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## SEPTEMBER 2023

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**SUNDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER  
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## MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER

*Editor: Rev Paul is on holiday so below are some things taken from The Parish Pump for us to consider.*

### **The importance in having a cause greater than yourself**

A survey was conducted among people who lived to be more than 100 years old. What had kept them going so long? You'd have thought that they would recite their health diets, their miracle drugs, or their devotion to strenuous exercise. Instead, the one thing all these centenarians had in common was a purpose in life. They had had a good reason to get out of bed each morning.

St Paul writes: *'For me to live is Christ'* (Philippians 1:21). For Paul, that kept him going. He lived to exalt the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to share the Good News.

Sadly, too many of us are instead like the man who said; 'No matter what I'm working on, I'd rather be doing something else.'

A wise man once said: There are two most important days in your life. The day you were born, and the day you discover WHY you were born. God made you for a purpose. Have you discovered it yet? You haven't really lived until you know what it is.

### **Feel the tug**

Have you ever wondered how you can be certain about who and what God really is? One Christian put it this way: "I'm reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite. The wind was brisk and large billowing clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds. Then a man came by and asked the little boy what he was doing, staring up at an empty sky. "I'm flying my kite," he replied.

The man replied: "What kite? How can you be sure it is still there? You can't see a thing."

The little boy agreed that he could see nothing, "but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it is still up there and is connected to me!"

When it comes to God, you don't need to take anyone else's word for it. You can find Him for yourself by inviting Jesus Christ into your life. Then you too will know, by the warm wonderful tug on your heartstrings, that though you can't see Him, He is up there, and that He lives in you. You are connected!

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## WORDSEARCH CLUES

For some reason, the **Church** gives **thanks** for **angels** in September. The 29<sup>th</sup> is the **feast** day of **Michael** and **All** Angels. Since the days of **Genesis**, these **messengers** of **God** have been **sent** many times to **intervene** for the good in human affairs. Angels guarded the **Garden** of **Eden**, they led **Lot** away from Gomorrah, they helped **Gideon**, they stopped **Balaam**, they closed the **mouths** of **lions** for

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**Daniel**, and, most important, the **archangel Gabriel** was sent to tell **Mary** that she would **mother** the Messiah. Angels sat in the empty tomb of Jesus, and told of His Resurrection. **Revelation** is **teaming** with angels, sent on all sorts of missions by God in the last times. Today, many Christians in the world's hot spots report having had angels help them when in mortal **danger**.



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### **SUNDAYS**

Sunday Worship & Sunday School at 10.30 am

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## LOCAL HISTORY

*The following was sent to the Editor by Mr John Kiddle.*

### **WILLIAM BREAR**

This man was prominent in St John's Church Bradshaw for many years. He was born at Cockhill Farm, Bradshaw on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1836. He was an illegitimate son of Sarah Brear born 1816. At that time he and his mother lived in the household of his aunt Mary Brear.

By 1851 he was a woolcomber still living at the same address in the household of his aunt Betty Brear who was probably the daughter of Mary Brear. Betty is shown as single and has no children. After the entry on the 1841 Census I can find no further details of his mother Sarah Brear.

There is no Census Form available for the whole of Bradshaw for the year 1861. I speculate that he inherited his Aunt's farm some time before 1867 when he became a Hay and Straw dealer. His first premises were at 1 Copper Street, Halifax

We know that he was a Hay and Straw Dealer and also a Farmer in 1871 when his address is shown at 17 North Parade. I believe there was a yard alongside 17 where he operated his business from. *(For those who are interested North Parade began at the end of the new development in Broad Street on the left hand side towards North Bridge and the block of old properties in Northgate. It ran from there right up to Pellon Lane. It still exists today but in a form truncated by the flyover and its associated roads.)* A little later William also had premises in the Northgate Inn Yard as well. *(This is opposite the former Dews Garage and is shown by the large archway with two large blue doors. The business also included Removals by covered or open wagon.)*

His business must have prospered because in 1877 he went into partnership with a Thomas Brown as a Brewer. Thomas Brown had previously worked at Whitaker's Brewery. They purchased the site of what we possibly would know as Maltings Brewery. The partnership built the premises which were on the right as you enter Hipperholme from Stump Cross. It has since been demolished and houses built on it. Brewing began, I believe, in the new Brewery about 1880.

