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# THE BROADCAST of the 

## ROUNDHAY METHODIST CHURCH

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OTHER MEN'S FLOWERS
The Latest DECALOGUE
Thou shalt have one God only; who
Would be at the expense of two?
No graven images may be
Worshipped, except the currency:
Swear not at all; for, for thy curse
Thine enemy is none the worse:
At church on Sunday to attend
Will serve to keep the world thy friend;
Honour thy parents; that is, all
From whom advancement may befall;
Thou shalt not kill; but need'st not strive
Officiously to keep alive;
Do not adultery commit;
Advantage rarely comes of it:
Thou shalt not steal; an empty feat,
When it's so lucrative to cheat:
Bear not false witness; let the lie Have time on its own wings to fly: Thou shalt not covet, but tradition Approves all forms of competition.

Arthur Hugh Clough

## THE MINISTER'S LETTER

June 1987
Dear Friends,
Not the most desirable weather for holidays but there is little one can do about it except exercise the precious privilege of grumbling about it - but for those about to embark on a break - a most enjoyable and relaxing time and come back feeling that much better!

As mentioned in the last edition, we dedicated the new chairs and bibles, many of the former being memorial gifts, at Sunday morning worship on May 31. Our best thanks to those who gave these chairs and to the committee who spent much time in selecting the version (The Good News translation was finally decided upon). Offers to meet the cost of the individual chairs are still being received. It was a service which was attended by former members and friends from far and wide. I have heard nothing but praise for both sets of gifts and that is very gratifying.

In recent months there has been much concern that there was nothing at church for young folk apart from the uniformed organisations (and be it known that there are now eight of these with a possibility of another one in the near future). Mr. \& Mrs. Kirkland have started a Youth Club on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. each week. However it has been most disappointing to the leaders that the attendance has been very small indeed. Surely if there was such a genuine concern there should be no shortage of youngsters glad of this opportunity and older ones to help. It would ill behove anyone in the future to complain that there is no such organisation for the young folk.

Another concern is the Cleaning Rota. Mrs. Pentith is especially disturbed that some who have volunteered have not turned up for their
agreed dutv. If the church is to run smoothly, then such committed voluntary help should be honoured and I hope that Mrs. Pentith will shortly have no need to worry further.

Last edition I mentioned the flower arranging donors, and distributors and also Communion Stewards and their duties. This time I want to say a special word of thanks to those who have played either the organ or piano at Sunday worship and are to continue to do so until we can secure the services of a regular organist. I know that this word will be on behalf of all the congregation.

When the extra collection is taken at services of Holy Communion, the money goes into the Benevolent Fund and this is used in the strictest confidence for helping in cases of need or distress. A more regular use is to make donations to charities (there is hardly a day passes but what I receive some letter pleading for funds). The Treasurer and myself scrutinise these and if we feel they are genuine and worthy causes, then a donation is made (and sometimes the amount is published, e.g. The Mozambique Appeal and earlier than that - one in respect of the famine in Ethiopia). See the note by Mrs. Garnett to this effect.

Until the next time,

> Sincerely yours,

## Albert Brown-Lawson

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM
"In the Name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit"
May 31 ROSS PETER SOn of REBECCA KATE Daughter of S SANDRA ATKINSON (Twins)

July 5 ANNE MARIE Daughter of GRAHAM ARTHUR and ANNE MARIE TOSELAND

## CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

WWhom God Has Joined ....."
June 13 CARL PHILIP DAVID SMITH to GILLIAN MARY DICKINSON

June 20 CHRISTOPHER ALAN MASSEY to NICOLA LYNNE PEARSON

Our prayerful good wishes go to both couples for a long and happy marriage.

> OBITUARY
"On Whose Souls May Light Perpetual Shine"

## DATE OF FUNERAL

June 22 (MRS) MARGARET ELIZABETH BOWDEN Aged 84 years

Mrs. Bowden was for years, until ill health intervened, a regular worshipper at Ladywood and had many friends there. For many years she has borne her suffering with great fortitude and it has been a privilege to visit and minister to her during my ministry here. There is much prayerful support and sympathy being extended to both Mr. Bowden who is also ill and to her daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Pamela Fielding who is well known to all at church and who is far from well at the moment.

