

# Blackley Baptist Church

## *Gatherings for Peace*



## The Broadcaster

Aug - Sept 2024

Welcome to the Aug/Sept edition of The Broadcaster.

We hope that you enjoy reading our magazine, and that it helps to keep you in touch and up to date with all that is happening here at Blackley. We are a friendly and inclusive church, meeting together every Sunday, gathering for Peace.

## Hello from our Ministers!

Dear Friends,

“Anything fresh?” Do you recognise the question? It usually came up early in any conversation I had with Trevor. Perhaps it did for you as well. This is the first edition of the Broadcaster since Trevor died on 27<sup>th</sup> June. As he’d been at Blackley Baptist Church for all 96 years of his life, it seems only right to begin this edition with some reflection on his amazing life and our great loss as a church community, although he features again later as well.

As we’ve said, in Trevor, we have lost our church senior statesmen and faithful friend. More than this, none of us can remember Blackley without him. For us all, he has always been at Blackley, for as long as we have known the church. Trevor’s death is a personal and community loss for us all and we need to be gentle with ourselves and one another as we begin to navigate church life without him.

It’s in this spirit that I’d like to return to the question that I put in my address at Trevor’s Funeral. **How will you be encouraged or challenged by the example of Trevor?** We’ll all have our own response, but what I’d like to think about here is our response together as a church community. How will we as a church be encouraged or challenged by the example of Trevor? I’d like to make two suggestions.

The first is in our commitment to faithful service which Trevor lived out so wonderfully. Let’s be committed to our faith in the God we know in Jesus Christ, demonstrating it in our service to one another, the church and the wider community. Secondly, as we do so, may we always be able to answer Trevor’s question “Anything fresh?” as we think and speak and act in new and fresh ways in the service of Christ. May there always be “something fresh” at Blackley.

As I’ve read though this edition of the Broadcaster, I see plenty of fresh faithful service in our life together which I hope will encourage us all and lead us to welcome fresh people to Blackley in fresh ways.

As I also said at his funeral, Trevor ‘lived in time with hope’ and I close again with the faithful words of the King James version from Romans chapter 8 which he chose for the service.

‘Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.’ Amen.

(Romans 8: 37-39)



# Peace with God...

... through Worship at Blackley

**Worship on Sundays** will be in the chapel at Blackley, and on Facebook, **at 10.30 am**, and now on You Tube. It will be led by one or more of our ministers, Andy, Jo and Nikki, unless otherwise stated. Please note that **Worship for Everyone at 2.00 pm on the first Sunday of the month will not be on Facebook or You Tube** for Safeguarding reasons but will be on the church Zoom account. Contact Andy or Jo for the link.

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<b>BBC 1</b>	<b>Worship for Everyone at 2.00 pm</b> in the TJ Hall
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<b>BBC 2</b>	Worship
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<b>BBC 3</b>	Worship with Les and Friends from St Augustine's Centre with communion
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Prayers for Peace and Justice</b>
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<b>BBC 4</b>	Worship (Jo, Andy and Nikki at Greenbelt)
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Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	<b>BBC 1</b>	<b>10.30 am Shorter Service</b> in the Chapel, to be followed by the <b>Scattering of Ashes of Wendy Hirst</b> . All are welcome to join Guy and family for this short act of remembrance.
		<b>12.00 pm 'Champions' Brunch Barbeque.</b>
		<b>1.30 pm 'Champions' Holiday Club Afternoon</b> – for kids, parents, grandparents, family, and church family – all coming together to end our Holiday Club.
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>BBC 2</b>	Worship
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>BBC 3</b>	Worship with Communion
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	<b>BBC 4</b>	Worship
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Prayers for Peace and Justice</b>
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>BBC 5</b>	<b>Worship and Congregation and Church Meeting on Project Violet</b>

**Advance notice: Harvest Festival Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

... through thinking and learning together

*If you were holding a dinner party, who from the Bible might make an interesting guest? Who intrigues you or fascinates you? One person who has intrigued me is Zacchaeus. I can't invite him to dinner and hear from him, but I could imagine what his story might contain. So here is my imaginative account of someone having Zacchaeus at their dinner table, which made me ponder how meeting with Jesus changes us all.*

*Jenny*

## WHEN ZACCHAEUS CAME TO DINNER.

Yesterday evening there was a truly amazing dinner party at our house! The man who had been one of Rome's chief Tax Collectors sat at table with us and with our Rabbi. Rabbi Simon greeted him very warmly and stayed on after the meal to chat with him until late. I thought they would never go!

