



**Kay Street  
Baptist Church  
Rawtenstall**

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Newsletter**

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**'Only the Brave' – a message  
from Amy**

**Light in the Darkness**

I was one of several people to attend Spring Harvest in Harrogate this year. I have very fond memories of going to Spring Harvest at Skegness years ago so I was very excited to have the opportunity to go again. And Harrogate did not disappoint. It was wonderful being a part of a big group from Kay Street as there was always a friendly face to chat or pray with. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know some of the Kay Street family better too.

The theme this year was only the brave and was based on the book of James. I have to admit I was filled with a bit of trepidation when I heard the title. I'm not someone who would particularly call themselves brave and I was worried the whole week would be about trying to push us well out of our comfort zones to try new things. Now.... please don't misunderstand me.... there is most certainly a place for us to step out of our comfort zones for God but what I loved about the Spring Harvest speakers was that they emphasised that everyone's comfort zone is different and we all have different callings. We don't all have to be called to be a missionary in the middle of a foreign country to be brave for God.

I've had a lot to contend with in my life over the last year or so and as a result haven't felt particularly brave at all. However, some people who knew of what was going on would sometimes say in a very well meaning way "you're so brave" or "you're doing so well". I have to be honest with you though I didn't feel brave in the slightest, I didn't feel like I was doing really well at all. Underneath the cool exterior I was often a mess. I used to think if you only you knew what I was thinking and feeling underneath you'd realise I'm not brave at all. I would sometimes get frustrated that people would think I was being brave, as if I was actually a fraud.

However, one of the seminars at Spring Harvest spoke to me very powerfully. The lady spoke about her own experiences of being brave during difficult personal times. She reminded us that being brave does not have to be some major accomplishment but that it could be as simple as getting out of bed in a morning, going to work each day, asking someone to pray with you or for you. When you feel like all around you is crashing down achieving

these goals each day is being brave. Asking for help is being brave. And these acts shouldn't be seen as small goals or less significant goals than other people's; we all have our own individual mountain to climb.

I was worried I would come away from Spring Harvest feeling condemned for having not been as brave or courageous as I should have been. Instead the reality was the complete opposite. God reminded me of His great love and mercy and that he longs to meet with us exactly where we are. If we allow God to do that and accept his love, grace and mercy, that's being brave, that's allowing God into your life and then who knows what will happen next!

So remember God's promises:

***Be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. James 5 vs. 8***

***The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. James 5 vs. 11***

And we need to remember to look after each other and to never forget the power of prayer:

***Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5 vs. 13-15.***

***The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5 vs. 16.***

So are you brave? Absolutely! And if each of us keeps our trust in God and our eyes focussed on him great things will happen to us, the church and this valley. As a church we have just taken a very brave step of appointing a new associate minister. We've taken a step of faith and we trust God for this decision. However, the work doesn't stop there. Jonny and his family will continue to need our support in so many ways - prayerfully, practically, financially. Let's as a church join together to be brave and truly see how amazing God can be. And maybe for some of you, being brave will be about trying Spring Harvest next year. Several of us have already booked to go again and we'd love more people to join us!

Amy Boyer

on Behalf of Matt, Jess and the Deacons

# Kay Street Church Day Out

The Pastoral Team invite you all to a fun family day out on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

At Brockholes Nature Reserve which is near Junction 31 of the M6 – about 40 mins drive from Rossendale.

Brockholes is run by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust. It is on the site of an old quarry. The trust has created an environment that provides habitats for lots of different animals, birds and insects. There are walking trails, viewing points, themed woodlands with wooden carvings to look for and 'The Look Out' – the purpose built hide which overlooks Number One pit where there are a variety of birds. There is also a play area, a picnic area and lots of benches around the site.

## The Floating Visitor Village houses:

- An information centre, where there is a list of the birds and animals that have been seen recently.
- A Shop
- An Ice-cream Parlour
- A Restaurant
- Toilets
- An outside seating area



Nearer the time there will be a list for those who would like to go but need transport. Entry to the site is free. There is a charge of £5 per car for the day.

The thought is to all meet up at 10.30 outside the restaurant (inside if wet) then people can decide how they want to enjoy the day. You can bring a picnic or eat in the lakeside restaurant.

There are 3 main walking trails so groups may form to do these.

Trev is going to run a photography walk for anyone interested. Brockholes does run a photography competition each month. The winner gets a free day pass plus coffee and cake for two in the lakeside restaurant. Winning photos are also showcased in the information centre and on the website. The theme for June is Butterflies or Moths and for July it's Summer Colours. The rules can be seen on the website.

