

THE MESSENGER

JUNE 2010



SALTAIRE UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH



FROM THE MINISTER

Well, the scaffolding is very nearly ready the builders will start the restoration of the canopy and steps, a major restoration project.

As I have seen the scaffolding going up, built in a particular way so that it can take the stresses and strains of workers and equipment, and thinking about the season of Pentecost, I have been pondering!

The disciples were left looking up into the sky at the Ascension, wondering what was happening, what life held for them? The Spirit, promised by Jesus arrived with wind and fire at Pentecost and their time of wondering was over, the work began in earnest.

The scaffolding is up and the work of restoration can begin in earnest!

Sometimes we can be like the Church building and/or the disciples, we can let the spiritual side of our lives get into disrepair, so battered and bruised by all that is thrown at us, that we are in need of restoration. But, how do we get it? How do we restore our lives?

As we celebrate Pentecost and think about the Holy Spirit's part in our lives, we need to find opportunities for restoration to take place. That may be by going on retreat, holidays, long walks, spending more time in prayer or reading Scripture. Whatever works for you, but don't put it off! The Holy Spirit given by God as a guide, comforter, advocate, friend – the final but equal part of the Trinity, is there for each and every one of us. With us in the good times, the difficult times and all points of life in between. Let the Holy Spirit work in and through you in the work of personal restoration and see what God can achieve through us all.

MOSQUE VISIT

On Palm Sunday, members of the Mosque in Bradford visited the Church. We have been invited to visit the Mosque and that will take place on Saturday 24th JULY 11-2-30pm. Put the date in your diary now, further details will be in next month's Messenger.

DIARY FOR JUNE

Day	Time	Event
Sunday 6th	10-30am	Communion Service led by Paul Breeze. Coffee served after
Tuesday 10th	7-30pm	Elders' meeting
Sunday 13th	10-30am	Parade Service led Paul Breeze Coffee served after
	3-30pm	Café Service led by Paul Breeze
Saturday 19th	12 noon	Wedding of John Fitzpatrick and Naidaflor Villaflor.
Sunday 20th	10-30am	Family Service led by Paul Breeze Coffee served after.
Saturday 26th	12-30 – 4pm	Saltaire Fête
Sunday 27th	10-30am	Family Service led by Paul Breeze. Coffee served after.

EDITORIAL

Please note that the deadline for the next Messenger will be **June 20th** and will be for July and August
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FAMILY NEWS



The following are in our thoughts and prayers:

Betty and John Dean
Denys Salt on the passing of his wife Eva.
Bert, Sheila and Richard Thornton
Pam Pollard, her mother and stepfather.
Pat Holdsworth
Len Morris
Helen Livingstone

Happy Birthday to:

Isobel Holmes on the 16th

Congratulations to:

Dorothy and Geoff Mawson and Nancy and Peter Richardson on celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July 6th: Elders' meeting

July 12th: Planning meeting for 2011 events.

July 20th: Church meeting

APPEALS THANKS AND NOTICES

FÊTE UPDATE

Our annual Fête is fast approaching and will take place on Saturday 26th June. As ever, we need items for the stalls – bric-a-brac, books, tombola prizes, and cakes, scones etc for both the cake stall and the café.

We also desperately need volunteers to help both beforehand putting posters up around the district and on the day. Jobs include helping with setting up (from 9-00am onwards), organising and supervising children's games, including the bouncy castle, manning the stalls, and especially helping in the café.

Anyone who is able to help in any way is asked to come to a meeting in the Church Rooms on Wednesday 2nd June at 7-30pm when ideas, suggestions and offers of help will be gratefully received.

Music at the Fête will be provided by:

'**Beat Behind**' – Titus Salt School Jazz Band;

'**Glass**' – a local alternative rock group;

And Belle Vue Girls' School **Samba Band**

In addition, the usual church and charity stalls, bouncy castle, games, the owl man, tombola and barbecue.

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INCOME FROM GROUPS

Firstly Len and Doreen would like to thank the many church members who provided prayers and support as we have gone through a somewhat worrying series of tests following the diagnosis of my cancer. My last consultation looked decidedly promising for the future

and it seems that we will return from holiday for me to repair to BRI and the operating table soon after. I am awaiting a date now.

However there are some knock-on effects. I will be decidedly out of action for up to three months following and in the first month Doreen will be giving me her direct support. As a result the many group bookings that are in the diary are at risk. This provides the restoration fund with a significant income and if possible it would be good to be able to keep them going while I am unavailable. Several people have already offered to help out. If anyone is available to help please let Doreen know as soon as is possible. The task involves two volunteers putting up the café for a visiting group of usually 20 to 50, making tea/coffee and serving. The village guides help serve. When all are suitably looked after, the cups and saucers need to be washed up in the dishwasher and usually the café tables and chairs put away. It takes about two to three hours depending upon group size and is almost always on a weekday morning.

A group of 50 brings in about £95.

Thank you.

Len Morris

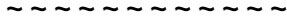
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RESTORATION PROGRESS.

You will have noticed that the tower is encased in scaffolding! Following a grant received last week from the Garfield Weston Foundation, coupled to about £2000 raised from group visits so far this year we can now afford to pay the bill! Future funds raised will now be supporting the phase two covering the Mausoleum, windows and statues.

Simply Saltaire being run by the village society in support of the church restoration of the lower rooms, to include a facility for visiting school and other students, has already raised about £2000 half way through the exhibition. Art work not sold will be auctioned off on Monday 31st May at the end of the exhibition opening period. Many thanks to Roger Clark and other volunteers from the village and local art groups

for their support in this venture. It has been a success already and is actually bringing more people in and, I suspect, is helping with the £1 appeal as I have emptied that box on a more frequent basis during the show. Len Morris



CHURCH TRIP TO WARWICK CASTLE



Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Warwick!