By the 1881 Census he had moved to 26 North Parade and is shown as a Hay Dealer. Things must have prospered as by 1891 he was living at Ovenden Hall, which he owned. *(This house is the very old dwelling, on the right in Ovenden Road, about 500 yards or so towards town from Shay Lane.)* At that time he had three sons of his wife's brother living with them. He is shown as a Brewer on the Census form.

By 1901 he was resident in The Grange as the owner. *(This property is located down the carriage drive just below the Queens Head Pub.)* The same three were living with him and his wife.

By 1911 he is still shown as living at The Grange again with family members living with him and his wife. He is shown as a retired Brewer. Leonard Ralph Braithwaite who was shown as a Medical Student in 1901 has left the house and his younger sister Ellen has replaced him.

Now to try and fill in some of the bits in between. To deal with the Brewery first. In 1905 they added a Wines and Spirits shop at 91 Northgate, Halifax. The company continued to trade until 29<sup>th</sup> August 1916 when they went into liquidation. The Brewery, the Public Houses and the Wine and Spirits shop were sold to a Bradford



Brewery for £95,150. Whitakers Brewery, whom some will remember as being on the right and left as you came out of town towards Bradshaw, expressed regret that they had not been consulted. There is no mention of Bankruptcy. I presume it was sold as a going concern.

We next move to his dealings in Bradshaw. He was a Church Warden at St John's in Bradshaw for at least 20 years.

In 1901 he had Rosemount, (*opposite the Church*), built but never lived there. I have not yet proved a date he moved into New Grange in Ingham Lane but can prove that he owned that from 1905. The Electoral Registers for 1913 show him living at The Grange, Illingworth. His qualification was being the Owner of a Freehold Farm at Bradshaw. No address given. This plus all the previous within this work would appear to show that the foundation stone on the Sunday School at St John's is in error in quoting his address as New Grange in 1888. I believe that the Inscription was carved at the same time as the memorial tablet in the Church. Although some time after his death, the Church of England's Crockfords Clergy register shows him as being one of the principal landowners in Bradshaw in 1927. It is known that the family of one of those on our War Memorial were resident at New Grange for the 1911 Census.

The land upon which the St John's Sunday School was built was purchased from Mr Brear by the Church. Owning the land he appears as the seller and one of the Signatories of the purchase, as he was at that time one of the Church Wardens. The Sunday School was built in 1888 and the land purchased the following year at a cost of £75.

He was a Town Councillor and subsequently an Alderman for Halifax Corporation Illingworth Ward for many years. He was a Magistrate and then Chief Magistrate retiring in 1902. He was elected Mayor in 1899 and relinquished the position in 1902. During that year he laid the foundation stone for the Palace Theatre, (*which was formerly situated at the corner of Southgate and Horton Street. Since demolished and replaced by Southgate House.*)

On the death of his wife in 1919 a grave was made in Illingworth Church yard and he was also buried there later in the same year.

The Memorial in St John's Church was paid for by Consulting Surgeon Leonard Ralph Braithwaite in 1921, one of the Braithwaite family members who lived with him for many years. The Memorial was placed on the wall on the north side of the Church towards the front. A close examination shows it to be a wonderful example of the craftsman's art. What appears to be tiles is based on some kind of wood. A gentle tap reveals a board like sound.

It is interesting that William Brear began life at Cockhill Farm and ended his days living within sight of his birth place at New Grange in the lane at the opposite side and a little above Bradshaw School. In many ways a Victorian 'Rags to Riches' story.

**Postscript:** I have been unable to find a Probate Registry entry (will) for William Brear, but I do know that his Brewing Partner, Thomas Brown, left in excess of £444,000 when he died in the 1930's.

## ST. MALACHY'S NEWS

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*Editor: The Ven John Barton considers....*

## **HOW NOT TO BE A GRUMPY OLD MAN (OR WOMAN)**

Marvel. Marvel every time you see a child learning to walk and speak at the same time. Share in their delight. Wonder at the dawn of each new season: sunshine and shadows, falling leaves, frost, sudden new growth. You are still alive to take it all in. That's an unexpected bonus.

