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MESSAGE FOR APRIL

During this month we will be thinking about Easter and what that means for us. For those younger, and I suspect not so young, thoughts will be of chocolate eggs. Perhaps we might think of Spring and the lighter and hopefully warmer days. With Easter comes Hope and as I write this we need a lot of hope in our lives.

We are in the early throws of Ukraine being invaded by Russia and hopefully now as you read this I hope that a peaceful resolution has been found. There is a lot of uncertainty around especially with the ramifications of COVID, poverty and fuel poverty. There is an increase in prices for things we would be able to buy a lot cheaper twelve months ago and this all adds to uncertainty. Still, Easter brings with it Hope! Hope of a better future, a better way of doing things, a better way of living.

As a Christian my hope is in Jesus. Easter displays that even the impossible becomes possible. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection (which is why we celebrate Easter) new things are possible and the past is gone. There is nothing that we can do that we can change what happened yesterday, last week, last month, last year or longer. The past is gone and while it is good to remember things from the past that have shaped us and helped us, tomorrow is a new day that has never been before and has with it new possibilities and opportunities to move on, grow, change and develop.

The one thing I know from the past is that God has been with me on my journey. He is with me today and I know that he will be with me tomorrow. Through Jesus dying on the cross, our past is forgiven, our slate is wiped clean, we have a newstart. The symbols we see around Easter like chicks, lambs, small bunnies or daffodils and other flowers all are a reminder about New Life, new starts and new beginnings. This is the hope we have in God, forgiving us, walking with us and guiding us if we choose to do so.

On Easter Sunday if we receive Easter eggs, we have a choice. We can choose to eat them or leave them and never touch them. If we leave them, we will not experience that sweet taste of chocolate that melts in our mouth and gives us an experience of eating chocolate especially if it is something we have given up for lent. If we choose to eat the egg, in the same way we can choose to accept the forgiveness that God offers us through Jesus and experience that sense of forgiveness, and a newstart in life.

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At the moment, life is rubbish on many different levels. Just because we might choose to follow Jesus doesn't make the problems go away. Knowing that God is there helps and enables us to have Hope and see the possibilities and gives a brighter and better future. That is Easter! The past is forgiven and the future looks better.

So, as you choose to eat your chocolate or not, perhaps you might like to think about taking a chance and following Jesus. After all, he gave his life so we can be free and have Hope for tomorrow and live today with him.

Happy Easter.

Every blessing

Rev Paul Welch

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PREACHERS AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR IN APRIL

All services commence at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated

3rd April	Local Arrangement
10th April	Mrs Janet Lawton
17th April	Mr David Brackenridge
24th April	Rev Paul Welch Communion



**There will be an Easter Service at Mount Zion on Sunday,
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LOCAL HISTORY

From Local Historian David Craven

Halifax Guardian – Saturday, 8th November 1856

A daring highway robbery, which fortunately resulted in small profit to the thieves, occurred on Monday morning last, in Ovenden. It appears that Mr James Kershaw, Potato Dealer, of Halifax is in the habit of visiting several shopkeepers in this township with whom he does business, and so regular are his habits that in passing along the various roads and lanes he may be calculated upon almost to a minute. On Monday morning he had made a call upon a shopkeeper at Page Hill and then proceeded along an occupation road leading to Nursery Lane. In traversing the most lonely part of this road, and at a spot where the fence wall is broken, three men suddenly rushed out of the gap, and to knock him down, cover his face with a large sod, and fill his mouth with earth, was but the work of a moment. His pockets were instantly rifled, but fortunately he had received no accounts that morning, and the only money he had in his possession was 6 pence, which the thieves took. They also robbed him of a small bunch of keys, which they afterwards threw down in the road. Mr Kershaw was considerably injured, but managed to walk back again to the house he had left at Page Hill. Information of this daring deed was at once conveyed to Mr Nicholson, the Constable, and last Friday night he apprehended two young men residing at Ovenden, on suspicion of having been two of the three who committed the outrage. They were safely lodged in the lock-ups and will be brought before the West Riding Magistrates today. Their names are Timothy Gibson and Charles Cockcroft; the former is a woolcomber and the latter a moulder.

