'm not sure that is considered a luxury anymore, but it would probably be a piano and access to music, blues, jazz. It would pass the time by, keep my brain functioning and my playing might attract passing mermaids who would flock to hear my less than perfect playing and just maybe give me some pieces of eight.

Where would you go to in a time machine?

Everywhere! As someone who dropped history prior to O-Levels (GCSEs for the younger readers) I would love to visit the ancient Greek civilisation at its height and meet those incredible philosophers. Equally to see the Colne Valley during the early years of the Industrial revolution and really understand how many of the people lived, worked and coped would be fascinating.



CHANGING FACES IN THE TREASURER AND STEWARDSHIP TEAM

As a church we are very grateful to a number of people who carry responsibility for managing various aspects of our financial resources.

Rajan Beadle, Anne Haigh, Hilary Maddran, Nicki Smith and Gordon Wilson, have each faithfully undertaken a wide range of duties, much of which is unseen, and includes paying invoices and regular banking of money, managing tax through Gift Aid, compiling our annual report and accounts, representing our church within the Circuit, and engaging with the Charities Commission, plus other duties too numerous to mention.

Having given something like 75 years' of combined service Rajan, Anne, Hilary and Nicki are taking a well-earned rest! Stuart Rudd has sharpened his pencil and charged his calculator and has now taken over all aspects of the Treasurer's role, and Gordon will continue as our Stewardship Secretary.

Thank you to all who serve our church in this way.



WILDLIFE WATCH

The days are getting longer, green shoots are peeping through – spring is definitely coming... Hurrah I hear you all say!

It is now the time of the year that hedgehogs start emerging from hibernation and they are particularly vulnerable – weak, low in body fat and often wobbly on their feet. If you suspect you have them in your garden or that hedgehogs are roaming through – please support feed them with dry cat biscuits and water, it could mean life or death for them.

Seeing a hedgehog in broad daylight – does mean it is probably sick – potentially dehydrated or overcome with parasites. Please act immediately and contact your local wildlife rescue – you will most likely save its life.

If you are getting itchy fingers to start gardening again after the winter, please don't be too hasty in your tidying up – you could be disturbing a



hedgehog's nest. Take care too when forking your compost heap as this is a favourite place for a hog to spend the winter. These little things can make such a difference and help the wildlife in our gardens.

Let me introduce to Charlie at Shelley Hedgehogs. As a hoglet, he had his head stuck in a discarded heavy plastic ring – which weighed more than he did. Dragging it around for some time – it had become embedded into his skin causing a deep wound. The concern is that the trauma may have caused nerve

and/or muscle damage. He is being assessed to decide how to appropriately release him back in to the wild. Careless littering such as this can have a catastrophic effect on our wildlife. Please think carefully before you discard such items and render them harmless before disposing of them responsibly. It is a duty of care we all have to our fellow creatures and something we can all do.

Enjoy the outdoors!! Paula Bagshaw

Paula volunteers at Shelley Hedgehogs – they can be contacted through their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ShelleyHedgehogs if you need any advice on hedgehog welfare.

SPRING QUIZ - ANSWERS

- 1. 1st March
- 2. The Mikado
- 3. Flora
- 4. 2011
- 5. Hookes' Law
- 6. Vernal Equinox
- 7. Botticelli
- 8. Spring Roll
- 9. A frog
- 10. Alice Springs
- 11. South Pacific
- 12. Love Labour's Lost
- 13. Stravinsky
- 14. Persephone

THE BEACON OF HOPE PRAYER

How to recite the Beacon of Hope Prayer

The structure* of the Beacon of Hope prayer allows you to create your own individual prayers. Selecting a word/words from each line in sequence, you can choose which injustice you would like to prioritise to create a new prayer each day.

God

We strive // We yearn

For ourselves // For those in need // For your kingdom
To be free from // To overcome // To understand // To fight against
The pain of hunger // An unequal world // Preventable illness // Climate
injustice // Oppression

Give us strength // Show us how // Help us now // Let us try To use our power // To spread your light // To live your word So that we may become // So together, we shine as A beacon of hope

Laura Mead, Christian Aid's Community and Events Fundraising Advisor, kindly created the Beacon of Hope prayer and shares her version:

God
We yearn
For your kingdom
To overcome
Climate injustice
Help us now
To use our power
So that we may become
A beacon of hope

*Credit: The diamond-shaped structure that forms the Beacon of Hope prayer was inspired by the poem 'Obligations 2' by Layli Long Soldier from New Poets of Native Nations (2018)

Taken from https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/our-work/beacon-hope-prayer

EXTERNAL GROUPS @Lindley

Monday to Friday				
Lindley Pre-School	9:00am to 6:00pm			
	07905-725130			
	hello@lindleypreschool.co.uk			
Lindley Out of School Club	7:30 to 9:00am; 3:30 to 6:00pm			
	07894587130			
	lindleyoutofschoolclub@googlemail.com			
Monday				
Imperial Quilters	7:15 to 9:15pm monthly			
Tuesday				
Baby Massage	9:30 to 10:30am			
Pilates	6:30 to 7:30pm			
Gledholt Male Voice	7:30 to 9:30pm			
Choir				
Wednesday				
U3A Watercolour	10:00 to 12noon			
Society				
Huddersfield Youth	5:45 to 8:00pm			
Choirs	-			
Thursday				
Mini First Aid	6:30 to 8:30pm monthly			
Marsh Ladies Choir	7:30 to 9:30pm			
Friday				
Art Venturers	1:30 to 2:30pm			

WHAT'S ON @Lindley

Sundays					
Morning Worship	10:45am				
Minor Prophets (11+	7:00 to 9:00pm fortnightly				
Group)					
Monday					
Parent & Toddlers	9:30 to 11:30am				
Guides	7:30 to 9:00pm				
Tuesday					
Beavers	6:15 to 7:15pm				
Open the Book	8:30 to 10:00am (monthly-ish)				
Wednesday					
Wednesday Fellowship	1:30 to 4:30pm (1st Weds in month)				
Cubs	6:30 to 8:00pm				
Thursday					
Coffee Stop	10:00am to 12:00noon				
Armchair Keep Fit	10:30 to 11:30am				
Scouts	7:30 to 9:00pm				
Garden & Nature	7:00 to 8:00pm (1st Thursday on				
	Zoom)				
Supper Club	6:30 to 8:30pm				
Friday					
Brownies	6:15 to 7:30pm				
Saturday					
Market Place	10:00am to 12:00noon (1st Sat of				
	month)				
Walking Group	Monthly – see programme				