My husband, Benjamin, had met Zacchaeus through his work and said he was a totally different man from the snooty tax collector who had become rich by overcharging people, and who hadn't had a pleasant word for anyone. Ben was so impressed that he had invited him to dinner! I couldn't quite believe in this wonderful change and was very dubious about him coming to eat with us – especially as they'd chosen the evening when Rabbi Simon was coming! We all knew what the Rabbi thought concerning Roman Tax Collectors! Still, it was what Benjamin wanted, and I decided not to fuss.

Then I remembered something that had happened quite recently. We hadn't been married long, and were very hard up. Ben had gone to pay our tax and had come home upset and angry because we had been charged far too much, and there was nothing he could do about it. Then a few days later there was a knock on the door and a servant of Zacchaeus stood there. He repaid the overcharge and gave us a very generous sum to "compensate us" for any inconvenience! The 'inconvenience' had been several very hungry days! We were stunned and so relieved! We couldn't imagine what had happened! I wondered if we might find out more when he came to dinner.

The evening arrived. Conversation at the meal was a bit strained and halting at first, but Ben had produced a lovely wine, and everyone relaxed quite quickly. I reminded Zacchaeus of his kind gesture to us when he had returned our overcharged money, and said how much the added gift had meant to us. It was then that Zacchaeus told us what had happened to him that had changed his life.

He had always hated being so short, and that, if ever he wanted to see anything in a crowd, he had to climb up something. He found it very humiliating! On the day that Jesus of Nazareth was due to come through the village he really wanted to see this man that everyone was talking about, and so he had found a particularly flourishing sycamore tree and used that. He'd thought he would be invisible, and when Jesus stopped under the tree he was appalled. As he peered down through the branches, he saw Jesus looking up at him, and the look on Jesus' face, and the loving acceptance in His eyes was an overwhelming experience, which demanded an immediate response. So Zacchaeus, never minding what the crowd thought, almost fell out of the tree, and on his knees at Jesus' feet, he made the great promise to live an honest and generous life in the future and to do whatever he could to recompense those he had defrauded. Jesus clearly recognized and accepted his sincerity and his devotion. Zacchaeus said that his devotion to Jesus had continued to grow and that he would never forget the joy he had felt when Jesus said. *"Salvation has come to this house today!"*

*"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face;  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of His glory and grace.*

## **And from David Denton...**

Remember on Pentecost Sunday Nikki preached on the following two readings Acts 2:1-21 and John 15:26-27, and part of chapter 16. She asked the question several times, "What does it mean?" So, I would like to share with you the musings of an old minister.

I came across this story some time ago. Many years ago, a conference was being held in which delegates from across Europe were involved. Naturally, translators were needed so that everyone was able to keep track of the proceedings. One delegate was speaking about regional qualities in France and was particularly grateful for the wisdom shown by representatives from Normandy. Unfortunately, this was translated as giving thanks for Norman Wisdom! I'm sure that it provided some light relief in the intensity of the meeting.

But I have great admiration for those who do provide translations in such circumstances and am fascinated whenever I see people signing what is being said to an audience. At Sheffield Road in Barnsley we had a deaf fellowship who worshipped with us and the minister's wife signed the whole service for them. It is a demanding task. There is so much pressure on them – to give accurate translations, to listen intently to others speaking, providing translations whilst other speech is continuing and ensuring that none of the vital information is omitted or misrepresented. It must need total focussed concentration for many hours at a time and that can be exhausting. It is such an amazing skill!

And yet on the day of Pentecost, somehow, people did not need to switch languages or worry about translations. They could all understand in their own language. That must have been so exciting – and absolutely amazing! People were in Jerusalem from many different nations around the Mediterranean. It is possible that they would have been able to get by in Greek, the common language in that area at the time, but for some that would have meant that their use of the language would have been quite basic. But on this occasion, their grasp of a common language was not a problem because each one of them was able to hear and understand someone speaking in their native tongue!