Halifax Guardian – Saturday, 15th November 1856

Greenwood Ogden, woolcomber, Timothy Gibson, woolcomber and Charles Cockcroft, moulder, all of Ovenden were brought up by Nicholson, the Ovenden Constable, on suspicion of being the parties who, on the previous Monday morning knocked down and robbed Mr James Kershaw, Potato Dealer, Halifax. The particulars of this daring attack were reported in last week's Guardian. Nicholson stated that Mr Kershaw was unable to identify the prisoners and he therefore asked the Magistrates to discharge them from custody. Cockcroft and Gibson were then ordered to be set at liberty, but Greenwood was charged with having been drunk at Ovenden. He pleaded not guilty. The offence, however, was proved by Nicholson and Greenwood had 15/6d to pay.

On Wednesday, 25th February 1857, at Halifax, two woolcombers named John Fearnley and William Sharpe, were committed by the West Riding Magistrates for Trial at the Assizes for a Highway Robbery with violence, which took place in that neighbourhood on the 9th November last. The prisoners belong to a gang of burglars and highwaymen, known as the "Ovenden Gang". They were apprehended a few days since at Hindley, near Wigan, where they were employed upon some railway works. At their trial the Jury acquitted both prisoners.

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Anchor Boys: 5 - 7 years (arrive 6.15 pm to start at 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm)

Junior Section: 8 - 10 years (arrive 6.15 pm to start at 6.30 pm until 8.15 pm)

Company Section: 11 - 18 years (arrive no earlier than 7 pm for a 7.15 pm start - ending at 8.45 pm)

If anyone can help out, even if only occasionally, please get in touch with Captain Andy on 07833910698.



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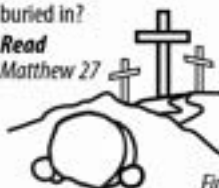


What did the soldiers put
on Jesus at his crucifixion?

What time did Jesus die?

Whose tomb was Jesus
buried in?

Read
Matthew 27



HAPPY EASTER!

Jesus has risen!
Jesus is with us!
Jesus will come
again!



What did Jesus send the
disciples to find?

What did the
crowd do?

Read
Matthew
21:1-11



Read Matthew 26:17-30



On the third day who
rolled away the stone
covering the tomb?

What had happened
to Jesus?

Read
Matthew 28



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Vicar: Revd Robb Sutherland, 01422 353929 email **robb@priest.com**

Church Wardens: Mrs Margaret Henderson 01422 243596

Church Pantry: Mondays 2 - 3.30 pm. Providing food and essentials to people from the Parish in need.

Church Youth Group: Tuesdays 7 pm -8.30 pm

For baptisms, weddings & funerals contact the Vicar or Church Warden

HOW TO HAVE SOME HAPPINESS THIS APRIL

‘April is the cruellest month,’ wrote T S Eliot at the beginning of his magisterial poem, *The Wasteland*. And it is a good description of what April may bring us, between the war in Ukraine and soaring energy prices.

But apparently, major problems do not mean that we can’t enjoy anything. According to the ‘science of happiness,’ fuelled by advances in brain-scanning technology and a cultural shift towards seeing happiness as a key index in human development, there is a way through the deep gloom that hangs over this month.

Neuroscientists suggest that even while we are dealing with the big problems of life, we can also make room for ‘small, fleeting moments of fulfilment’. These can range from holding the hand of a loved one, to appreciating the daffodils in your garden, to enjoying a cup of tea with a good friend. Such moments of quiet contentment are ‘joyful vignettes’ which can be the bread and butter of our daily human happiness. As one writer has said: “Hold on to the small moments and the bigger picture of gloom doesn’t have to be as overwhelming as it first seems.”

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WORDSEARCH

THE LAST PASSOVER

On the night before He died, Jesus *ate* His *last Passover* meal with His *disciples*. He then *transformed* the Passover into the *Lord's Supper*, saying of the *bread* and *wine* that, 'this is my *body*' and 'this is my *blood*'. Jesus, the *Lamb of God*, was preparing to *die* for the *sins* of the whole *world*. *John's gospel* makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the



regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died *at the same time* that the Passover lambs were *killed*.

