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Otley Parish Church

Who are we?

Otley Parish Church is the oldest building in Otley. It's at the heart of our town and, for over 1,000 years, people have been gathering here for worship, with significant family as well as community events.

We are a gathering place for pilgrims on a journey of discovery, kindling hope as we go, and helping one another to be more fully alive to the wonders, the joys and the sorrows of life. We'd love you to share the journey with us.

We want to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to Christ,

and in service to our local community.

Join us in worshipping our God together on Sundays and in daily life; be with us as we study and discern how to use the Bible in the 21st century; also learn with us what it is to be disciples in the 21st century following Jesus, and help us, with other churches in

the town, to bring good news to Otley and far beyond.

“There is a place for everyone, with Christ at the centre of it all.”

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Dear Friends...

We have now reached the end of the Easter season and are staring down the barrel of a long window of Ordinary Time – a name for the periods of church life without any great liturgical moments to look forward to. But be not dismayed, for all is not as it seems. In fact, the adventure of church life is about to begin!

Ordinary Time begins after Pentecost, and anyone with a bit of Bible knowledge will know that it all kicked off for the followers of Jesus, in a serious way, at Pentecost. But more on that in a moment.

Remember the little book called *Surprise the World*? This was our

Lent study focus. The book encourages us to develop five habits that will help us fulfil Jesus' Great Commission, his sending out of all his followers to go and make disciples. Using the acronym BELLS, it helped us focus on being a people on mission with Jesus, by prayerfully considering how we might bless others (B), practice table hospitality with others (E for eat), listen to the Holy Spirit (L) and learn Christ (L), all grounded in the habit of journaling all we are learning about being sent (S).

Well, we are going to pick up on this theme again over the next 6 months by undertaking a study of the book of the Acts of the

Apostles (or 'sent ones'), which will take us all the way through to All Saints Sunday at the start of November.

Famously, the Apostles' acts actually began with the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The risen Jesus had been encouraging and teaching his followers for 40 days until he ascended through the clouds (think of the smoke of incense filling the Holy of Holies, in the tabernacle or the temple – Jesus was going back to the throne room of heaven from where he now reigns!), and then 10 days later, BANG, King Jesus pours out his Spirit from on high, the church is empowered and is sent out into the world on mission with the Spirit, demonstrating the power of God as they went. Exciting times (although accompanied by great persecution too)!

There are two words for 'sent' in the New Testament: *apostille* which is where we get *Apostles*, carrying the sense of 'sending' a letter; and *ekballo* which means *to hurl or cast out*. This is the word Matthew uses to describe Jesus' casting out of demons, which makes sense. There are two other more curious

uses. First, Mark uses it to describe Jesus being sent into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit where he faces his temptations – implying this is how the Spirit can lead us. But second, Jesus uses it in Matthew 9:37 & 38: *The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out (ekballo!) labourers into His harvest.*

I have three invitations for you as we begin to walk this journey through Acts together:

1. Connect with Jesus' heart for a world that is harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd, and pray that the Lord of the harvest would send out labourers into his harvest. When he sends us, we are **ekballed!**
2. Read the book of Acts several times over the course of the next few months, ideally in one or two sittings, so you can get a feel for the whole book.
3. Revisit Surprise the World (the free PDF was emailed out by Kevin before the start of Lent) and refresh your commitment to live in obedience to the command of Jesus to go!

What's Your Favourite Bible Verse?

MY FAVOURITE BIBLE 'VERSE' IS Psalm 139. It's actually all of the verses, but I've chosen just a few - verses 7-10 (NIV).

'Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there, if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.'

These verses have been very special to me for many years. There have been many times when I have really felt God has been with me; he knows where I am and whatever I am going through, always with me, and holding my hand.

BARBARA NICHOLLS



In the *Hot Seat*



with

**Rusty
Drewett**

When were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in January 1948 and grew up in Dumbarton, Scotland. My English father was of Jewish heritage and my mother was Scottish with a large Irish family background.

Where did you go to school?

I went to Knoxland Primary in Dumbarton, an amazing school where we had classes of 43! Then I went to Dumbarton Academy, again a bastion of good Scottish education.

