



ILLINGWORTH MESSENGER

Where Church and Community meet together:
Illingworth Moor, the former St Mary's & St Malachy's



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March 1st	Local Arrangement	Parade
March 8th	Julie Taylor	
March 15th	Rev Tony Morling	Communion
March 22nd	Rev Nick Biggar	
March 29th	Janet Lawton	

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

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

MARCH MESSAGE

'For everything there is a season', says the Bible. For us the compilers, writers, editors, printers, distributors and readers of *The Illingworth Messenger*, a season now draws to a close. As was announced in the February edition, this is to be the last copy. For various reasons the team who have faithfully served for many, many years, feels that the time has come to cease production. The season of *The Illingworth Messenger* is therefore, coming to an end. Here are some of the messages that the editor has received from readers on hearing the news:

It's been like a nice comfort blanket magazine. I have lived in Illingworth for almost 45 years and I remember Dr Lodge, I was only young at the time, thank you for all the work and time everyone has put in, my monthly read will be missed very much...many thanks Jean, an Illingworth resident.

So sad to see the end of the Messenger. I remember Dr Lodge very well. Thank you to ALL involved in producing the Messenger, you have all done a great job and will be missed.

On behalf of OSCA FOUNDATION I wish to add our grateful thanks to all the team at Illingworth Messenger for their tremendous time and devotion you have afforded over the years to provide such a brilliant newsletter that has promoted all the respective groups you have given free publicity over the years. The newsletter will be sadly missed by everyone.

So, as this season draws to a close, we need to particularly thank Irene Mulhall who has been the editor and driving force. It is she who has gathered the unique blend of church activities, historical reminiscences, cricket scores, advertisements, and puzzles. Her loyalty and commitment has been outstanding. Irene, thank you, very much indeed.

Now a new season begins, which invites us to consciously keep alive the spirit of *The Illingworth Messenger* by choosing words and actions that build up the local community. In a way, the baton is passed on to each one of us to play our part. To be people of faith and optimism, courage and decency. To care for our neighbours and welcome the new arrival. To allow God to direct our paths and guide our ways.

On behalf of all *The Illingworth Messenger* team, thank you for your loyal readership, and support, and we offer you these final words:

'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. And the God of peace will be with you'.
(Philippians 4:4-9)

Rev Tony Morling
Methodist Minister

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

As detailed in the February magazine this will be the last issue of the Illingworth Messenger magazine printed and distributed on behalf of the Illingworth Messenger Trust.

After being produced for 65 years this is of course a very sad occasion but unfortunately times and circumstances change.

On behalf of the trustees I would like to thank all our many loyal readers who have supported us during this time and also a heartfelt thank you to the numerous volunteers (especially as editors) who have been instrumental in keeping the magazine going during this 65 years.

Best wishes to you all.

Michael D Nicholl on behalf of the Illingworth Messenger Trustees



Letter to the Editor:

So sorry to see that the magazine is ending. For many years I have picked up a copy at Beechwood Road Library, and always found it informative and spiritually uplifting. Not being on line I have no idea where I am going to find the information that the magazine provided. Something valuable will be gone from the community. hanks for all the work you have done for so many years.

Rodney Eastwood



Letter from the Editor

“All Good Things Come to an End” and so it is that this edition of the Illingworth Messenger is going to be the very last one after 65 years. I have been Editor since September 2015 and have enjoyed every minute both in finding items of general interest and the involvement with advertisers and people who have had an item for inclusion. In that time so many people have distributed copies through letter boxes in the area and places such as Keighley Road Surgery, Beechwood Road Library, Gaynor’s Hairdresser, Illingworth Post Office, Charity 1st and Sharmas have all had copies every month for people to pick up. 800 copies have been printed free every month and readers have been eager to pick up a copy. Our printers, James Jackson (Halifax) Ltd, have done such a professional job. Many of our readers are older people who are not familiar with reading things on line and although we have discussed putting the Messenger on line in future the same amount of work would be necessary and we would have no idea if people would have read it or not. Thank you to all those of you who have sent messages saying how much the Illingworth Messenger will be missed.

