



Date	Tea/coffee
6 th	Kay & Lyndon
13 th	Ashley & Bronwyn
20 th	Joel & Sian
27 th	Joan & Laurence



2024 newsletter

Date	Flowers
6 th	
13 th	
20 th	Avril
27 th	Jayne



Majors' musings...

I don't know whether you have any brothers and sisters, but I have three brothers and two sisters. Joy also comes from a large family, but she has three sisters and two brothers. My family were all born between 1952 and 1962, just ten years. Joy's family were more spread out and her oldest sister is old enough to be her mother! We have three children, and they each have children so that we have seven grandchildren. It has been a real joy for us this week to have been able to spend time with each of them. Where am I going with this? Well, families are all different, different sizes, different relationships, different abilities, different ages. Many years ago, there was an American sitcom called 'Different Strokes' which followed the story of two children from a poor section of Harlem whose deceased mother previously worked for a rich widower and on her deathbed asked him to take care of her sons, their father already being deceased. They were not family, but as the series progressed, they became closer and closer. Many of us in church are not related by familial ties, but we are all related by blood ties. That, of course, is not the red stuff that flows through our veins, but the blood of Jesus. Through his death we are brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, we are adopted into the family of God, and as Sister Sledge sang back in 1979 'We are family!' The greatest proof of family is how the family react in a crisis, that they are people who can be trusted, relied on, a solid rock. And that is as true of the church family as it is with our earthly families. And also, just as love is the characteristic that binds families together, so our love for each other is what marks us out. As Jesus said in John 13: 35 "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Quote of the month:

If somebody offers you an amazing opportunity but you are not sure you can do it, say yes, and learn how to do it later. (Richard Branson)



Ashley Griffin

Emma Locke

Joan Abbey

Hope you have a good day!

Please pray...

- ...for the many situations around the world where there is ongoing conflict and unrest
- ...for victims of abuse and homelessness
- ...for people who are unwell
- ...for people in our corps who are unable to join us for worship
- ...for each other

What to do in the garden in October

- Rake up fallen leaves and add them to the compost heap or make leaf mould.
- Prune perennials to prevent rot and deter pests.
- Plant Spring-blooming bulbs; daffodils first followed by tulips and alliums. For those who crave colour in the colder months, consider bedding with winter-flowering plants like pansies and cyclamens, which thrive in cooler temperatures.
- If you're mowing the lawn in October, set your mower to a higher setting. Longer grass can better withstand the winter chill.
- Use a garden fork or aerator to create small holes in your lawn, allowing it to breathe and improving water drainage.

The Corps Council are in the process of preparing the Corps Profile for when Joy and I retire fully next year. I asked them to share with me their thoughts and someone wrote: '...there is a warmth and love for each other, a concern for each other's welfare throughout all facets of the Church family.'

'We are family'. So let me conclude with some words of Paul to the church in Thessalonica:

'Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of God's family Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more...' (1 Thess 4: 9 – 10)

*Every blessing,
Majors Cliff and Joy Allchin*

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Coming events:

Every Tuesday - lunch club - £3.50 for a three-course meal. Doors open at 11.30am.

Thursday 17th October - Prayer and Bible Fellowship – at 10.45am.

Thursday 31st October – *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.

Sunday 20th October – Band and Songsters visit to Keighley Corps. This is in the afternoon.

Thursday 24th October – Corps Council meeting, 7.00pm

Coming next month... tickets available soon

Colours of Autumn lunch

Saturday 9th November

1.00 – 3.00pm

Homemade soup & hotdog

Choice of cakes, tea/coffee – £3.50

The Charity shop will be having a Christmas sale on this day too.



Corps Anniversary celebrations – This year sees LWH celebrate its 140th Anniversary, on the weekend of 23rd/24th November. Our guest for the weekend is our Divisional Leader, Major Alec Still, and our musical guests are Kerry and Nick Lester. The Saturday will be a Flower Festival from 10.00am to 2.30pm, refreshments will be available, the Charity Shop will be open, and the band, songsters and our musical guests will each present a 30-minute programme. The flower arrangements will each be based around all that we currently do as a Corps, and we are asking for you to offer your help in getting the displays together on the Friday afternoon from 12.30pm. Major Cliff has arranged for a friend, Wendy Scott, to come in at that time to teach how to present flower displays and will assist in putting them together. Please let us know if you have some experience of flower arrangements and would be willing to help us with this. (We will be coming round and asking different people to get involved!)

Brass learners' group – This has begun and seems to be going well. If you would like to learn to read music or/and play a brass instrument, come along after the meeting, upstairs with Lyndon and Ashley, for 30 minutes, during coffee time. Adults as well as children are welcome.



Major Cliff's planned preaching:

6 th October	13 th October	20 th October	27 th October
COs away	COs away	Called to be God's people	Called to be God's people
Karen & Russell	Kay	Psalm 95	John 17: 6-13; 20-26
		Called to Worship	Called to Fellowship

A BIG
Thank
YOU

You may have noticed we have new lights in the main hall and the community room. This has been organised by Martyn Locke through and with his place of work. We would like to say a big thank you to Steve Greenwood at S&R Electrical Contracting Services who did the work, Aaron Laverty from National Lighting who supplied the light fittings and Peter Day from Switch Electrical Wholesale who supplied all the extras and bits we needed. I'm sure you will agree the lights look great – thank you all!



Did you know – Pumpkin is a fruit, not a vegetable, and belongs to the same family as cucumbers and melons.

The history of pumpkin carving at Halloween is generally associated with a ghostly figure known as “Stingy Jack” or “Jack O’Lantern”. He is a lost soul resigned to wandering the earth and preying on unsuspecting travellers. In Ireland and Scotland, people placed vegetable carvings, typically using turnips which depicted faces, on their doorstep in order to frighten this spirit away. According to this interpretation of the pumpkin carving tradition, immigrants to North America continued the custom of placing Jack-o’-lanterns outside. However, instead of using small, tricky-to-carve vegetables, they used more visually appealing, much bigger and more readily available pumpkins.



Halloween Word Search



Light Night, Leeds
24th and 25th October

Light Night invites people to see the city in a new light and discover free arts events across the city centre. From large-scale light projections and interactive installations, to music, dance and street performances, there is always something for everyone!



Light is used to symbolize God, faith, and holiness throughout Scripture. As Christians, we are called to not only walk in the light but to be the light for others.