When he left them, Jesus had promised his disciples that they would receive power through the Holy Spirit which would enable them to share the gospel and on that first day of Pentecost, all those in Jerusalem were witness to the coming of the Holy Spirit and to the difference it could make to those who received it. What an amazing gift! On that day, some people were given the power to communicate the gospel message whilst others were given the power to understand it. No wonder there was such excitement, such a buzz as people were enlivened by God's word, knowing that God's love was for them, regardless of their roots, their background or their status in society. It wasn't just for a favoured few but was for everyone.

The Holy Spirit changed lives on that day – not just the lives of the disciples, but the lives of all those who heard and who committed their lives to God by being baptised. The Holy Spirit continues to change lives and to empower people to share the gospel message and to continue in the work which Jesus entrusted to them. We are called to continue in that work, but like all those who have gone before us, we do not need to feel that we are on our own. The Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen us so that we can share God's love in the world where we live and will help us to communicate in ways which those we meet will understand.

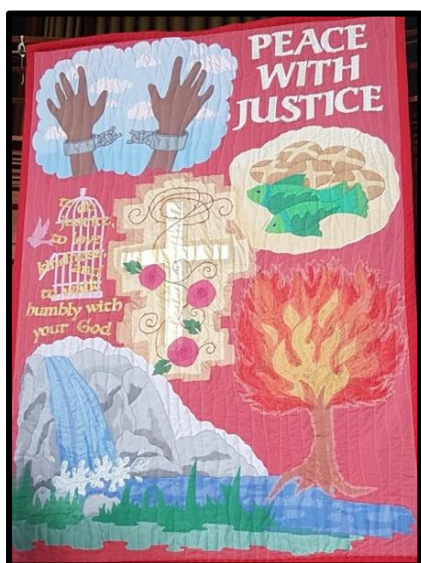


At Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the way in which the Holy Spirit becomes known in people's lives. But this isn't just a memorial of an historical occasion. It's a celebration of the way in which the Holy Spirit continues to change people's lives and a time when we can acknowledge the work of the Holy Spirit in our own lives. We may not have spotted the flames hovering above our heads or have conversed fluently with residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia in their own languages, but it can be a good time to give thanks for the many other ways that God's Holy Spirit has touched us, empowered us in difficult or challenging times, comforted us in sad times, energised us in joyful times and guided us as we have sought to serve our Lord in our daily lives.

And, it's a time for looking forward. A time to recommit ourselves to serving God and asking his Holy Spirit to refresh us and equip us to continue living our lives in his service.

Maybe you would like to use this prayer.

*Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us, freshen us, renew us,  
open our eyes to the needful tasks, and our own abilities to fulfil the work.  
Enable us to be identified as God's holy people by our love and joy,  
our peace and patience, our kindness and generosity, our faithfulness,  
gentleness and self-control. May we shine as lights in the world to the glory of  
God. Amen.*



## Peace with Justice...

...through action for Peace

### Peace Conference (for Inter Faith Week)

Saturday November 16th

10.00am to 3.30pm

The Blackley Centre,

**'Peace – Inside and Out'**

**Free conference with lunch provided**

Donations welcome

**Organised by Calderdale Interfaith with partners:**

The Peace Studies Department: University of Bradford

The Blackley Centre and Blackley Baptist Church

<https://blackleycentre.co.uk/>

In a world that seems increasingly fragmented and conflictual, how do we live for peace? We are delighted that this Peace Conference will be taking place at Blackley and Andy is part of the planning group. It may be that we are catering for the occasion so if you are a caterer, prepare to be approached!

This will be a big day at Blackley, taking a practical approach to being people who live for peace, so please be part of it.



## ... through Project Violet

Over the past few years a dedicated group have listened, investigated and documented the experiences of women in Baptist Ministry. This piece of work has been called **Project Violet** after the first female ordained Minister, Violet Hedger.

In October 1919, Violet Hedger arrived at Regent's Park College, as the first Baptist woman to be college trained for ordination. She gained her BD in 1923 and was ordained in 1926. Interestingly, from 1934-1937 Violet was minister of North Parade, here in Halifax, becoming the first female **sole** pastor in charge of a Yorkshire Baptist Church.



