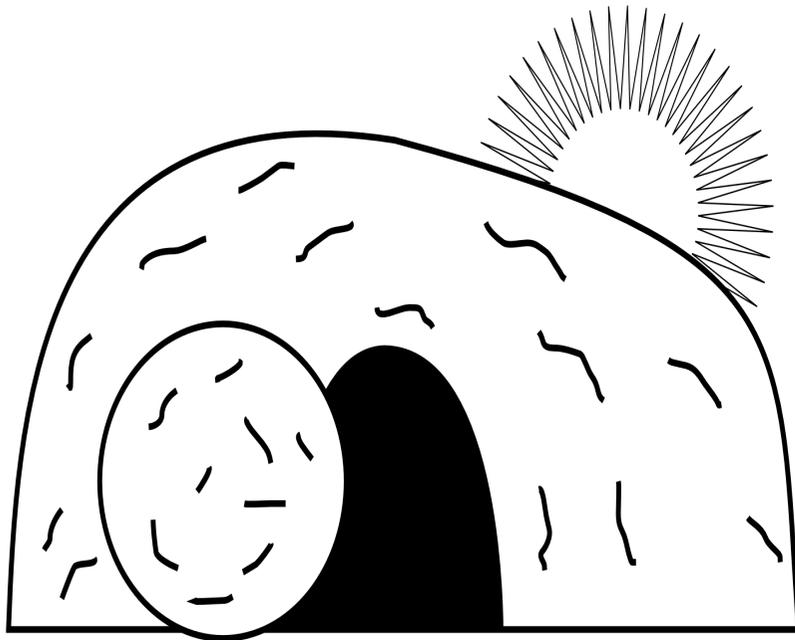


# Magazine & Newsletter



***Morley Community Church***  
***April - June 2020***

*Morley Community Church - a mission church for Morley*

**A warm welcome every Sunday at 10.00 am**

*Normally in Newlands Chapel, Albert Drive, Morley, LS27 8SE  
During the period of the coronavirus outbreak there are no services  
together. However a 'Zoom Service' will be held on the internet.  
Also connection by open telephone line*

### ***Worship Services in April, May, June***

<u>Sun 5 April</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<u>Sun 12 April</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
<u>Sun 19 April</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	
<u>Sun 26 April</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	
<u>Sun 3 May</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	
<u>Sun 10 May</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	<b>VE Day Holiday Weekend</b>
<u>Sun 17 May</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	
<u>Sun 24 May</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	<b>Spring Bank Holiday Weekend</b>
<u>Sun 31 May</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	
<u>Sun 7 June</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	
<u>Sun 14 June</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	
<u>Sun 21 June</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	
<u>Sun 28 June</u>	Zoom Service 10.00 am	

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# PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

## DELIGHT IN THE BOOK

*Tsundoku* is a Japanese term. It refers to the stack of books on a bedside table waiting to be read. Books offer the potential for learning or an escape to a different time or place. Delights and insights are to be found within their pages.

The idea that we can find enjoyment and help in a book is even more true for the book of books—the Bible. Take encouragement as you immerse oneself in Scripture. After Moses died God called Joshua to be the new leader of Israel. The Lord commissioned him to lead them into the land promised to the Israelites.

Knowing the difficulty ahead, God assured Joshua, “*I will be with you*” (verse 5). His help would come, in part, through Joshua’s obedience to God’s commands. So God instructed him to “*Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it*” (verse 8).

Although Joshua had the Book of the Law, he needed to regularly search it to gain insight and understanding into who God is and His will for His people.

Do you need instruction, truth, or encouragement for your day? Especially *these* difficult days? As we take time to read, obey, and find nourishment through Scripture, we can savour all that’s contained in its pages, claim its promises and believe in the redeeming Saviour Jesus who died and rose again for us at Easter.