Brockholes is a haven for wildlife and there will be young animals and birds around so it is not possible to take dogs on the outing this year. **More info later. Put the date in your diary.**



## **Acts 435 – What is it?**

Acts 435 is the Archbishop of York's online giving charity that directly links those wanting to give with those needing their help. It recognises that

people want to give, often a little, sometimes more, to people with genuine need. It puts people who can give in touch with people who are in need, with the Church as the physical, face-to-face forum to enable virtual, online giving. Of particular appeal to donors, 100% of what is donated to Acts 435 goes directly to those in need. People in the UK are struggling financially due to low income, zero hours contracts, redundancies, benefits sanctions, and ill health. The church has an opportunity, to step up and show God's love in action to those struggling in the local community. In the last 6 months, Acts 435 has raised £182,220 with 100% of requests met in full and over 1800 people helped.

### **What does this mean for Kay Street?**

- The Deacons have unanimously endorsed Kay Street becoming a participating church
- Jane Morris, Jess Goldie, Heather Skilling and Matt Hirst have agreed to be advocates
- Through the CAP Debt Centre, children and families work and pastoral needs the advocates will see a need and will post a request onto the Acts 435 website.
- A Donor chooses from a list of requests and makes a payment via a secure system online (this is anonymous)
- Acts 435 transfers that money to the church's nominated bank account
- Advocate arranges purchase of that item for the beneficiary
- Does not replace but will complement informal ways of helping and supporting one another across our community

### **What can you do?**

Visit the website [www.acts435.org.uk](http://www.acts435.org.uk); Consider being a donor to requests that are made; Spread the word to encourage donors.

## Light in the Darkness



**What do we do when daylight goes and we still have things to do? – Simple – switch on the light! But 1 in 7 people in our world don't have access to electricity as they live in poor countries.**

In remote areas in places like Africa it could take years to be connected to the Grid. **Tearfund** is inviting us **now** to join them in petitioning the World Bank. The UK contributes to the World Bank, which is committed to providing power to such places. But they depend principally on getting it from Fossil fuels –costly, unreliable and environmentally unfriendly. Renewable sources like solar panels and hydro plants are cheaper, simpler and local. **Tearfund** and their partners are helping poverty stricken communities to install these.

**Asmita and her family live and work in a rice and flour mill in Nepal. Two years ago their village began to get electricity from a small hydro plant.**

**Now it takes an hour to make a sack of rice where before it took over a day.**

**Result: more income and children enabled to go to school.**

**Isabelle gave birth to her baby at 4am. on a remote village in Democratic Republic of Congo by a light charged by a solar panel on the roof.**

**Result: a long, frightening, dark journey avoided and a healthy baby boy born.**

***You will find cards in the downstairs area which you can sign and post to Tearfund yourself or put in the box provided to be sent together.***

**As simple as switching on a light!**

J.H.B.

Bible Book Club, a new resource from Bible Society, encourages people to read the Bible, one book at a time. Over the past six months, over 3,000 people have been downloading the helpful guides and setting up their own Bible Book Clubs.

Amazingly, the guide to Leviticus has had the most downloads, with Genesis and Matthew coming in second and third place.

One of the key aims of Bible Book Club is to encourage people to explore lesser known books as well as more familiar ones, and it takes less time than you think. Obadiah, Haggai and Nahum can all be read in under 10 minutes. New Testament books like Philippians, Colossians and 2 Peter can be read in under 15 minutes.

The Bible Book Club website hosts easy-to-use guides for all 66 books with lots of information including genre, background context and tricky issues! There are also questions for small groups intended to develop conversation when used in a group context.

One of the benefits of Bible Book Club is the emphasis on reading one book at a time, rather than reading a few verses or small sections of scripture. Sharing your learning experience with others can amplify your reading experience.

Bible Society also has ideas to help you get started - if you want to look at the poetry of the Bible there's Psalms, Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. If you want to revisit Sunday School stories there's Genesis, Exodus or Judges. For Paul's writing there's Romans, Corinthians or Ephesians. You could even start your own Bible Book Club, all for free from Bible Society. [biblesociety.org.uk/biblebookclub](http://biblesociety.org.uk/biblebookclub) or call 01793 418222

(from Word in Action – Summer 2018)

D.I.



