



Dear friends,

This edition of the blog is being circulated just ahead of our next Circuit Meeting on Monday 18th March. Please do continue to pray for all the Circuit trustees as we work together on the way forward for the Circuit.

This month I am really grateful to be able to reflect on the Methodist Way of Life word Care – we care for ourselves and those around us.

Most of you are aware that I have been working significantly reduced hours over the last few months, as I recover from Long Covid. This has been a gift of care from the Church and from individuals to create the space needed for recovery for which I am very grateful – and the gift is gradually bearing fruit. I am slowly becoming able to sustain an increasing pattern of work, and am delighting in being able to do things which have been beyond me for some time. It is still important that each increase is managed carefully and does not push too far too fast, and I am still receiving significant support – but there are times to give thanks, and to notice the distance travelled – and this is one of them.

Peace, Jo

Only Jesus (John 19:17, 1:4)

Carrying the cross by Himself

He went out.

Sent out,

Yet choosing to go.

Word of life,

Choosing death,

Knowing the end from the beginning,

Carrying the cross by Himself

He went out.

The only one who could,

The only way He could,

He went out

To the Skull Place,

For me.

By Daphne Kitching

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Monday 25th March** 7pm Holy Week Churches Together service at Farsley Community Church

**Tuesday 26th March** 7pm Holy Week Churches Together service at The Church in Rodley

**Wednesday 27th March** 7pm Holy Week Churches Together service at St John's CoE, Farsley

#### **Maundy Thursday**

10.30am Headingley HC

4.30pm Maundy Thursday service at Farsley led by Revd Mo Onyett

6pm St Andrew's Pudsey Fish & Chip supper. Please book at their office.

6.30pm Bring and share meal at Cookridge with Revd Rach Ward. Optional washing of feet followed by a Communion service.

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Beeston, led by Revd Pete Brazier

#### **Good Friday**

10am Service at Headingley with Deacon Guy Austin-Bride

10.30am service at St Andrew's Pudsey

10.30am-12pm 'What's so Good about Friday?' at Bramley Park, Churches Together event for all ages

10.30am New Whingate Revd Pete Brazier

11.30am Horsforth Churches Together Walk of Witness meeting at Central. Arriving at The Green at 12pm.

12pm Pudsey Churches Together Walk of Witness meeting at Baptist Church.

7pm Service of Scripture and Reflection at Trinity Bramley Methodist Church led by Revd Rach Ward

7pm Churches Together service at Farsley led by Revd Mo Onyett

7.30pm Holy Communion Service at Hunslet led by Revd Pete Brazier

### The Crossroad

The road was hard, no turning back,

The way ordained by mighty God.

'Your will, not mine' was all He said,

As humbly down that path He trod.

The crowd that cheered Him once with palms

Began to shout for Him to die,

They chose Barabbas in his stead

And with one voice cried 'Crucify!'

Between two thieves on Calvary's hill

They put to death the Prince of Life

One cried for help, the other cursed.

The first was promised Paradise.

This promise now is for us all:

Christ gave His life to set us free.

The Cross divides, it always will -

The question is: what side are we?

Megan Carter

Cookridge  
**Saturday 20 April  
Book & Jigsaw Sale**

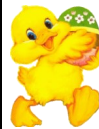
10.00 am - 12.30pm.  
Hundreds of books and  
many jigsaws  
for sale.



St Mark's  
**Saturday 23 March  
Spring Fair**

10.00am - 2pm

Various stall, refreshments  
including bacon butties & sausage  
sandwiches plus light lunches.  
Come and buy your last minute  
Easter gifts.



**A WARM WELCOME FOR  
EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY  
JUST WALK IN AND STAY AS  
LONG AS YOU WISH**

Some people in the Farsley Community Church volunteer and open a fortnightly 'Drop In Cafe' on Friday afternoons where you can sit natter, do your knitting, sewing, a word search whatever over a lovely hot cuppa and a biscuit in a warm welcoming space. We are in the Farsley Community Church building on Back Lane between 2.00 and 4.00 on Alternate Friday's. Next meeting is Friday 15 March, then Friday 29th. Everyone is welcome.



Adel  
**Saturday, 16 March  
Spring Fair**

10.30 TO 12 noon

Coffee..Stalls..  
Easter gifts..Raffle



A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when he found it would cost him £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. He protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. "That might be true," replied the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked." "Well, at £50 an hour for a boat, I am not surprised!" was the reply.

Pewsheets notice that went wrong....

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

**Palm Sunday visit**

It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, five-year-old Bobby was kept home from church with his grannie. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds and Bobby asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by," his father explained. Bobby was aghast. "I don't believe it! The one Sunday I don't go, and He shows up!"

Committees are made up of the Yes-butters, the Not-knowers and the Why-notters. It is the Why-notters who move the world, who get things done, who achieve. Why not join the Why-notters group and help to get things done.

Children in families are like flowers in a bouquet. There's always one determined to face in an opposite direction from the way the arranger desires

At the end of his sermon the minister told his congregation that Jesus had called him to another church. The congregation then sang 'What a friend we have in Jesus'.....

**Moses and climate change**

When Moses went up the mountain one day to meet with God, the Lord said he had both good news and bad news for him. Moses asked, "What's the good news?" God replied, "Moses, I shall visit plagues upon the Egyptians. I shall cause their rivers to run red with blood. I shall cause frogs to infest their houses, and lice to infest their bodies. I shall cause flies to swarm upon them. Their cattle shall die; boils will infect both man and beast. I shall cause hail to destroy their crops; and locusts shall devour anything green that is left in their land. Darkness will cover their land for three days and nights. I shall then lead you through the wilderness as a pillar of cloud by day, and pillar of fire by night. I shall split the waters of the sea. I shall feed you with Manna that forms upon the ground until the children of Israel reach the Land flowing with milk and honey." Moses replied, "That's GREAT, Lord! What could possibly be the bad news?" "You, Moses, shall write the Environmental Impact Statement."

Suzanne is only 5, but a fast learner. The other day her grandfather lent her his loose change so she could play shops with her friend. There was about 30 pence, all in copper. As he rose to leave, he told Suzanne she could keep it. 'What?' she said, eyes wide. 'Oh no, that's far too much, it would never go in my little purse.' Then, with a smile of beguiling innocence, she put her hand in Grandpa's and looking up at him said, 'I'll tell you what. Just give me a 50 pence instead!'