Your Majesty, as children of the Kingdom of God, we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings.
## Vale Pulpit Supply

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Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight,  
At the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more,  
When he bares his teeth, winter meets its death,  
And when he shakes his mane, we shall have spring again.  

CS Lewis, *The Chronicles of Narnia*
The following regular meetings take place at Vale, All are welcome.

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The New is in the Old concealed; the Old is in the New revealed. Praise God today for the unity of the two Bible testaments. Augustine
“...all authority comes from God, and the existing authorities are instituted by him” Romans 13:1

“Coronations are a declaration of our hopes for the future”; these words of our late Queen were quoted by Prince William, in his tribute to his father, at the Coronation Concert on Sunday night.

Over the last few weeks I have encountered a variety of opinions on various Baptist Internet sites, ranging from outright disapproval of a Constitutional Monarchy, through questioning if it even has God’s approval, to show support for our King and the Coronation. Of course in there is also the question of the expense of such an event, given our economic situation.

While I personally see the value in having a monarchy and all the pomp and ceremony that goes with it, I respect the right of others to differ. Maybe God never intended nations to have a king and that he sees it as a rejection of God as the only King we should have. Indeed there is the feeling that in choosing to have a king ancient Israel was doing just that. However God himself later led Samuel to anoint David as King and there is the sense that the monarchy was a picture of the greater descendant of David, Jesus Christ, who would supersede all monarchs who had gone before. Maybe what happens on an earthly plane is a pale and imperfect reflection of a much greater event in the heavenly realms.

There are many things that we humans do that God never intended as his best for us, divorce and remarriage is one. But God is gracious and gives second chances. No one sets out to mess up their marriage but we are human and it happens. No matter how amicable, divorce leaves scars, but that doesn’t mean lessons cannot be learned from mistakes.

Britain flirted, briefly, under Oliver Cromwell with being a Republic but ended up reverting to a king. They never returned however to the type of monarchy of Charles I. A Constitutional Monarchy operates in conjunction with a democratically elected Parliament. The monarchy in the case of Elizabeth II, spanned the times of several Prime Ministers, offering a continuity and sounding board, and a moderating influence to governments which came and went.

If we look at countries around us who have a President rather than a monarch, their example does not exactly fill one with confidence. France and the USA leap immediately to mind. So while a monarchy may not be perfect, possibly, like democracy, it is the least worst option.

We are told to pray for our rulers and to obey them as long as in doing so we are not in conflict with God’s law. Maybe if we are not doing this we are getting exactly what we deserve.

Kath Lawson
Coronation Celebration  Party

Our coronation celebration was held on Monday May 8th. Because of the heavy rain, the event had to be held indoors, but spirits were definitely not dampened! Crowns were decorated, bunting and balloons were hung, tin cans were knocked from their perch and the wheel was spun enthusiastically. Sack races and potato and spoon races were vigorously contested. It was a joy to see the happy, smiley faces of the children (and the adults spectating!) Sandwiches, cakes, jelly and ice cream were served and we were entertained by the live band of Lewis, April and Simon with vocals by Neil Munro, with many of the ladies dancing in their seats. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in so many ways and to Cornholme community who supported this event. It was good to have such nice feedback on social media.

Thanks again, everyone. Christine C

Ladies’ Guild

There was an excellent turnout on May 2nd to hear Patrick Smith’s talk ‘Overture & Beginners Please’ which had everyone laughing. Patrick had lots of pictures of the shows he’s been in, and David Lawson put these on the screen for us to see. A great afternoon enjoyed by everyone.

By the time you read this, Linda Sawley will have given her talk on May 23rd entitled ‘It shouldn’t happen to a children’s nurse.

Fran Hardwick will be with us on June 27th to tell us about Living with the Amish. This should be very interesting, so hopefully, her talk will be well attended.