## Prayer points for June

### **Kay St**

- Whatever decision Jonny and Joy and the church have made, please pray for Jonny and Joy, and for the church as we start this next phase in their and our journeys.
- Please continue to pray for Jess and the work she is building with the young Mums and caterpillar children.
- Please pray for table tennis, the football teams, hands on... pray that they will be places of fun and support.
- Please pray that in all these activities people will be drawn to Jesus.

### **Joe and Lois**

- Give thanks for Lois' pregnancy. Please pray for safety during the remainder of her pregnancy and the delivery.
- Pray also for Connie and Ruben as they grow.
- Please pray for Lois's continued healing and recovery from her recent episode of pericarditis (inflammation of the bag lining the heart).
- Pray for their colleagues Genesis and Bernard in their new roles. Pray for Joe and Lois as they reflect on how God wants this work to develop.
- Give thanks for the therapy assistant working with Lois. Pray that she will soon learn the skills required and adapt to the work.
- Please pray for teachers for the Gulu school.

Please also remember Claire in Africa and George in Mongolia.

### **Europe**

- Give thanks that European evangelicals are largely growing in strength and confidence, despite the bleak religious landscape.

- Disillusionment with the emptiness of secularism often leads to an interest in spirituality. Pray for Christian believers as they make Jesus known.
- Pray for Christians and Christian organisations to respond effectively to the questions raised by the economic, political and social upheaval in Europe.
- Immigration has brought dynamic and lively Christians into nearly every part of Europe. Pray that they may have a positive impact on their new countries.
- Pray for God's blessing on the ministry of European church planters

(BMS prayer guide)

## **Wounded lives**

1. Pray for those struggling with fear, sadness, regret and disappointment. Help them to truly know the love, mercy and grace of Jesus.
2. Pray for those who have been victims of intimate partner violence. Pray for help and healing.
3. Remember those throughout the world campaigning for the rights of children. Pray for them to be protected from economic exploitation and from being made to work in conditions which are hazardous, interfere with their education or harm their health and development.
4. Remember war veterans, police and emergency service workers and survivors of assault, abuse, disasters and other events who are suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. Pray that they will receive all the support they need to recover.  
Pray for those who are prone to mental illness: anxiety, depression, neurotic and psychiatric disorders, self-harming and behaviour problems.

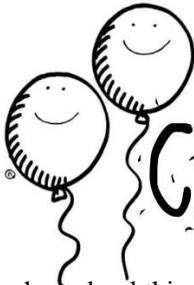
# Bible Fun – 10 Questions

1. Who was the fastest runner in the Bible ?
2. Who was known as a mathematician in the Bible ?
3. Why didn't they play cards on the ark ?
4. How long did Cain hate his brother ?
5. What was Boaz like before he got married ?
6. Who was the greatest Financier in the Bible ?
7. What is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible ?
8. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible ?
9. How did Noah see inside the ark ?
10. Why was everyone so poor in Bible times ?

as found on a Leprosy Mission Tea Towel

## ANSWERS

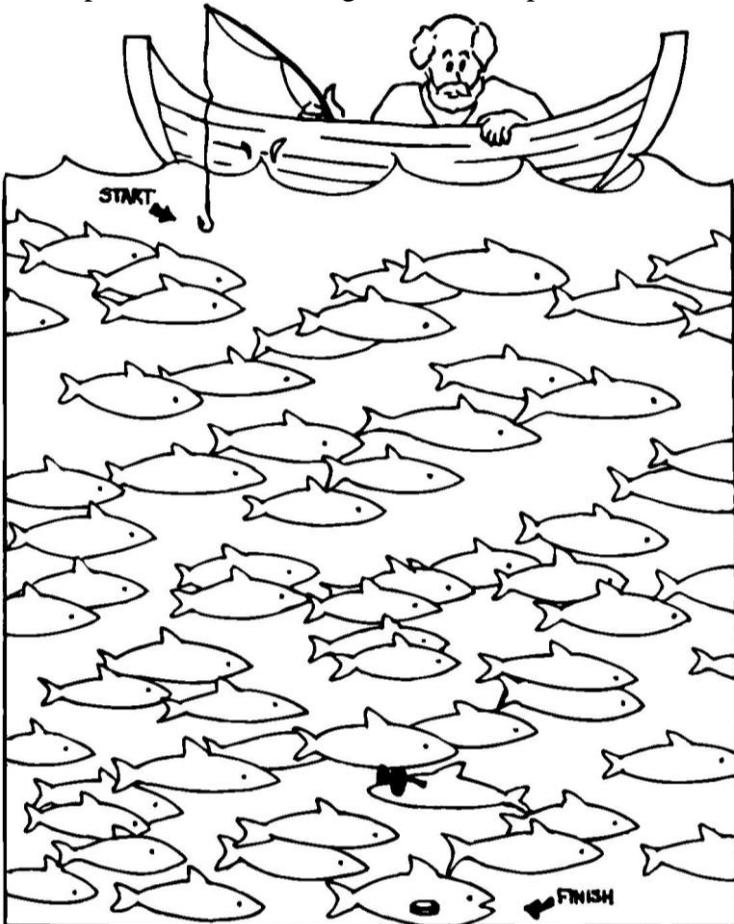
1. Adam because he was first in the human race.
2. Moses, he wrote the book of Numbers
3. Because Noah was standing on the deck
4. As long as he was Abel
5. Ruth-less
6. Noah, he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation
7. When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court
8. Samson, he brought the house down
9. He used floodlights
10. Because there was only one JOB.