Did you go to College or University?

Yes, but not immediately after school. Instead, I joined the RAF and did my basic training at the Royal Air Force at Shinfield Park in Reading, Berkshire, and then trade training in accounts at the RAF. I completed my studies later to full professional qualification at Gloucester College while my children were still young.

When did you become a Christian?

I have never really thought about

this before. I guess I just grew into it. Growing up in a household with a mixture of Jewish and Christian values, faith was always there. Born into a multi faith family, both Jewish and Christian, I was named at baptism for my paternal Jewish great grandmother and grew up close to my maternal Irish protestant grandmother. As a woman who lived daily life by real Christianity with a small c" growing up, I was enveloped in her ways and values. Christianity was always a guiding light. So, in a sense I never actually became a Christian - I just always was one.

Where did you meet your husband, Paul?

We met at work after I left the RAF when working for Eagle Star Insurance in Cheltenham. We were part of the team installing one of the first mainframe computer systems in Britain. We have now been married for 56 years.

What was your occupation and where did you work?

I was basically an accountant first in the RAF though on discharge I did work on time control of the new computer system at Eagle Star. After having my children, I consolidated my professional qualifications and worked self-employed from home for a wide variety of small businesses and farmers for many years. I completed my career as Commercial Director at Vulcan to

the Sky Trust, a charity committed to putting the iconic aircraft Vulcan XH558 back in the air. It took a good many years, but we did it and I retired a happy bunny!

Do you have brothers or sisters?

One of each. My sister Sandra lives in Cheshire and is married to David, a retired RAF pilot. They have 2 sons. My brother still lives in Scotland and is married to his childhood sweetheart Katrina. They have both a daughter and a son.

How many children and grandchildren do you have?

I have two sons and three grandchildren. The eldest, Jason, was married in Otley Parish church to Helen. He is a teacher at PHGS and has one daughter, 20, now at university. Sean, our younger son lives in California and has two children – Giselle, 11, and Alistair, 7. My American daughter-in-law Danna is Egyptian/Chinese born in USA, and is a Muslim. Combined with our family Christian and Jewish heritage we are a very diverse family where tolerance of other religious beliefs is very important. My niece is married to an amazingly gentle Indonesian Muslim, so we are very much a family who are "People of the Book".

How long have you lived in Otley?

We moved here from Leicestershire 10 years ago to be near our son Jason, in preparation for our “old age” and for the ease of access to the airport as we had a second home in Spain at that time. Our only regret is we did not move here sooner. Otley is such a welcoming community to live in.

Do you have a favourite verse of Scripture?

Not just a favourite but as my Irish grandmother instilled in us, “The Golden Rule” to live by. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” (Matthew 7:12). Growing up in a part of Scotland where religious divide is sadly still part of the culture, respect and consideration for others was her creed - she taught us by example to live life by this rule. I have always tried, though not always succeeding, to live up to her standard.

Do you have a favourite hymn?

No competition there - “All Things Bright and Beautiful”. It says it all about this wonderful world we have been given to live in.

Do you like classical music and do you have a favourite piece?

Yes, and yes! My brother and I try every year to attend together at least one performance of Handel’s Messiah, with our favourite venue being St Mungo’s Cathedral in Glasgow on New Year’s Day. I also love the ballet and opera. My best

Christmas present ever was a subscription to “The Metropolitan on Demand” app allowing me unfettered access to over 1,500 recorded performances.

What about modern music?

No competition here! It’s Kris Kristofferson for his wonderful lyrics, and Bruce Springsteen too. Both are an interest shared with our younger son Sean, for the amazing stage performances.

Do you have a favourite part of Yorkshire?

Not been here long enough to have visited it all, but to date my favourite part of Yorkshire is its people who are so warm and welcoming.

Is there somewhere you would like to go on holiday where you have never been before?

100% Japan! During Covid and locked in within Spain for 3 months, I discovered NKH, a Japanese news channel where they show a huge number of differing programmes on the culture, food, and countryside of Japan. There’s so much beauty and history there and such a gentle polite society.