**Bible verse:** “*Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night.*” (Joshua chapter 1 verse 8)

**A prayer:** “*Open my mind that I may read,  
More of Thy love in word and deed;  
What shall I fear while yet Thou dost lead?  
Only for light from Thee I plead.*”

## ***Morley Matters***

Everyone reading this magazine will agree that we live in tumultuous times. At the moment this magazine goes to press the nation and the rest of the world are in the middle of the storm which is the Coronavirus Pandemic. Originating in China it has quickly spread around the globe. Everything is in lockdown as the government and the National Health Service respond with drastic actions to contain the spread of the life-threatening virus and treat its victims.

The decision was taken on Tuesday 17 March (in response to government advice) by the church deacons to postpone all activities of the church. This will help to prevent the virus spreading from person to person as they will no longer come into contact with each other at church events. The decision will be kept under review and as soon as advice is given that it is safe to resume activities then we will do so.

While we cannot physically meet together we can keep in contact over the telephone and on the internet. For those with access to this technology we are holding an on-line service on Sunday mornings at 10.00 am. We can see and speak to each other and will have prayer, bible readings, reflections and messages during this time. If you want to get connected then telephone Sue & Tony on 07753636667 or 0113 307 5116. Whether we can participate in these Zoom Sessions or not - we can pray for each other. If you are in need (eg shopping etc) then we can arrange for someone to do a shop for you without making any actual physical contact with you.

Who would have thought a few weeks ago that we would be in such very different circumstances? We look on and see the idols of the world tumbling, certainties are disappearing. The self-sufficiency of our lifestyles and outlook have been shattered. We are no longer in control of everything. Our vulnerability has been exposed. However Jesus is the Hope of the world. He is mankind's only hope and His Light is brightly shining - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever*

*follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"*  
(John chapter 8 verse 12).

Our two gap year workers Hanna and Teodora hastily evacuated back to Hungary as the seriousness of the international situation became apparent. Now back with their families at home they have sent us two articles about their time in Morley and you can read these later in this magazine. We would like to thank them for their work on our behalf in Morley. They have been involved in such a wide range of church and community activities and have valued very much indeed their input. We know that their time spent here at Morley Community Church will be treasured for the rest of their lives.

We have postponed our two children's easter holiday clubs originally scheduled for week beginning 6 April. It is hoped that we may be able to run these in the October half term later in the year. Similarly the annual High Legh Youth Camp scheduled for the first week of the summer holidays has been postponed and the possibility of running it the last week of the summer holidays (1 September onwards) is being investigated

Finally let us not forget JESUS IS ALIVE! Even though we will be unable to meet on Easter Sunday let us remember that our Saviour has risen from the tomb and has conquered death. We have a future to look forward to because Jesus is the one who sustains and helps us along our journey. His redeeming love and death for us makes all the difference.

## ***STUDENTS, HIGH WINDS AND HARD WORK***

It was a busy and very productive time for the team of international students from Capernwray Bible College on their annual visit to the town in between 21 February and 1 March

This is the sixteenth year that a team has been invited by our church to come to Morley for an intensive time of outreach. While they were here

they gave an incredible 1200 volunteer hours gaining valuable experience which supplemented their bible course – taking worship services, speaking at meetings, testimonies, organising programmes, talking to people, giving out literature, understanding local culture. Their efforts were prodigious. The Pensioners’ Luncheon on Friday (held in the Labour Rooms) was packed to capacity with 50 older people enjoying a first class meal and gospel presentation. They helped at a range of mid-week youth activities including the Community Kids Playgroup, Kids Alive Children’s Club and both Ysix and Yzup Groups on Tuesday.

The students spent their first Saturday morning in Queen Street Shopping Precinct giving away hundreds of gospel calendars, tracts and free gifts and also running a charity stall for the Leeds City Mission Re-Store Charity Shop. Battling high velocity winds, they succeeded in reaching out to those visiting Morley Town Centre.

The student team also spearheaded the *Amazing Acts of the Apostles* bible exhibition in eight local primary schools where 666 children attended a total of fourteen presentation sessions. This included the two schools nearest to the church - Newlands Primary Academy and Seven Hills Primary School. These gave a whistle stop tour of the major events and characters in Roman and New Testament times through an interactive exhibition of drama and picture panels. They took on acting roles of key characters in the narrative such as Mary Magdalene, a Roman Jailer, and Paul the Apostle.