Our next meeting will not be until September 26th when Pastor Mick Fleming will be the Speaker. He is based in Burnley and has been on TV speaking to the now Prince and Princess of Wales about his work.
Flowers for the end of March were provided by the family of Elsie Yates, for April by Diane Morris (in memory of her Mum and Dad; by Peter Chaffer and by the family of Jackie Yates for the beginning of May by Kath and David Kerr. Thank you to everyone, also to all our friends who wish to remain anonymous,

B.M.S. have asked for donations for the Birthday Scheme to be split into two amounts over the year. I have sent a cheque for £205. Thank you for donations on your birthday.

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Thank you to all who bought jam and lemon cheese during Lent, which helped to raise £120.60 for a Charity which helps Christians in Russia to support orphanage-leavers, young people with learning difficulties, addicts, victims of abuse and people who are homeless. Their aim is to buy the land on which their Crisis Centres, Play Areas, Vegetable Plots and Meeting Room/Church stand and where there is also parking space and room for an outdoor Soup Kitchen. This land has been offered to them at a ‘Bargain Price’ and will give them security for all their outreach work. Further details are available from Margaret C.

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A House Blessing

God bless the corners of this house
and be the lintel blest;
And bless the hearth and bless the board
and bless each place of rest;

And bless each door that opens wide to stranger as to kin;
And bless each crystal window pane that lets the starlight in;
And bless the rooftree overhead and every sturdy wall,
The peace of man, the peace of God,
the peace of love on all.

Arthur Guiterman
On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."
The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"
And God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."
The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"
And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."
The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"
And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."
But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"
"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."
So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves.

For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family.
For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren.
And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.
Life has now been explained to you. There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service.
If you are looking for me I will be on the front porch.
The Cutting Edge

I've never been at the cutting edge of anything. Perhaps if I was a scientist at the Large Hadron Collider, or a researcher into gene therapies, or if I was an artist with a much-discussed installation in the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art in Gateshead, I could feel I was in the place where important things happen. I would be at the cutting edge, the limits of human knowledge and understanding, where new discoveries are made, and where unknown territory is explored.

Is a small Baptist church in Todmorden at the cutting edge? It's not much like the James Webb Space Telescope (US$9.7 billion), or the Large Hadron Collider (10,000 scientists and universities in more than 100 countries). But we do peer into the unknown.

Faith grapples with the great unknowns. What is life? Why is there a world, and what is it for? What does it mean to be human in our time? How can we be at one with ourselves and each other?

These are genuine unknowns. We don't come to church each week simply to remember the answers handed down to us. We confront the questions again. We want new answers, or old ones understood afresh. As human beings, these questions are relevant to us, our daily lives and our sense of life as a whole, our purpose, sorrow and joy.

Roomfield is the cutting edge. At least, if we continue to take faith seriously and ask the questions urgently. Do I, do you, think there might be a breakthrough one week, soon? If not for everyone, then maybe for one of us? A leap of understanding? An old problem resolved in a moment of inspiration? A new direction?

The poet T S Eliot didn't talk about cutting edges, but places he called the world's end, places of exploration, places to start from, places where the historic moment is present. He writes about an old chapel in a village called Little Gidding in Cambridgeshire, but it could be somewhere else -

- So, while the light fails
  On a winter's afternoon, in a secluded chapel
  History is now and England.

Stuart Jenkins
Yorkshire Baptist Assembly 2023

On Saturday 29th April Chris and myself and Stuart set off to Huddersfield for the YBA Assembly. When we arrived, we were welcomed with coffee and pastries and soon people began to gather. We met up with several friends we had not seen for a long time, and enjoyed catching up on news.

Soon we were ushered into the main hall at New North Road Baptist Church and the key note speaker David Coffey was introduced by Graham Ensor.

David has been the Baptist Union General Secretary and President of the Baptist World Alliance. The theme was Psalm 126, a psalm of thankfulness.

