



CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF PRIMITIVE METHODISM IN HORSFORTH

Central Methodist Church in Horsforth, one of a very few Ex Prims Chapels, still open for worship in the district, are planning to celebrate the occasion in November 2022.

In 1822 two cottages in Dixons Fold, Kerry Hill were converted into a small chapel which became known as "Ranters Fold" – Ranter being the nickname of Primitive Methodists because they would return home singing loudly and praising the Lord.



Demolition of Central Methodist Chapel, which had been built in 1846 opposite the Mechanics' Institute

In 1836 the trustees bought a plot of land and after much fund raising the new Primitive Chapel was opened in 1846. This was eventually replaced by the present building and Horsforth Prims was renamed Central Primitive Methodist.



Celebrations begin on Saturday 5th November with our Pre Christmas Fayre from 10.00am until 2pm, with refreshments available. This event will see the launching of a new book by Colin Dews detailing the history of Primitive Methodism in Horsforth. We are most grateful to Colin for the time and energy he has put into this project.



In addition, we will have on display books, photos and various artifacts.

On Sunday 6th November morning service will be led by Rev Peter Reasbeck at 10.30, a great friend of Central for many years. In the afternoon at 2.30pm we are holding a 'Ranters' hymn sing of old favourites such as "Hold the Fort" and We're marching to Zion

All are welcome to help celebrate Centrals rich heritage.



Sunday 9 October saw the opening of the new church created by the merger of Wesley Road, Lower Wortley and Whingate. Wesley, Suzannah and Moody were delighted to be invited to help with the celebrations.

An Old English Prayer
Give us Lord, a bit o' sun,
A bit o' work and a bit o' fun
Give us in all the struggle and splutter,
Our daily bread and a bit o' butter,
Give us health our keep to make
And a bit to spare for other's sake
Give us, too, a bit of song,
And a tale and a book to help us along.
Give us Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free,
Our goodly best, for ourselves and others
Till all men learn to live as brothers.

Deacon Guy will be holding a Headingley Monday Zoom Prayer Group which will be fortnightly at 7pm, starting on the 10 October. Details are in the circuit information sent out from the office each week, or further details from Guy,

St Mark's are holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 19 November from 10 till 1pm and would love to see you there. There will be stalls, refreshments and light lunches.



Wesley and Faith helping with the harvest collection at St Mark's. This will now be donated to the food bank.

A BIBLE CODE

Look up these Bible references, then write down the word specified eg Genesis 1.1 1st word would be 'in' The answers give a prayer taken from one of St Paul's letters

Matthew 1.1	1st word
Ephesians 6.24	1st word
Luke 7.34	3rd word
Mark 1.1	1st word
Luke 2.29	1st word
Mark 2.19	2nd word
Galatians 3.13	1st word
Ephesians 1.3	2nd word
Ephesians 4.2	1st word
Luke 10.3	2nd word
Luke 8.55	3rd word

Which letter is this verse from?

Lorraine, who is 6 years old, was being tucked up for the night when she whispered this good night message to her mother:

'Just put the light out Mummy. Our teacher says not to get frightened if we see shadows in the dark because it means there must be a light shining somewhere nearby.' A thought to remember when worry and fear cast their own shades of gloom in our path.

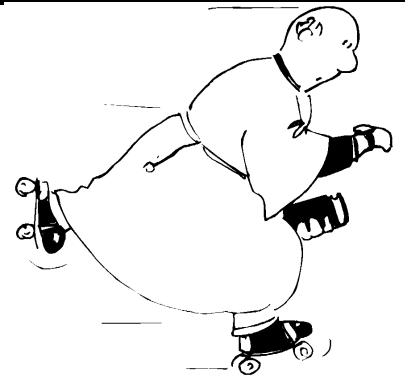
A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windscreen wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses. "When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The National Anthem." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!



The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic Elementary School for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and placed it on the apple tray: 'Take only one. God is watching.' Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table, was a large pile of chocolate chip biscuits. A child has written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples

A little boy came to the Harvest Festival with his friends, bringing five apples. The minister, who knew that all these little thank offerings had been provided by the families announced to the children that he would personally thank their parents. The lad with the five apples piped up, rather shame faced, 'When you thank my mum, please remember to thank her for six apples'!



With six churches to serve Revd Charles had no time to waste

Did you ever know a child to be lost for an answer? A lady did some baby-sitting for friends who had a particularly lively child. He kept getting out of bed and she kept sending him back. Eventually she lost patience and shouted, 'Whatever are you doing out of bed now?' 'It's alright', he said meekly. 'I'm just tucking myself in.