

STAYING IN TOUCH



Issue No 742 Sunday 9th November 2025 REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Crigglestone - 2.30 pm Rev Dr Julian Pursehouse

Lakeside - 9.30 am Rev Dr Julian Pursehouse

Sandal - 10.30 am Mr Jack Riley

Walton - 10.45 am United Service at Cenotaph
then 11.00 am at church - Rev Dr Julian Pursehouse



CIRCUIT  **COMMUNION**
9.30 am at Trinity Wakefield every Thursday
13th November - Rev'd Kim Williams

A Word from the Manse....

Dear Friends,

I can still recall to this day, the moment when we heard the news that HMS Sheffield, a British Naval Destroyer, was sunk during the Falklands War in 1982. I was a young adolescent student sitting at a bench in the Chemistry Labs at Ackworth School and I suspect we had already started the syllabus for 'O' level



Chemistry. It was a salutary moment for the class, as we absorbed the news of this fatality and we came to terms with the reality of being a country at war - although this campaign was never declared as such. As I recall, the teacher suggested we down pens and pencils, and hold a period of silence, so that we could remember those who were caught up in the aftermath of this tragedy. I remember the quality of that silence as though it happened yesterday - there was a palpable collective sadness as we sat quietly at our benches.

This weekend marks the annual remembrance when in a whole host of various places, groups of people will gather reverently to remember the fallen of previous military conflicts and honor the memory of those who have died in the service of their country. It is a solemn but very necessary occasion; particularly as we remember that we are currently living in a world that is riven by conflict, whether we think of Europe, Israel/ Gaza or indeed less well-known conflicts such as Sudan where there is a bitter and bloody civil war.

As Christians, we set all of this in the context of our belief in Jesus Christ crucified and risen; he who died through self-giving love to redeem, restore, and transform humanity. Christ offers to us all an example of costly and self-giving love but also places before us the challenge to be peacemakers and instruments of grace in the world. In the sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew, Christ is unequivocal, when he states that **'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they**

shall be called children of God.' This resolve for peacemaking is not just the absence of conflict, but a positive and active pursuit of reconciliation, justice, and well-being and requires a deep commitment to the human community at large,

So, as we share in Remembrance, and rightly remember the fallen, let us also renew our desire to work, pray, and struggle for peace and reconciliation at every level of human experience,

With peace and blessing, Julian

KIDS KITCHEN is just me and a team of volunteers who came together around 15 years ago, to help fight poverty during school holidays. We offer activities for the kids, socialising for their parents/guardians and a free meal, the kids also go home with gifts and sweets, and all in all we have a good time.

I run one KK during school holidays with 4 during August so up to 13. I alternate between, Havercroft, Ryhill & Walton which is the area I represent as an elected member.

This is a photograph of me with Julian Pursehouse and Gillian Marley and I would like to offer sincere thanks to Walton Methodist Church for funding my last KK in Walton. -**Marjorie Cummings**



**Sandal Methodist Church
MEN'S CIRCLE**

Monday 10th November at 7.30 pm

Speaker: Ian Chippendale
"Direct Line - A Brief History"

PAUL GLASS LECTIONARY LEANINGS

2 Thessalonians 2. 1-5, 13-17



Living Tradition

Fake news!

We know all about that
don't we?

Whipped up fear and
rumour...

People playing the crowd
for their own reasons.

Spreading rumour for their
own purposes.

And while we're at it...

let's pretend it's come from a reputable source,
the words of a trusted leader.

Let's tell them the words are St. Paul's.

That will cause even greater chaos
for the believers in Thessalonica.

Whatever it takes to whip up fear.

Easier, then, to take advantage.

In our time we're surrounded by it.

Fake news, lies and deception.

We believe everything or nothing...

both of which are equally dangerous.

Internet scams and false news stories.

We don't know where to turn.

Or perhaps we believe the voices that tell
us what we want to hear...

the narrative that chimes with how we want
to see the world.

Two thousand years separate the people
of Thessalonica and us...

but the story is the same.

The issues depressingly familiar.

Sometimes it's important to slow down
and remind ourselves that our roots lie
in the call and the love of God.

Good to remember our core understandings.

Where the ground of our being is to be found.

Good to know that we stand in a living tradition.

Guided by scripture,

the words and heritage of believers across the years,
the trusted words of our current community

and our own understandings.

All these things form a trusted
living tradition of faith, hope and love.

They walk with us, they form our bedrock.

And they are the light to our way
and a foundation to our walk with God

HAPPENINGS IN THE SKY



Early hours, and
I'm outdoors.

Warm with hat and coat, and
scarf and glove.

I'm looking up,
at the sky above.

All is cloud.

No moon to see.

I wanted to see the moon.
and the Sisters Seven.

They're close tonight.
Closer than they have ever been.

But the sky is not keen, for
the clouds, they intervene!

Pleiades, they call the cluster of
stars of seven.

Shining brightly together,
up in the heavens.

A clear night would catch them....
but not THIS night.

So, I come back inside.
I will not curse the clouds

Which The sisters hide.
No. For I love the clouds so!

Goodnight for now.
Or should I say 'good morning'?

For soon, full light 'twill be, and
The new day, also will be

Soon Dawning. **written by Maggie Leyshon**



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NEW THIS YEAR - SNOWMAN

WALTON METHODIST CHURCH

These are our lovely 90+ ladies who all regularly attend
our Sunday morning service. We won't give their ages
away but it adds up to 462 years young.

From left to right

we have Janet, Marie, Pauline, Norma and Aileen



'FRESH FROM THE WORD' 2026



This book contains daily Bible
studies from around the world. The
cost this year will be about £16 -
depending on the number of copies
ordered.

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