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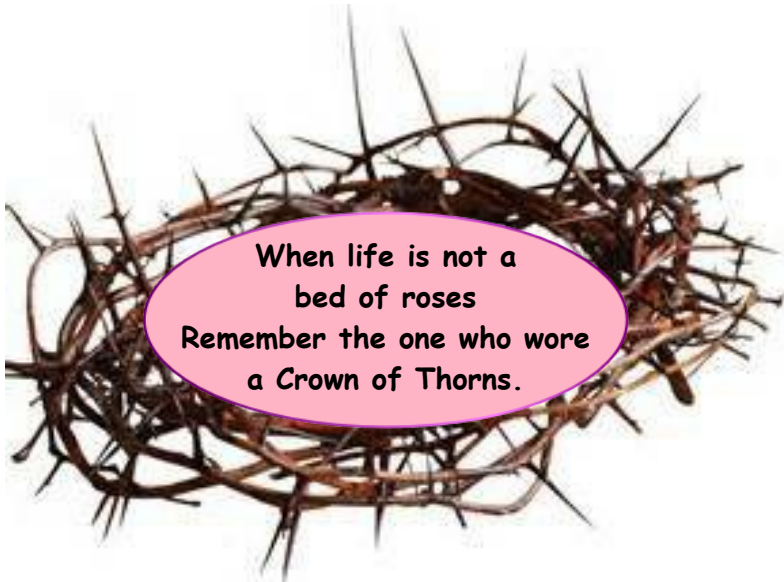


**Here is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world!**

John 1:29

Vale Pulpit Supply

6 th April	10.30 am	Simon Keane - Communion
13 th April	10.30 am	Susan Western - Palm Sunday
18 th April	10.30 am	Kath Lawson - GOOD FRIDAY
20 th April	10.30 am	Neil Munro - EASTER DAY
27 th April	10.30 am	Paul Mac Man
4 th May	10:30 am	Clare Ashton - Communion
11 th May	10:30 am	Crawford Kirkwood
18 th May	10:30 am	Les Philips
25 th May	10:30 am	Nigel Turton



VALE DIARY DATES

- Tue 1st Apr **7.00 pm** Deacons Meeting
- Tue 22nd Apr 2pm Ladies Guild - Nigel Turton
- Tue 13th May 7.30 pm Church Meeting
- Sun 18th May Notes for June- July Herald due today
- Tue 27th May 2 pm Ladies Guild - TBA

The following regular meetings take place at Vale , All are welcome.		
Sunday	Meeting for prayer and quiet before Church Service	9.45 am - 10.15 am
Monday	Elevenses, come and have a cuppa and chat in a relaxed atmosphere Community Keep Fit	10.30 am to 12 noon 4.00 - 5.00 pm
Tuesday	Men's Prayer meeting Prayer / Bible Study meeting at Vale Ladies Guild (4th Tuesday in the month)	10.00 am to 11.00 am 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm 2.00 pm
Thursday	Parent and toddler Group (Term Time only) Tai Chi	9.30 am to 11.30 am 1.30 pm - 3 pm
Friday	Prayer for our Community Rock Solid Youth Church	10.30 am - 11.30 am 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm
Saturday	Men's breakfast	8.30 am to 10.00 am

***“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for
and being certain of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)***

Christianity is at its heart a resurrection religion. It is founded on the belief that Jesus died, was buried and the third day rose from the dead. Most of the first followers of Jesus suffered and died for that belief. They had seen with their own eyes him hanging on a cross, his dead body put into a grave and the empty grave three days later, when the women arrived to complete the embalming of his body.

It was an event beyond their comprehension; people did not escape the grave in their experience. Once in the grave dead bodies tended to stay put. Yet incomprehensible or not, they were so convinced Jesus was alive they died for that belief in many cases, as Christians continue to die to this day in some countries.

But what does this mean for our lives today?

Firstly it offers us hope that, despite what is happening in our world, the kingdom of God can be ours. And let's face it, things have rarely looked as scary and uncertain as they do at this moment.

Secondly it offers us a promise of a future, a belief that things can be, and will be better. That belief can set us free from despair and fear.

Thirdly it is a call; a call to make our lives count, to take advantage of the opportunities we are given to help build a better world now, as well as inherit one in the future,

This life is only the preface to the whole story. Beyond this life lies something so wonderful we can hardly imagine it. It was because of this faith that, through the ages Christians have been willing to die for their beliefs.