Irene Mulhall

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LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER

On *Maundy Thursday* we recall the *final command* that *Jesus* gave to his *disciples* before his *death*. After the *Last Supper*, He rose and *washed* his disciples' *feet*. This was *astonishing* for a *teacher* to do, but He had a firm *purpose* in mind: "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 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The 'washing of the feet' *ceremony* was an important part of the *medieval* church's liturgy, symbolising the *humility* of the clergy, in *obedience* to the example of Christ.

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Illingworth Moor Methodist Church

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Anchor Boys: 5-7 years and Junior Section: 8-10 years
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Company Section: 11-18 years

Arrive 7pm to start at 7:15pm until 8:45pm

More info contact Captain Andy on 07833910698.

GIRLS BRIGADE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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Starts 7pm-8:30pm

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1ST MARCH - ST DAVID (DEWI SANT), GUIDING THE WELSH THROUGH TURBULENT TIMES

On 1st March Wales celebrates its patron saint, David - or, in Welsh, Dewi or Dafydd. He is revered wherever Welsh people have settled. As with most figures from the so-called 'Dark Ages' (he lived in the sixth century), reliable details about his life are scarce, but there are enough for us to form a picture of a formidably austere, disciplined, and charismatic leader, who led the Church in Wales through turbulent years and fought tenaciously for the faith.

That he founded a monastery at Menevia, in Pembrokeshire, seems beyond doubt. It later became the site of St David's cathedral and the settlement which is now the smallest city in the United Kingdom. From Menevia, David embarked on preaching and teaching missions across Wales, and probably beyond. His eloquence was legendary.

His monks avoided wine and beer, drinking only water. Indeed, he and they lived lives of rigorous austerity and constant prayer, in the manner of the Desert Fathers of the Eastern Church. The date of David's death is disputed - either 589 or 601. It wasn't until the 12th century that he was generally accepted as the patron saint of Wales, and pilgrimages to St David's were highly regarded in the following centuries - including two made by English kings, William I and Henry II. It's traditional for Welsh people to wear daffodils on St David's Day (*Gwyl Dewi Sant* in Welsh) - but there seems no particular reason for it, beyond the fact that they tend to make their early Spring appearance round about his day - oh, and they look nice!



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If you would like to join us you will be made most welcome. Walking boots and suitable clothing are essential. For more information contact Evelyn Farrar on 01422 255284 or email her at evelynfarrar8@gmail.com



ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH

Where can you get (for instance) Chicken Casserole, mashed potato, Yorkshire pudding & vegetables, a pudding and a cup of tea, together with good company for £6.00?

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MOTHERING SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

Mothering Sunday was established in the 16th century to encourage people to return once a year to their 'mother church' in order to renew their faith. The pilgrimage occurred on the fourth Sunday in Lent. From the 1700s, the day evolved so that going 'a-mothering' would include a visit to the family home after church, with a 'mothering cake', wayside flowers and other small tokens. For such reasons, it was often known as Refreshment Sunday. A simnel cake was once enjoyed on Mothering Sunday rather than at Easter. A 17th-century rhyme penned by one Robert Herrick goes: 'T'll to thee a Simnel bring, 'Gainst thou go'st a-mothering. So that when she blesses thee, Half that blessing thou'lt give me.'



The original Christian values of Mothering Sunday in this country were resurrected by a vicar's daughter called Constance Penswick Smith; today, churches still hold special services on the day itself (a moveable feast as it depends when Easter falls each year). Flowers are customarily given to mothers on their special day. In this country, springtime flowers, traditionally violets, are given; both Japan and Australia have adopted the American custom of carnations, though the latter also give chrysanthemums – a playful nod to the fact the flower ends in 'mum'.

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MOUNT ZION HERITAGE CENTRE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We are pleased to say that we are offering school visits (our first of the year was in January!) and we are able to welcome adult groups too, who would like to find out more about Mount Zion. Please see the Mount Zion website mountzion.cmch.org.uk

March 24th Afternoon - The Calderdale Way: a Lent Reflection To be held in the Chapel. Exact time to be confirmed. All welcome. For more details email David at david6017@live.com

April 1st, 10 am - The Calderdale Way: a Lent Walk to Brighouse, meeting at Mount Zion. All welcome. For more details email David at david6017@live.com

April 22nd, 7.00 pm - Branwell Bronte and his Halifax Friends A Heritage Talk by David Glover. An absolute must for all Bronte enthusiasts.