To mark 100 years of women's ministry Project Violet was commissioned as a major study into women's experience of ministry. Its purpose is to understand more fully the theological, missional, and structural obstacles women ministers face in the Baptist community in England and Wales. In exploring the stories and experiences of many women the researchers (one of whom was Revd Jane Day, known to many of us here) have identified 56 Requests for Change on which BUGB have asked Churches, Associations and teams to seriously reflect and engage.

At Baptist Assembly in May there was an amazing exhibition of poster sized graphics displaying the key findings and 'Requests for Change' and **IT IS COMING TO BLACKKEY**

**On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**, our Centre Peace and Quiet Day will be given over to a day of workshops, discussion and reflection with others from churches throughout Yorkshire around and over the Exhibition. Lunch will be provided. This is a really special event and we hope that folk from Blackley, especially men who can ally with women on this issue, will come along.

**On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**, the Exhibition will be open all day for people to come in their own time to look at the graphics, staying as long or as short a time as they chose.





## Peace with Creation

### ... through our creativity!

Last edition I encouraged you to consider a move to shampoo or conditioner bars as one small thing we can do to make a difference as we work for climate justice. I read this week science researchers in California found that the volatile chemical products in things like shampoo, cleaning products and paint contribute as much to urban air pollution as exhaust emissions from cars, so changing our personal and home cleaning products does matter.

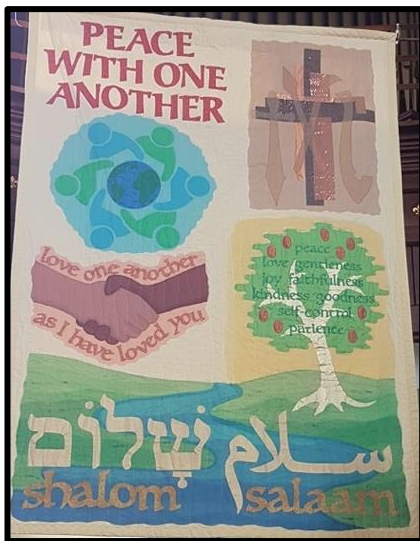
I came across this website by accident when looking for something else. It was the website of the University of California in Davis, which is the USA's national leading university in sustainability. It was fascinating to read what they are doing with interesting blog articles such as 'Using waste heat in decarbonising food production' but I can't honestly say that I understood it all. What I did understand was a simple list of 18 things anyone can do to make a difference to the climate crisis – including: switching off some lights; replacing inefficient light bulbs; washing clothes at lower temperatures; turning the thermostat down on the heating; car sharing and/or cycling instead of taking the car; planting something, especially plants that help the bees and other pollinating insects.

I was encouraged because I guess that many of us are doing these things already – the car sharing service from Lindley/Huddersfield seems to be working very well, and at church we have replaced numerous lightbulbs with LEDs in an effort to make a difference. But we need to continue to make these changes, and look for new ways.

One interesting thing that UC Davis website encouraged was to get creative! "Exploring ideas and feelings about the changing world through song, [visual arts](https://youtu.be/G2jCrcKiqVE), writing and more can be a powerful way to share your unique perspective and help people understand climate change through a different lens." [<https://youtu.be/G2jCrcKiqVE>] So, at the beginning of October we will be celebrating Harvest, and it would be brilliant if we could have some examples of our own creativity as we think about the creativity of God.

Could you write a hymn or a poem, create a prayer of praise – or confession we could use in worship? Maybe you could draw/sculpt/craft something that expresses your concern for the climate and the issue of climate change? I'll leave it with you!





## Peace with One Another...

Part of our collective life here at Blackley is sharing in each other's joys and struggles, and those of our families. In our Community News which we share on Sundays week by week we remind ourselves that we are part of a wider family. If any of our readers has information that it would be good to share either here or in Community News, mindful that we broadcast our services, please do let us know.

