

Worship in March

Sunday 7th

10:00 am **Barry Empson** Mothering Sunday
4:30pm **All Age Worship** – Loving Families *Followed by Faith tea*

Sunday 14th

10:00am **Spirit & Song Service** & Parade followed by shared lunch

Sunday 21st

10:00am **Mervyn Flecknoe** Palm Sunday

Sunday 28th

10:00am **Rev Andrew Taylor** Easter Day Holy Communion

Prayer Groups

Meet every Monday @ 7:30pm and Tuesday @ 10:30am Usually in Room 4 All welcome

Cell Groups meet on alternate Mondays, on Tuesday evenings & on Thursday afternoons.

Please check weekly notices for times.

CAMEO Meet Wednesdays 2:00 –3:00pm usually in room I

Baildon Buddies meet 1:00–3:00pm in Wesleys each Thursday for social activities.

Film show on first Thursday each month £3.00 per meeting. All welcome

Youth Group Meets fortnightly at 6:30pm Fridays 11th & 18th March

Computer Drop-in Sessions every two months next one 19th March

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Centre Pages

A book full of stories

If history is the stories we tell about ourselves, as someone once said, could prayer be the stories we would like to be part of, with the Lord?

- I praise God because I need reminding (repeatedly, till it's part of me) that God is praiseworthy: great, good, glorious and gracious. That's why I want to be in his story.
- I ask God for help with problems because I'd rather not be in that particular episode, or if I have to be, please can it help bring about a wonderful denouement that nothing else could.
- I pray for others for much the same reasons – to straighten out their bio or enrich them in ways beyond imagining (God's stories are so astonishing in their twists, turns, and endings).
- But then there's pondering prayers, when I have to ask God what the plot actually is, because it's sometimes easy to lose, isn't it? What are you doing, Lord? Which way now, and with whom?
- Worship can also include hindsight prayers, when I see and marvel at the narrative God is writing as he leads me, allowing for my likes and leanings, though always true to his overall theme.
- And any time is thank you time: for keeping me to his plotline, through all the rival tales and rumours that might tempt me into dead ends – down to sloughs of despond; up blind alleys where the wayward prowls, or too dangerously near the edge.

Can you pray like this too?

Thank you, Lord, for writing me into your script, through Jesus, Amen.

Roy Lorrain-Smith

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A prayer for each week of March

7th Dear Lord, Great Author of all that is, please help me not to lose the plot on the way to you, through Jesus. Amen

14th . Dear Lord, Master Editor of all our work, please help me to accept all your amendments of my best efforts. Amen.

21st Dear Lord, Expert Spinner of all our yarns, please help me blend along side all those with whom you ply me. Amen.

28th Dear Lord, Chief Weaver of all our plotlines, please help me accept and play each role in which you cast me. Amen.

Your own prayers

Lectionary readings through March

7th	Josh 5:9-12	Psalms 32	2 Cor, 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3
14th	Isaiah 42:16-21	Psalms 126	Phill. 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
21st	Luke 19:28-40	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29		
28th	Acts 10:34-43 or Acts 10:34-43	Isaiah 65:17-25 John 20:1-18 or	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 Luke 24:1-12	1 Cor. 15:19-26 or

Keep up to date with what's going on... Every week an e-Mail is distributed to church folk which let's them know what's going on in Church Life. If you don't already receive the e-Mail, then please let Ashley know

Minister's Letter

Dear friends,

Most of you will be aware that I combine being minister here in Bradford North with the role of Mission Enabler for the West Yorkshire Methodist District. Managing two half time jobs can sometimes be tricky, but it has the benefit of being rooted here, whilst enjoying the variety and diversity of the wider district.

Two district initiatives which I am currently working on, which I hope some of you will come to be involved in, or at least be supporting in prayer, are The Story of Light and the Friends of Malham.

The Story of Light is about increasing the significance we place on telling our Christian story, both to those who come onto our premises, and those around us day to day. It's about thinking about all the opportunities we have to share, and helping one another take those opportunities. We're calling it a season to shine. The intensive period will be Easter to Pentecost next year, but from now on is planning, and from Advent will be preparation, particularly in prayer. I have the task over the next couple of months of preparing a handbook for the Story of Light - I would value your prayers!

Friends of Malham is about supporting the work of Malham Methodist Chapel. Many of you will know Malham, with its tarn and cove, indeed will have walked up there for many years. The Chapel is right next to the National Parks Visitor Centre, a really strategic setting. The local congregation is faithful but small, and for the mission there to be developed they need help - friends. I am hoping we can, from across the district, find such friends. Some will have skills necessary to help develop the premises, others will be available to have the place open at bank holidays and busy times. Some may support financially, or prayerfully. We'll see what God has in mind. If you're interested to know more get in touch at friendsofmalham@aol.com, or give me a ring.

With both these projects we're seeking to take the opportunities we're given to share the good news of God's love. But we don't need projects or initiatives to do that. Isn't that what we're called to every day?

Please think prayerfully about SoL and FoM, but more importantly about your opportunities today.

Blessings

Nick