Jesus then astonished the disciples by *washing* their *feet*. He said: "A new *command* I give you: *love* one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through *service*, not domination, of one another. In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is '*mandatum novum do vobis*'. The word '*maundy*' is thus a corruption of the Latin '*mandatum*' (or command).

ALL IN THE MONTH OF APRIL

It was

150 years ago, on 2nd April 1872 that Samuel Morse died. This American artist and inventor helped develop commercial single-wire telegraph systems and co-developed Morse code.

125 years ago, on 3rd April 1897 that Johannes Brahms, German composer, piano virtuoso and conductor, died.

100 years ago, on 3rd April 1922 that Joseph Stalin became leader of the Soviet Union, in succession to Vladimir Lenin.

90 years ago, on 23rd April 1932 that the Royal Shakespeare Theatre opened in Stratford-upon-Avon, replacing the one that burnt down in 1926.

75 years ago, on 1st April 1947 that the school leaving age in the UK was raised to 15.

Also 75 years ago, on 16th April 1947 that the term ‘Cold War’ was used for the first time when American financier and presidential adviser Bernard Baruch described the relationship between the USA and the Soviet Union.

65 years ago, on 24th April 1957 that the first episode of the British astronomy series *The Sky at Night* was broadcast on BBC TV. It became the world’s longest-running TV series with the same presenter (Patrick Moore) until his death in December 2012. The series then continued with new presenters.

50 years ago, on 11th April 1972 that the first episode of the radio comedy panel game show ‘I’m Sorry I Haven’t a Clue’ was broadcast on BBC Radio 4. It is still running.

40 years ago, on 2nd April 1982, that the Falklands War began when Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands. A British victory, although Argentina continues to claim sovereignty over the islands.

30 years ago, from 5th April 1992 to Feb 1996 that the Siege of Sarajevo took place, during the Bosnian War.

Also 30 years ago, on 15th April 1992 that the President of Afghanistan, Mohammad Najibullah, was forced to resign when his regime collapsed. Islamic rebels seized power on 28th April.

Also 30 years ago, on 23rd April 1992 that the world’s largest McDonald’s fast-food restaurant opened in Beijing, China.

Also 30 years ago, on 27th April 1992 that Betty Boothroyd became the first female Speaker of the House of Commons.

25 years ago, on 5th April 1997 that the Grand National steeplechase was disrupted after the IRA sent coded bomb warnings. 60, 000 people were evacuated from the Aintree course and the race was postponed until Monday 7th April.

Also 25 years ago, on 13th April 1997 that the American golfer Tiger Woods, aged 21, became the youngest player to win the US Masters championship, and the first African American to win.

20 years ago, on 1st April 2002 that the Netherlands became the first country to legalise euthanasia.

SMILE LINES



Egg

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

Great expectations

At a baptism the young minister was full of enthusiasm. He held the baby in his arms and speculated aloud as to the child's possible future. "He may become a captain of industry, a great scientist, or a gifted teacher – someone on whom hundreds of young boys may model themselves." Then turning to the parents in a rather grand manner, he asked, "And so what name do you give to this child?"

Timidly, the reply came: "Amanda Jane."

The Good Samaritan

A young minister was telling his church the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. He got carried away and described the situation in vivid detail, wanting his congregation to catch the drama of it all.

Then he asked rhetorically: 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?'

A little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd be sick."

Higher power?

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?' One child blurted out, 'Aces!'

Miscellaneous musings on life:

- Why is yawning contagious?
- You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windshield that read: 'Parking Fine'. That was so nice.
- You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive. You never learn to pray until your kids learn to drive.

Exercise

With summer coming, I had to face the fact that my body was totally out of shape. So I joined a fitness club and signed up for the aerobics class. I got to the club, and there I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my clothes off and my sweats on, the class was over.

Christian upbringing

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wants us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you and Mum."

