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Services	Mar	3	10.30am	Circuit Service at Holmfirth
		10	9.30am	Mr David Joyce
		17	9.30am	Revd Sue Burton including Holy Communion
		24	9.30am	Mr Adrian Burton
Easter Sunday		31	9.30am	Revd Roz Page including Holy Communion

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Dear friends,

Every now and then, Facebook memories brings up a post from a few years ago that gives me a very welcome laugh. As I read through my complaints about college food, and worries about snow from six years ago, there is a post that comes up without fail every year. In it, one of my friends writes about eating chocolate. I reply, 'But it's Lent!' and they say, 'No, I bought it myself!' It's an old joke, but it makes me laugh every time. Having seen adverts for Crème Egg filled biscuits this year, delicious though they sound, the idea of Lent being a time to give careful consideration to what we do and why we do it becomes more central in my mind when looking at the days ahead. Is it a good idea to put a whole crème egg into a biscuit? Should we wonder about the sugar content of such a treat? Do we just enjoy it for what it is? Is it good for us? I'll leave those questions for you to answer!

There's something powerful in the idea of making space to think about how we travel through this season. Lent, at least in the northern hemisphere, is usually in the Spring. When the world around us can seem like winter has lasted a long time, there are signs of change in the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils that appear, bringing an essential splash of colour. We can see that the days start drawing out and the weather (hopefully!) starts to get warmer. The world transforms around us as we make our way towards Easter, where it can still be cold and snow, but the warmth of Jesus's love melts away the frost.

It can be tempting to run through Lent but, like exercise, it's good to pace ourselves. What new stops can we visit along the way? What do we notice that we have never seen before?

May our journeys be blessed in the days to come, that we may greet Easter renewed and refreshed.
 Revd Roz Page

Sunday March 3rd There will be a 'Tea and Toast' service in our church at 9.30am before the Circuit Service, and transport will be available for anyone wishing to go to the streaming of the service.

Welcomers in Vestibule

Mar	3	Circuit Service at Holmfirth	24	Maureen Stead & Christine Taylor
	10	Janine Fielding & Sarah Walker	31	Margaret Sykes & Alice Mowbray
	17	Graham, Jennifer & Victoria Hirst		

Flower List

Mar	3	Circuit Service at Holmfirth	24	Margaret Moriarty
	10	Lesley & Ian Baxter	31	Margaret Thompson
	17	Molly Myers		

Cleaning Rota

Mar	3	Margaret Moriarty & Maureen Stead	24	Linda Marshall & Andrea Morley
	10	Mairi MacKay & Sue Howard	31	
	17	Jennifer Hirst & Linda Nuttall		

Zoom Lent Course

There will be a Zoom Lent course, led by Revs. Roz Page, Sue Taylor and myself, running on the following Tuesday evenings: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March, starting at 7.30. If you'd like further details or would like to join, please see Rev. Sue or Rev. Roz. We can then send you the Zoom link. Also there will be a daytime session in person, following on from coffee on Tuesday 26th March, led by Roz and myself. Further details to follow.

Thursday Fellowship Please note meetings start at 2pm this season

Mar	7	AGM	
	21	Ian Baxter	Quiz

Community Coffee – every Tuesday

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.

Warm Welcome Space

Church is open every Friday from 9.15am until 2.45pm for 'Warm Places'. Everyone welcome to spend time in the company of others and enjoy a soup lunch.

Transport can be arranged – please see Linda N or Mairi for details.

If you can help by making a pan of soup or cakes/traybakes (nothing too fancy and no cream cakes please), it would be appreciated. There is a list on the notice board. We have money for this and will reimburse you.

Also there is a volunteer list – the jobs include setting out, washing up and clearing away at the end.

Old Folk's Treat

Saturday, March 2nd with the first sitting starting at 12.15pm..

Helpers (must be over 14 years of age) are requested to meet at the Church Centre at 11am on the day.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be on Saturday 9th March from 4 - 6 pm. It will be a Mothers' Day Celebration and Easter activities.

Huddersfield Voices

Easter concert at Almondbury Parish Church on Friday, 22nd March at 7.30pm

Items Chilcott's Little Jazz Mass, Mendelssohn's Hear my Prayer, Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana and Stainer's Crucifixion by the Choir and guest soloists.

Conductor Mitchell Wright and Accompanist Malcolm Hinchliffe

Tickets £10 includes interval drink and refreshments. See Sarah Walker or Linda Nuttall for tickets.

Linthwaite Methodist Sports Club

The Sports Club are having a fund-raising **Wine Tasting Evening** on Friday, April 26th at Linthwaite Hall Bowling Club at 7.30pm. Price per person is £20 which includes sampling 6 wines and nibbles. For tickets see Diane or Sarah.