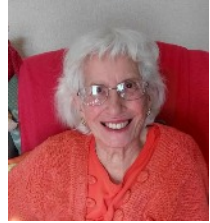
The question is, what are we going to do with God's call on our lives? Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Kath Lawson

Vale News

Family News

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of Anne Adams who died in February. Her funeral was held at Vale on 20th February.

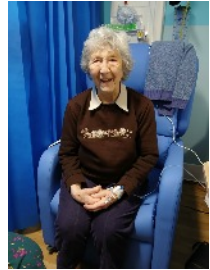


Our dear friend Margaret Crowther is still in hospital after being admitted 5 weeks ago with pains in her leg. Since then she has developed an oedema and shortness of breath. She has been quite ill at times. Please pray for Margaret to get the right consultations and the right treatment to help her on the road to recovery.

She wants to get back among her friends at Vale, and her neighbours.

God bless you Margaret.

She is now in ward 6A Calderdale Royal Hospital Halifax



We also send our love and prayers for a good recovery for Diane Morris, at present in rehab and due for various scans and tests.

We send our prayers for the family of Margaret Noble's brother-in-law, Derrick, who has died after a period of illness.

Congratulations to Shirley Fielden who will be **90** in April.



Flowers for January and February were provided by the families of Pam Widdup and Kath and David Kerr (in memory of mum Elsie). For the beginning of March flowers were provided by Mrs Ruth Pitman and Mrs Shirley Fielden (in memory of Ronnie).

Thank you for all donations given for flowers which as well as brightening our church, give pleasure to all who receive them later.

Roomfield News



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Apr/May 2025

Roomfield events & Services

	23 Mar	10.45	John Froud
	30 Mar	10.45	Martin Parrot
Mon	31 Mar	7.30	Church meeting
Wed	2 Apr	3.00	Shared Ministry group
Fri	4 Apr	10.30	Contemplative prayer group (1 hour)
	6 Apr	10.45	Leprosy Mission - Sam Stockil
	13 Apr	10.45	Irene
	20 Apr	10.45	Irene - Easter Day Communion
	27 Apr	10.45	Stuart
Fri	2 May	10.30	Contemplative prayer group (1 hour)
	4 May	10.45	Stuart - Communion
	11 May	10.45	TBA
	18 May	10.45	Shared Ministry 'In-house service'
	25 May	10.45	TBA

An up to date programme of events
can be found on the church website



CHALLENGE

On that night, there were two bowls of water.

The first was taken, and used for washing feet,

Symbol, he said, of love.

The second was called for and used for washing hands,

Disclaiming responsibility.

The bowls are constantly before us:

Into which will we dip our hands?

Ann Lewin 2009 Used by permission.

Stuart & Nikki Retire



That weekend turned up again: the one that stands midway between Christmas and New Year and challenges us to do something special. Stuart had an idea, we would have a party at Roomfield: a party to celebrate his ministry and his presence among us. Also to look forward to his and Nikki's retirement and their continuing presence as members of our fellowship. They would do all the hard work like planning the games and sending invitations and we, the other members, would bring food and ourselves.

We had Lionesses, philosophers, healthy minds and lots of hungry and lively children and music. Nikki was brilliant at controlling (managing?) the games with such a large number of children not used to games that we know from many years of school and church parties. Hollow chocolate Santas don't survive being passed around by many small eager hands so he crumbled under the pressure but we all survived and some of us were pleased to find chairs on which to be wallflowers while the fit adults and Tiddlers performed the hokie-cokie with all the verses. All working together we left the church building clean and ready to welcome us for our Covenant and Communion service the following Sunday.

Unfortunately we had flood warnings, heavy snow and a big hole in the road between Church and half of our congregation so the New Year came in without our church observations but we were joined spiritually when we prayed for one another at 11am on 5th January 2025.

As the year is unfolding so are our plans for a shared ministry here at Roomfield. We, the shared ministry group will provide a service once a month; I will also do one and Stuart and Nikki will also cover one service a month, so we expect to need a visiting preacher for only one Sunday a month.

Dilys is no longer our contact person (she is having a well-earned rest from that job), so look out for the new number.

We have made plans and with the help of God's Holy Spirit we hope to continue to witness to God's Presence here at Roomfield as He gives us the strength to do so.

The Cross



It's the picture of violence ,
yet the key to peace.

A picture of suffering,
yet the key to healing.

A picture of death,
yet the key to life.

A picture of utter weakness,
yet the key to power.

A picture of capital punishment,
yet the key to
mercy and forgiveness.

A picture of vicious hatred,
yet the key to love.

A picture of
supreme shame,
yet the Christian's
supreme boast.

David Watson