Appreciate. Have a look around your living room and concentrate on items designed for your comfort and entertainment, which your forbears never had. Think of someone you don't like; now ponder a couple of their good points. Try to desire their welfare more than their downfall.

Forgive. (That's a condition for being forgiven). You may have to do it over and over again for the same person. Unearth grudges which have been lying under the surface. Are they worth preserving that much? Think of the damage they are doing you.

Married or Single? Don't envy. The grass on the other side of the street isn't greener, it's just different. Count your blessings - some will be uniquely yours. Be concerned for the welfare of someone whose circumstances are unlike yours.

Deal with disappointment. If you have become grumpy it's probably caused by a deep-down dissatisfaction with yourself. Stop raking over past failures. Each morning when you wake up, say with the Psalmist, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Change. No, it isn't too late. It will only be too late to change when you are in a coffin. In the meantime, there's still room for manoeuvre. Remember John Henry Newman's words, "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

## **ARE YOU ALWAYS A BIT LATE - FOR EVERYTHING?**

Is this you? - late for work, late for friends, nearly missing trains and flights, late for lunch dates, late for dinner dates, and late for just about everything else.

If you are habitually late for almost everything, is it an actual mental condition? But some psychologists doubt you can just claim being late 'a mental condition'. Instead, they say that a major factor is our childhood experiences of lateness - whether we have since tried to mimic our parent's behaviour about punctuality, or rebel against it

Certainly, once we have got into the habit of acting in a certain way, we tend to do it long-term, unless we make a really conscious effort to change ourselves.

One common reason for lateness is over-optimism. If we are a bit too positive about our abilities, we may assume that we can leave at the last minute and still get somewhere else in time. We don't factor in any possible problems along the way. Whereas pessimists always imagine there will be problems with the journey, and so give themselves more time.

**'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 Calderdale Walking the Way

<https://www.calderdalemethodistcircuit.org.uk/about-us/walking-way.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/walkingthewaycalderdale>



### **PORTION CREEP**

Bet you didn't notice this, but dinner plates have got bigger. In the 1950s, a dinner plate measured 25cm across; now the usual is 28cm. Take a look at those very old wine glasses in the charity shops: our grandparents served wine in what looks like liqueur glasses to us now. These days, many wineglasses seem to hold nearly half a bottle...

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As we celebrate Mount Zion's anniversary, here is a very short history of its time, as what was originally known in Methodism, as a preaching house. I have taken the next paragraphs from a talk by Irene Cunliffe, who was one of Mount Zion's strongest advocates. She would have been saddened when we ceased to worship, but cheered by Mount Zion's new role as a Heritage Chapel.

Here is what she wrote: "A man called James Riley who lived in Bradshaw went to hear Wesley preach in Halifax on the 22nd August, 1748, his first official visit. He said "Wesley disturbed my conscience and troubled my soul."

From Riley's meeting with Wesley, he formed a group, a society, which grew and out of it a decision was made in 1772 to build a Chapel. The first building at Mount Zion was erected in 1773 and part of that was the cottage which remains. The chapel was rebuilt in 1815 and was a much bigger building. The first building was level in height with the cottage. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1774, Wesley came to preach. He records in his journal, "I rode and walked to Bradshaw House, standing alone in a dreary waste. But, although it was a cold and stormy day the people flocked from all quarters." The cottage afforded hospitality for man and beast – what is now the kitchen was the stable. William Walker in his publication "Told by the Dial" says that the diamond pane windows born many inscriptions by visiting preachers. One says "Time how short, eternity how long – C.W." In May, 1790 John Wesley paid his last visit to Halifax and preached at Mount Zion. He was then 87 and two friends assisted him and his memory failed. He died less than a year later.