May 9th - Stories from Stone An event celebrating the spoken voice, poetry and prose **"The stones we writers use are words."** Orhan Pamuk

Poet Mary Thomson will present an evening of readings, poems and prose which relate closely to her experience of Mount Zion and its locality; her actress daughter Cathy Sara, will co-present. To Mary's published poems, will be added illuminating and entertaining pieces from writers such as J B Priestley and Ted Hughes. Don't miss your chance to see Mary and Cathy in action. More details and booking information soon!

May 27th, 7.00 pm - Heritage Talk presented by David Glover.

Born in Song: music in Halifax and its influence on people's social and religious lives; the Whitsuntide 'big sing'.

June 2nd, 2.00 pm - Heritage Talk - 'A History of Mount Zion; rebels and reformers in the Parish of Bradshaw' - Dr Diane Hadwen. **Please note this talk will be held at St John's Parish Church, Bradshaw.**

September 19th, 10.30 am to 4.30 pm - Heritage Open Day

'Working People'; a chance to visit the Chapel and explore the legacy of working people who once lived around and worshipped at Mount Zion. HOD will include a **Heritage Talk** at 3.00 pm by David Glover, exploring working people and the story of key employers in Calderdale

September the 20th, 2.00 pm - Bringing in the Harvest A service organised by members of Illingworth Methodist Church and led by the Reverend Tony Morling, all welcome.

October 21st 7.00pm - Strange and Scary Calderdale Tales A Heritage Talk presented by David Glover, appropriate to the time of year!

December 13th, 2.00 pm - Community Carol Service. Our traditional start to Christmas. Led by the Reverend Tony Morling. All welcome.

14th and 15th December, 1.00 pm - Whitehill Primary Academy's Christmas Carol Concerts. Looking forward to a full house and wonderful song!

ALL IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

It was:

300 years ago, on 26th March 1726 that Sir John Vanbrugh, architect and playwright died. Best known for designing Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard.

250 years ago, on 24th March 1776 that John Harrison, carpenter and clockmaker died. Known for inventing the marine chronometer, which enabled sailors to calculate longitude at sea.

175 years ago, on 11th March 1851 that the premiere of Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi's opera *Rigoletto*, was held in Venice.

150 years ago, on 10th March 1876 that the world's first telephone call was made. Alexander Graham Bell used his telephone to call his assistant, Thomas Watson, after spilling acid in his laboratory. The first words ever spoken on a telephone were: "Mr Watson, come here. I want you."

100 years ago, on 30th March 1926 that Ingvar Kamprad, Swedish businessman, was born. He founded IKEA, the furniture retail company, in 1943, when he was just 17 years old. (Died 2018)

90 years ago, on 4th March 1936 that the German airship *Hindenburg* made its first flight. It was the largest airship ever constructed, and was destroyed in a fire in May 1937, ending the era of airship travel.

80 years ago, on 11th March 1946 that Rudolf Hess, former Commandant of Auschwitz concentration camp, was captured by the British forces in Germany. At the Nuremberg tribunals in April, he admitted to being responsible for the deaths of the 2.5 million people who had been killed at Auschwitz. He was executed on 16th April 1947.

Also 80 years ago, on 25th March 1946 that London's Heathrow Airport first opened as London Airport. It was renamed Heathrow Airport in 1966.

75 years ago, on 15th March 1951 that Dennis the Menace first appeared in the British children's comic, *The Beano*.

70 years ago, on 23rd March 1956 that Pakistan became the world's first Islamic Republic.

65 years ago, on 6th March 1961 that George Formby, the 'Ukulele King,' comedian, singer and actor died. Known for his comic songs.

Also 65 years ago, on 8th March 1961 that Sir Thomas Beecham, British conductor and impresario, died. He had founded several major orchestras and transformed the operative and orchestral scene in Britain.

