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APRIL MESSAGE

Dorothy Moore has written this introduction to our ‘April Message’.

A couple of years ago, Rev. Paul said to a few of us - 'Does anyone know Jack King?' (Rev. Jack had contacted him to ask if he could visit our church as he was in England (Manchester) visiting friends/family, and was coming to Halifax to renew acquaintances where he had ministered many years ago on a year's exchange from America and to visit Crossley & Porter School where his children attended for that year). Only two of us did remember him and the following Friday Rev. Jack and his daughter Jannine came to Illingworth Moor. It was good to renew friendships. Since that visit, I have corresponded with Jannine, and a year ago heard that Jack and his daughter and family were again visiting England and would be staying in Harrogate over Easter 2015. As my daughter lives in Harrogate and I was to visit her over Easter, 'What an opportunity to meet up again'.

We met over coffee, also meeting Jannine's husband and their two teenage children (having had a wonderful visit to London). In the course of conversation I asked Jack if he would write an article for our Messenger, which he was very pleased to do, (hence our Message for this month). He lives in Central America, and still keeps active in the American Methodist Church. He has read our Illingworth Messenger on line, and is very impressed!! To renew friendships across the world, after almost 50 years is truly amazing.

During this time, our Circuit has changed - from being Halifax Wesley Circuit, with six churches and the Manse being at Chester Road, Akroydon. However, Illingworth Moor has changed and grown over the years, and become a 'welcoming church with many outside interests' - the other five churches have closed !!

WRITTEN BY REV. JACK KING

I am pleased to be asked by Dorothy Moore to write a few words for the Illingworth Messenger. Few who read this will know me. I am a Methodist Minister in the United States. I have two cousins (one now deceased) who are (were) Methodist pastors in England. My father was born in Leeds and was a candidate for the ministry in England before he came to the U. S. as a young single man. In 1968 I did an exchange with a pastor from Yorkshire. He took my pulpit and I was assigned to what was then the Halifax Circuit, including Illingworth Moor. My wife, now deceased, and our two children came. They went to school at what was then Crossley and Porter. My son, Ted, died last year. We have not forgotten you, and have been back several times.

I am now 88 years old, but remain in excellent health. I no longer pastor a church, but every Sunday I teach an adult Sunday school class of about 40, and I help in various ways in our local congregation. I am currently doing some preparation for teaching a series on the Psalms.

Many people think all the Psalms were written by David. This is not the case. Yes, it is true that a majority are attributed to David, but quite a few were written by others. Most Bibles will tell you in the heading who was the author. In some cases no attribution is given. Continued overleaf
Psalms are written about life, and there are many moods and changing circumstances in life. Some Psalms are about joy and others about sorrow. Many are about repentance and others about forgiveness. Some tell of victories and others about defeats. Some seem to fit nicely on a bright summer day while others seem to reflect our mood on a dark dreary day in winter.

You can pray the Psalms. You simply set your mind and body in an attitude of prayer and begin reading such lines as, “O Lord, I praise You.” Or on another day, “O Shepherd of Israel, we need Your help.” You may also use them as a way of searching your own heart. Psalm 139, which had an influence on John Wesley on the day of his Heart Warming experience, is good for that. Also Psalm 51 will lead us to confession. Of course the Psalms also lead to recognizing the majesty of God and give glory to Him. As you know, many of the Psalms are well known and well loved. Many of us have a favourite or two. One which is meaningful to me is Psalm 121. I quote from the New International translation.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord
The Maker of heaven and earth.

One day some years ago, I was on a peak high up in a major mountain range. We paused at a place where the view was especially spectacular. I looked at the vast scene: other mountains and valleys with trees and streams. I then looked up at the endless sky, the view unobstructed by any barrier because we were so high above everything. Then the words of this Psalm came into my memory. “I lift up my eyes to the mountains.” I thought about the power and might needed to create all this and thought, “What an almighty God we worship.”