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FOR YOUR THOUGHTSAND PRAYERS
Please remember in your prayers the sick and indisposed:
Mrs. P. Fielding (at home)
Mr. Ashley Jones, 30 Elford Place
Mrs. F. A. Ainsworth (out of hospital c/o daughter at Goole)

Mr. A. Lawson, 56 Lidgett Lane Mrs. Hornsby and Mrs. Firth, 'Oakhaven', Oakwood Lane Mr. Bowden, 2 Red Hall Gardens Miss Ainsworth, 1 Oakwell Crescent Mr. J. Lawson (out of hospital) 10 Barncroft Heights Mr. Clayton, 70 Gipton Wood Road Mrs. E. Taylor and Irs. R. Wilson coo Park View, 81 Old Park Road
Mrs. Wilson, 4 Ramshead Place Mrs. Lynn and Miss K. Gedsby, 113 Easterly Road Mrs. Fisher, c/o Mrs. Lyons, 198 Oakwood Lane Irs. C. Holmes, Oakwood Grange Lane Mr. Rotheray, 26 Cakwood Avenue

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OUR FRIENDS AT THORNER
Since the last edition, there has been commendable activity - especially in respect of the Coffee Morning at the home of Nr. and Mrs. Bradford at Bardsey - raising approximately a 150 towards the cost of the new organ.

As was mentioned last time, the New Hymn Book is now in use and new hymns are being learnt and enjoyed - the young folk knowing quite a few of them better than the rest of us:

When the day and time are fixed for the installation and dedication of the new organ, ample notice will be given in the Newsletter and by Notices from the pulpit.

## BAPTIST AT THORNER

12 July REBECCA, Daughter of JOSEPH and SARAH

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## COFFEE HORNING

You are invited to a Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs. Ditchfield, 48 Main Street, Thorner on Saturday, July 18 from $10.00-12$ noon. Home made cakes, Bric a Brac, Books and a silent auction. Coffee and biscuits - 30p. In aid of the Organ Fund.

A QUIET DAY AT THORNER - Wed., July 29, 10 - 12 noon
This will be led by Mrs. Manvers (wife of Rev. Manvers - Boston Spa Methodist Church). For further details phone 842861.
(Our apologies to our friends at Thorner for not including the dates of two of your recent events. We are always pleased to hear how well you do in these pleasant events. Ed.)
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS
Whether we like it or not we are a pretty typical family. We have the best intentions but we tend to see only our own little patch. We arrange things on dates that someone else has already made plans for, we hope somebody else is going to volunteer to do the typing of the monthly notices, we forget to thank people for doing things for us (thanks Margaret for typing the stencils and running off this Broadcast) but we don't forget birthdays, or at least, not often. Our apologies to one of our distant readers, Mrs. Gladys Harper, who was 86 on June 27th. A little bird did tell us that she had a grand day out in Beverley and we have thought of her since. Let us be on time to congratulate Mrs. Doris Dyson who will be 90 on 26 August.

Like the typical family we boast about our young ones too. We don't have ducklings they're all cygnets and Jane Kilvington and Darren Lowson have given us
something to crow about．They have both gained their first degrees－let us hope that employment opportunities offer themselves quickly．

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AROUND THE COMMITTEES

## FINANCE

Benevolent Fund
Income to this fund comes entirely from collec－ tions at Communion Services．This money is used for charitable purposes．Over the last financial year donations have been made as follows：－

Leukemia Research．。ま10．00；World Vision．．きl0．00； Corrymela Link．．きl0．00；Leprosy Mission．．きl0．00； Shelter．．£10．00；Multiple sclerosis Society．． 210.00 ； Open Door．。£10．00；York Minister Fund．．£l0．00； Mozambique Appeal．．£50．00；Zebrugge Ferry Disaster．． £100．00；Bow Mission。 。き10．00；Intermediate Technology全10．00。

Additionally our minister has privately distributed气 40.00 to needy folk in the neighbourhood．

J．Garnett．．．Church Treasurer

Fund Raising
How do we dress it up anew？It must go on but just for one issue we will not dwell on it． After the holidays we will come back renewed for the fray and the Autumn／Winter programme．

Keep these dates in mind．
30 July－Luncheon Club trip to Bowness．A few spare seats are available－anyone can come at the price and it is a good programme－contact Diana Fraser 657374

| 19 Sept - | Market Stall....Please save your Bric a |
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|  | Brac. Contact members of the Fund Raising |
|  | Committee if you want it collected. |
| 10 Oct - | Concert by Leeds Girls Choir |
| 24 Oct - Anniversary Barn Dance |  |
| 7 Nov - Jumble Sale. |  |
| 28 Nov - St. Andrews evening |  |

And now for the good news. The sun shone for the Summer Fayre and our one regret was that we no longer had the land to arrange sporting events that would have kept the visitors to our event captive a little longer. Working together we raised £692.81. Some of the stalls are recognised money spinners but without the little individual efforts that each raised a few pounds we would be nowhere. A breakdown of the full results can be seen on request to a member of the fund raising committee, or on the notice board (for a limited time).