50 years ago, on 14th March 1976 that Busby Berkeley, American film director and choreographer died. Known for his elaborate musical production numbers, which often featured large numbers of dancing girls forming kaleidoscopic patterns.

40 years ago, on 3rd March 1986 that Queen Elizabeth II signed the Australia Act, severing Australia's remaining legal ties with Britain and granting it full independence.

Also 40 years ago, on 17th March 1986 that Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Prince Andrew, Duke of York, and Sarah Ferguson. They married in 1986 and divorced in 1996.

30 years ago, on 13th March 1996 that the Dunblane Massacre took place in Scotland. Thomas Hamilton, a former Scout leader, entered Dunblane Primary School, shot dead 16 children and a teacher, wounded 15 more, and then committed suicide. As a result, the private ownership of handguns was banned in the UK.

25 years ago, on 26th March 2001 that the UK Post Office was rebranded as Consignia, at a cost of around £2million. The name was so unpopular that the following year it was renamed The Royal Mail Group.

20 years ago, on 1st March 2006 that the Senedd – the National Assembly for Wales's debating chamber – was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II in Cardiff.

Also 20 years ago, on 21st March 2006 that Twitter, the online social networking/micro-blogging service, was founded. Its website went live on 15th July that year.

10 years ago, on 31st March 2016 that Ronnie Corbett, Scottish films and tv comedian, actor, screenwriter and broadcaster (*The Two Ronnies*) died.

COMMUNITY SHED

Illingworth Moor Methodist Church

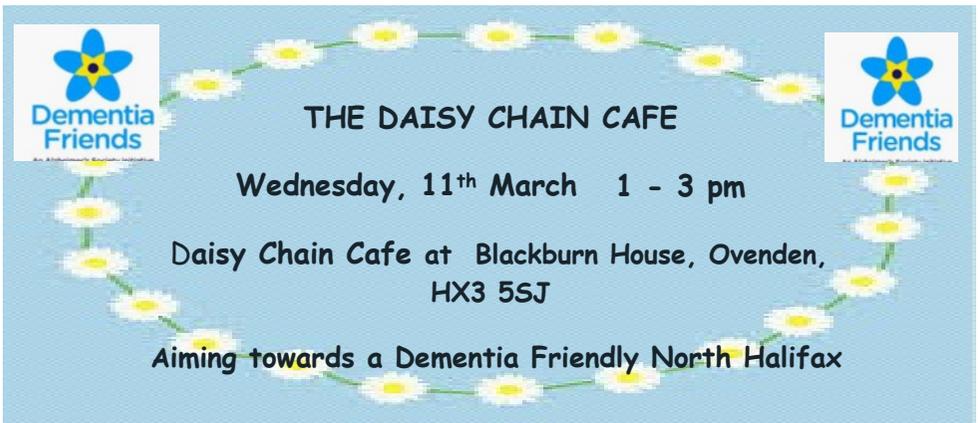
The aim of the Shed at the Moor is to provide a safe place, particularly for people who experience social isolation, who seek friendship, and may like to learn a new craft, hobby, or just chill and enjoy friendship and companionship.

The Shed is for the local community to use. Why not make a suggestion, we all like to learn something new or just come along for a brew and be part of a new project.

Shed at the Moor

Open Fridays 10 till 1pm

Contact- Geoff Widdop 07837 942336



17TH MARCH - ST PATRICK, BELOVED APOSTLE TO IRELAND

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

But by 435, well-educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his see at Armagh and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.

