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Services	May	1	9.30am	Mrs Sandra Oldroyd
		8	9.30am	All Age Worship led by Sue Howard – see note below
		15	9.30am	Revd Philip Barnett
		22	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Circuit Service at Dalton led by Revd Peter Catford</b>
		29	9.30am	Revd Sue Burton including Holy Communion and Annual Church Meeting

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Dear Friends

We enjoyed a short holiday in Devon a couple of weeks before Easter. One of the things that struck us was how much further on the flowers and trees were than they were at home – the daffodils, which were only just coming into bloom in the manse garden, were almost over, and the bluebells were already forming a carpet around our feet. The trees, too, were coming into leaf, with the beautiful bright greens that are a feature of spring. We visited several National Trust properties where the gardens were a key feature, relying on lots of volunteers to keep them looking at their best. Our favourite was Coleton Fishacre, the summer home of the D'Oyly Carte family, who as you probably know promoted the work of Gilbert and Sullivan. The gardens at their country retreat stretched down the hillside to the Devon Coastal path, offering opportunities for spectacular clifftop walks.

All of which served to remind me of the beauty of nature, the renewal that occurs at this time each year. The message of Easter, which we have just celebrated – the possibilities of regeneration and rejuvenation encapsulated in the stories of the empty tomb and the resurrection. We might think of Mary in the garden, the garden where the world was recreated, where wonder was born afresh as Jesus softly called her name, offering hope for the future.

We live in a time when we are constantly reminded of our responsibility to our planet. Sometimes the scale of the problem seems overwhelming, our efforts may seem puny compared with what is required and we may lose hope. When I feel overwhelmed, as I often do, I try to take delight in the simple things: the scent and colour of spring flowers, the tinkling sound of a stream running over the rocks, the red sky at night that heralds a fine day to come.

I'd like to share with you some words of Eddie Askew from his book 'There was a garden':

*'Lord, let me never lose this child-like wonder at your astonishing world. Your gift to me, to us, to be surrounded always by star upon star, by the constant change of sea and sky, by leaf fall and blessed new growth, by fluted birdsong as day fades to dusk. Thank you for your creation, a reminder of your love'*

I wish you every blessing as we move through spring and into summer next month. I hope that you too will be able to take delight in new growth in our gardens, parks and countryside and that they will speak to you of hope.

With best wishes

Sue

**All Age Worship - Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Service at 9.30am led by Sue Howard, celebrating Sunday School Anniversaries and Messy Church. The service is titled 'Spot the Difference'.

**Thanks**

Janet and Clive Berry would like to thank all those who attended the Memorial Service for their Mum, **Marjorie Berry (nee Ashby)** on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. It was much appreciated.

## Flower List

May	1	Flower Fund	22	Circuit Service
	8	Catherine Davison	29	Graham & Jennifer Hirst
	15	Wendy Hallas		

## Cleaning Rota

May	1	Margaret Moriarty & Maureen Stead	22	Circuit Service
	8	Jennifer Hirst & Linda Nuttall	29	Linda Marshall & Andrea Morley
	15	Mairi MacKay & Sue Howard		

## Linthwaite Methodist Young Players – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

In the Church Centre on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm

Adults £5 Children £3. Tickets from Maureen Stead on 07904 433094. Please note tickets must be collected and paid for before the show.

Any offers of raffle prizes will be gratefully received – to Linda Marshall

## Community Coffee

Friendship Hour will not meet for the rest of April, but we will start meeting again on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> when we are changing our name to **Community Coffee**. Everyone welcome to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, biscuits (and often cakes!!) and have a chat, from 11.15am till 12.45pm. A suggested donation of £1.50 per person.

## Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be on 14<sup>th</sup> May 4pm – 6pm. Suitable for children up to the age of 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

## Huddersfield Methodist Circuit – invites you to visit our Roadshow:

### Looking to the Future

*Come and see how the Methodist Church in Huddersfield is changing*

*Consider the next steps for us as Methodists in Huddersfield*

*Give your views on the future of the circuit*

*See the ideas of others as we look to move forward*

Each roadshow will illustrate how the circuit has changed and the opportunities and challenges that may come along over the next few years. The events will provide space to think and a place to comment on how you feel the church is working now and could develop in the future.

The roadshow will be at our church on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm.

