



Altofts **Methodist** Church

Weekly Notices

Sunday 14 March 2010

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

Today's Services

10:45am	Rev. Dr. Liz Smith	<i>Family Service</i>
		Door Steward Stan Whitford
		Reader Joan Silcock
		Organist Tom Ferguson
	Stewards Christina Hepburn	Linda Whittingham

6:00pm	Dea. Ronnie Aitchison	Reader Christina Hepburn
		Organist David Charlston
	Stewards Christina Hepburn	Tom Ferguson

<i>To distribute flowers</i>	Sue Hopwood	
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Next Sunday

10:45am	Rev. Barry Lotz	<i>Holy Communion and Junior Church</i>
		Door Steward Glenys Turton
		Reader David Parkinson
		Organist David Charlston
	Stewards Hazel Millington	Tom Ferguson

6:00pm	Worship Leaders	<i>Songs of Praise</i>
		Reader Susan Marsh
		Organist Doreen Sweeting
	Stewards Pauline Milne	Sue Marsh

<i>To distribute flowers</i>	June Glover	
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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	Mums and Toddlers Prayer Meeting Altofts Health Walk Blood Donor Session No Shell Group due to Blood Donor Session
Tuesday	7:00pm	Indoor Bowls
Wednesday	10:30am 7:30pm 7:30pm	Midweek Break – Barry Firth: “Trip to the Big Apple” Table Tennis Open Meeting at Featherstone regarding the new circuit. All welcome to attend.
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 7:00pm	Hailey Black School of Dance Quiz and Supper

Diary Dates

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
Thursday 8 April	7.30pm	Extra-ordinary Church Council Meeting to discuss ‘Mapping a Way Forward’.
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).

SONGS OF PRAISE

Next Sunday evening will be a Songs of Praise service. If you would like to choose a hymn and say a few words about it please let Tom know today if possible, or Tuesday evening at the very latest.

90KG RICE CHALLENGE

Churches Together in Altofts & Normanton have taken up this challenge. Each of the 6 churches has 15kg of fairly traded rice to sell. 90kg is the amount of rice a farmer in Malawi has to sell to enable him to send 1 of his children to high school.

I shall have the rice in church this Sunday but see me anytime if you want to buy any of the rice. The price of the rice is £2.50 per kilo bag.

Thank you. Sylvia

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

WFG had a great night on Tuesday when Sally Clamp and her friend Jan came to present us with life, as they see it, as a magistrate. We, too, tried to be magistrates for the night, but although a few would be very good at it, I'm afraid some of us would be no good at all. That's life! But it was really very interesting, and gave us a good insight

on procedures and sentencing. We all enjoyed it very much, and had a good turn out. Thank you ladies. Midweek Break are in for a good morning when Sally returns to chat to them. Linda.

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 are £15.00. The guest speaker is 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.

THE LEPROSY MISSION

Many thanks to everyone who recently donated used or unused stamps. They are all gratefully received. Thank you so much. we'll have to give prizes for best "snippers" soon. On inspection not many wasted this time. Well done to all of you. May God Bless you, Jeannie Wood.

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.

QUIZ SHEET

If you have completed the latest Hymn Quiz please let Doreen Sweeting have it by next Sunday at the latest.

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: £

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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