Mount Zion has had a chequered history. Built in 1773 and rebuilt in 1815. All that remains of the first building is the sundial on the front of the building and the foundation stone in the vestry. On Wesley's death there was growing dissent in his Church which led to the breaking away of various factions. Secession came at Mount Zion which had been divided by some people following Alexander Kilham (1762-1798) and others remaining true to Wesley. The Kilhamites disagreed with the Wesleyans on points of Church Order and the importance of lay people in the Church. Usually the Kilhamites were ousted and set up somewhere else but at Mount Zion the Kilhamites ousted the Wesleyans who went to the barn across the road and then later built Illingworth Moor. Mount Zion became Methodist New Connexion. The New Connexion joined with the Bible Christians and the Methodist Free Church in 1907

and became the United Methodist Church. The Primitive Methodist began in 1807 and they followed an evangelical view point and met outdoors. They were known as the ranters. In 1932 all the factions joined in Methodist Union and became the Methodist Church.”

Since 1932 much has happened, notably that Mount Zion became 11\* listed in 1998. The most important recent event, is when we ceased to meet in 2013/14. We continue now as a Heritage Chapel for Circuit Heritage Mission together with Heptonstall. Today, a small number of enthusiasts continue to look after Mount Zion and we are always looking for more volunteers. We have a number of services throughout the year, Easter, Harvest, and a Carol Service as well as other ad hoc meetings. We have enjoyed visits from local schools who experience a Victorian Sunday. People appreciate Mount Zion for traditional weddings, still a peaceful place in the hurly burly of our modern world. If you would like a more detailed history why not visit our website: <https://www.mountzionhalifax.org.uk>

## SMILE LINES

### Off to school

Mother to young daughter after first day at school: “Well, dear, what did they teach you today?”

Daughter: “Not much. I’ve got to go back again tomorrow.”



### As Party Conference season gets underway:

*We pay a tremendous crime bill each year, but we do get a lot of crime for our money. What this country needs is fewer people who know what this country needs.*

### Cat

I know, I know, when people see a cat's litter box, they say, "Oh, have you got a cat?". But someday, just *once* I want to say, "No, it's for visitors."

### In common

*I was the supply teacher for a class that was learning about groups. In one exercise, pupils were asked to label a group of items according to their common characteristics. Pictured were onion rings, doughnuts, and party biscuits. The correct answer would have been that all the items have holes in the centre.*

*But one health-conscious boy pointed out: "All of those things contain far too much cholesterol."*

I wonder what Facebook employees do, to waste time at work?

*Scientists have finally discovered exactly how much sleep a human being needs ... just five minutes more.*

People say 60 is the new 40. The policeman who just pulled me over didn't agree.

*Two professors were sitting chatting on a veranda overlooking the sea, watching the sun set. The history professor asked the psychology professor, "Have you read Marx?" To which the professor of psychology replied, "Yes, and I think it's these pesky wicker chairs."*

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## WORDSEARCH



*“Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.” - Eleanor Roosevelt*

## ALL IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

### ***It was:***

125 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1898 that George Gershwin, American composer, was born. Known for his operas, Broadway musicals and film scores.

100 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1923 that Noel Coward's musical revue London Calling! was first performed, in London. It was his first publicly produced musical work.

Also 100 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 1923 that Interpol, the International Criminal Police Organisation, was founded.

Also 100 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1923 that the British Mandate for Palestine came into effect. Britain took control of Mandatory Palestine (formerly part of the Turkish Empire) until 1948, when Israel became an independent state.

80 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1943 that the Germans occupied Rome, Italy, and took over the protection of the Vatican City.

75 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1948 that the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was established, headed by Kim Il Sung.

70 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1953 that the discovery of rapid eye movement (REM) sleep was published in the journal *Science*. It had been discovered in 1952 by Eugene Aserinsky and Nathaniel Kleitman at the University of Chicago.

50 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1973 that JRR Tolkien, British fantasy writer, poet, scholar, and educator died. Best known for his novels *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

Also 50 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1973 that W H Auden, British born American poet, died. Regarded as one of the greatest writers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

25 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1998 that Google, the internet search company, was founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, both students at Stanford University in California. The company was originally based in a friend's garage at Menlo Park.

15 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2008 that the Financial Crisis erupted. The troubled US mortgage-financing giants, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, were put into government conservatorship under the Federal Housing Finance Agency. On 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2008 the global investment company Lehman Brothers filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. It was the largest bankruptcy filing in US history.



