



Altofts **Methodist** Church

Weekly Notices

Sunday 7 March 2010

A warm welcome to everyone. We hope you will enjoy worshipping God with us.

Today's Services

8:30am Rev. Pat Aitchison *Holy Communion*

Steward Tom Ferguson

10:45am Dea. Ronnie Aitchison *Family Service*

Door Steward Myra Hayes

Reader Gillian Dennison

Organist David Charlston

Stewards Pauline Milne Hazel Millington

6:00pm Mrs. Ruth Miles

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To distribute flowers Myra Hayes

Next Sunday (Mothering Sunday)

10:45am Rev. Dr. Liz Smith *Family Service*

Door Steward Stan Whitford

Reader Joan Silcock

Organist Tom Ferguson

Stewards Christina Hepburn Linda Whittingham

6:00pm Dea. Ronnie Aitchison

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To distribute flowers Sue Hopwood

We extend a warm welcome to everyone. The candles will be lit a few minutes before the service begins and the organist will stop playing. There will be a period for quiet reflection before the service begins.

This Week's Events

Monday	9:15am 11:30am 12:00pm 6:30pm	Mums and Toddlers Prayer Meeting Altofts Health Walk Shell Group
Tuesday	7:30pm	Women's Friendship Group - 'Magistrates' with Sally Clamp and Friends
Wednesday	7:30pm	Table Tennis
Thursday	10:00am 1:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Indoor Bowls Mums and Toddlers Scouts Lent Course at Normanton MC
Friday	5:45pm 6:30pm 7:15pm 8:00pm	Pilates (beginner to improver) Pilates (beginner to improver) Pilates (improver to intermediate) Pilates (beginner to improver)
Saturday	10:00am 2:00pm	Hailey Black School of Dance Sponsored Sing

Diary Dates

Friday 12 March	7.00pm	Quiz and Supper - a celebration of Fairtrade at Ackworth MC.
Sunday 14 March Mothering Sunday	10.45am	Chairman of the District, Rev. Dr. Liz Smith will be taking the morning service.
Wednesday 17 March	7:30pm	Open Meeting regarding the 'new' circuit at Featherstone MC. All welcome
Saturday 20 March	7:00pm	Quiz and Supper
Sunday 21 March	11.45am	General Church Meeting
Sunday 28 March Chapel Anniversary		20 th Anniversary of Altofts Methodist Church. Both services will be taken by Rev. Marian Jones
Sunday 9 May	10.45am	Commissioning service for pastoral visitors, Junior Church and crèche staff

Other Notices

QUIZ NIGHT

There will be a family quiz night on Saturday 20 March at 7.00pm. Tickets

at £5.00 each include a supper of jacket potatoes with various fillings followed by dessert. Tickets available

from the stewards or Tom Ferguson (tomferg80@googlemail.com, 01924 893004).

MOTHERING SUNDAY

The District Chair, Rev. Dr. Liz Smith will be taking the Mothering Sunday morning service next week. This will be a family service. March coffee group to serve refreshments afterwards.

SUNDAY 28 MARCH

The chapel anniversary will be on Palm Sunday, 28 March. Both services will be led by Rev. Marian Jones. As the March coffee group will have done their stint on the 14th, we need volunteers for the morning of 28th March. If you are able to help please sign up on the list at the back of church.

WFG

This Tuesday the Women's Friendship Group will welcome Mrs. Sally Clamp and colleagues to speak about magistrates. We hope for a good attendance at this meeting. All ladies welcome.

GTS

Could all pastoral visitors collect their copies of GTS from the vestry please? Tom.

CREST CHARITY 500 DINNER

The aim of the dinner is to raise £500 to be shared between Christian Aid and Martin House Hospice. The dinner will take place on Monday 26 April 2010, 7.30pm at the Kyte Hotel in Darrington. Tickets at £15.00 include a menu of corn-fed roast chicken, potatoes and vegetables, dessert, coffee and mints. Drinks available from the bar. The guest speaker will be Rev. Graham Carter,

chairman of the Darlington Methodist District and former president of conference. Get your tickets from the stewards or Deb Storey on 01977 644843.

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

Please note that the General Church Meeting will take place after the morning service on 21 March. Please put this date in your diaries and try to attend the meeting if possible. All are welcome to attend the meeting, but only church members are entitled to vote.

MICKLEGATE SPRING FAIR

Micklegate's annual spring fair will take place on Saturday 13 March from 10am-2pm. There will be various stalls including tombola, bric a brac, cakes, Fairtrade and fancy goods. Refreshments will be on sale. Admission is free – all welcome.

SPONSORED SING

There will be a sponsored sing on Saturday 13 March from 2.00pm. The proceeds will be split equally between Methodist Missions and Church funds. If you would like a sponsor form please see one of the stewards. There will also be a form at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor a hymn for £1. If it's not from Hymns and Psalms, please see Tom first.

QUIZ

A quiz is available on the table at the back of church. The latest offering is a 'hymn quiz', entry fee is 50p. Please hand your completed sheets to Doreen Sweeting or one of the stewards. The winner will receive a box of chocolates.

FLOWER BOOK

If you know of anybody who is ill or who would appreciate the flowers on a Sunday please put their **name and address** in the flower book which is on the table in the porch.

COLLECTION

Last week's offering: £464.20

GREEN 'GIFT AID' ENVELOPES

At each service a collection is taken for the life and work of the church, without this the church could not operate. If you

are a UK tax payer HMRC, via the Gift Aid scheme, will add 28% to the value of your gift at no cost to you. If you wish to do this place your donation in one of the green envelopes (to be found in your seat or in the foyer), fill in your details and put it in the collection. Thank you.

ITEMS FOR THE NOTICE SHEET

Please hand any brief notices to Tom on Sundays, email them to tomferg80@googlemail.com or phone 893004 before 7pm on Tuesday.

Tea Towel Rota

Fortnight Commencing	
Monday 8 March	Carole Blanshard
Monday 22 March	Glenys Turton

Flower Arrangers

No flowers in Lent		
4 April (Easter Sunday)	All arrangers	



An induction loop is installed in this church for the hard of hearing. If you use a hearing aid switch it to the 'T' position.

Altofts Methodist Church is a Fairtrade Church.



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