I continued my meditation: All this majesty before me owes its existence to the power of an omnipotent God, but as the Psalmist asks, “Where does my help come from?” God can make mountains and valleys, but I need help. Then I remembered the next line, “My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.” The answer is, that the same almighty power which made all this grandeur, is the One who helps me. I do not need to be afraid. I just need to trust Him. The Psalmist says that as he goes on:

He will not let your foot slip—
He who watches over you will not slumber;
Indeed He who watches over Israel
Will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—
The Lord is your shade on your right hand;
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11.00 am Holy Nativity Church, Mixenden

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      6.00 pm  Rev Paul Welch

10th 10.30 am  Hebden Royd Worship Team
      6.00 pm  Rev Paul Welch  Young People

17th 10.30 am  Mr David Wilkinson
      6.00 pm  Rev Paul Welch  Young People

24th 10.30 am  Local Arrangement
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Company Section: 11 - 18 years (7.30 pm - 9.30 pm)
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TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP
The Tuesday Fellowship meets on the first Tuesday in the month at 2.30 pm when there is usually a guest speaker. £1 includes tea and biscuits. Everyone is welcome. See elsewhere for the details of this month’s meeting.

GIRLS’ BRIGADE - WEDNESDAYS
Explorers: 5 - 7 years (5.30 pm - 7.15 pm)
Juniors, Seniors & Brigaders: 8 - 18 years (6.45 pm - 8.30 pm)
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Captain Andrea: 01422 249794
THURSDAY’S YOUNG AT HEART GROUP
Meet at Illingworth Moor at 2 pm. For more information contact Hazel Roberts on 01422 242374

HYMNS & HERS (Choir Practice)
Thursdays 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm. We get together to worship God through modern and not-so-modern music. You don't need to be an accomplished singer, just enjoy the music.

FRIDAYS
Lunches are available on Fridays from 12 noon (term time only). The cost will be ‘up to £3’ depending on menu, followed by bingo, raffle etc if you wish.

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SUNDAYS: Sunday Worship & Sunday School at 10.30 am

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US AT ANY OR ALL OF THE ADVERTISED EVENTS.
For more details please contact:
Rev Paul on 01422 244418
ST. MALACHY’S NEWS

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FUND RAISING GROUP: We are collecting old gold. Have you any broken chains? Odd earrings? Rings without stones? Please donate your old jewellery for Church funds. Items can be left in the box on the Paper Stall.
The Parishes of Mixenden and Illingworth worship together at Holy Nativity Church, Sunny Bank Road, Mixenden, HX2 8RX where the Vicar is Rev. Robb Sutherland, Vicar of Mixenden & Illingworth. Family Communion every Sunday at 10 am.

Church contact list:
Church wardens: Mrs M Henderson 01422 243596; Mrs S O'Brien 01422 248454 email obrien246@btinternet.com
Treasurer: Miss M Bishop
Luncheon Club: Mrs S O'Brien
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For baptisms, funerals and weddings contact the church wardens.
The Charity shop at Turner Avenue South: Monday and Tuesday 8.30 am - 12 noon. Bob and Pat Highley 01422 248665.

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LOCAL HISTORY
From Local Historian, David Craven
Taken from the Halifax Courier of Saturday, 3rd September 1853

A TROUBLESONE CUSTOMER

Joseph Baxendale, was charged with having assaulted Mary Ann Blackburn on August 23rd. Mr Mitchell appeared for the complainant, who was Mary Ann Gilll, who on a previous occasion appeared before the Bench for allowing Pitch & Toss to be played in her House. The defence at that time was that she was an unprotected woman, keeping a House situated in a rough part of the country. Since then the lady had taken unto herself a protector, in the shape of a husband, and the defendant in this case was the first victim to her altered circumstances and his own outrageous conduct. It appeared that on the return of the complainant and her husband from the Brewster Sessions, they found the defendant, and some others, in their House drinking. The defendant had arrived at that state which is designated as “pretty comfortable”. At this stage it is well known that an additional pint merges the “pretty comfortable” into the “very riotous”. Mr Blackburn, therefore, very judiciously refrained from giving defendant any more drink. The House was then cleared, Baxendale growlingly departing. Shortly after this he returned and said he had left his cap behind him, and on being refused admittance he threatened to kick in the door, which he did, and he and a companion who was with him, entered the House, and as they manifested a riotous disposition Mrs Blackburn called down her husband, who had retired to bed. He quickly made his appearance and the scantiness of his wardrobe suspiciously proved he had either been in bed or was just about to do so. The defendant’s uproarious conduct led to a skirmish and, according to his account, Mrs Blackburn bore no inconsiderable part in the fray, as she gave his friend a “punch” that stretched him along the passage. The result of the skirmish was that the rioters were expelled.

On the following day Mr Blackburn happened to meet the defendant at the Crow’s Nest and mildly remonstrated with him about his conduct intimating he would meet his fit reward at Ward’s End. The mild remonstrance was replied to by a glass that defendant threw at Mr Blackburn’s head. Further violence was prevented by the interference of the Landlady.