They also provided a free children’s workbook *Romans, Gladiators and Games* (published by Day One) and supplementary materials for use by participating schools in the Morley area.

Scores of potted crocus bulbs were given away by them as a gift from the church – bringing Spring cheer to elderly people. A Pensioners Tea and event was held at Jubilee Court in Marshall Street on their last Sunday evening before their return to college. The pensioners attending enjoyed this so much they were reluctant to return to their flats at the conclusion of the evening.

The students dropped in to talk to local pensioners at their weekly coffee mornings at Chartist Court (Monday) and Jubilee Court (Friday). They

also delivered Christian literature and even more *Living Word* gospel calendars in the housing around the church in two Doorstep Letterbox Drop sessions on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

The team also took our morning services on both Sundays. In the final service team leader Elizabeth Hardin gave a very powerful testimony to the Lord's sustaining power through some of the tragedies of her life. The team also took services at Newlands Methodist & Birstall Community Churches. The students were the fulcrum of the highly successful Community Barn Dance which saw young and old dancing away the night to live accompaniment from fiddle and accordion.

The student team from Capernwray College near Lancaster included five Canadians (Rachel Unruh, Taylor Hutton, Thomas Albiston, Sarah Fowler, Alysha Pollard), two Americans (Caleb Wright and Elizabeth Hardin) and one German (Julia Lowens). Our own Gap Year Workers Teodora Istvan and Hanna Fekete (Hungary) joined the team for the duration of their stay.

The students are all taking a short theological course and one of its requirements is that they spend a placement working alongside churches to gain practical experience in outreach and evangelism in a local community. They returned to College with the experience of a lifetime. We look forward to the return of another team in 2021!

## **IT PAYS TO READ THE BIBLE**

Many years ago a mother repeated to herself the opening verses of Psalm 139 as she went to bed. It was the night her only son had left home for London. So young. Would city lights be a fatal lure? Many were her counsels and her parting gift – a bible.

*"If ever in trouble, turn up the 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm"* she said to her departing son.

*"A curious plea"* the sceptical son thought.

But things went well. His career progressed and entrancing new freedoms he did not abuse. No trouble came his way. His Bible lay unopened. So he never turned up the 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm. Never found the £5 note his mother had slipped in at the very page.

Till long, long afterwards!

## WHAT TO DO ABOUT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

### Stay at home to stop coronavirus spreading

*You should only leave the house for 1 of 4 reasons:*

- Shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
- One form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle – alone or with members of your household
- Any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- Travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home
- If you have to spend time outside of the home ensure you are 2 metres (3 steps) from anyone outside your household

### How to stop infection spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus. Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds

- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Wash your hands as soon as you get back home
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

### What to do if you need medical help

If you need medical help for any reason, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature or a new, continuous cough), use the [111 coronavirus service](#).

If you need help or advice not related to coronavirus:

- For health information and advice, use the [NHS website](#) or your GP surgery website
- For urgent medical help, use the [NHS 111 online service](#) – only call 111 if you're unable to get help online

- For life-threatening emergencies, call 999 for an ambulance

### **Self-isolation**

If you or someone in your household has symptoms of the virus – a dry cough and/or a high temperature – then the Government has instructed you to ‘self-isolate’ at home. Current advice is to self-isolate at home for 7 days if you have symptoms, or 14 days if it is another member of your household. You do not need to self-isolate if you just have a cough after 7 days. A cough can last for several weeks after the infection is gone

## **RECIPE CORNER - Marmalade-glazed Apricot Loaf**

Serves 12; 15 mins to prepare and 1 hr 15 mins to cook, 30 mins to cool; 385 calories / serving

### **Ingredients**

225g (7 1/2oz) butter, softened, plus extra for greasing  
150g (5oz) Billington’s light muscovado sugar  
1 orange, zested  
3 large eggs, beaten  
125g (4oz) orange marmalade  
225g (7 1/2oz) self-raising flour  
50g (2oz) ground almonds  
200g (7oz) dried apricots, roughly chopped  
25g (1oz) flaked almonds