ANSWERS

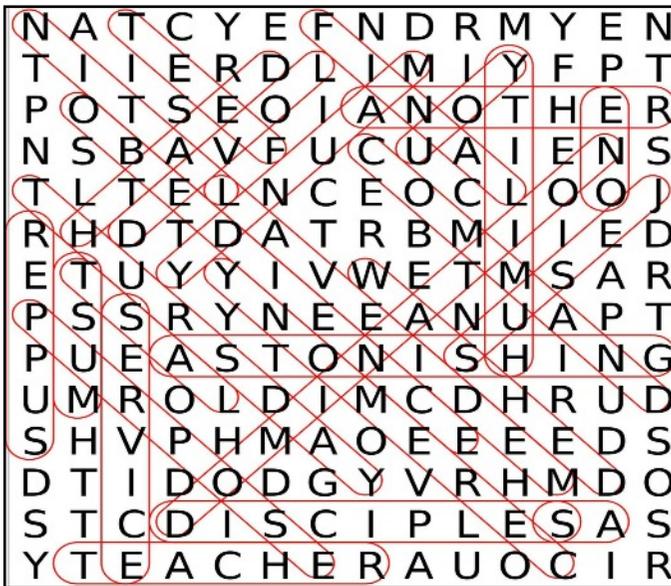
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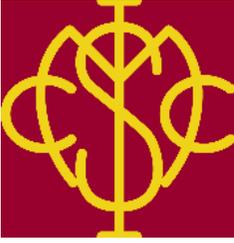


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Illingworth Cricket Club

The fixtures for our matches in The Spenser Wilson Halifax Cricket League which commences on Saturday 18th April have just been published and the 1st XI start away to Copley whilst the 2nd XI face Copley at home. The first round draws of the various cup matches were also drawn at a recent League meeting. The 1st XI commence their defence of the Halifax Parish Cup with a visit to Bradley Colnebridge in the first round and the 2nds have been given a home tie against Blackley.

Our Senior winter nets for cricket training will be commencing soon and as soon as the weather permits will continue at our own nets outdoors. We can accommodate players of all abilities so whether you are a regular player or haven't played for a while but fancy taking up some very worthwhile exercise, do come along.

We are looking particularly for more U9 players as our youngsters move up the age groups. Pre-Season training starts at Trinity Academy on Friday nights in late February and March and contact Jamie Moorhouse on 0784-659837 for more information. Outdoor training and coaching for both seniors, women and girls and juniors will start in April. Watch our website and Facebook for details.

As always, we want to get more youngsters, girls and boys, playing cricket and we shall be running our usual Friday night Junior activities from mid - April right through the summer.

We are looking to run a full quota of junior teams in 2026 as well as three senior teams and a women's team for its second year so there is plenty of opportunity for everyone.

As always, we are indebted to all the local businesses and supporters who continue to support us by sponsoring the club in so many different ways to help meet the ever-increasing costs of running the club.

Meanwhile, as always there has been a lot happening round the club getting everything ready for the forthcoming season. Work parties are being organised to do all the usual pre-season maintenance jobs and ground machinery is being prepared for the grass growing season. Volunteers are always warmly welcomed.

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Friday, 27 February at 6.30 pm followed by a quiz and all are welcome.

One huge change will come with the end of the Illingworth Messenger in its present format. I have been privileged to write monthly articles keeping everyone up to date with the activities of the cricket club since February 2015 and it was part of a deliberate attempt by the club to make itself more well known in the local community and to let people know of the opportunities there were to join in and become part of the club. I believe we have been successful in this and I am continued to be reminded of the success of the Messenger when so many people tell me they have enjoyed

both my input and that of the many other contributors of its very varied and readable content. Much of this has been down to the sheer hard work, terrific organisation and flair of the Editor, Irene Mulhall, over all that time in creating one of the best, most varied and interesting local magazines and all with such limited facilities.

Sadly, the Messenger is coming to an end with this edition and Illingworth St Mary's Cricket Club wish to place on record its thanks particularly to Irene and the other volunteers who have made it possible, for all their tremendous voluntary efforts in publicising the very many good things which take place in the Illingworth community as well as producing all the interesting content which has made the Messenger so readable and enjoyable over so many years.