Nine of us set off in the Scouts' minibus with Paul driving, at the crack of 8am on a beautiful sunny morning to be Pilots for a day. This was a gathering of URC members from all over the country to explore Warwick Castle and enjoy fellowship and worship together.

We arrived under blue skies just in time to watch the magnificent birds of prey being put through their paces, while eating a much needed lunch. Some of the energetic ones went to scale the battlements whilst others explored the various historic scenes depicting, with very life-like figures, preparations for the forth-coming battle between King Edward of the House of York and the House of Lancaster. There was also a fantastic enactment of a Royal Weekend Party from the early 20th century, where upon entry we were formally announced to the Countess of Warwick by her butler and later had a word with the Prince of Wales and a young Winston Churchill. The atmosphere at the closing Worship was wonderful, lots of people sitting on the grass or standing, singing and dancing, playing guitars, praising God and thanking Him for His goodness, after which we made our way through the magnificent peacocks back to the minibus. Paul drove us safely home, stopping for the traditional fish and chip supper at the Mermaid on the way back! I hope more people will join in our next jaunt!

Joyce Poot

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VICTORIAN LUNCH

Joyce and Pauline would like to thank all those who helped to make the Lunch such an enjoyable occasion. We raised just over £200 for the Restoration Fund.

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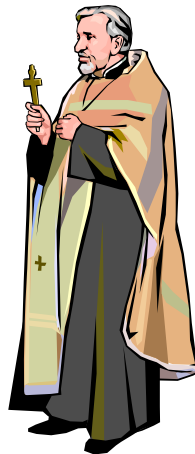
LONDON MARATHON

Michelle Eyres would like to thank everyone for their generous support for her taking part in the London Marathon recently. She did a really good time of 4 hours 33 minutes and Asthma UK benefitted to the tune of over £400. (I think it would have taken me 4 days!) *Joyce Poot*

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Germany in the 17th century was in the throes of the Thirty Years war. Martin Rinkhart was a Lutheran pastor in the walled city of Eilenberg in Saxony. In spite of his frail physique, he stayed there throughout the war, enduring horrors of famine and plague. He helped refugees from other areas who came to stay in the city. When all the other pastors had either fled or died, he ministered to the sick and dying, and conducted some 4,500 funerals including that of his own wife. Towards the end of the war, the city was besieged or overrun, once by the Austrians and twice by the Swedes. The Swedish general demanded a vast levy from Eilenberg's already desperate citizens. Martin pleaded with him but in vain, so he turned to his friends and said, 'Come my children, we can find no mercy with man let us take refuge with God.' The general was so moved at seeing pastor and people praying and singing on their knees that the demand was reduced to less than a twentieth of the original sum. This hymn which began as a family grace said before meals, was sing as a national thanksgiving at the end of the Thirty Years war.

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things hath done
In whom his world rejoices
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.



MANAGEMENT *courtesy of Paul Stoney*

A man in a hot air balloon soon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted 'Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am.'

The woman below replied, ' You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude.'

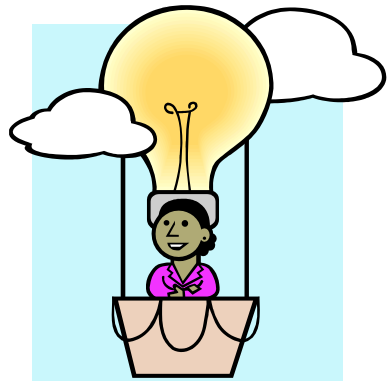
' You must be in IT,' said the balloonist. 'I am' replied the woman, 'How did you know?'

'Well,' answered the balloonist, 'everything you told me is technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything you have delayed my trip.'

The woman below responded, 'You must be in Management?'

'I am,' replied the balloonist, 'but how did you know?'

' Well,' said the woman, ' You don't know where you are or where you are going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you have no idea how to keep and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position as you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault.'





5th Shipley Scout Group

GSL David Gledhill

Beaver Scouts - Age 6 to 8 years

Meet on Wednesdays BSL : Linda Malloy
at Saltaire URC Church Rooms 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cub Scouts - Age 8 to 10½ years

Meet on Wednesdays CSL : Paula Wright
at Saltaire Church Rooms 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Scouts - Age 10½ to 14 Years

Meet on Wednesdays SL : Peter Horner
at Saltaire URC Church Rooms
7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

You are welcome!

*Come down to a meeting for
further information*

Contact : Barbara Lawson 01274 591931

Church Activities

Main Service 10-30am on Sunday morning.

1st Sunday of month, Communion

2nd Sunday of month, Parade Service

3rd and 4th Sundays of month, Family Service

(and 5th where applicable)

Choir Practice is held on Thursday (except the first week of the month when there is no practice) at 7-30pm in the church.

Bell ringing Practice is held on Monday, 7-00pm - 8-30pm

(See Len Morris or Roger Pollard if you are interested in learning OR come along on practice night at 7pm)

A Walk is organised approx 6 times a year on a Sunday afternoon during the better weather, led by various church members and suitable for all ages.

Church Meeting is held on the third Tuesday of alternate months except in the winter when it is held after morning service.

Elders meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month.

Church Fellowship away day is held from time to time. (Times announced when arranged)

Bible study leader is James Duncan: Tel 01274 584173. Contact him for details

Prayer meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. Details from Bible study Leader