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Looking back at what I said in the last edition the weather over the last couple of months couldn't have changed much more dramatically. Previous drought conditions have changed to almost continuous rainfall with a scarcity of sunshine. Such is the British weather. From a cricket perspective we have just had to get on with it and at least we are well blessed in having plenty of covers to try and get matches on as best we can. And we have been able to play plenty of cricket although junior matches have been affected rather more. At least we need to be thankful that we have not faced the extreme weather conditions faced in so many other parts of the world.

All three senior teams have continued their very positive start to the season. The 1st XI are 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Premier League, 16 points behind Thornton and 19 points in front of 3<sup>rd</sup> place Bradshaw with 5 league games still to go. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI are also 2<sup>nd</sup> in their Premier Division just one point behind leaders Blackley. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI too are in second place in their league, 35 points behind leaders Low Moor Holy Trinity and trying desperately to finish in the second promotion spot.

There has been much Junior activity too with Under 9s, and 11s both taking part in the Halifax Junior League and building up to the Junior End of Season Presentation Evening in the clubhouse on Friday 8 September.

During every week in August the Cricket Asylum have been running Holiday clubs at our ground on a daily basis including the provision of food at lunchtime. These clubs have been funded by the Cricket Asylum Charity and have been much appreciated. Off the field there is always plenty going on.

Isaac Thompson has been selected for England Under 17s in the Dubai World Series and to help finance his trip the club are holding a Race Night at the club on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August. It is a terrific honour for both the player and the club and we wish him every success.

The club successfully hosted the Halifax League 20/20 competition on the last Sunday in July albeit at the second attempt due to the wet weather. A very large crowd attended and it was a very useful practice for the club which hosts the Halifax Parish Cup Final in 2024. We managed to get nearly 80 cars inside the ground and additionally we were indebted to Whitehill School who allowed us to use their Staff car park and in doing so took much pressure off car parking spaces in the neighbourhood of the ground. New players, members, spectators and volunteers are always welcome. Come and have a look for yourselves at our facilities.

**Illingworth CC Home Fixtures for September** –All matches 1 pm start.

Sat 2 Sept– 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Sowerby Bridge

Sat 9 Sept – 1<sup>st</sup> XI v SBCI

Sun 10 Sept– 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Queensbury

Sat 16 Sept – 1st XI v Booth

For more information have a look at our web site [illingworthcc.co.uk](http://illingworthcc.co.uk) or ring Andrew Smith on 07979-645379.

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## **BUT WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES, WILL HE FIND ANY FAITH ON EARTH?** *(Luke 18:8)*

*Kindly written for us by John Brooksbank, St. Malachy's Church*

What an astounding gift from God our Christian Faith is! What a tremendous privilege! Given to us freely; our mainstay in times of trial and tribulation and source of great joy when we overcome those obstacles. Always there to fall back on in good times and bad. And with the promise of eternal life when we pass from this ephemeral life!!

Every individual Christian has been chosen personally, by God the Almighty Father Himself, to receive this amazing gift. As Jesus says "No one can come to me unless s/he is drawn by the Father" and "Yes, it is my Father's will that whoever sees the son and believes in Him shall have eternal life". (John 6: 40-45) The Holy Bible is the very bedrock of our Christian Faith - the roots of which are found at the time of Abraham in about 1850 BC. "The Lord said to Abraham, 'Leave your country for the land I will show to you, I will make you a great nation. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by you'. So Abraham went as the Lord told him. (Genesis 12: 1-5) And "I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and grains of sand on the seashore". (Genesis 22: 17-18)

As a result of God's call, and promises of posterity, Abraham, at the age of seventy five sets out with his wife for an unknown land. To this unquestioning act of faith the Jewish people owes its existence and destiny. And not only his physical descendants, but also we Christians. As Saint Paul says "It is those who rely on faith who are the children of Abraham and receive the same blessing as he did" (Galatians 3: 1-9). Also "By belonging to Christ you are the descendants of Abraham, the heirs he was promised". (Galatians 3: 29)

Just as Abraham put his trust in God, so too, as Christians we put our trust in Jesus - God made Man.