Nicholson, the Ovenden Constable, said that there were a number of parties residing in Ovenden Wood, who were a terror to the whole neighbourhood and that the defendant was the leader of this gang. Colonel Pollard said it appeared the defendant was a very uproarious character and the head of a number of others who were a pest to the neighbourhood. He would tell them that such characters should not be allowed to go on with their uproarious conduct and he would caution the defendant not to appear before them again, for they should remember him and treat him very differently. They would fine him in the present case forty shillings and in default of payment commit him to Wakefield for a month.
Update on last month’s Local History story, from April 1852, when a ten year old girl died following incidents in a local mill - people have been asking what happened to the two Overlookers - everything indicates that they got off without any form of punishment!

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There will be something for everyone! Upstairs, where it is a little more private, we will have some lovely people offering beauty treatments at affordable prices. The Dining Room and fully staffed kitchen will also be open for food and drinks with ‘Sunday Roasts to You in Halifax’ kindly offering to do the cooking. There will be a £1 entry fee on the door just so we can raise that little bit extra as well as other fundraising ideas on the night.
St George of the Golden Legend  (*find the underlined words*)

St George is *Patron Saint* of *England*, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian officer in the *Roman army* under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the *Terror*. George was therefore *martyred* in *Palestine* about 300 AD. His *courage* became legendary, and St George became the *example* of a Christian *fighting-man*, a powerful *helper* against *evil* powers affecting individual lives. He was the *soldier-hero* of the Middle Ages. In the *Golden Legend* of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine tells the story of how St George helped rescue the people of Sylene in Lybia from a *dragon*, especially the princess, who had been offered to the dragon as a sacrifice. With the dragon dead, and the princess returned to her father the King, the people of Sylene converted to Christianity.

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**THE TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

There was a great turnout for our March Fellowship meeting at Illingworth Moor which was chaired by Ros Greenwood. She introduced George Bowers, MBE from Salem Methodist Church. George gave us a really interesting talk, with slides, about the mines which existed in the Northowram area and the use of child labour in the mines. He showed us pictures of where the remains of these coal mines can still be seen today and we heard of the inhuman use of very young boys and girls underground. Ros gave a vote of thanks and the meeting ended with tea and biscuits. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 5th when an excellent group called ‘The Ritardandos’ will entertain with chorus pieces, solos and sketches and there will be a Bring and Buy Sale.
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PRACTICE CHAMPIONS FROM KEIGHLEY ROAD SURGERY

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THE REMINISCENCE GROUP on Monday, 18th April at 2 pm.

THE DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP – COFFEE AND CHAT on Tuesday, 19th April at 11 am,

WEEKLY EASY 30 MINUTE HEALTH WALKS start at 10.45 am until 11.15 am every Monday and the 90 MINUTE HEALTH WALKS start at 10 am until 11.30 am every Friday.

Both of the walks start and return to Illingworth Moor Methodist Church for anybody who wishes to stay for refreshments and a chat.

For more information contact Dennis on 07403 992642.
ALL FOOLS’ DAY

In years gone by, the rules surrounding April Fool were this: between midnight and noon on 1 April, everyone is ‘fair game’ to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. But the aim is not just to discomfort the victim: he must be tricked into taking action himself, sent on a ‘fool’s errand’.

And so children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove’s milk, or to the bookseller for *The Life of Eve’s Mother*. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: ‘Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.’ Precisely the same trick had been played in 1698.

Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on his own head. A child would then race through the sing-song formula: ‘April-Fool-Day’s-past-and-gone-you’re-the-fool-and-I-am-none!’

ZENO OF VERONA - the more things change....

Zeno of Verona (d. 371) should be the patron saint of all ministers who suspect that the more things change, the more they remain the same.

For instance: ethnic diversity...church-planting... teaching.... concern for the poor... women’s ministry in the church... sound like modern-day Christian concerns? Not a bit of it – this was the life work of Zeno, bishop of Verona in the fourth century.

Ethnic diversity? Zeno was an African who had been consecrated a bishop in Italian Verona. Church-planting and teaching? Zeno had a reputation as a hard-working pastor and dedicated preacher who founded churches throughout his domain. Some of his sermons still survive.

Concern for the poor? Zeno was zealous in alms-giving, and encouraged others to do the same. Women’s ministry? He founded nunneries.