In June our dear friend Trevor Wilson died after a very short stay in hospital. We held his funeral service on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and it was attended by more than 170 people – truly remarkable for a 96 year old man, who was an only child and who never married. It was a clear testimony to the measure of respect, gratitude and affection which was felt for Trevor. As a church we are so grateful for all we received from and through him: his wisdom, his friendship, his steadfast support and faithful service, but above all his friendship. Although Trevor has not been at Blackley for worship for some years, we have known he was there, following the service by the paper copy, connecting with us by phone, keeping up to date with all that was going on for the church generally and for people individually. So there is a huge gap, and we all care for each other and for all of Trevor's family and friends at this time, holding all in love and in our prayers. Huge thanks to Tricia Wilkinson who worked so hard to make all Trevor's clear instructions for the funeral happen, and a massive 'Well done!' to Guy for delivering a wonderful eulogy. If you missed the funeral the service is available to view on YouTube. Please contact Jo for the link.

This year we have lost 4 wonderful and much-loved people from our church community in Roy, Wendy, Raymond and now Trevor, and also Derek, good friend to Joe and the church. In addition, as Joe reminded us at a meeting recently, Elland has lost 4 key Christian figures as, not only did Raymond and Trevor have a major impact and role in Elland, we have also heard of the recent deaths of Howard Pickles and Michael Bailey, who were also well known in Elland and dear friends to folk at Blackley. We hold their families and Southgate Church in our prayers, and remember our town too which has lost stalwart Christian gentlemen.

Happier news: Caroline has let us know that her mother who was very poorly in August, has picked up considerably, is now off oxygen and making good progress. We continue to pray for a full recovery for her, remembering Caroline, Gordon and Poppy who have been so anxious about her, as well as their other 'grandma' who is also unwell. We celebrated with the Smith/Field family with Maddison being made Deputy Head Girl and William a school Ambassador, and Jessica receiving a promotion at work. We were impressed by Chris and Ray's daughter Caroline who had her head shaved to raise money for Prostate Cancer, and no Ray, we are not going to call her 'Gary' [baldie].

We had a great time with our Olympics Warm -up and it was fantastic to welcome our friends from The Rock to that event as well as hosting another cooking session for them. We look forward to finding new ways to connect and show our love and welcome to these great young men.

David and Carole Denton have had a tough summer, which hasn't been enhanced by a recent fall by David, landing on his nose. Ouch! Thankfully his usual good looks have returned but we continue to pray for them both. Margaret Jackson has also had a nasty fall, damaging her back, and Joe's ear continues to be very tender.

We also think of Steve Green who, at the point of writing is approaching a hip replacement on August 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope and pray that the operation goes smoothly, and that the recovery is smooth. Quite a few of our folk have been having tests and appointments over recent weeks, and there is quite a lot of anxiety about health around. We remember you all in our prayers – do keep in touch with us to let us know how you are doing and what we can do to help. We wish you strength and healing, and God's unfailing peace in all things.

### ... through Meetings and Events

#### **Regular Meetings**

Wednesdays (**Beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September**) @ 9.30 – 11.00 **'Playing with Peace' Parent and Toddler group.** Please sign the list in the kitchen if you can help with snack time.

Thursdays @ 10.00

#### **Gathering to Work and Pray**

Northumbria Community Morning Prayer (PS) All welcome  
Church Working Party. Volunteers always welcome!

Thursdays @ 11.00

#### **Gathering for Coffee and Chat – Prayers, Workers, Walkers, & You!**

Thursdays @ 11.20

#### **Gathering to Sing (as advised)**

#### **Other Meetings/Events**

(known at the time of printing)

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	11.30 – 3.00	Blackley Centre Trustees Meeting
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00	Property and Finance Meet (PS)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	10.00 am	Deacons Officers and Minsters Meeting
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.30 – 12.15	'Champions' Children's Holiday Club
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.30 – 12.15	'Champions' Children's Holiday Club
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.30 – 12.15	'Champions' Children's Holiday Club 10.00 am
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 – 11.00	Playing with Peace Re-starts
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.00 pm	This is Our Life! (see below)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> /Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 3.00	Young Peace Ambassadors Refresher Days
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	All Day	Chi Chi Dance/Coffee Morning for MacMillan
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> /Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Project Violet Reflection Day and Exhibition
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	After worship	Church and congregation meeting



**Coming Soon...**  
**The Autumn Craft Fair!**  
**Keep the date! Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**



**...through Shake-it-all-about!**

**This is Our life!**

You're invited to an evening at Blackley Baptist Church on

**Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

An opportunity to discover what happens here.