### **Method**

1. Preheat the oven to gas 4, 180°C, fan 160°C. Grease a 1kg (2lb) loaf tin and line with nonstick baking paper.
2. In a large bowl, beat the butter and sugar, using an electric mixer, until light and fluffy. Beat in the orange zest and eggs, until combined, then stir in 50g (2oz) of the marmalade. Fold in the flour and ground almonds, then stir in three quarters of the apricots. Transfer the mixture to the tin.
3. In a bowl, combine the remaining apricots and flaked almonds and spoon evenly over the cake. Bake for 20 minutes, then cover the top with foil to prevent it burning. Return to the oven for a further 55 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

4. Leave to cool in the tin, then transfer to a serving plate. To make a glaze, gently heat the remaining marmalade in a small pan, with 2 tsp water to loosen. Brush the glaze over the cake and leave to set.

## EASTER QUIZ *(answers on a later page)*

1. Easter Island belongs to which South American country?
2. Pascua is the name for Easter in which language?
3. Signed on Good Friday 10 April 1998, what other name is the 'Good Friday Agreement' known as?
4. At what hour did they crucify Jesus?
5. What annual event takes place on the White House lawn each Easter Monday for children?
6. Who wrote the popular Easter hymn "*Christ the Lord is risen today*"?
7. Easter Day fell on 6<sup>th</sup> April many times in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but what else begins on that date in the UK each year?
8. What rank was held by the Roman soldier that stood by the cross at Jesus crucifixion and declared him to be the Son of God?
9. Dyngus Day is another name for what day at Easter time?
10. 'Easter Parade' was a 1948 American musical starring Judy Garland and which late actor, dancer and singer from Omaha?
11. In how many languages was 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews' written on a notice at Jesus' cross?

## GIGGLE IN THE MIDDLE

Why is it so difficult to train dogs to dance?

*They have two left feet!*

What wobbles and flies?

*A Jelly-copter!*

What goes ha ha ha clonk?

*A man laughing his head off!*

Why does Donald Trump have his dinner on a plastic plate?

*He doesn't get on with china.*

Why is Greta Thunberg boycotting parsnips and carrots?

*Because she's a swede dish campaigner.*

What do crackers, fruitcake and nuts remind me of?

*You!*

What's yellow and dangerous?

*Shark-infested custard!*

Why did the man get the sack from the orange juice factory?

*Because he couldn't concentrate!*

Why does your nose get tired in winter?

*It runs all day*

What so you can call a polar bear which wears ear muffs?

*Anything you want. He can't hear you!*

Why can't a bike stand up by itself?

*It's two-tyred*

What school subject are snakes best at?

*Hissssstory*

What do you get if you lie under a cow?

*A pat on the head*

What does a football team do when the pitch is flooded?

*Bring on the subs*

What has four wheels and flies?  
*A bin lorry*

What do you call a line of men waiting for a haircut?  
*A barber-queue*

What does a frog do if his car breaks down?  
*He has it toad*

***Here are some farewell messages from our Gap Year Workers .....***  
***Dori's Farewell***

Now I sit here in my room and wondering about Morley. A place which I got to love, people with kind smile. A church, a family, a community. What should I say? I don't know.

I should say good bye, but it's so hard.  
I should say thank you, but it's too small.  
I should say things about the church; how much I loved, what had happened.

Christmas, Capernwray, Community Kids, Cornerstones, Morning Services and Bible study. There were Yzup and Y6, Kids Alive and Chattabox filled with chattering kids.

There were lovely families, tasty meals and lots of joy.  
I should say good bye...  
I will miss you so much...and I'm not just saying it, I already doing it.  
I've got a family. I've been part of a culture which will be always a part of me.

Thank you God for giving Morley Community Church to me.

***Hanna's Farewell - Morley & Me***

I have spent nearly 7 months in Morley. And now I am waiting at the airport in Doncaster just like I was standing and waiting at the airport in Debrecen in September. I cried because I had to leave my home but with the feeling that I need these months more than anything and after 7 months I am crying because I have to leave my new home knowing that I needed this half year more than anything." – It's crazy, I thought.