Although the motives for Jesus' miracles are sometimes compassion, they are principally for the strengthening of faith. For example when two blind men approach Jesus and ask for healing, Jesus says: "Do you believe I can do this?" They said 'Sir, we do'. Then He touched their eyes saying "Your faith deserves it, so let this be done for you'. And their sight returned". (Matthew 9: 27-31) Again when Jesus turns the water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, we read: "Jesus let His glory be seen and His disciples believed in Him" (John 2:1-12) The faith that Jesus asks for throughout his Ministry is the act of trust and self abandonment by which people rely not on their own abilities but on the power and guiding word of Himself. A prime example of what he asks is when a Centurion pleads with Jesus to cure his paralysed servant who is at his home, Jesus says, "I will come myself and cure him". The Centurion replied, 'Sir, I am not worthy to have you under my roof, just give the word and my servant will be

cured.’ Jesus was astonished and said ‘Nowhere in Israel have I found faith like this’. And to the Centurion ‘Go back then, you have believed so let this be done for you. And the servant was cured at that moment’. (Matthew 8: 5-13)

However, as Christians it is not enough to say we have faith in Jesus. No matter how strong it may be, we must also follow His teachings, by doing good works and having our neighbours, as Saint Paul puts it: “If I have faith to move mountains, but am without love it will do me no good whatsoever”. (1 Corinthians 13: 1-3)

Saint James puts it another way: “I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good works - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show....faith without good deeds is useless”. (James 2: 14-23)

This is entirely in keeping with the teaching of Jesus. We read: “Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help? Then He will answer “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me”, and they will go away to eternal punishment and the virtuous to eternal life”.

(Matthew 25: 31-46)

My dear sisters and brothers even if we have strong faith, and good works, it is still possible to doubt, or even lose our faith - perhaps caused by some personal trauma like losing a loved one, illness, financial problems or looking at the bad things that are happening in the world of today. However we should not despair. Even Christ’s closest friends lost their faith in Him and ran away, in the garden of Gethsemane when Jesus was arrested, as He had foretold at the Last Supper.

“You will all lose faith in me this night”. With Peter even denying Him three times! (Matthew 26: 30-35) We can take heart from the fact that they regained their faith and are all now great saints.

It is in times of doubt, or if our faith falters, that the warm strong faith of others in our Christian communities is invaluable. They become for us the oxygen that keeps the failing flame of our faith from being extinguished. As St Paul says “Faith leads to faith”. (Romans 1: 16-17)

My dear brothers and sisters, although our faith cannot be obtained by our own merits, as it is a gift that only the Father can give, as mentioned earlier, it can be strengthened and deepened by such things as reading the Holy Bible, looking at the lives of the Saints, attending Church, praying - which is an act of faith in itself - performing good works or, learning from others and their experiences.

And we can also look forward to that great day that Jesus promises us when “I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am you may be too”. (John 14: 1-3)

Which brings us back to where we started “But when the Son of Man comes will He find any faith on earth?” (Luke 18: 8) This particularly applies to those who profess to have faith in Jesus - after all it was the Religious leaders of His own people who, through their Satanic sins of Pride, Arrogance and Envy rejected Christ the first time round. (Matthew 23: 1-12 and 27: 18) And they too professed to have faith!!



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

In association with OSCA Foundation

**Activities to be held in JULY AND AUGUST**

Monday: 6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo  
Monday: 6.30 pm to 9 pm (except Bank Holidays) **ANDY'S MAN CLUB**  
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 am Keep Fit  
Thursday: 11 am - 12 noon Beginners Gentle 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  
Thursday: Halifax Gateway Club 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm Enderby Hall

**Whitehill/Ovenden WR Girls Football Team** are recruiting players for this season, girls must be under 15 by August 31st 2023. Matches are on Sunday mornings on the OSCA Foundation Site, more info phone David Clifford on 07359205276.

**Floodlit All Weather 5 a-side football 3G pitch** available for hire seven days a week at competitive prices.

**Halifax Panthers Rugby League Open Age Ladies Team** are now based at OSCA Foundation @ Forest Cottage. Fixtures will be held on Sunday afternoons at Four Fields on the OSCA Site.

**Ovenden West Riding Junior Football Club** fixtures for the new season commence on Sunday, 10th September at OSCA Foundation, Cousin Lane. Kick off times from 9.30 am through till 12 noon. Teams from u/7 through to u12 for both boys and girls. New and old players welcome. Contact Steve on 07727860731

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

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

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