ALMONDBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Looking to the future in faith

The Weekly Link



8th – 14th November 2026

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We extend a warm welcome to visitors and anyone worshipping with us for the first time

Please join us for coffee which will be served in The Wesley Centre after the service



Sunday 8th November: Remembrance Sunday

10.00am Morning worship led by the Revd Dr Dawn Saunders and the Revd Rob Savage followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Join us in Church or via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/94879413540

We welcome friends from All Hallows Church and from the wider Almondbury community

Hymns: StF 83 Praise my soul the King of heaven
StF 495 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
StF 51 Great is thy faithfulness

Reading: Micah 6 vv6-8

Matthew 22 vv34-40

to be read by His Honour Roger Thomas KC, DL (Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire)



Flower distribution: Mary Byrne

Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

God of peace and justice, on this Remembrance Sunday we come before you in gratitude, sorrow and hope.

We remember all who have given their lives in the service of others; those who returned bearing wounds seen and unseen; and all whose lives are still marked by conflict, loss and grief. May our remembering deepen our compassion, renew our commitment to peace, and strengthen our care for all who serve and all who suffer.

Guide your Church to be a people of reconciliation: honest about the cost of war, faithful in prayer, generous in service, and steadfast in seeking the way of Christ's peace. Warm our hearts with your love and help us to do all the good we can in the cause of justice and peace. Comfort the bereaved, uphold the weary, and lead all nations from darkness into light. In the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our peace. Amen.

The Revd Canon Michael Parker KHC, Chaplain General to His Majesty's Land Forces.

This week's activities

Monday 9th November

10.30am to 1.30pm	Monday Luncheon Club Arrive from 10.30am, but there is no set time. We provide an excellent meal at reasonable cost. Any of our congregation and friends are welcome. If you have a disability and need transport, we can arrange it.
1.30pm	CRAFTandCHAT – new members are always welcome
7.30pm	Table Tennis

Tuesday 10th November

10.15am onwards	Open House All warmly welcomed for excellent food and good company. Coffee available from 10.30am onwards and lunches served from 12 noon

Thursday 12th November

1.30pm	Almondbury TOTS for babies, toddlers and their carers

Sunday 15th November

10.30am	Morning worship led by John Robinson

Flower distribution: Helen and Andrew Pollitt

Church Family News

Funeral of Mike Taylor

The funeral for Mike Taylor will be at Almondbury Methodist Church on Wednesday 25th November. The service will commence at 12.15 pm following a private family committal.

General information

Coffee Morning in aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research

A Huge Thank You to everyone who attended and supported the Coffee Morning last Saturday and to all the wonderful volunteers who helped to make the morning such a success.

A fantastic total of £1360 was raised!

Thanks again
Jo Shaw

Christmas Journey 30th November to 4th December

It's coming up to Christmas Journey time again and as usual we are looking for help with refreshments, which are served within the church at the end of each session. For more information, please speak to Sarah or John Robinson. Please sign up on the rota in the Wesley Centre if you're able to help. Many thanks.

Toy and Gift Service - Sunday 29th November

As in previous years, we are hoping to collect in items from Church and the Community to send to the Salvation Army for Christmas distribution. The following are required:

Children's toys and games (preferably new but otherwise in very good condition), gifts suitable for teenagers - not to be wrapped, although separate wrapping paper would be welcomed. Cash donations would also be appreciated.

News from the Circuit and District

There are lots of events and additional **Christmas services and activities** being planned around the Circuit. Please see the separate poster sent out with 'The Link' for information.

Advent Reflections Rev Dee Yeadon is leading an Advent Group at Meltham Methodist Church on Thursdays at 10.30am for 1 hour, starting on the 19th November and then the 26th Nov, 3rd Dec and 17th Dec. This is a time of relaxation and meditation on bible passages. Open to all regardless of depth of faith or knowledge. For further details please contact Dee on deniseyeadon@btinternet.com or 07860 862206.

Craft and Table Top Fayre at Lepton Methodist Church on 14th November from 10am. Come and stock up on Christmas gifts, free entry, refreshments available.

Golcar Providence are having **Coffee morning** on Saturday 5th December 9am – 12noon. Christmas stalls and breakfast sandwiches will be available. Those with younger children are invited to Breakfast with Santa (until 11am), £6 for breakfast and a gift from Santa.

Holmfirth Methodist Church invite you to their **"Pantivity!".** Saturday 19th December at 4pm. It's a cross between a panto and a nativity. If you've been waiting since junior school to be allowed to join in the nativity again, come along and join the fun. Costumes are provided or bring your own and refreshments will be available afterwards.