Quiet

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to Church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

BEECHWOOD ROAD LIBRARY

Following the recent refurbishment at Beechwood Road Library the staff are looking forward to welcoming old and new members to visit them during any of the following opening hours:

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Friday 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday 10 am - 1 pm



The last two years have seen lots of restrictions to our daily lives. Thankfully these have now been lifted and we can resume doing things we enjoy and visiting family and friends. All charities have been affected by not being able to do a lot of their usual fundraising activities. I personally have missed attending our usual Gala and fun days in Calderdale as many of these were cancelled. Hopefully this year's events will go ahead as planned. Illingworth Moor Methodist Church has always been very supportive of Guide Dogs and we are looking forward to being part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration in June when we will be having a stall. As a branch we continue to fundraise whenever possible and are always happy to supply a speaker to give a talk about Guide Dogs to any groups. Illingworth Moor Girls Brigade chose us as their charity of the year pre Covid and had a visit from Guide Dog Griffin. Whenever we are fundraising we try to have a Guide Dog in attendance and sometimes a Puppy in training. If you are interested in learning more about the work Guide Dogs do please come along and have a chat when we have our stall in June or contact me on 07766653479

Val Robinson

Calderdale Branch of Guide Dogs Volunteers.

ANSWERS

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WORDSEARCH



'WALKING THE WAY' which is a monthly reflective walk around Calderdale which takes place on the second Sunday of the month starting at 2pm.

For more information, here is the website link

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Illingworth Moor Methodist Church

GET GOING THIS SPRING!

One thing you need to put at the top of your list this Spring is to simply MOVE.

Whether you like gardening, cycling, jogging, walking or any other activity, make certain that you do some of it every day.

As Prof James Goodwin, of the Brain Health Network in London explains, "Only 25 per cent of our ageing – both physical and mental – is determined by our DNA. The other 75 per cent is lifestyle and our environment, over which we have a lot of choice."

He goes to explain that aerobic exercise indirectly stimulates the brain, and thus rejuvenates it. "Prolonged daily sitting down is the enemy of brain health."

Prof Goodwin also advises people to develop a healthy routine and stick to it. "Constantly varying bedtimes, drinking and eating excesses, and irregular habits are bad for you."



April is always one of the busiest months of the year for a cricket club and 2022 will be no different. The local cricket season starts on Sunday, 10th April with a Memorial Match for former Captain Sam Smith against his other senior side Otley which will be a tough start for all sorts of different reasons and officially in the Halifax Cricket League on the following Saturday, 16th April with an away trip to Sowerby Bridge. The 2nd XI are in a slightly smaller Division and they don't start until the 23rd April. By then hopefully the ground will be ready with machinery mended, the grass cut, the pavilion cleaned out and walls painted and everyone ready for action. We will have volunteers working on the ground on the weekend of Sat. 2nd and Sun. 3rd of April from 9.30 am onwards to get everything spick and span and you would be most welcome to join us. You can find us at the top of Alloe Field View near to the rear entrance to Whitehill School. There is plenty to do putting nets up, getting seats out, painting, tidying up and all the usual jobs so come along and you can look at our facilities at the same time. It's amazing that despite our long existence there are still plenty of people in Illingworth and North Halifax who don't know where we are or have never been into the ground. Do come along and have a look at us.

There are a number of other improvements and developments that are in the pipeline. We were very fortunate to get £3,000 from Calderdale Council Small Community Grants towards the re-wiring of the clubhouse which was desperately in need of replacement and work is ongoing to revitalise the main social area of the clubhouse with replacement radiators, re-furbished seating, flooring, lighting, decoration and ventilation. We are really thrilled that Calderdale Council have supported us in this way which will massively contribute to a whole new look to the clubhouse. Our players and members have been busy raising money too towards this transformation and again we are hoping this work will be done by the first match. There is still plenty to be done in Phase 2 at the end of the season to the remaining areas but the club has made an excellent start.

April is also the time we hopefully welcome new faces. We have a number of new players signed up already and we are hoping for another good season. New players, members and volunteers are always very welcome. The club is hoping to run a full complement of junior teams but help and new players are always needed. Come and have a look for yourselves at our facilities. The club will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and we will be pleased to welcome you. Our junior training has been disrupted over the winter by the Covid aftermath with most of the indoor facilities locally closed but outdoor training for both juniors and seniors will start in April weather permitting and please look on our website for details.

We are also continuing with All Stars Cricket for 5-8 year olds on Friday evenings starting on 6th May which we have run very successfully for the last four years and we are hoping it will be bigger than ever this year and for the second year running there will be Dynamos for 8-11 year olds. Both groups will be based around fun games and skill activities and getting them taking part in healthy exercise away from their tablets and ipads. You can book online by using the links on our website illingworthcc.co.uk or ring me Andrew Smith for further information on 07979-645379.