Find out more about some of the groups who meet here, make new friends, and feel this place is home to many.

*Lovely Lasses; Playing with Peace; Mediation work; Sunday worship; Chi-Chi dance; Hypnotherapy; Inner Wheel; Inter-faith activities; Training days; Sing Space Choir; Peace and Quiet days...*

**...through the FLOWER ROTA 2024**



**AUGUST 2024**



4	-
11	Linda and Mike Greenwood
18	Elizabeth Norris
25	Jill Sykes

**SEPTEMBER 2024**



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8	Guy Hirst
15	Sue and Alan Clough
22	Mike and Jean Whitworth
29	Gordon and Pam Smith

**OCTOBER 2024**



<b>6</b>	<b>HARVEST</b>
13	Jenny Howland
20	Robert Ambler
27	Margaret and Neil Arber

Thank you for providing the flowers  
 If anyone wishes to change dates, please arrange between yourselves, but notify Desley Taylor

## ...through the Blackley Centre

Exciting news for The Blackley Centre was received just as we said goodbye to the Young Peace Ambassadors in June. Andy opened an email to discover that we had been successful in gaining an Awards for All grant of £20,000. This is a huge boost to our funds, and we are very grateful to God, and to The National Lottery!

During August the Centre takes a breathing space from many of the organised activities that take place on site. Christine Lenehan has moved into the downstairs small room, offering her 'Time to Heal' therapy sessions. She loves being based at Blackley and it is lovely to hear from her how clients and visitors are finding the place a real aid to finding peace and healing.

Mediation work continues, and the Centre is busy facilitating restorative processes with several churches.

In September we welcome the Young Peace Ambassadors and their teachers from Old Earth, St Patrick's, Cross Lane, Elland CoE, and Bowling Green Primary Schools back up to Blackley for their Refresher Days.

You are all invited to the  
**Blackley Centre Celebration Afternoon**  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**at 3.00 pm**

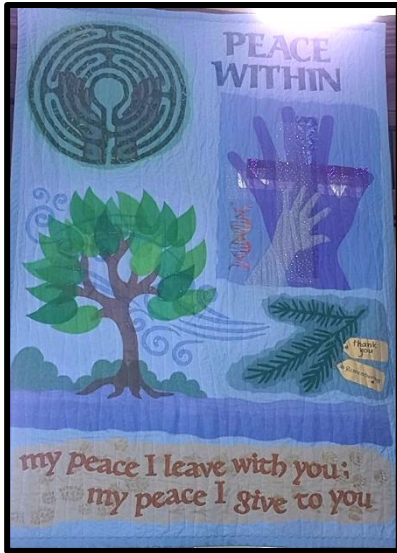
Come and find out far more  
about the work of The Blackley Centre.

Join us as we  
**Celebrate and Commission**  
the 2024 cohort of  
Young Peace Ambassadors  
at 4.00 pm



# Peace Within...

## ... through our beautiful site



We are incredibly lucky to have our church and centre located in a beautiful spot, and hugely indebted to those who work so hard week in, week out to keep the site looking amazing. As people come to Blackley for events and meetings, or for therapy sessions with Christine's 'Time to heal' we constantly hear people remark about the peace of the place.

Over the summer we have begun to develop this aspect still further by creating a Peace Garden alongside the Priestly Garden, incorporating the David Shutt memorial space. Our original hope to create a gazebo for peaceful conversations has been so tricky to make happen it has been decided in conversation with Margaret to combine this space with a Peace Garden, open to all to come and sit, reflect and rest in the peace of the place. Nikki and Jo have been working on this and would be grateful for any offers of help to make this a reality during August and September.

We also decided at the Church Meeting to create a Blackley Labyrinth. A labyrinth is a maze like feature which people walk peacefully and quietly. For those who come with a faith, it can be a helpful aid to prayer – walking slowly with God on an inward journey, and 'returning to the world' on the outward journey, but it is beneficial for anyone to walk who wants to engage in a mindful way with life, and health and the beauty of creation. It is a peace practice and we are delighted that we are going to be creating a labyrinth here at Blackley. It will be down at the bottom of the graveyard – admittedly not the most accessible part of the site but very definitely the best views! If you would like to contribute to this project with a financial gift, or a bit of practical muscle, both would be very much appreciated. We hope and believe that this will be an important and beautiful addition to Blackley.