## MISSIONS

## Women's Network

It is hoped that Conference will confirm the decisions of the MCOD and the Division of Ministries to establish the Women's Network of the Methodist Church. This will mark a significant stage in the life of the Church and many have expressed a wish to recognise this in an act of celebration and worship.

This has been arranged for THURSDAY 10 S $\equiv$ ptember, at 2 pm at Trinity Church, Harrogate. Drinks will be provided but those attending are asked to make their own arrangements regarding food.

## All the Districts in the north of England

 will come together. Trinity can accommodate 800 people so there will have to be a ticket system. These tickets will be sent to the District Secretary, and allocated accordingly. If anyone would like a ticket please let me know as soon as possible.May I also take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Hobson and the ladies who helped to make the District Summer Rally so successful.

## Agnes Beaumont

## PROPERTY

Church Cleaning
A number of people have withdrawn from the rota and urgent replacements are needed. Each person is only called upon once every four weeks and we would not like to call on anyone more frequently (this could be the case without more helpers). The tasks are not too onerous - usually taking about one hour. For more information, or if wishing to volunteer, please contact Jeanette Shipley 650883 or Judith Pentith 667770.

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A R O U N D \quad \text { THE ORGANISATIONS }
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Scout Group
Cub Scouts - Gold Arrows - Christopher Holden (Baden Pack) - Jonathan Turpin (Powell Pack).

BROWNIES - 10th Roundhay
On Saturday June 13th, 20 Brownies and helpers went by Metro train to Keighley, then by Steam Train to Howarth, after a walk round Howarth and a play in the park, back to Keighley by Steam Train, a picnic in the waiting room of the Worth Valley Railway, then back to Leeds by Metro train.

Anyone wishing to go on the waiting list for the loth Roundhay Brownies (Meeting night - Friday) please ring Beverley Strawbridge - Tel 656248.

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

OXFAM have recently opened a new shop in Roundhay Road, and are in urgent need of volunteers to help run it. A minimum of one 4-hour shift per week would be required of volunteers. If you are interested in helping please telephone Mandie Osborne, tel. 0274 595216 (Shipley).

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME
A letter has been received from the NCH Regional office thanking the team from Roundhay Methodist Church who collected in Leeds shopping centre on Saturday 30 May. The Ladywood group collected $£ 255.31$.

Collections of this nature are valued by NCH as they enable continued work in the caring of thousands of children, young people and family groups each year.

May I convey my own personal thanks to those collectors who so willingly volunteered to give of their time for so worthy a cause.

Don Stallworthy

## VACANCIES

Apart from the plea for more church cleaners we need a typist. The plea in the June Church Notices for a volunteer to type and duplicate the monthly notices fell on one of those varieties of ground that do not bear fruit. The repeat advertisement in July threatened a blank sheet in August if the post was not filled and we do not want to waste paper ..... do we?

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## EDITORIAL

On first reading, our front page verse may strike you as sacrilegious. Think about it the writer clearly did, albeit with tongue in cheek. At Rugby School, Arthur Clough was greatly influenced by the headmaster, Dr. Arnold. When he went on to Oxford he took the keenest interest in the theological discussions then going on, and that would have been in the very early days of Victoria's reign.

It is not known when he wrote this particular poem but he died in 1861 so his comments on moral attitudes would have seemed much more trenchant at the time they were made, than they do today. He would have been most interested in the BBCl programme - CHOICES - put out on Sundays at 10.20 pm , in which Rabbi JULIA NEUBERGER is seeking a new set of commendments for the 1980's. She questions leading authorities in each subject before specially selected audiences who challenge the panel and participate in the ensuing discussions. There is a marked absence of 'Yes' men. The handling of the subject of FORGIVENESS was a gem.

Without wishing our lives away, we must remind you that the next issue marks the beginning of a new year for our church organisations. We should like to publish a broad outline of the various meetings that are held and name those to whom approach should be made by would-be members. Will secretaries feed us with information by 16 August. We also think it might be a good idea to publish some information about key-holders - we have cast the bait and wait for a bite.

We would of course welcome any other items for the next Broadcast by the same date please 16 August.

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DUTY ROSTERS