A book you enjoy reading and why?

My husband is from Cirencester, and we spent the first 30 years of married life in Cheltenham and then Gloucester. My go to book is

always, “Cider with Rosie “by Laurie Lee. I was lucky enough to attend a live reading by him and having been given a beautifully illustrated copy just picking it up and letting it fall open brings back his beautiful Gloucestershire lilt and the sights and sounds and smells of what the locals call “God’s Wonderful County”. On a cold wet winter’s day, it instantly brings back memories of glorious summer days and watching our children grow and flourish in the beautiful Cotswold countryside.

Do you Have a hobby or something you enjoy doing to relax?

I love to swim and go to the pool at the local gym every weekday morning. It not only wakes me up but helps keep the arthritis under control. My other passions being reading and cooking. Reading is inherited from my father who was never without a book on the go and which I have passed to my sons who also are never far from a book. If its printed - even if electronically, we will read it. I belong to the local bookshop’s monthly reading group, a lively bunch with such diverse opinions on the same book. I became interested in cooking as my mother was a professional and taught us all to cook from a very early age. In recent years I have also renewed an old interest in stained glass windows, and our retirement bucket list is to try to visit all the

great cathedrals in the UK. We are gradually working through that. The windows maybe the jewels but the buildings themselves are such a joy to visit not only for their religious connections but for the social history they portray.

What would your favourite meal be 2 or even 3 courses?

My Scottish sister-in-law’s Lentil Soup (she always makes sure we have a flask full to bring home after every visit); my own Beef Cobbler (learnt from my mother); my younger son Sean’s Chocolate Moose (to die for)!

If you were to spend a whole year on a desert inland, on your own, what luxury would you take with you?

A wind-up radio.

Anything else you’d like to tell us?

Reading through what I have written here has made me aware of how important family has been throughout my life. The influences and the support have been there through thick and thin and there has been plenty of both. I am eternally grateful for what they taught me and hopefully I have passed it on in some small way to following generations of our family.

Which one word best describes your life right now?

Full.

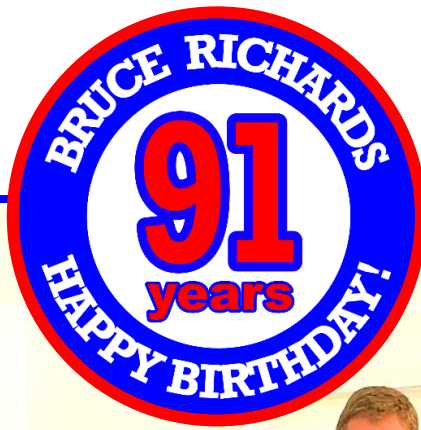
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FAMILY

news



Eddie and Jean Butlin celebrated
their 58th wedding anniversary
on 31st March 2024



BRUCE RICHARDS

born 3rd April 1933 in Barnet, Hertfordshire

Bruce is a member of Otley Parish Church and the father of Mary Pike. She is also a member of our Church.

**Bruce is seen here on his birthday, 3rd April 2024,
with his sons and daughters
*left to right, James, Fiona, Hugh, Mary***



LESLEY NOBLE

**celebrated her 75th birthday on
Easter Sunday 31st March 2024.
She was born in Burmantofts, Leeds in 1949**

Happy Birthday





CHLOE JOSLIN

**celebrated her 6th birthday on
Saturday 6th April 2024**

**Chloe is the daughter of Pippa and Johnny
and sister of Luke (nearly 2 years old)**

A Life with Parkinson's

MARGARET PARKIN'S FAMILY are at it again! Not content with one piece of exciting news, they have two to shout about.

Firstly, Margaret's eldest son, Richard, has decided to celebrate his 60th birthday by doing a sky dive on Saturday 15th June in support of Parkinson's UK, a condition he was diagnosed with 9 years ago. To add further backup, his four daughters, Kelly, Naomi, Alexandra and Maia will all be doing the jump with him.

Secondly, Richard has just had a book published covering his life since the diagnosis.

