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| 6 th | Beryl & Jean |
| 13 th | At St. Luke's |
| 20 th | Jayne |
| 27 th | June & Elizabeth |

| Date | Flowers |
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Thank you to those of you who provided flowers for the Holiness table last year. There is a new list on the noticeboard. If you are willing and able to provide again this year, please add your name to the new list.

Thank you.



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 Avril Humes      Joel Griffin  
 Lyndon Moorby      Kay Moorby  
 Hope you have a good day!  
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Quote of the month:

I believe that freedom is the deepest need of every human soul.
 George W. Bush,
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March's riddle was A CANDLE. This month...

I make two people out of one.  
 What am I?

#### Please pray...

...for Ukraine  
 ...for people in power for justice and peace to prevail  
 ...for those who are suffering illness  
 ...for the homeless  
 ...for all in our fellowship  
 ...for those suffering the effects of earthquakes

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# The Salvation Army Leeds West Hunslet

## April 2025 newsletter

### Majors' musings...

I was sharing at Bible Study the other day about the 'signpost' put on my spiritual journey when I had the privilege of listening to the Rev. Yonggi Cho from South Korea preach on prayer. But when we venture into the realms of prayer we very quickly come across the big problem of prayer: Why is it that prayers are not answered? After all, there are many, many promises that would seem to say that if we ask anything in Jesus' name that we will receive it. Why are prayers that seem so good to make so often not answered in the way that we would answer them if we were God? And that is the point, rather than the prayers not being answered.

You see prayers, are not always answered with an affirmative, and God does not always align the planets to fit in with our will. Sometimes we ask for things, and we do not think through the consequences of what we are asking for. Sometimes we ask for things, and we have not asked God what his will is. Sometimes we ask for things, and they will just not be good for us. Sometimes we ask for things, and our lives are so off-kilter with God that he deliberately refuses that request until we have amended our ways. Sometimes we ask for things, and we have to be prepared for a negative from the Lord and yet still maintain that trust in him, because at the end of the day, he is, he was, and always will be, God. And sometimes we just haven't got a clue as to why the Lord should turn down our prayers. But we still ask.

For prayer is like a little child coming to a father and telling him about their day, telling him about their concerns, and asking for help over different issues. I encourage you at some point over this holy season to look closely at the prayers of Jesus during those days. There are quite a few, including prayers from the cross, where he prays with his last breath 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!' That, incidentally, is a prayer that each Hebrew child prayed before going to sleep at night. Praying like a child... a simple prayer, but an effective prayer of confidence in our Father in Heaven. And that is why we continue to ask. We ask because he is our loving heavenly father who cares for us, who loves us so much that he will hear us when we pray, he will listen to us, and when the moment is right, he will act. I cannot answer for him when our prayers are not answered, but I know that I'll still keep on asking him, and I hope you will too.

Easter blessings to you all.

He is risen! Hallelujah!

Majors Cliff and Joy



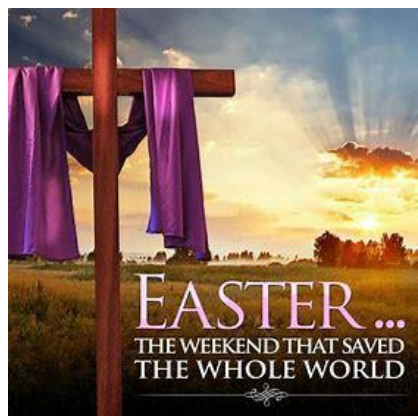
## Coming events:

**Tuesdays-** lunch club - £3.50 for a three-course meal. Doors open at 11.30am. Please note, there will be NO lunch club on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Friendship lunch** - 11.00am – 1.00pm. Pop in for a chat, have a game of chess! Enjoy a light lunch and a catch up with friends. No charge, just a donation. This is available for anyone and everyone!

Major Cliff's planned preaching: Lent and Bible study course – Discipleship.

We will be looking at the 5Ps: Pilgrimage, Presence, Practice, Pathway and Power throughout the period of Lent. Similar to last year, the sermons will be based around these Ps and then a Bible study will commence on Thursday evenings for five weeks at 7.00pm, beginning on 13<sup>th</sup> March, to link in with the sermons of those weeks. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April will be the next Bible study, 7.00pm.



**Palm Sunday – 13<sup>th</sup> April**

– There will be a United Church Service here at 10.30am for 20 minutes. Please be prompt as the hall gets full. This is followed by a procession behind the donkeys to St. Luke's for another short service. Afterwards, the band will play on the green and there are free donkey rides.



**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** at 7pm in our hall, a 'Meditation in Music and Song' for Holy Week with the united bands and songsters of Leeds Central and Leeds West Hunslet.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April** at 7pm at Leeds Central, a 'Holy Week Tenebrae Service' led by Leeds Central Corps Officers.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April** Good Friday Service here at 10.30am followed by tea/coffee and hot cross buns.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April** Easter Sunday Morning Service at 10.30am followed by a Faith Lunch. Please sign up on the sheets in the foyer, next to what you would like to bring.



How about decorating an egg this year? I think last year might have been the biggest number of people who joined in. Get *cracking* and bring your entry on Easter Sunday morning. The two categories are: 14 years and under, 15 years and above. There'll be a prize for the winner in each category.



An egg is a symbol of new life. For Christians, Easter eggs are used as a symbol for the resurrection of Jesus. Christians believe that, through his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and sin. This offers people the promise of eternal life if they follow his teachings.

Nowadays, most Easter eggs are made from chocolate and covered in coloured foil. Traditionally though, chicken eggs would be hard boiled and then decorated by hand. Traditional Easter egg hunts remain popular with both Christian and non-Christian children.

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Tuesday 22nd April – there will be no lunch club on this day.
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**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Spring Afternoon Tea

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Tickets are £5 each and will be available from next Sunday.



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Sunday 27th April – our meeting will be led by Les Chambers – 10.30am.
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**Congratulations** to Carol and Andy Peddle on celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 60 years married!



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The month of April starts with jokes and pranks, and then we go on to celebrate Earth Day, St. George's Day and Penguin Day. We also celebrate Britain's greatest playwright, William Shakespeare on the anniversary of his birth and death, 23rd April.
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Have you managed to see the planets over these last few weeks? April is going to be a great month to get out and go stargazing, planet-gazing, asteroid-viewing! On the night of April 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, you can enjoy the first major meteor shower of the year.

**April 24** – The Moon and Saturn and Venus will make a close approach,

**April 28** – The planets Venus, Saturn, and Neptune will make a close approach, passing within 3°42' of each other.

**April 30** – The Moon and Jupiter will have a close approach,  
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In case you've not heard – Major Eric Heerlien will be coming to be our new Corps Officer in July this year.