Thanks

Andrea sends her thanks to everyone for the love and concern shown by so many people for Beryl. Thank you for the visits, flowers, phone calls and thoughts and prayers. It is very much appreciated by Andrea and Beryl and the rest of the family.

A letter from Yvonne and Sam Armitage

Seems like many years ago when Sam and I were members of Linthwaite Methodist Players, which was a very proud and happy time for us both. I still like to keep up with the news via The Link.

In the February edition your Revd Sue Burton mentioned seeing the film Oppenheimer, history of the world's first atomic bomb.

In 1951 Sam finished a seven year apprenticeship as an engineer at David Brown Gears. He then had to do his National Service. He joined the Royal Navy, passed a further exam and entered as a petty officer.

Assigned to the HMS Narvik, none of the crew knew until they arrived off Australia, they were to be present at Britain's first atomic bomb test on Monte Bello Island on the 3rd October 1952. He was given a photograph of 'the mushroom' and a certificate stating he was there. It also says "let it be known that he gave fully of his time and labour for this historical event to be achieved". We know a lot of the men and their families involved in any of the bomb tests have given much more than this.

At the age of 93 he suffers from prostate cancer and Alzheimer's so doesn't remember any of this, but at least he survived to lead a long and happy life.

Best wishes and happy memories to everyone at Linthwaite Methodist.

Yvonne and Sam

'Recollections' by Ian Baxter

Places worth visiting – Two small museums.

If you are looking for somewhere to go that is not too far away during Easter-time at the end of this month how about trying these two small museums that are quite different in character and content.

The first is the Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre, a 1 up 1 down former Weaver's Cottage restored to the state it would been Circa 1900 as one of the last remaining family homes where weaving was carried out and a family lived. On entering the ground floor living room one is immediately struck by the enormous amount of equipment for cooking, washing, entertainment and sleeping that are packed into a room no larger than a living room today. At the back of this room is a wooden staircase leading to the room above which is where the family wove cloth on a hand loom. It also served as a sleeping place for some family members. At the present time this upper room is also used to display panels illustrating the history of the textile industry in the Skelmanthorpe area for which there is no room anywhere else. During last year this attraction was open on the second Sunday of each month from 10am to 1pm until October 13th, and on Heritage Days and for Special Events. Because all guides are volunteers, and the small space available, intending Visitors must book in advance, the number for this is in the Museum Website.

A bit further away is the Cawthorne Victoria Jubilee Museum in the village of Cawthorne on the way to Barnsley, a drive of less than three quarters of an hour from here. The Museum Society was formed in 1884 and has its own building that was started in 1887, Queen Victoria's Jubilee year, hence the Museum's name. On display are domestic bygones, Victoriana and exhibits from local history, natural history and local industry. A typical hotchpotch, the Volunteers who run it say. They also have telephones and television sets, and an excellent cabinet of photographic equipment, in fact almost everything that would have been found in a domestic house at any time in the last 150 years. They claim to have more Singer Sewing machines than they can accommodate, and hope they are not given any more. They also have a reading room with books of local interest to look at, and a selection of pre-owned books for sale. This Museum is open from 1 to 5 pm every Saturday and Sunday from Palm Sunday to the end of October. There is no admission charge, but a small donation will be thankfully received.

When you have seen the Victoria Jubilee Museum, take the opportunity to look at other attractions in the picturesque village of Cawthorne. It has a Tea Room with a garden, Post Office with traditional sweet shop, an Antiques Centre with Tea Room, a Picture Gallery and All Saints Parish Church. A little further away are Cannon Hall, a Museum and Art Gallery and its well known Open Farm where Lambs can usually be seen being born at Easter, and a Garden Centre with Bistro. I am sure that these attractions can fill in a full day during the Easter Weekend. But don't take your old sewing machine with you!

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For those of you who still receive a printed copy of the Link, please note contributions towards the cost of printing and distributing the Link are now due. Could you please let your Linkman or the Link Treasurer, Maureen Stead, have your contribution as soon as possible – a suggested amount for the 10 copies received in the year is £2. For those who receive their Link by post, may we ask that you send £10 to cover the cost of postage and printing.

If you send your payment by post, Maureen's address is

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Thank you.



This photo appeared in the 'Colne Valley Chronicle' May 1990, when the old Chapel was sold and we moved to the Church Centre.

At the time an appeal was launched for £200,000 - £569,703 in today's money! Lots of fundraising events were held with an afternoon tea raising £51 (£120).

Interesting that the photo was taken with people looking into the sun!

This is the best scan I can make of the old newspaper, and doesn't reprint as well as we would like.

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. or phone 654288

Thanks, Jennifer