I had planned to go home in July but the things don't always happen as we want them to happen. The whole change of plan was so sudden. I talked about the coronavirus with my family, and I heard about it in TV, on social media but I didn't realize what is happening in the world. My parents mentioned on Friday (March 14<sup>th</sup>) that I may not be able to finish my year and at some point I will have to go home because of the spreading virus. But I didn't expect to leave that fast. The next evening, on Saturday my parents called to tell me that our prime minister had made a speech, in which he talked about special limitations, the closing of the schools, universities churches and about the opening times of the shops, the details about the affected people in Hungary and in the surrounded countries. My parents called me home because in the countries around Hungary the borders and airports are locked down, and they suspected it would happen soon in our country, as well. In that case we wouldn't have been able to know when I could go home. So they thought it is safer, for me to go home as soon as possible. And then they said they found a ticket for the next day and I should start packing. I am coming home.

Hearing all these I was just sitting on my bed and all of my plans, thoughts and feelings changed completely in a few minutes. After I hung up the phone I ran to Andy's place to explain what happened and then I started to pack my stuffs. I couldn't sleep that night.

I was so-so grateful that I left on Sunday because this way I could stand up and tell my story in the church. I am glad that I was able to say goodbye to the people who I met.

I am writing this from quarantine now. I still can't really believe I am home. It shocked me. In Hungary the movement is much more restricted from today. Everybody is in quarantine, people can go to work if they must have to and can go to the shop but in certain times. The ordinarily noisy square by my house and the whole Debrecen is so quiet.

I am very glad that I could serve in this lovely church. I will never forget these memories. I am thankful for all of the smiles, hugs and kindness I got from this church. I couldn't write about all of the things that I have learned in this 6 almost 7 months but I will try to pick the main ones.

- Firstly I learned how to handle my homesickness, I found out how precious is that I feel it so strongly, It became my friend as I realized what I didn't really during my senior year, how much I love my room, my true friends, my family, my city with all the places

with full of memories, my home with all of the noises and even things which I thought were annoying.

- Secondly I learned that I am Hungarian. When I got to Morley and people didn't even know where it is and what language I am speaking I felt myself special. When the people asked me about Hungary and told me that it sounds nice to hear me to speak in Hungarian, I felt deep pride about Hungary for the first time in my life.
- Thirdly I learned about myself. I feel it meant a lot for me to go to a place where nobody knows who I am, because this way I could realize some new things about myself and my qualities. I didn't really know what things I was good at, but by working as a teacher, helper, shop assistant, volunteer, and in these moving between different generations, I got an opportunity to discover my hidden talents as well.
- I also learned about God. I experienced other ways of worship. The Morley Community Church leads a very different service to my congregation, but I really love it and I miss it already. Especially the songs we sang. All of the Bible lessons, worships, and conversations with my host parents, church members and new friends helped me to realize how caring our God is. I am glad that I was able to experience that He knows all of our needs better than anybody else and how He cross the paths of our lives to meet and connect people, even just for a moment, for a conversation, for a few days or months. We may never see each other again with these people but that getting together may helped to form our thoughts, personalities, perspectives, our lives. **And it's a great gift that God could use us in our time together to become each other's angels.**
- Finally, I learned all about friendships, culture, patience, diligence, devotion, respect, acceptance (and of course cooking from Tony Lee and the useful apps from Sue Lee) by working in this amazing church and serving God together.

I feel I could write about all these things forever, but the most important thing is that I feel I am the most grateful person in the world right now because I was chosen to go to Morley.

I have just realized that even if it was 6 months instead of 10, I feel I achieved my aim, from this point: *"The reason why I wanted to be a*

*volunteer is that, I have been living on the Earth for 17 years. I am healthy and I have everything I need. After 204 months of living, I intend to devote 10 months to the Lord to thank for my life – through serving others“– I wrote this in my application and in my first article for the magazine, as well. It's so true that sometimes we have to remind ourselves of the real aim of what we are doing.*

I am so happy that my life can have a 6 but nearly 7 months part now called *Morley & Me*.  
**Love, Hanna**

## **Leeds City Mission**

Thank you to everyone who have brought their old greetings cards and donated them to the recycling project. They will put to good use to create hundreds of christmas gift tags. Clipping out colourful scenes and characters with crimping scissors from these cards will create these gift tags. Hundreds of cards have been received and 887 tags created to date. In due course these will then be donated to Leeds City Mission to assist them in their fundraising efforts next Christmas.

