

## STAYING IN TOUCH



Issue No 734 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025



### ROSALIND STEAD

passed away on

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

The family offer their heartfelt thanks for all the thoughts and prayers over the last few weeks.

Funeral details to follow when available.  
Rosalind was a long-time member of Sandal Methodist Church.



**CIRCUIT COMMUNION**

9.30 am at Trinity Wakefield every Thursday  
25<sup>th</sup> September Rev'd Dr Julian Pursehouse

## Paul Glass Lectionary Leaning

### 1 Timothy 2. 1-7 Get Real!



A candle flame flickers.  
It is small, vulnerable.  
It gutters in a draft and I hold my breath.  
It wavers.  
Yet it survives.  
And it is more powerful than it seems.  
This flame flickering in the darkness.  
It stands for something.

It speaks of peace.  
And we need to work for it.  
And pray for it.  
And allow our lives to be channels for it.  
Peace.  
As leaders hold military parades and congratulate themselves on how much money they have spent on the means of destruction.  
We pray for peace.  
As school children are attacked and lives are lost yet again.  
We yearn for peace.  
As we are surrounded by loud voices that speak of fear and hatred...  
we speak out for peace.  
And we pray for all.  
The innocent victims...of course.  
But we pray for all...  
perhaps especially for those with the power to make change...  
that they will only, ever live and work for peace.  
That peace and achieving it will be their single focus...  
their over-riding aim.  
The thing that drives everything else.  
A passion for, a longing for peace.  
And whilst we may have our doubts, or disagreements, or reservations... about people in power...  
we continue to pray, to work, to campaign for peace.  
For the Prince of Peace we can do nothing less.  
And the candle flame continues to burn.

## SHARING AND CARING



We may be black or shades of brown -  
that's either dark or light -  
Or else a sort of yellow,  
or pasty-pinky-white.

We may at times be patchy,  
with blotchy bits of skin,  
But none of us has zebra stripes,  
or are coloured blue or green.

We've hair of different colours -  
brown, ginger, blond or black,  
But none of us has tusks, or horns,  
or spikes upon our back.

We may have lots of differences,  
but there's a lot we share,  
And we need to work together  
as our earth requires our care.

But people keep on squabbling;  
the fighting never ends.

If we've so much in common,  
why can't we just be friends?

written by David Lane - 2024

Walton Methodist Church

### CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30 am - 11.30 am

**in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care**



Could you keep your heart in wonder at  
the daily miracles of your life,  
your pain would not seem less wondrous  
than your joy;

and you would accept the seasons of  
your heart,

even as you have always accepted the seasons  
that pass over your fields. -Khalil Gibran



## IN AWE....AT NIGHT TIME



The beautiful silvery moon  
is now high in the sky, and

Even with naked eye,  
her craters are clear too see.

A telescope brings one closer of  
course, naturally,  
but earlier, I watched as she

struggled to rise.

Through tree and cloud she struggled, and I was

Outside, in the balmy evening air,  
watching and revelling in the magnificence  
of the moment.

Magic...

With a cool breeze swirling around my feet,  
I relaxed, deep, into my comfy seat

And looked and looked.

Now, she's becoming hazy,  
and I'm more inclined to be a little lazy!

Inside, now my seat,  
but my eyes are still keen.... for the moment.

The corona widens,...perhaps the finale?  
I'll say 'goodnight', while she's still in view.

'Good night, dear moon...and thank you'.

written by Maggie Leyshon



## THE BOWLING CLUB

at Sandal Methodist Church

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 10 am-12 noon

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2 pm-4 pm



## SANDAL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm

Speaker: Alison Frank - Trips to Norway

This is an OPEN meeting - EVERYONE welcome

Subs are due at this meeting.

HARVEST FESTIVAL Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

The ladies have been asked to decorate the foyer,  
Donations can be brought to the next meeting  
(29<sup>th</sup> September) and help would be very welcome on  
Friday evening.

## MUM'S CLOTHES LINE RULES

- The clothes line must be wiped before hanging clothes.
  - Socks must be hung by their toes
  - Hang sheets and towels on the outside line so you can hide your 'unmentionables'
  - Clothes must hang in order - whites with shies and hung first
  - Shirts must always hang by the tail - never the shoulders
  - Lining up the clothes so that each item shares one of the pegs with another item
  - It doesn't matter if it is sub-zero outside the clothes will go out and just freeze
- Pegs must be gathered up when taking down clothes - never leave them on the line



## CRIGGLESTONE METHODIST CHURCH

### FELLOWSHIP MORNING

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11.00 am

Kim Williams - 'Support Dogs'  
refreshments from 10.30 am

**Sandal Methodist Church**  
**CHOIR** presents  
**AN AUTUMN BUFFET & ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 6 pm**  
A tasty buffet, provided by SALLY,  
will be served at table at 6 pm followed by  
a **CONCERT** by the **CHOIR**  
of all your favourite music.  
Tickets £12 on sale from  
**or ring Janet 01924 257356**



## IT'S BRASS BAND SEASON

at Sandal Methodist Church

## YORKSHIRE IMPERIAL BAND

Musical Director:  
Ian McElligott

in concert here

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm**

Tickets £10 (incl refreshments)

Doreen Tombs 256330 and Joan Cowell 255533

proceeds for Crigglestone Methodist Church

## Wakefield Chantry Rotary Club

presents

## Wakefield Metropolitan Brass Band

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

at 7.30 pm

Tickets £10 (incl refreshments)

from 07957276882

Proceeds for local charities



The next JOTTINGS will be  
Issue No 735 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025