## Old Folk's Treat

Once again many thanks for an excellent Treat in 2022. We all missed it last year but the food was as good as ever and it was great to share “covid” stories with people we had not seen for 2 years !

For the benefit of new people it was a good idea to fill us in on the 125 year history of the event and also the efforts that the committee had made to secure funding when it was considered not an option to go Carol singing this year.

It was reassuring to learn that there was another treat in hand for 2023

Excellent entertainment from a duo who knew all the songs that we remembered from our youth

And to cap it all – we won the “Oldest Married couple” - for 56 and a half years !

We have bought a kettle which will remind us every day that we hope we live long enough to attend the Treat next year

Thank you and well done to all involved

Lesley & Ian Baxter

## **Thursday Fellowship AGM**

After missing 2 years due to covid the 74<sup>th</sup> AGM was held on 31 March -when it snowed. 15 people attended and 4 sent their apologies. A 2 year old Annual Report seemed rather irrelevant but the Secretary covered all important points in her amended "catch up" report.

At the start of the pandemic it was agreed to give all our money to the Church so we started the 2021 – 2022 season with nothing. After 9 meetings we had £200 to distribute. We have given half to the Church and half to the Ukraine emergency appeal

The meeting requested that the annual lunch in November should once again take place in the Church Centre with catering by Andrea and Heidi. Suggestions were made for speakers for the coming Winter programme – which the Secretary will do her best to fulfil.

As has become our custom Hot Cross buns and cheese were served with the tea and coffee at the close of the meeting.

Hopefully meetings will resume on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 at 2.30pm when our speaker will be our own Minister Rev Sue Burton and everyone is welcome

Lesley Baxter

## **'Recollections' by Ian Baxter.**

### **Hoylehouse as it was.**

Having spent twenty-five years working at George Mallinsons in Linthwaite I thought there was not much that I did not know about the Hoylehouse area. However a new piece of information re-awakened my interest and prompted me to share these thoughts.

The information came from Keith Quarmby, who some may remember as one of our Sunday School scholars in the 1950's. He lived on Manchester Road at Hoylehouse, eventually going away and now lives near Stafford. Keith found some old maps of the area and asked me a question about a part of the Spring Grove Mills site that occupied much of the area, which I was able to answer. In response he sent a picture of Hoylehouse and Spring Grove Mills that I had never seen before.

The first map was part of the Tithe map of 1848. There were few buildings at Hoylehouse on it, none of which were part of the eventual Spring Grove Mills complex. There is a building where the former Coach and Horses now stands then nothing in the Huddersfield direction until the three cottages and the dwellings known as Holywell behind them before the present day bus shelter are reached. On the other side of the road was a line of three houses of which only the front wall with blocked windows can still be seen behind the present shelter for buses to Marsden. When I was younger these were occupied and from the middle one Anthony Hirst, known as 'Ant'ny' plied his trade as a barber. Apart from the front wall, these houses were demolished in the 1950's and George Mallinson's built a modern weaving shed on the site. This map also shows the brook which comes down from Blackmoorfoot, passing under the former Black Rock Mills and emerges at the bottom of Chapel Hill. In 1848 it was uncovered until it passed under Manchester Road, but in living memory it has always been in a culvert from Hoylehouse Fold until it emerged from under the road. Since then much of it has been covered over to facilitate the expansion of the mill.

The second map is from the 1891 Ordinance Survey and on it most of Spring Grove Mills is shown. The 1850's six story mill, its 1871 extension and the 1884 three storey block ending at Manchester Road are there with several smaller structures round them, some of which would be altered later as the mill was extended in the twentieth century. Other domestic buildings had been built around the mills.

The third item is a very accurate drawing of Spring Grove Mills as it was at the end of the nineteenth century as seen from the north-west. All the main mill buildings mentioned above are accurately drawn but the most interesting feature is two buildings west of the row with the barber's shop. They do not look like dwellings and may have been early industrial buildings which were demolished in the early twentieth century to widen the corner leading to Hoylehouse Fold.

I can remember people talking about how things were before the corner was widened years ago, but it was interesting to see a drawing of the area in which I worked for many years as it had been before I was born.

**If anyone has any item they would like to be included in the next Link please e mail to me at [hirst.avondale@btinternet.com](mailto:hirst.avondale@btinternet.com). or phone 654288**

**Thanks, Jennifer**