Please continue to follow the activities of Illingworth Cricket Club by accessing our website - <https://illingworth.play-cricket.com>

You can contact us by email – comms@illingworth.co.uk

On Facebook you can find us [@illingworthhcc.co.uk](https://www.facebook.com/illingworthhcc.co.uk)

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Wednesday, 25th March and 8th April**

**Friday 10 am Illingworth Moor Methodist Church
Approx. 4 miles All of our information is on our website**

www.crewheartsupport.co.uk / crewpartners.hsg@gmail.com

WHY WE SHOULD BE LIKE DONKEYS

Are you a pet-lover? Many people own a dog, a cat or a budgie, but most of us don't own a donkey! Yet in Bible times, donkeys were essential to daily life. They did everything from helping to grind corn, to ploughing, to carrying people, to transporting their belongings. Despite their small frame, donkeys are surprisingly tough. They are content with poor fodder like thistles and can travel an average of 20 miles a day.



There are two occasions in the Christian calendar where donkeys walk into the picture. At Christmas, Mary travelled the 100 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey. And although a donkey doesn't get a specific mention in the manger story, that same one that transported her was probably there at the birth; where else would it have been?

On Palm Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Jesus deliberately chose this animal rather than a horse. Why? In Bible times, the horse was associated with war, conquest and worldly might. But the donkey was a symbol of peace and humility. Jesus used this animal to show that He had come with the dignity of the King of peace. His entry into the Holy City also fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy concerning the Messiah.

Donkeys are hardworking and undemanding. They wait for their master to put them to the work he has chosen for them. And, remarkably, each one bears the mark of the Cross on their backs!

SMILE LINES

How many words does it take?

Pythagorean Theorem - 24 words

Lord's Prayer - 66 words

Archimedes' Principle - 67 words

Ten Commandments - 179 words

Shakespeare's 'To be, or not to be' soliloquy – 260 words

Churchill's speech 'We Shall Fight on the Beaches' - 308 words

US Constitution with all 27 Amendments - 7,818 words

EU regulations on the sale of cabbages - 26,911 words

Puts things into perspective, doesn't it?

Ask children about angels - and this is what you get!

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. - Daniel, age 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. - Reagan, age 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. - Sara, age 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and His Son, who's a very good carpenter. - Jared, age 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. - Antonio, age 9

Present

For the elderly minister's 75th birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. He was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, saying: 'Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit.'

Who'd be a mother?

Constant nagging didn't seem to provide any relief from having to clean up the bathroom after each of my three teenage children. After I cleaned it one day, I resorted to posting a sign that read: "Please leave the bathroom as you found it."

I noticed the bathroom was in the usual mess after my son used it, so I called, "Brian, how did you find the bathroom?" After a brief pause, he replied, "Straight down the hall, first door on the right."

Naughty mummy

A mother asked her young son, as they waited for the bus, to tell the driver he was five years old, because then he would ride for free. As they got into the bus the driver asked him how old he was. "I am five years old," said the little boy proudly.

The driver had a son of his own that age, and so he smiled. "And when will you be six years old?" he asked.

"When I get off the bus," answered the boy.



Sent away

An irritated mother complained to her friend: "When I was a kid, my parents sent me to my room without supper if I misbehaved. But my son has his own TV, smartphone and computer in his room!"

"So how do you handle it?" her friend asked.

"I send him to MY room!"

On the road

A teenager was always asking his parents if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit one day, the father demanded of his son why he thought 'The Almighty' had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied: "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."

Coming and going

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

Cleaned out

"Just cleared out some space in the freezer" sounds so much more productive than "I just polished off another pint of ice cream."

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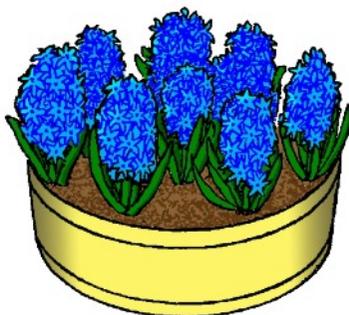
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OVENDEN ARLFC ARE BACK !!!!!

Ovenden Rugby League club are looking for boys/girls to come training for their newly formed u/8 and u/10 teams for the coming season.

Training is on Thursday evenings INSIDE Forest Cottage from 5.15 pm until 6.15 pm and Saturday Mornings from 9 am until 10 am on the outside all weather pitch.

More information contact Josh Sandlands on 07706405183..



