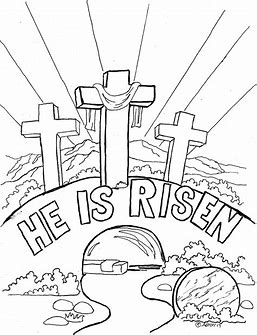
 **Westfield URC**

**Weekly Notice Sheet**

**For Easter Day, 4th April 2021**



**If you have anything you want to share with the fellowship week by week please email it to Kath by Monday or ring and we will try to include it on the next weekly sheet.**

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**Westfield elders invite you to use the readings, prayers and reflections at 10.30am Sunday morning to help us worship together in Spirit. This week Robin shares with us for Easter Day.**

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|  |  | If you need someone to pray with, a chat or need any help please ring any elder. |  |  |

**Notices: For Easter Saturday we are going to decorate the railings, as we did at Christmas, and put out Easter cards, Easter message booklets and small plants for people walking past to take from Westfield fellowship. If you are out walking past please encourage anyone you meet to take something from the table wishing them a Happy Easter from us all.**

**The little book in your envelope is an extra provided by our Daily Bread for Easter.**

**Church progress: The week after Easter the updated technology will be installed in church. A new console at the back, 2 screens at the front and a screen on the balcony central panel will be fit over 2 days.**

**Please keep the progress of the church work and the safety of those working in your prayers.**

Thankyou for the foodbank items and money donations contributed through Lent. Your contributions are much appreciated by the volunteers and by those in need.

**Basil’s memories (36)**

# What do you know about the churches in Wyke? Not everyone would count St. Mark’s church as being in Wyke, but when I had to change school in 1932 I was sent to Carr Lane Church School right at the bottom of Storr Hill. Being a church school we were required to attend the church on every ‘high’ day - Easter, Whitsun, Ascension etc, each class in turn would traipse up Tinkler Fold and up the Tinkler steps to the church. (The area is now the Markfield Estate.) Ascension Day was the best because that day was our school trip - once to the ‘Blue John’ mines in Derbyshire and once to Liverpool for the opening of the Mersey Tunnel. That makes St. Mark’s Wyke to me!

The next would be New Road Side Methodist Church at the junction of Huddersfield Road and Perseverance Street - a huge imposing building which was closed and demolished about 1929/30. Yorkshire Penny Bank used to send two men every Saturday morning when you would line up to deposit one penny or even two pence into your account for ‘holiday money’.

Following that comes the Gospel Hall, half way down Storr Hill. My father and several uncles were involved in the construction. Opened in 1922, it is now in commercial use since about 1987.

Then we go nearer to the centre of Wyke at the junction of Towngate and Huddersfield Road where stood the Temperance Hall or ‘the Gospel Temperance Mission’. In its time the largest church in Wyke, including the balcony it could seat 200+. The main hall had an expansive platform for preacher, choir and others, plus a very good organ which Mrs. Harding played with relish! The premises were used for all kinds of events not directly related to the church but with emphasis on the ‘temperance’ movement. There were flower and veg. competitions displays of craft skills and an annual Thespian Week when every denomination had its turn. The basement was pretty well equipped and catered for many wedding receptions including mine. It closed and disappeared about 1970.

The next two are long gone but leave many memories - first the old original Methodist Church in Huddersfield Road - almost a miniature seating no more than 30 or 40 maximum. It stood just below the big Coop Store opposite what is now the start of Woodside Road – built as a Wyke by-pass in 1935 (the second by-pass, the first being New Road Side). Sadly, dry rot took over and further inspection revealed the absence of suitable foundations. The result – the church building was demolished and the Sanctuary moved to what had been the schoolroom and remains so today, reached from what had been the rear. Not far for the next but you must show patience!! *BPH*

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**If you have any offertory envelopes or donations ready for collection please either deliver them to Marjorie or let Kath know and we will be happy to collect.**

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Noticeboard witness:

For those not walking past church

this week’s poster is:

“We love

because

God first loved us”

John 14 v 9

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**please look at the calendar for future information or ring any elder Marjorie, Pauline, Neil, Glynis or Kath.**