Illingworth CC Home Fixtures for April/ early May.

Sun 10 April - 1st XI V Otley CC – Memorial Match for Sam Smith

Sat 16 April – 1st XI away at Sowerby Bridge 2nd XI no match

Sat 23 April – 1st XI v Mytholmroyd 1.30pm

Sat 30 April - 2nd XI v Greetland 1.30pm

Sun 1 May - 3rd XI v Blackley 1.30pm

Sat 7 May - 1st XI v Bradshaw 1st Round Parish Cup 1.00pm

Sat 14 May - 1st XI v Thornton 1.30pm

Andrew Smith

Club President



Calderdale Council Community Grants Schemes

SIMPLE REFLECTIONS COMMUNITY PHOTO GROUP



Do you enjoy taking photographs?

If you would like to join a group of photographic enthusiasts who gather together once a month to share a picture or group of pictures on a monthly given theme, then this could be the group for you.

The aim of the group is to share our creativity, learn together and journey alongside each other but most importantly, of course, to have fun. For more information contact Paul Welch email:

revpwelch@gmail.com Meetings held monthly at 9.30 am on Tuesday mornings at Mount Zion Cottage, Per Lane, Upper Brockholes, HX2 8XG.

Also you can see the group on Facebook 'Simple Reflections Community Photo Group'.



**THE DAISY CHAIN CAFE
ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH APRIL
AT BLACKBURN HOUSE,
NURSERY LANE
FROM 1 PM TO 3 PM**

Working towards a Dementia Friendly North Halifax

**For more information contact Karen Scanlon on 03005550266
or 01422 252209**



CREW is a local registered charity

"Aiming to keep Calderdale fit and healthy"

We have an exercise class at Forest Cottage every
Thursday at 9.45 am

We have walk-it health walks of 60-150 minutes

**Monday 1 pm Beechwood Medical Centre
11th & 25th April**

**Monday 1 pm Keighley Road Medical Centre, Illingworth
4th & 18th April**

**Every Friday 10 am Illingworth Moor Methodist Church
Approx 4 miles**

All of our information is on our website
www.crewheartsupport.co.uk

75 YEARS SINCE THE SCHOOL AGE WAS RAISED

It was 75 years ago, on 1st April 1947, that the school leaving age in the UK was raised to 15.

This had been planned in 1939 but was delayed because of the outbreak of war. The Education Act of 1944 put it on the Statute Book, and it was brought into effect in 1947.

The same Act created the grammar school / secondary modern system, although grammar schools had existed for many years before that. The 1944 Act meant that 11-year-olds would sit exams to decide whether they were suitable for an academic or practical education. This was a good idea but poorly executed, which led to those not in grammar schools being regarded as "failures" instead of differently gifted; this was exacerbated by many from poorer schools who passed the exam not being able to take up their places in grammar schools.

In due course this imbalance led to the comprehensive system, with most grammar schools being abolished. The school leaving age was raised to 16 in 1972.

The architect of the 1944 Act, Rab Butler, pushed it through despite Prime Minister Winston Churchill's objecting to getting involved in all the intricacies and "party politics" of it in wartime. The main problem was the integration of church schools into the state system, which had been attempted unsuccessfully before. But Butler persisted, writing later that, having seen the Promised Land, "I was damned if I was going to die in the Land of Moab".

One result was the establishment of voluntary aided and voluntary controlled church schools, both of which had at least some of their costs met by the local authority, but differed in the amount of control the authority had. The Act also stipulated a daily act of worship in all schools - although it is still required, this rarely happens today.





**OSCA FOUNDATION (based at
Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane,
Halifax, HX2 8DA)**

In association with OSCA Foundation

Activities to be held in April

Monday: 6-30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo

Tuesday: 12 noon Walking Football (outside)

Tuesday: 2 pm to 4 pm Old Tyme / Modern Sequence Dancing

Tuesday: 6.30 pm to 8 pm. Taekwondo

Wednesday: 6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo

Thursday: 9.45 am to 10.45 pm Keep Fit

Thursday: 2 pm to 4 pm Old Tyme/ Modern Sequence Dancing

Thursday: 6 pm to 9 pm Youth Club 13 years – 19 years

Saturday: 9.15 am to 10.30 am Rugger ratz. (learn to play rugby league aged 3 to 10 years of age)

Sunday 9 am through till 3 pm Ovenden West Riding Juniors football matches.