As for down-time? Zeno may well have been addicted to fishing in his spare time – he is, after all, usually represented with a fish. Nothing wrong with that: the links between fishermen and Christian leaders go back a long way!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY CROWN GREEN BOWLING?

By the time this edition of The Messenger is being read the 2016 Crown Green Bowling Season will have started on the 1st April. Holmfield Bowling Club would welcome anyone interested in joining them either as complete novices or as experienced players. Membership for the year is £20 and you can play anytime. For anyone interested in playing league matches the Mens Veterans Over 60s play on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It’s a wonderful form of exercise – in just one game you could walk a mile. If you are interested or have any questions please ring the Editor (number on the back page) and your details will be passed to the Bowling Club or visit the bowling green which is in Beechwood Park.

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It’s perhaps typical of the English that they should have a patron saint who isn’t English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who may not have existed at all. That didn’t stop him being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It’s most likely that he was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that he was held as an example of the ‘godly soldier’, one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the middle ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: ‘The George and Dragon’.

However, it’s probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the ‘Christian soldier’ was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - ‘Onward, Christian soldiers!’ The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George’s Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the ‘Christian soldier’ - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause. Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they’re not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn’t mean that they don’t deserve our gratitude and admiration.
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Worry - I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

Reception - Two television aerials met one day and fell madly in love with each other. Eventually they decided to get married and booked the local Church. Apparently the service was not up to much but the reception was excellent!

Happy Ending - Comment from a parishioner: ‘Our vicar’s sermons always have a happy ending. The moment they’ve ended, everyone feels happy.’

Wanted - Seen on a church bulletin: More sinners wanted for the choir.

Wages - Seen on a church notice board: Despite inflation, the wages of sin remain the same.

Heaven - Seen in a parish magazine: “We shall be meeting on Wednesday when the subject will be ‘Heaven - how do we get there?’ Transport by bus is available at 6.45 pm opposite the King’s Arms.

Choir - Seen in a parish magazine: Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.

Problem - I don’t have a problem with caffeine. I do have a problem without it.

Beyond - I’m living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart.

Up or down? - Is this apisdn umop or am I just standing on my head?

ALL IN THE MONTH OF APRIL

It was:

400 years ago:- on 23rd April (or 3rd May) 1616 that William Shakespeare died.
200 years ago:- on 21st April 1816 that Charlotte Bronte was born. Best known for ‘Jane Eyre’.
125 years ago:- on 1st April 1891, that the first London-Paris telephone line was opened to the public. It included an undersea section between Dover and Calais.
90 years ago:- on 21st April 1926 that Queen Elizabeth II was born.
65 years ago:- on 11th April 1951, that the Stone of Scone, which had been stolen from Westminster Abbey in London in December 1950 by Scottish nationalist students, was found on the altar of Arbroath Abbey in Scotland. It was returned to London. In November 1996 the stone was officially returned to Scotland and now resides in Edinburgh Castle.
65 years ago:- on 17th April 1951 that the Peak District National Park was Established. It was Britain’s first national park.
The local cricket season starts officially on Saturday 16th April and by then hopefully the ground will be ready with machinery mended, the grass cut, the pavilion cleaned out and walls painted and everyone ready for action. We have a big volunteer weekend on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April starting at 9.30 am each day and if you can come and help at our ground you would be most welcome. You can find us at the top of Alloe Field View near to the rear entrance to Whitehill School. There is plenty to do putting nets up, getting seats out, painting, tidying up and all the usual jobs so come along and look at our facilities at the same time. The club has been at the ground since 1888 but there are still plenty of people in Illingworth who don’t know where we are or have never been in the ground.

Season 2016 should be as exciting as any in our long history. The 1st team was promoted to the 2nd Division of the Airedale and Wharfedale League at the end of 2014 and finished in a very creditable fifth position last year and the club is hoping to improve on that in what may be the last season in this league. We will know on 5th April whether our application to join the Halifax League for 2017 has been accepted but if it is it would be nice to go out on a high. Tasmanian Daniel Murfet will be helping our cause and as a qualified coach we are looking forward to his input particularly with our junior players. We are again running three senior teams so there is plenty of room for anyone wanting to come and play for us. The 2nd team are also in their 2nd Division and the 3rd team will be fighting to maintain their position in the top division of the Halifax Sunday League.