Ready, Steady, G'Own arrangement! November has come around so quickly and after all the fun of the fireworks, it's time to focus on the next round of G'OA planning session. The dark nights are here so this session is planned for 1.30 so you can be assured of getting home in the day light. Friday 20th November at 1.30 at Golcar Providence Church. Together we'll explore and share ideas for leading meaningful worship, when there is no preacher. It's interesting, it's fun and it's creative with some amazing services as our outcomes – AND as one person recently shared with me – '*what I like is the process*'.

Our theme for this session is Easter – but sadly IF there is not enough interest shown – we might have to cancel and no one wants to do that. So come and find out more – get your names down.
If you would like more information or to let me know you're planning to attend – please contact Linda Bettany ☏ 0779 510 3371 or email linda.bettany@aol.co.uk

If you'd like to join a **Bible study group** there are some going on around the circuit and you would be welcome to join them at any time. In particular there are studies at:
Gledholt - every Monday Morning 10am ' Flourish Bible Study' held in the downstairs Marsh room
Lepton - Suzanna's Table: every 4th Thursday 12noon
Shepley - every last Sunday in the month 9.30am- 10.30am (during Advent Nov 29th) in the hall.

***In Touch* Reminder - Contributions Welcome!**
Already we're looking ahead to the December edition of *In Touch* magazine. We'd love to hear all your news, stories, and any reflections that you'd like to share. So together, let's brighten up the shorter days and darker nights!
Please send any contributions to Suzanne Bridges, suzhmc@gmail.com by Wednesday 18th November

The Great Get Together - **Children and Families event** on Saturday 14th November 2026, from 10am - 3pm at Roscoe Methodist Church. For families with children age 3-7 (approx.). Family, faith, fellowship and fun with songs, sensory play, fire lighting, messy play and loads more. The event is FREE, but we would love to know how many people are coming.

Booking can be done via this link. https://ywmethodist.org.uk/youth-childrens-work/
If you work with children and families, you are also welcome to come along - the resources and planning will be available after the event to borrow to be used in local contexts. For further details contact Laura Braime via youth@ywmethodist.org.uk

Parkwood Methodist Church is holding a **Final Celebration Service** on the afternoon of Sunday 29th November at 3.00pm at St.Mark's Parish Centre, Longwood; to be followed by a cream tea. Our worship will be led by the Revd Andrew Marchington and we also hope to welcome previous ministers. For those who would like to join us please in advance so that we can ensure there are adequate refreshments and seating. Please note that parking space is somewhat restricted and some walking may be unavoidable. Contact:
Sandra McSweeney Tel: 01484 656993 email: ps.mcsweeney@btinternet.com
Gareth Beaumont Tel: 07933 584821 email: gareth@ashwebsite.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you.

And finally ……

SMASH Food Share
Local food bank every Friday 9.30 am - 12 noon at St Michael & St Helen's Church, Fleminghouse Lane, Almondbury. A box is available at the back of the Church for anyone who would like to donate.

We have been blessed with a bountiful harvest with donations from many in the local community and our schools as well as the church congregations. It is wonderful to see a full stock room!

We therefore turn our attention to Christmas and would be very grateful for donations for the Christmas bags over the coming weeks.

Below are items that we always include:

- Mince Pies
- Christmas Cake
- Tins/Boxes of Biscuits
- Large Tins of Ham
- Children's Novelties
- Chocolate Logs
- Christmas Puddings
- Biscuits for Cheese
- Sharing Tubs of chocolates
- Chocolate Oranges

Welcome Centre
Please also remember the work of the Welcome Centre. Donations of food and toiletries can be made at the collection points in local supermarkets. See website for further details and how to make donations.

Regular Activities in November

Wild Church	Sundays	10.00am	1st
Morning worship	Sundays	10.30am	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
Church Fellowship and Study Group	Sundays	8.00pm	1st, 22nd, 29th
Lunch Club	Mondays	10.30am	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
CRAFTandCHAT	Mondays	1.30pm	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Explorers	Mondays	7.30pm	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Table Tennis	Mondays	7.30pm	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Open House	Tuesdays	from 10.30am	3rd, 17th
Beavers	Tuesdays	6.15pm	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Cubs	Tuesdays		3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Zumba Gold	Wednesdays	7.00pm	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Scouts	Wednesdays	7.30pm	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Zumba Gold	Thursdays	9.45am	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
TOTS	Thursdays	1.30pm	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Notices for the next issue to John Robinson (☏ 01484 512081 or johnhrobinson@btinternet.com)
by Thursday 12th November please