# Children's Pages

In Sunday school this month, we're continuing to learn about Jesus' miracles. In Mathew 17: 24-27, we read about a coin appearing miraculously in the mouth of a fish. Amazing!

Help Peter to find the right fish in the puzzle below.



In Matthew 14:22-33, we find the story of Jesus walking on water towards his disciples.

The disciples were afraid at first.

Peter stepped out of the boat towards Jesus because he trusted him.

Use the code below to find out what we should do.

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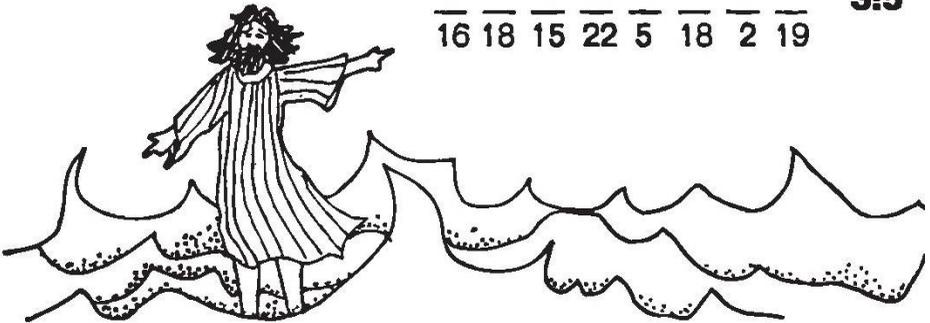
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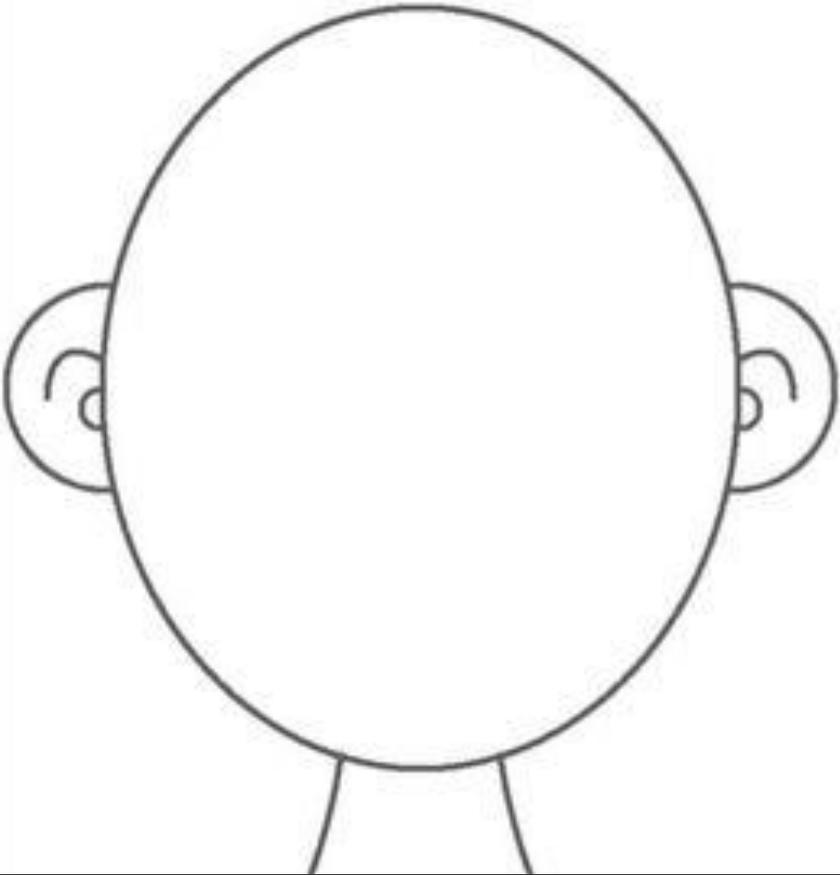
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Read the story of Bartimaeus in Mark 10: 46-52,  
then draw Bartimaeus' happy face when Jesus  
healed him.