Andrew Taylor walking the labyrinth at Wydale Hall, nr Scarborough



Friends walking the labyrinth on the island of Iona

And a labyrinth found by Sue in Shropshire



## ... through Prayer

People or families are listed each week together with some other areas to think about. This is not meant as an 'ought' or a pressure but something that is helpful so please use it in whatever way works for you. Thanks to Jean Whitworth for providing this for us each time. If there is something or someone which you feel should be included, please do let Jean know.

Week Com	People to remember this week	Areas of Church Life	Local Areas/Groups
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August. 2024</b>  <b>All Age Worship. 2pm TJ Hall</b>	Christine <b>Allcock</b> and family The <b>Allison</b> family The <b>Ambler</b> family Darren, Deborah, Phoebe and Thomas <b>Arber</b> Neil and Margaret <b>Arber</b> Doreen and Roger <b>Barlow</b> Pauline and George <b>Barnard</b> , Charlotte and Rob  Happy Birthday to Margaret Jackson (10 <sup>th</sup> )	Pray for our ministers Ministers Revs Jo, Andy and Nikki as they lead and guide us Be with our All Age worship, both the children and their families and our adult congregation.	Pray for our local community of Blackley as this holiday time begins May people feel refreshed and rejuvenated by their breaks. Especially think of the children and families.
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b>  <b>Church 10.30am</b>  <b>Reader: Doreen Barlow</b>	The <b>Baume</b> family Jean <b>Bennett</b> and family Leslie <b>Bolton</b> and family Joe <b>Braithwaite</b> and family Ann <b>Bryant</b> and family Caroline, Gordon and Poppy <b>Buckle</b> Susan and Alan <b>Clough</b> and family here and in Australia  Happy Birthday to Linda Greenwood (17 <sup>th</sup> )	Be with our Property and Finance Team as they care for our premises. Consider our Thursday Working Party and their consistent work in our grounds and buildings	Remember both our local sportsmen, and the international Olympic contestants. May they represent their countries with enthusiasm and honesty.
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>  <b>Church 10.30am</b>  <b>Communion</b>  <b>Reader Guy Hirst</b>	Mary <b>Crowther</b> and family Glenda and John <b>Dekker</b> and Family David and Carole <b>Denton</b> and family Gloria <b>Dyer</b> Elaine <b>Dyson</b> and family John <b>Farrar</b> and Margaret <b>Jackson</b> and family The <b>Field</b> and <b>Smith</b> families Chris and Steve <b>Green</b> and family Linda and Mike <b>Greenwood</b> and family. Elaine <b>Harvie</b>	We pray for the Interfaith group from St Augustine's who are invited to our morning worship. Pray for all the work which Jo and Andy do in our Centre Be with the deacons as they work to discern God's will for our church	Pray for the other Baptist Churches nearby. Upper Edge , New North Rd ,Salendine Nook, and Pellon Baptist. May they continue to spread your word to the wider community.
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>  <b>Church 10.30am</b>  <b>Bible Reader Chris Williams</b>	Guy <b>Hirst</b> and family Jenny <b>Howland</b> Brenda <b>Ingram</b> and family Nikki and Stuart <b>Jenkins</b> Patricia and Richard <b>Lindsay</b> Beryl <b>Mason</b> Patricia and Graham <b>Mitchell</b> and family Suzanne <b>Norcliffe</b> with Jonah and Sonny Jenny <b>Peckett</b> Alan and Maureen <b>Odams</b>  Happy Birthday to Roger Barlow	Be with the Deacons and Jenny as they lead our service this morning We especially remember the Holiday Club and pray that we have a good number of youngsters joining us	Think of the local community, Broster's Farm shop, the Cricket Club, the Golden Fleece, residents of Hazlemore Fold. The congregation at Blackley Baptist Church.