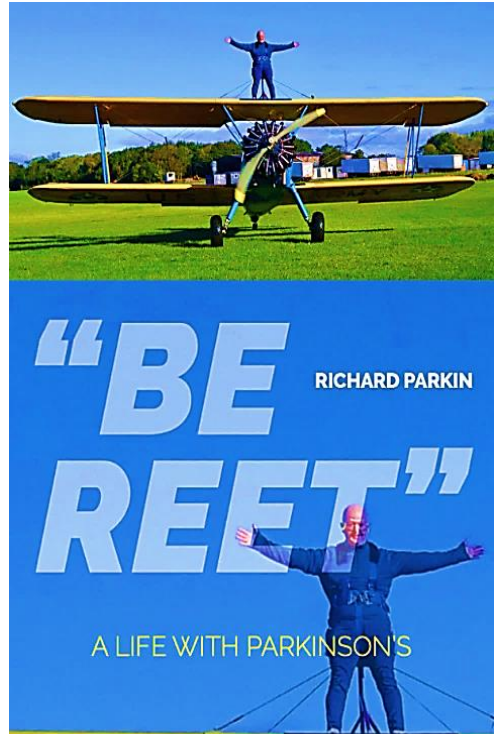
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"Being diagnosed with the world's fastest growing neurological condition that has up to 40 different symptoms, isn't a barrel of laughs, but neither does it have to be the end of the world. Nor do you have to be one of the 40% who try to hide the fact they have it.

Sometimes, you've got to 'Roll with It' (Oasis song), but definitely 'Don't Give Up' (Noisettes song).

This is my story of living with Parkinson's – the symptoms, their effects, why I chose to be open about it, and what I've done to try and make sure that I don't endure my life. I enjoy it!"

▶▶▶ *If you would like to sponsor the Parkin family on their sky dive in support of Parkinson's UK, or buy a copy of Richard's book, please get in touch with Margaret. Either see her in Church or email her: jamparkin@talktalk.net*



Easter Service at the Chevin Cross



A congregational crowd gathered on Otley Chevin for the traditional Easter Sunday early morning service at Surprise View.

Here on Easter Sunday 2024 at the Chevin Cross, Aaron Kennedy was the preacher. He is seen here on the left-hand photo immediately to the right of the cross.



TREE WORKS at OTLEY PARISH CHURCH

You may have noticed the recent tree works in the churchyard carried out by Treeworld from nearby Pool in Wharfedale.

The works were necessary to improve the environment in and around the church. More light is let in making it feel safer and brighter walking along the network of footpaths which are used by many people walking into town.

I am sure that you may have already noticed that our beautiful windows on the south side shine better now in the sunshine. Letting more solar energy into the church and ensuring that masonry dries out better has beneficial effects on reducing our heating bills thus reducing our carbon footprint.



South Windows with conifers removed

We are grateful for permissions granted from Leeds City Council and the Leeds Diocese for this work. We were able to carry out the work in early March just in time prior to this year's bird nesting season. Keith and I have installed five nest boxes around church. Please do keep an eye out and let us know if you see any families of blue tits, robins or blackbirds in evidence.



Installation of bird nest boxes

Truly Blessed

We are truly blessed here at Otley Parish Church by our wonderful greenspace. We work with Wildlife Friendly Otley to be good stewards of our church grounds. This year we are expecting great things from our wildflower areas and hopefully with more birds nesting.

Please keep a lookout for any wildlife and let us know what you see. We would be really happy to hear from you. While Keith and I were installing the nest boxes we were told of a resident owl!

Replacement tree planting has been carried out by Martin, Keith and I. Aaron Kennedy blessed our Oak tree planted on Easter Day. Mountain Ash and Hazel have also been planted. All of these have great wildlife value in attracting insects and birds.



Aaron Kennedy blessing our newly planted oak tree on Easter Day

We are all stewards of God's creation, and have a part to play.

Tom Raper



Confirmation

There was a Service of Confirmation here at Otley Parish Church on Sunday 14th April led by the Bishop of Kirkstall, Arun Arora. Here are the 'magnificent seven' of our Church, as described by the bishop, who were Confirmed at this special service.