New players, members and volunteers are always welcome. The club is hoping to run a full complement of junior teams at U9, U11, U13 and U15 levels but help and new players are always needed. Come and have a look for yourselves at our facilities. The club will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and we will be pleased to welcome you. A lot of work is being done with local schools including Whitehill and Abbey Park and it is hoped that many of these youngsters will come along to Illingworth to play club cricket.

**Illingworth CC Home Fixtures for April/ early May**

Sat 16th April - 2nd XI v Calverley 1 pm start
Sun 17th April – 3rd XI v Thornton 1.30 pm
Sat 23rd April – 1st XI v Skipton 1 pm
Sun 24th April – 3rd XI v Denholme Clough 1.30 pm
Sun 1st May – 3rd XI v Almondbury 1.30 pm
Sat 7th May - 1st XI v Thackley 1 pm

If you want any more details our web site address is www. illingworthcc.co.uk or ring Andrew Smith on 07979-645379 or email pasmith19@hotmail.com

Andrew Smith  -  President
Busoasis

The last few months have seen Busoasis change in many ways! The bus is regularly at the ‘Food Drop In’ at the New Ebenezer; working with ‘Helping Young People’ in Halifax and Police at the Bus Station; Cafeoasis, youth work around Calderdale, etc and we spent several very successful Saturday evenings, leading up to Christmas, in Halifax town centre working in partnership with ‘Street Angels’ and the Police to provide a safe place for party goers etc. We plan to continue this work in the future.

We have also worked with Illingworth Moor Methodist Church by taking our Prayer Stations into Abbey Park Primary School to provide a prayer space for the children; this has been very well received and we are now looking to provide a prayer space for teachers on their training days. We are hoping to extend this work with other primary schools in the area.

We are also looking to start a new project in schools called 'Open the Book' telling Bible stories through drama.

In February and March we have been working in Mytholmroyd to provide a space for the Calderdale MBC Youth Service to help them get back up and running as their Community Centre and all their resources were lost in the Christmas floods.

Other exciting work started in March with a sports based project working again in partnership with the Police, Ovenden & Mixenden Initiative and Ovenden Sport & Community Area (OSCA) in north Halifax to address anti social behaviour issues in the area.

EXCITING NEWS!

South Lakes ‘Youth for Christ’ ran a Bus Ministry in the Lake District. They advertised their bus to be gifted to another charity on United Christian Broadcasters Radio in August 2015, as they were winding down their ministry. We applied by putting in a letter of 'Intent for Use' and were successful over 40 other applicants! (See photo of new Busoasis on page 26). Part of our bid was to pass our bus onto someone else if we were successful. We then had to consider a number of applicants for our bus and it has gone to a new ‘Churches Together’ project in Rothwell.

Revd Dr Roger Walton, Chair of District very kindly dedicated the new bus at a service at Illingworth Moor in February.

We were very blessed to be able to share our story in the latest Connexion magazine and on Premier Radio recently.

We continue to be led by God and obedient to his calling and taking some risks! and look forward to working on some new projects.

Please contact me if you would like to use the bus.

Sharon Lawrance
Email: staff.busoasis2013@gmail.com
THE QUEEN IS ‘VERY GRATEFUL’ FOR THE NATION’S PRAYERS

In a strong statement of faith, the Queen has said that she is ‘very grateful’ to the nation for its prayers for her and that she has felt God’s ‘faithfulness’ during 64 years on the throne. The comments – rare insights into the Queen’s personal thoughts and Christian faith – came in the forward to a new book, The Servant Queen and the King She Serves, published by Bible Society, HOPE and LICC.

Her Majesty said, ‘I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for His steadfast love. I have indeed seen His faithfulness.’

The book was published to mark the Queen’s 90th birthday. In her comments, the Queen referred to the changes she has seen in her life, which has made her the longest-reigning monarch in British history.

‘The extent and pace of change has been truly remarkable,’ she said. ‘We have witnessed triumphs and tragedies.’ And she alluded to the current problems in the Middle East saying that the world is now experiencing ‘terrible suffering on an unprecedented scale’.

The Queen’s Christian faith is well-known. In recent years, Her Majesty has referred to her beliefs in public statements, including Christmas broadcasts. The Servant Queen and the King She Serves highlights the Queen’s faith and how it has shaped her personal life and service to the nation. A 12-page schools version has been published by Scripture Union.

Copies of The Servant Queen and the King She Serves are available in packs of 10 at £1 a copy (plus p&p).