<p><b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>All Age Worship 2pm</b></p> <p><b>TJ Hall</b></p>	<p>Pam and Gordon <b>Smith</b> and family Margaret <b>Shutt</b> and family Lynn and Philip <b>Smith</b> and family Jean <b>Sykes</b> and family Jill <b>Sykes</b> and family here and in Australia . Desley and Andrew <b>Taylor</b> and family Susan and Ian <b>Taylor</b> and family.</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p>	<p>Welcome back to our regular Centre users after the summer break: Inner Wheel, Chi Chi dancers, Luvly Lasses. Pray for those of our congregation who can no longer join us because of age and illness. Know that they are remembered</p>	<p>Pray for children returning to school. Think of the teachers and other school staff as they work for the good of our children. Be aware of the users of the Centre as they return as well.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b></p> <p><b>Church 10.30a m</b></p> <p><b>Bible reader Margaret Shutt</b></p>	<p>Joan <b>Thornton</b> and family Clare and Anne &amp; families (<b>Townend</b>) Jean and Michael <b>Whitworth</b> &amp; family Chris and Ray <b>Williams</b> and family Wendy and Steve <b>Williams</b> and family. <b>Jo, Andy,</b> Alys and Megan</p> <p>Happy birthday Alan Odams</p>	<p>Service taken by Rev Nikki. Pray for Playing with Peace now on Wednesday mornings, led by Jo and Michelle. May we meet new children and families. We bring our church officers to you as they seek to lead our church in your ways. Pray for the Centre's Peace and Reconciliation work .</p>	<p>Think of our local medical services. Our doctors, nurses and other health workers. Pray for the patients in Overgate Hospice and Forget me Not Trust and their families. Be close to them in their hour of need</p>
<p><b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>Communion Church 10.30am</b></p> <p><b>Bible Reader Jenny Howland</b></p>	<p>Tricia <b>Wilkinson</b> &amp; family Joyce <b>Woodhouse</b> Roy &amp; Linda <b>Dicken</b> Margaret <b>Ellis</b> Those who attend. <b>Thursday Prayer group</b> and who lead it <b>Thursday Working Party</b> who help maintain our buildings and grounds</p>	<p>Be with Rev Nikki as she takes our service today. Be with all who serve and with our church in a very busy week The 'This is your life evening', for centre users. Chi – Chi Charity event. Be with the Young Peace Ambassadors and leaders on their refresher days</p>	<p>Remember the homeless and those living in very poor conditions. Be with those suffering from drug and alcohol related issues and those who work with them, including at COLT .</p>
<p><b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>Church 10.30am</b></p> <p><b>Bible reader Alan Odams</b></p>	<p><b>Christine</b> and the <b>catering</b> group. Those who provide our <b>music in</b> various different ways. Our new singing group.  <b>The Blackley Centre for Peace and Reconciliation</b>  The '<b>Shake it About Group</b>'</p>	<p>We pray for our congregation, both those who can attend regularly and others from further afield. As churches consider the implications of Project Violet we pray that the exhibition at Blackley is a significant event</p>	<p>Pray for those in financial difficulties Pray also for those who run the local food bank , and the Meals for Families Scheme We pray for Christine L and 'A Time to Heal' as she works and cares for people through therapy.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>Church 10.30am</b></p> <p><b>Bible Reader Joe Braithwaite</b></p>	<p>The <b>Blackley Centre</b> and the <b>Peace and Reconciliation work there.</b>  <b>The Interfaith work based there.</b>  Happy Birthday to Margaret Arber (2<sup>nd</sup> )</p>	<p>Pray for our leaders at the Church and Congregation Meeting. May we seek to understand and do God's will, especially as we work with Project Violet Requests for Change.</p>	<p>Pray for our local churches Parish Church, Southgate , Bethesda, St Patricks, All Saints and Elland Mosque. Be with their congregations and those who minister to them</p>



## And finally...

A few pictures from the 'Olympics Warm-up' event. What a great time we had! The weather was 'golden' as were the participants! Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it a super afternoon.



The amazing Tug of War (reinstated as an Olympic event for this occasion) together with the medal ceremony to the victors

The sack race for a dedicated few who didn't mind falling over!

And a group 'keep fit' session for everyone! Well done to us all!



**Items for the next edition of The Broadcaster to Jo or Jenny by last Sunday in September, please.**