The Leeds City Mission Re-Store Charity Shop in Queen Street has been forced to close under the Emergency Regulations imposed on shops by the Government in connection with the Coronavirus Outbreak. As you undertake your Spring Clean, please put to one side the surplus clothes and bric a brac. Once the shop re-opens they can be passed on and put to good use.

## **A LETTER FROM ITALY**

I received this letter from a Dr Urban in Lombardy Italy a few days ago. It was forwarded to me from a friend. He writes..

*Never in my darkest nightmares did I imagine that I would see and experience what has been going on in our hospitals in Italy, the past three weeks. The nightmare flows and the river gets bigger and bigger. At first a few patients came, then dozens and then hundreds. Now we are no longer doctors but sorters who decide who should live and who should be sent home to die, though all these patients paid Italian health taxes throughout their lives. Until two weeks ago my colleagues and I were atheists. It was normal because we are doctors. We learnt that science excludes the presence of God. I laughed at my parents going to church. Nine days ago a 75 year old pastor was admitted into hospital. He was a kind man. He*

*had serious breathing problems. He had a bible with him and impressed us by how he read it to the dying as he held their hands. We doctors were all tired and discouraged, psychologically and physically finished. When we had time we listened to him. We had reached our limits, we can do no more. People are dying everyday and we are exhausted. We have two colleagues who have died and others that have been infected. We realised that we needed to start asking God for help. We do this when we have a few free minutes. When we talk to each other we cannot believe that though we were once fierce atheists we are now daily in search of peace and asking the Lord to help us continue so that we can take care of the sick.*

*Yesterday the 75 year old pastor died. Despite having had 120 deaths here in three weeks we were destroyed. He had managed despite his condition and out difficulties to bring us a PEACE that we had no longer hoped to find. The Pastor went to the Lord and soon we will follow him if matters continue like this. I haven't been home for six days and I don't know when I last ate. I realise my worthlessness on earth. I want to use my last breath to help others. I am happy to have returned to God while I am surrounded by the suffering and death of my fellow men.*

This letter really touched me. I don't think we have any idea how traumatic it's been in other countries and how it could be in ours very soon. How we need to be praying for our doctors and nurses each day that the Lord will protect them and give them daily the strength and courage to go on. However what also impressed me was that for years we have prayed for our nation. We have prayed that they would grasp that materialism and prosperity is not the answer to life. We are not sufficient on our own we need a relationship with God. Let's pray that like those doctors peoples eyes will be opened to see ultimately a peace with God is far more important especially when facing death in the face.

**Lin Dalton**

### **THE DEMISE OF THE MORLEY & DISTRICT PRESS**

Many Morleians greeted the arrival of the new local newspaper – *Morley & District Press* – with enthusiasm last October. It was a successor to the now defunct *Morley Observer* which had died a slow and painful death over the previous two years. Packed with local news, incisive comment and debate it proved to be very popular throughout the town. They were currently running an historical series on chapels and churches in Morley written by our own Andy Dalton. They also featured an article about Morley Community Church in every edition published.

It was the sister paper to the *Dewsbury & Batley Press*. However less than six months later the Morley Press too. Thus Morley is now a town without an independent local newspaper.