Michael Evans



Bishop Arun Arora



Tricia Merrick



Joanne Smith

Each of the candidates were very moved by the love, support and prayers of everyone, as well as for the cards and gifts received.



Kate Hobson



Julie Hopkins Stone



Margaret Campbell



Trevor Williams



This Christian Aid Week appeal gives us seven days and so many ways to make a difference to people in the most vulnerable countries around the world.

Our global neighbours are also amazing, in so many ways, at transforming their lives.

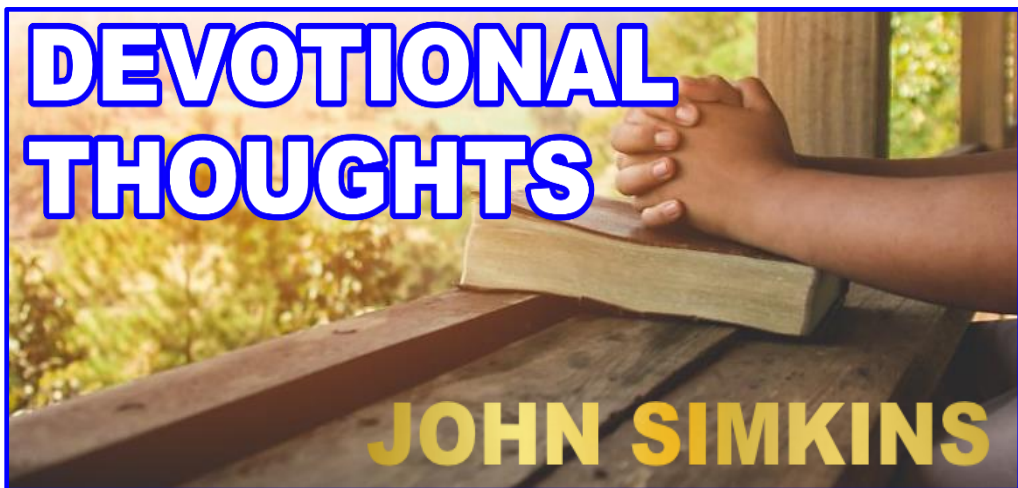
Every Christian Aid Week, people across Britain and Ireland raise funds, act and pray for their global neighbours in a celebration of hope for a fairer world.

This year's appeal runs from 12-18 May and is focussing on the organisation's work in Burundi, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa. Heavily reliant on agriculture, it's also one of the least prepared to combat the effects of climate change, including droughts, floods and landslides. The global cost of living crisis has intensified the challenges: more than 70 per cent of the population live in poverty and more than half of children are chronically malnourished.

■■■ CAN YOU HELP THIS APPEAL? ■■■

Giving envelopes will be available from the back of Church on Sunday 12th May. Please take one and return it with your donation and put it into the wall safe on the back wall.

For on-line donations: www.christianaid.org.uk



God - because of the great love with which he loved us - made us alive together with Christ - raised us up with him and SEATED us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-6). I (Paul) urge you to WALK - worthy of the calling to which you have been called (Ephesians 4:1). Take up the whole armour of God - to STAND FIRM (Ephesians 6:13-14)
English Standard Version

**Grace through Christ
for our Life Journey**

A favourite book of mine since student days, is by a Chinese man, Watchman Nee. His commentary on Ephesians is entitled **“SIT, WALK, STAND”**.

SIT

Nee: **Our position in Christ** (1:1 to 3:21).

Ephesians 1:20 reads, 'God - raised Christ from the dead and SEATED him at his right hand in the heavenly places'. Later we see that God 'raised us up *with him* and SEATED us *with him*' (2:6).

Nee says, 'Christianity begins not with a big DO but a big DONE'.

Salvation is 'the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. We are his workmanship' (2:8-10).

WALK

Nee: **Our life in the world** (4:1 to 6:9).

Grace supplying the Spirit to enable and encourage us. The Greek for 'walk' appears 7 times in Ephesians. The New International Version of the Bible translates it differently as 'live a life'.

