



TRINITY CHURCH HONLEY

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

A Message from our Minister Rev Helen Roberts

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We can't escape the increasingly rapid march towards Christmas. As usual the shops have been in the vanguard, and now the endless Christmas songs greet you. Village and town centre lights have been switched on, plans made - to travel or to greet travellers as families plan to meet together. Lists are made of things that must be done.

I don't know about you but as the nights draw in it can feel as if I have less time to do things in, though the hours of being awake may not change. On a practical level it is true - Gabi's dog walks are best in daylight so that we can go to the rec or to other unlit places, so I do have less time to fit them into.

There is something about the dark nights that make many of us retreat indoors and batten down the hatches. Sometimes I envy the animals that hibernate through this season. There is something about winter that invites us to slow down, in the days before cheap and easy lighting the working day would follow the seasons, and in winter would be shorter.

It feels as if nature is inviting us to rest awhile but the busyness and expectations around the holiday season call us to run around in circles to ensure it all goes 'just right'.

Maybe we should step aside from trying to have 'the perfect Christmas' and rather than stressing take time to pause and enjoy the journey and those you travel it with. The Christ child did not arrive in a carefully ordered way - but in a borrowed space, and slept in what was available. Yet at the same time it was in God's time and plan.

Enjoy the season, glimpse something of the wonder, and in the busyness take time to pause and ponder. Happy Christmas

Information regarding Church services and events in January will be distributed in Church on Sunday 31st December. There is no newsletter in January.

Contributions for February to Vera Stanley (663670) or Di Harris (316109 or diharris186@gmail.com) by 19th January 2018

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP 7TH NOVEMBER

Mrs. Natasha Jameson the Director of Child Ministries at Elim Pentecostal Church was the speaker. She spoke about her Mission trip to Sardu, Romania with a group from the church. Working mostly with children and with the aid of an interpreter the aim was to share the message of the gospel. They attended a Sunday service at a Roma Church and worked with the older children who were training to be young leaders.

The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Margaret Armitage.

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CHRISTIAN AID ‘Enough for Everyone ‘ Christmas appeal. The charity states that hunger isn’t inevitable- there is more than enough food in the world to feed everyone. Around the world families are facing extreme hunger. Why is it a good idea to support this appeal? Because from now until 5th February the government is going to match donations up to £2.7 million. Donations can be made online. *Di Harris*

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PALESTINIAN AFTERNOON TEA At the end of October I attended an event in aid of the Palestinians Women’s Education Network at the Quaker Meeting House in Wooldale. It was an afternoon of enlightening talks, an opportunity to sample Palestinian food and buy Palestinian products. Fair trade supports farmers and their families; Holmfirth Fair Trader were at the event with products which can be purchased in the shop. The Medjoul dates are delicious! One of the speakers was Ken Hodgson who spoke at Women’s Fellowship about 3 years ago, sharing his experiences as an Ecumenical Accompanier. You may well remember his powerful stories! *Di Harris*

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‘BE AN ANGEL’ CAMPAIGN This lobbying campaign was initiated by Methodists who are dealing with those affected by benefit changes. Through the news I am sure we are all aware of the hardship and suffering caused. I posted 20 signed Angel cards to the Prime Minister on your behalf. The cards asked Theresa May to review the governments position with regard to Universal Credit. *Di Harris*

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Methodist Circuit Leisure Group walked from Holmfirth along the main road to Victoria where we turned off the road and followed a path up the banking behind new houses being built below. We came back down behind Brooke Dyeing dam where a heron was looking grey hunched and dejected. We followed the Riverside Path into Hinchliffe Mill where there are some pretty cottages. We climbed back to the main road and took a detour behind the cattle market along the riverbank and then back to the road. At the chapel we enjoyed our sandwiches supplemented by a very tasty cream of celery soup. For those who could stay Neil Clark was playing the organ in church and the RNLI had a stall selling Christmas gifts to raise money. It was a little damp but none the less a pleasant walk. *Joan Vevers*

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Friendship Group The group made some beautiful poppies which were offered to people in return for a donation. A total of £61.50 was sent to the Royal British Legion.

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The flower list for 2018 is now up in the lower hall. Anyone willing to give flowers please add your name to the list. *Eileen Hirst*

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TLC A big thank you to the organisers and helpers of Trinity Lunch Club for their efforts. The food and company is much appreciated by all. The TLC Members

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE The Christmas Tree Festival is on 2nd and 3rd December. We would be grateful for help for an hour or so the week before (28-30 Nov.)

Contact Karen on 664648 or Linda on 663536.

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Date	Church Stewards	Vestibule Stewards	Coffee Sylvia Hallas
3 rd	Glenys Pallister Pat Waite	Eileen & Peter Marshall	Linda Craven Barbara Leach
10 th	Bob & Jane Armitage	David Redfearn Ronnie Moncur	Maureen Burley Ann Hirst
17 th	Margaret Armitage Penny Winterbottom	Winifred Ainley Karen Stannard	Maureen Doran Karen Stannard
24 th	Hilary Turner Carolynne Roberts	Marina & Roger Woodhead	Rachel Boothroyd Pam Redfearn
25 th	Margaret Sheppard Pam Redfearn		Linda Craven Margaret Armitage

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SUNDAY SERVICES DECEMBER 2017

3 rd	Michael Tolson 10.30am
10 th	Rev Helen Roberts (including Communion) 10.30am
17 th	Celebration of Christmas Honley Arrangement 10.30am
24 th	No morning service. 4.00pm Carol Service Rev Helen Roberts
25 th	9.30am Honley Arrangement

Events at Trinity in December 2017

Sat & Sun 2 nd & 3 rd	Christmas Tree Festival Saturday 10am to 4pm Admission £1.50 Accompanied children free. Sunday 2 to 4pm
Fri 8 th	Scout Carol Service 7pm
Tues 12 th	Tuesday Fellowship Meeting in the Arthurs' Room at 2.30pm. Carols and Tea
Tues 12 th	Circuit Leisure Group walk – meet at Brockholes 11am for walk picnic lunch and entertainment
Sun 24 th	Carol Service at 4pm
Tues 26 th	Trinity/ Civic Society walk meet at 2.15pm Map reading walk. Bring your compass. Leader Bert Neary

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