Like other newspapers The Press has found that the haemorrhaging of advertising revenue to the internet to be a major loss factor. However the factor that took it into oblivion was the loss of revenue from Public Notice Advertising from Kirklees Council. Since 2016 *The Press* had a contract with Kirklees Council for this advertising. It was recently re-allocated to a Scottish media agency, who buy advertising space in the *Dewsbury Reporter* and *Batley News*. The media agency keep a percentage. This was in spite of the fact that *The Press's* independently-audited sales and distribution figures were in fact higher than in 2016 and more than double those of *Dewsbury Reporter* and *Batley News*. *The Press* tender was significantly lower and when the contract was due to start the Scottish media agency couldn't deliver! Nevertheless the contract was not re-allocated to *The Press*. This came as no surprise to observers who understand that the role of *The Press* in local investigative journalism with regards to council matters. This and its politically incorrect stance, had never been greeted with enthusiasm by the Metropolitan Authority – to say the least.

We regret the demise of any local newspaper. An independent functioning press is vital to any free and democratic society. We would like to thank the editor and his team for the coverage they gave to Morley Community Church over these last few months. We hope that some other way will be found in coming days to produce a town-wide newspaper and report its news and history.

## **Birstall News**

The planned joint presentation of the *The Amazing Acts* exhibition to pupils of Birstall Primary Academy in Birstall Community Church took place on Monday morning 24 February. The Capernwray Bible Students working with Morley Community Church came and erected the exhibition in their chapel in Smithies Lane. Nearly 90 pupils from three classes enjoyed meeting the characters who made up the stories of the early church in the Book of Acts in the New Testament. This was a unique opportunity to reach out to the local school and cement the on-going relationship with teachers and staff.

Birstall Community Church like ourselves and every other church in the UK have currently suspended all services and activities for the duration of the coronavirus outbreak. Birstall stalwart Sheila Stone is now residing in the Priestley Care Home and Andy Dalton from our church was able to visit her just before the lockdown began due to the coronavirus outbreak.

## EASTER WORDSEARCH

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out – unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, and we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life

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## EASTER QUIZ - *answers*

1. Chile
2. Spanish
3. The Belfast Agreement
4. The Third Hour
5. The Easter Egg Roll
6. Charles Wesley
7. Tax Year
8. Centurion
9. Easter Monday
10. Fred Astaire
11. Three

### **The Preacher's Surprise**

While I was preaching in a church in Mississippi, the pastor announced that their prison choir would be singing the following evening. I wasn't aware there was a prison in the vicinity and I looked forward to hearing them.

The next evening I was puzzled when members of the church approached the stage. Then the pastor introduced them.

*"This is our prison choir," he said, "behind a few bars and always looking for the key"*

## **BIRSTALL**

## **COMMUNITY**

## **CHURCH**

*Smithies Lane*

*Morley & Birstall  
Community Churches are  
both affiliated to the EFCC  
– Evangelical Fellowship  
of Congregational Churches*

**SUNDAY**      **10.30 am**      **Worship Service**

**MONDAY**      **2.00 pm**      **Crafts Group**  
                         **4.00 pm**      **Bible Study & Prayer Meeting**

*- All meetings suspended during the Coronavirus Outbreak -*

## MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Below are the regular weekly activities of the church. However all these are currently suspended during the coronavirus outbreak. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible!*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <i>Replaced by “Zoom Worship Hour” during the current coronavirus outbreak</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer</b> <i>Various times and venues – see service sheet for details. All-church bible study on last Sunday of month at 5.00 pm</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9.00 – 11.00 am</b>	<b>Community Kids</b> Activities for pre-school children and their parents <i>Newlands Chapel, Albert Drive</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>12.40 pm</b>	<b>Chattabox Children’s Club</b> Activities for pupils in School Year 4 <i>Seven Hills Primary School, Morley</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Ysix! Youth Club</b> Youth activities for School Years 6 & 7 <i>Newlands Chapel, Albert Drive</i>
	<b>6.45 pm</b>	<b>Yzup Youth Group</b> Youth activities for School Years 8 & above <i>Newlands Chapel, Albert Drive</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Lunch, Study, Discussion (fortnightly)</b> An informal time for people without daytime commitments <i>29 Arncliffe Crescent, Morley</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7.30– 8.45 pm</b>	<b>Prayer &amp; Bible Hour</b> Studying Scripture & Praying for the needs of Morley & the wider world <i>51 Zoar Street, Morley</i> <i>Replaced by “Zoom Prayer Hour” during the current coronavirus outbreak</i>