WINNER OF CHURCH SCHOOL DESIGN COMPETITION FOR THE QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY

The winner of a church school competition to design a logo for the C of E’s celebrations in honour of Her Majesty the Queen’s 90th birthday has been announced. The logo, designed by Lucas Salinger, aged 10, from Potten End C of E Primary School in Hertfordshire, was picked from over 1000 entries.

Lucas, whose village school is near Berkhamsted said: ‘I feel amazed that my design was chosen. I feel lost for words!’

Head teacher Andrew Morris said: ‘I am extremely proud that a member of my school has won the competition, out of so many entries.’

Official celebrations will take place in London between the 10th – 12th June, including a thanksgiving service at St Paul’s Cathedral, a Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade and a street party in The Mall.
We would like to invite you & your carer/family member to ‘The Memory Cafe’ which is for those who are experiencing Early Stage Dementia/Memory Loss.

It will be a fun, relaxed environment where you can chat over a cup of tea, make new friends or join in with activities.

A range of information/leaflets will also be available.

**MEMORY CAFE**

10-12 Wheatley Lane,
Lee Mount, Halifax, HX3 5EG

**EVERY THURSDAY**

12.30 PM TO 2.30

Also available.. Wi-Fi and wheelchair access

Contact Sue....01422 366911
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E-mail: newhorizons@noahsarkcentre.org.uk
I had lots of fun playing in the snow and trying to catch the snowflakes. They didn't taste very good but it was fun to roll in the snow drifts and get very wet.

My Guide Dog supervisor is pleased with my progress but I have to avoid distractions when out walking. One of the problems I have is avoiding pavement furniture such as tables and chairs in the town centre, wheelie bins and recycling boxes but the main problem is vehicles parked on the pavements. Sometimes Philip has to walk in front of me and then I follow so that we are both safe. As a working Guide Dog this would cause my owner a big problem as I would have to guide them into the road to get passed.

It was Brian's big birthday and we went to a cabaret that Val had arranged for Brian and their family and friends at the Victoria Hall. There were lots of people and my friends Zimba and Hazzie were there. They are both working Guide Dogs so I had to be on my best behaviour. On the stage there were singers and a man who did magic tricks. Everyone enjoyed the performance but I fell asleep.

I have been invited to visit a local school in Shelf. There are 200 pupils that attend the school and Philip is going to talk to them about Guide Dogs after their Assembly. I will tell you all about it in my next letter.

Bye, bye for now until next time.

*Love and Woofs from Millie*
The Local Activities (LA) Group in Illingworth and Bradshaw was formed specifically to improve the health and wellbeing of people over 50 in this area of Halifax. If you are interested in meeting new friends and doing new activities please get in touch via one of the following ways: Visit our website: www.illingworthandbradshaw.btck.co.uk for an update on our activities / email us at lagroup50@hotmail.co.uk / Facebook: Illingworth & Bradshaw Local Activities Group or attend one of the activities

The following activities run each week:

**MONDAYS**

AT HOLMFIELD BOWLING CLUB, BEECHWOOD PARK, HOLMFIELD
CROWN GREEN BOWLING from 10 am to 12 noon £1 (until end of Sept.)
Membership of Holmfield Bowling Club £20 per year
Playing for fun but learning at the same time

**TUESDAYS**

KEEP FIT from 10 am to 11 am £3.00
Not too hard, but not too easy!
This is a fun aerobic exercise class to get you fit and keep you healthy

NEW AGE KURLING from 11.15 am – 12.15 pm £2.00
Both the above activities are suitable for a range of abilities

LINE DANCING from 2 pm – 3 pm £3.00
*(not on the first Tuesday in the month)*

**WEDNESDAYS**

CRAFTY CLUB from 10 am - 12 noon £2.00
Join the friendly group for knitting, card making and other crafts (some materials provided) plus hand massage or just a brew and a natter

**THURSDAYS**

PILATES CLASS from 10 am – 11 am £3.00
To improve core stability and strength

ART CLASS from 10.00 am – 12 noon £4.00
Professional Tutor. Suitable for all levels – beginners are welcome.
Some materials provided.

***NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME AT ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES***
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***** MAY 2016 Deadline *****

The last day for contributions to be included in the
May Messenger will be Friday, 15th April 2016
Items can be handed in to your Church representative, dropped off
at Illingworth Moor Good-As-New Shop or direct to the Editor -
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