ZUMBA CLASSES have commenced on Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6.30 pm —7.30 pm Contact Mandy on 07488235941.

Halifax Panthers Rugby League Open Age Ladies Team are now based at OSCA FOUNDATION @ Forest Cottage, training has already commenced for the coming season which is expected to start the first week in March, fixtures will be held on Sunday afternoons at Four Fields on the OSCA Site.

PUBLIC BAR OPENING HOURS

Friday 7 pm to 10 pm / Saturday 2 pm to 8 pm

Sunday 1 pm to 9 pm

Function rooms along with various rooms are available for hire at very competitive prices.

Receptions, Funerals, Parties, any form of event can be catered for at very competitive prices.

For further information on all activities give Steve a call on 07727860731

**On Easter Saturday, 16th April from 10am -12 noon
there will be 150 bikes in a "FREE BIKE GIVEAWAY"**

All the bikes are in roadworthy condition.

JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY

23RD APRIL: ST GEORGE, OUR PATRON SAINT WHO ISN'T ENGLISH

The English have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who, just possibly, may not have existed at all. But that didn't stop St George being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It's most likely that St George was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that St George was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the Middle Ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: 'The George and Dragon'.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause.

Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our admiration.



ILLINGWORTH ARLFC

PLAYERS WANTED

All abilities welcome, be part of the best sport in the world and join the rugby league family.

Boys & Girls

HAVE FUN – GET FIT – CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Facebook Page: Illingworth ARLFC

Instagram: illygirlsrugby

**Illingworth Sports and Social, Mason Green,
Halifax, HX2 8HG**

YORKSHIRE SMOKEFREE CALDERDALE

THINKING ABOUT STOPPING SMOKING?

Our team are still working remotely to support **YOU** through your quit smoking journey.

To get started you can give our team a call on the below numbers or request a callback and someone will give you a call

01422 262373 (local number)

0800 612 0011 (free from landlines)

0330 660 1166 (free from mobiles)

<https://yorkshiresmokefree.nhs.uk/pages/callback-request>

WALKING FOOTBALL

at Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, HX2 8AD

Tuesdays at 12 noon All welcome



For further information contact revpwelch@gmail.com



The Local Activities (LA) Group in Illingworth and Bradshaw was formed specifically to improve the health and wellbeing of **people over 50 in this area of Halifax**. If you are interested in meeting new friends and doing new activities please get in touch:

email us at lagroup50@hotmail.co.uk /

Join us on Facebook: **Illingworth & Bradshaw Local Activities Group** /

Ring the Secretary on 01422 249070 / attend one of the activities

The Bowling Section of the LA Group meet every Monday at 10am at Holmfield Bowling Club, Holmfield 1st April to 30th Sept.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES RUN EACH WEEK AND TAKE PLACE AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH, HX2 9LL

TUESDAYS

KEEP FIT from 10am to 11 am £4.00

Not too hard, but not too easy!

This is a fun aerobic exercise class to get you fit and keep you healthy

NEW AGE KURLING from 11.15 am – 12.15 pm £2.00

Both the above activities are suitable for a range of abilities

SITTING DOWN PILATES from 11.15 am – 12 noon £3.50

WEDNESDAYS

CRAFTY CLUB from 10am - 12 noon £2.00

Join the friendly group for knitting, sewing & card making.

Refreshments available from the Church Cafe

THURSDAYS

INTERMEDIATE PILATES CLASS from 9.45am– 10.45am £4.00

BEGINNERS PILATES CLASS from 11 am– 12noon £4.00

To improve core stability and strength

ART GROUP from 10.00am – 12 noon £5

Professional Tutor. Suitable for all levels – beginners are welcome.

Some materials provided.

THE FIRST SESSION AT EVERY CLASS IS FREE

*****NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME AT ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES*****

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