So, let us WALK 'with all humility and gentleness - with patience - bearing with one another in love - renewed in the spirit of our minds - as children of light'.

STAND

Nee: **Our attitude to the enemy** (6:10 to 6:20).

A spiritual battle graced with 'the whole armour of God' to 'STAND FIRM'.

I love the letter to the Ephesians!

PRAYER

Paul prays that we might be strengthened with power through his Spirit - that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith - rooted and grounded in love - filled with all the fullness of God. Amen



ACTIVATE

Lively / Informal / Reflective

Activate News!

Thank you to all who responded to our recent Activate survey!

As a result of your comments and suggestions we've made some changes which we hope will make Activate a valuable time of worship for as many people as possible in Otley and beyond.

We have pushed the start time back to 6pm to give everyone more space in the afternoon, but still not running too late for those with children. We will not be specifically planning activities with young children in mind, but all ages are still very welcome to join us for what remains a more informal and contemporary time of worship - and of course, with pizza afterwards!

***The next Activate will be on Sunday
June 2nd at the new time of 6pm.
We hope to see you there!***

Otley Parish Church

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

5 weekly sessions

from Saturday 27th July

9:30 - 11:30 with continental breakfast

The weekly sessions will cover:

- 1. Communication**
- 2. Conflict**
- 3. Commitment**
- 4. Connection**
- 5. Adventure**

For more information or to register, contact:

Otley Parish Church at 01943 465927 or

info@otleyparishchurch.org

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

THIS Pre-Marriage Course is for couples who are exploring the idea of getting married or for those who are already engaged. It's designed for all couples, and it will help give your marriage the best possible start. The course is based on Christian principles but designed for those with or without a church background.

On the course you will be served continental breakfast at your own private table. There are likely to be a few other couples on the course, but each couple's discussions are completely private. The course will be hosted by an experienced married couple and each session will explore a key aspect of marriage. There will also be plenty of discussion time set aside for you and your partner.

There is no charge for the course, and it will help you and your partner to learn to communicate well, understand and appreciate your differences, and prepare for potential challenges.

The 5 Saturday morning sessions will cover:

- **Communication**
- **Conflict**
- **Commitment**
- **Connection**
- **Adventure**

The course will be held weekly from Saturday 27th July between 9:30am and 11:30am for 5 weeks.

It will be held in the Parish Room at Otley Parish Church, Kirkgate, Otley.

*For more information or to register, contact Sarah in the Church Office on **01943 465927** or by email: **info@otleyparishchurch.org***

A Letter from Mohiman Morid



Introduction to Mohiman

I first met Mohiman at St. Mary's Church in Battersea, my previous parish. He had recently become a Christian in Iran. Having good reason to fear for his life he had fled the country. Not long after he arrived in London and while hunting for treats for his daughter's pet dog to send back to Iran, he wandered into our Church. Mohiman's story of conversion to Christ was so powerful that we soon became friends over the duration of the Alpha course that we did together. It is my honour to call him friend and brother. And I thank Jesus for bringing him into my life.

Aaron Kennedy

Dear brothers and sisters,

Since October 2022, when I was graced with the opportunity to meet you all at Otley Parish Church, my life's journey has been profoundly enriched.

I have encountered new companions on this path - whom I affectionately regard as gifts from the Lord - while, inevitably, some longstanding fellow travellers have departed from my side. This dynamic, though a simple fact of life, has precipitated profound changes in my own journey, amounting to what I can only describe as a rebirth.

The pain of missing someone, the hardship of separation, the sting of poverty, and the challenge of maintaining hope and patience in the metaphorical desert are all trials I have faced. Admittedly, I was far from perfect, yet I was profoundly moved by the eternal grace of the Lord, which always surpassed my expectations.

Today, I wish to share with you my experiences as a testament to love - a narrative from one who, despite being a sinner, has been unconditionally loved by the Lord. What could be more significant than the pure love of the greatest Lover, whose heart is forever open to us?

I have faced despair, hopelessness, annoyance, and brokenness. There were moments when I was so overwhelmed by my own fragility that I considered ending my life, cried over my weaknesses, and lamented my situation. My heart's sky was darkened, and I endured considerable suffering - physically, mentally, and emotionally.