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

Activities to be held MARCH

MONDAYS From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405
6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo

TUESDAYS 12 noon Walking Football (outside)
2 pm to 4 pm Old Tyme / Modern Sequence Dancing
From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405
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WEDNESDAYS 10.30 am to 11.30 am Chi Chi Fit Musical Dance Class – for people with learning disabilities and their carers. After class join us for a free tea or coffee and a chat £2.50 per session. More info/book your place 03000120416
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THURSDAYS 9.45 am to 10.45 am Keep Fit
11.30 am to 12.30 pm Ladies Netball
2 pm to 4 pm Old Tyme / Modern Sequence Dancing
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6 pm to 9 pm Youth Club 13 years –19 years
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm Enderby Hall Halifax Gateway Club

FRIDAYS From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405
7 pm onwards Pool and Darts Night

SATURDAYS Three Ovenden West Riding Girls football teams in the West Riding Junior Girls League aged u/10, u/11 & u/13. New girls welcome. Contact Nial Toolin on 07922089240

SUNDAYS Thirteen Ovenden West Riding mixed gender teams in the Huddersfield Junior League from u/7 through to u/15. New players welcome contact Steve 07727860731

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St. JOHN'S CHURCH , BRADSHAW, HX2 9JJ SPEAKER and a CUPPA FRIENDSHIP GROUP

This group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in the
Community Centre of St John's Church, Bradshaw.

Each month a different speaker comes along to talk for about 45 minutes / 1 hour
followed by tea/coffee and a chat. Cost is £2.50 per person, which includes
refreshments. The group is run by John Kiddle 07746 953527

2026 PROGRAMME

- 3rd March British *Hedgehog Preservation Society* with Vic Luker
7th April *How to Grow Your Own Veg* – plant and take home ...
with Fiona Skipper (Mrs Brooksby's granddaughter)
5th May With David Glover - Local Historian - Topic to be confirmed
2nd June *Mount Zion Heritage Chapel – 'Told by the Dial' with*
Dr Diane Hadwen
7th July *Work of the Rainbow Care Group* with Chris Stack, Calderdale
Community Engagement Lead
4th August Bring your own funny/humorous poem or short story to share.
1st Sept. *An Afternoon at the Races* - Peter Plinston of 'Model War Games
fame' returns – prepare to participate!
6th October *The Music in My Life* with Rosemary Pickles and Chris Brown
3rd November *The Yorkshire Air Ambulance Rides Again!*
This time with Robin Morley-Owens – experienced volunteer
1st December *Mini Christmas Party- Mini Quiz, Secret Santa and Buffet* –Action
Replay, but with more action this time !

2027 PROGRAMME so far ...

- 5th January *The Road from Rose Linda's* Our very own Glenda Shaw
returns: "I will be giving members an exclusive, rare opportunity to
to see the full unexpurgated version of the "Iconic" Alan Wicker
interviews with Great Uncle Percy , inventor of Cats Eyes originally
broadcast and shown by Yorkshire Television in 1968.
2nd February *Our Baptist Missionary Ancestors – Life in the Belgian Congo*
1880 -1915 with Rosemary Pickles.

EASTER MESSAGE

Rejoice in the beauty of springtime
The freshness, the hope and the joy
Rejoice in the message of Easter
The wonder the world can't destroy
New life and new faith for all people
The promise that Easter imparts
Rejoice in the hope for the future
The message to lift all our hearts.

By Shonaugh Townsend
Volunteer in the Church Shop





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 via one of the following ways:

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 10 am at Holmfield Bowling Club, Holmfield 1st April until 30th September

We run day trips to the seaside or places of interest & have other social events throughout the year.

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NEW AGE KURLING from 11.15 am - 12.15 pm £2.00

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SITTING DOWN PILATES from 11.15 am to 12 noon £3.50

WEDNESDAYS

CRAFTY CLUB from 10.00 am - 12 noon £2.00

Join the friendly group for knitting, card making and other crafts

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THURSDAYS

INTERMEDIATE PILATES from 9.45 am - 10.45 am £4.00

BEGINNERS PILATES from 11 am - 12 noon £4.00

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