’Out of the ashes of death, God can bring resurrection and life’

Alex Harris later spoke about the 6 priorities of the YBA, the key being prioritising planting, revitalising and re-imagining church through:

i leadership development
ii developing younger missional leaders
iii creating new pathways into missional ministry
iv promoting justice
v encouraging diversity
vi supporting digital development

Baptist historian Revd. Dr. Keith Jones spoke about how planting churches was not new, mentioning Dan Taylor (1738-1816), a Halifax man, who formed the new Connection of General Baptists in 1770. Keith’s own home church, Tetley Street in Bradford, came from a church plant in a pub.

He said ‘we need to plant where people are and be ready to move’

Unfortunately we had to leave at lunchtime, as Stuart and I both had prior engagements, so we missed the seminars and closing worship,

However it was good to meet up with friends and fellow Baptists, and be encouraged by reflecting on the past and looking forward to the future.

Dilys

Love Alters Not

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments; love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove.
O, no, it is an ever-fixèd mark
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wand’ring bark,
Whose worth’s unknown, although his height be taken.
Love’s not Time’s fool, though rosy lips and cheeks,
Within his bending sickle’s compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.

If this be error and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

William Shakespeare (1564-1616)
B.M.S. World Mission

I have received a letter of thanks and receipt from the above informing us of who will receive help from our donations over the last six months of 2022.

Kaku Lives high in the Nepalese Himalayas and he is part of one of the most marginalised people groups in Nepal. Life for him and his family is incredibly challenging but because you chose to give, Kaku's life is that bit easier.

When Kaku met the BMS supported staff, he was curious to learn more about the health and hygiene training they were conducting. As he learned more about how he could help keep his family healthy and prevent waterborne diseases, Kaku was determined to change his life. He was given a hygiene kit, complete with soap, water purification drops, toothpaste and more - and he set about encouraging not just his family, but his whole community to change their habits and stay healthy.

Without your generous gift to BMS birthday scheme, this incredible change in Kaku's life would not have been possible and because you chose to step in, you are also helping families in Uganda get food on the table, you are sharing the gospel in Bangladesh among people who've never heard the good news before and you're helping people in Chad get vital healthcare. Because it is part of the BMS birthday scheme, your members are playing a key part in God's work across the world. Thank you!

If anyone wishes to join the birthday scheme and contribute to helping people in desperate need, please contact Jennifer at Roomfield Baptist Church and receive a card on your birthday (including an envelope for your donation)

Many thanks, Jennifer Mitchell

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Capital Cities

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3 Australia
6 Venezuela
9 New Zealand
10 Greece
12 Saudi Arabia

Down
1 Ghana
2 Colombia
4 Holland(Netherlands)
5 Afghanistan
7 Algeria
8 Turkey
11 Bahamas
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Previous crossword solution

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### A Channel of Peace

*When John Temple, a South African born Roman Catholic hymn writer was asked to provide some new songs for the Franciscans in Los Angeles, he turned to a prayer traditionally attributed to St Francis and created the well-known song. It would appear that St Francis of Assisi was probably not the author of the original prayer.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

| Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
| So much to be consoled as to console;
| To be understood as to understand;
| To be loved as to love with all my soul.

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When peace like a river is with me on my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul
It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

*Horatio Gates Spafford (1826-88)*
We'll Get Through This

Lord, our troubles
Are so great,
We don't know what to do;
The price for our
Iniquity
Is finally coming due.

The world is crumbling
All about;
No safe place can be found.
Right is wrong,
Wrong is right;
The change is quite profound.

Lord, we need
Your guiding light
To lead us out of here;
We'll focus on
Your Word, and prayer,
To take away our fear.

Temptations of
This dying world
We'll rule out and let go;
Give our burdens
All to you,
Shed all worldly woe.

That's how we'll
Get through this, Lord,
Fixed on heaven above,
Assured of your
protection, help,
And everlasting love.

Joanna Fuchs

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