However, through these tribulations, I have felt cared for and loved, and I realized that the sun, though obscured by clouds, continues to shine; the clouds merely pass. Indeed, faith has been the beacon through this dark chapter of my life, a key to salvation pleasing to our Lord and the foundation of our belief.

True faith extends beyond mere words - it encompasses our hearts and souls, acting as the root of our spiritual power.

As someone who converted to Christianity, my journey to discover and feel faith deeply has been long and sometimes uncertain. Yet, I have come to understand that faith is not found in the external world but within ourselves, guiding us to a more spiritual and fulfilling life.

I am immensely grateful for the spiritual family I found among you, despite our differing nationalities. We are united on the same spiritual path, chosen by the Lord to support and enrich each other's lives. God's plans for us are mysterious, often bringing people into our lives in unexpected ways. Having God's presence and plan in our life is a profound blessing.

I am particularly thankful for my dear brother Aaron Kennedy, who has been a mentor and close friend. In my most challenging times, when even my closest friends and family were absent, Aaron stood by me. His friendship is a blessing, and meeting you all in Otley and forming this new family has been a gift from the Lord.

May the Lord bless and keep you all in peace, health, and happiness.

Mohiman



Lesley Noble often walks and prays in the peace and tranquillity of the gardens at Parcevall Hall. This is the retreat house and conference centre of the Diocese of Leeds near Appletreewick in Wharfedale.

Prayer Walking is just what it sounds like – praying to God while walking around. Instead of closing our eyes and bowing our heads, we keep our eyes open to see both the beauty and the needs around us. We lift our hearts to praise God and bow our hearts to ask Him to humbly intervene with the various needs.

More of Lesley's prayer walk prayers will feature in future editions of In Touch.

Lesley's Prayer Walk Prayer – 9

Holy Lord, I have just walked out from the darkness into the light. You are the rock of ages, the cornerstone of life. I pray for our Church community that we may have the will and the drive to move forwards and upwards as we declare your blessed name to all we meet. Amen



OTLEY PARISH CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

Sunday 5th	10.30am	<p>Service of the Word Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers) <i>Service streamed (see link below)</i></p>
Sunday 12th	10.30am	<p>Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers) OPC Youth Group (Yr. 7 and upwards)</p>
Sunday 19th	8.30am	<p>Holy Communion <i>This monthly service of Holy Communion is based on Common Worship, with a short talk and no hymns</i></p>
	10.30am	<p>All-age Service of the Word <i>Service streamed (see link below)</i></p>
Sunday 26th	10.30am	<p>Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers) OPC Youth Group (Yr. 7 and upwards)</p>

OUR MID-WEEK SERVICES IN MAY

Every Tuesday	11.00am	<p>Holy Communion A short service with no hymns</p>
Every Mon-Thur <i>except 6th</i>	4.30pm	<p>Evening Prayer There will be a variety of approaches to prayer, also a reflection on a Bible passage. There will also be a time of silence to pray for others.</p>

Use the link below to take you to our services in YouTube:
www.youtube.com@otleyparishchurch

Keep in touch with...
IN TOUCH

We would love you to keep in touch and tell us what you would like to see in YOUR monthly Church magazine.

Yes, it is yours!

Please send us your suggestions as to how we can make **In Touch** even better than it is already. And let us know if you would like to contribute something.

What about "**In the Hot Seat**", or "**A Day in the Life of...**" or "**My Favourite Bible Verse**"?

Maybe you'd like to write a poem or a prayer or something in our new series about "**God's Wonderful Creation**"?

We would also love to hear your family news such as birthdays and anniversaries or anything interesting; also, to see some of your family photographs.

■ Whatever you would like to share with us please bear in mind that for it to be included in next month's **In Touch** we must hear from you as below:

Keep in Touch

We would love you to keep in touch and tell us what you'd like to see in *your* monthly Church magazine.

If you've got something you would like to share with us in the June edition of In Touch, please send it to our editor,

stephenhey01@gmail.com

no later than

Saturday 18th May



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