Note for grown-ups

In June, the Sunday School will continue studying the Miracles of Jesus.

The topics covered will be-

10<sup>th</sup> June- Walking on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

17<sup>th</sup> June- The Temple Tax (Matthew 17: 24-27)

24<sup>th</sup> June- Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10: 46-52)

## Sunday Worship in June

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**June 3**

**AM**

All Age Service

All Age Team Coordinator Math Pickup

**PM**

**Communion and Prayer**

Coordinator David Griffith

**June 10**

**AM**

Preacher Mrs G Reeves

Coordinator Allyson Jump

*Getting perspective James4:15-17*

**PM**

DVD Coordinator Rev M Hirst

**June 17**

**AM**

Preacher Rev M Hirst **Communion**

*Patience is a virtue James 15:1-12*

Coordinator Trevor Elkington **Fathers' Day**

**PM**

Preacher Rev J Prior

**June 24**

**AM**

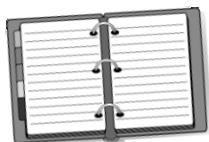
Preacher Mr J Barrie – Update from George

*The Prayer of Faith James 5:12-20*

Coordinator Ian Pickup

**PM**

Speaker George Platt Coordinator Rev M Hirst



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## Diary for June

Fri June 1 & Sat June 2 Big Church Day Out Capesthorne Hall Cheshire – Details downstairs or see Steve Mellish

Sat June 2	Asda Prayer Breakfast 8am.
Sat June 2	Torch Fellowship 2pm.
Mon June 4	Deacons' meeting
Sun June 10	Visit to Holme Manor
Mon June 11	Tearfund Prayer & Support Meeting Holcombe Brook Methodist Church
Fri June 15	Last day of 30 days of Prayer for Muslims
Sat June 16	Prayer Walk
Sat June 23	Church Day Out to Brockholes Nature Reserve (see page 5)
Sun June 24	Visit to Cherry Tree Lodge
Mon June 25	Church Prayer Meeting
Sat June 26	<b>Striders' Walk</b>

## Looking back to June 1993

and the newsletter of 25 years ago.

On June 12, as part of a worldwide movement a March for Jesus was to start from Marl Pits at 11 am. People were asked to bring a packed lunch to be eaten in Whitaker Park. A bus would be provided for those preferring not to walk.

Starting at the beginning of June a series of 'Listening' evenings was to held each Thursday between 7 and 8.30 when two people would be available in the downstairs area for prayer and listening. This initiative would be reviewed at the July Church meeting.

### LATE NEWS

**Marcia Catln** has a new address= 6, King's Avenue  
Rawtenstall BB4 6AT

**\*\*Rev Jonny Hirst has accepted the call to be our  
assistant minister – more later--\***

# Rotas for June

## Stewards

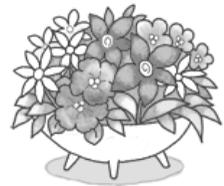
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June 3	Stuart Brown Robin Coulston	Pat Coulston	Joan Crook
June 10	Alan Morton Tom Pickup	Math Pickup	Natasha Richardson
June 17	David Pilling Paul Webb-Sear	Andy Moss	Anne Webb-Sear
June 24	David Isherwood Peter Leonard	Mike Wells	Jilly Horton
July 1	Ian Pickup Margaret Robinson	Elaine Bagshaw	Margaret Spurrell

## Coffee

	Coordinator	Sandy Rushton
June 3	Jenny Brunskill, Mike & Julia Wells	
June 10	Janet Curtis, Fred & Sheila Wild	
June 17	Jenny Brunskill, Jim Barrie, June Worsley	
June 24	Janet Curtis, Pat & Robin Coulston	
July 1	To be arranged	

## Flowers

	Coordinator	Carol Hargreaves
June 3	David Pilling	
June 10	Thelma Hitch	
June 17	Vacant	
June 24	Margaret & Alan Morton	
July 1	Joan Crook	



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