

KEIGHLEY NEW CHURCH

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Dedicated to the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ

Newsletter October 2026



You are all welcome to join us at our Autumn Fair held on
Saturday 31st October 1pm to 3pm.

See page 9 for details

Clocks change Sunday October 25th

KEIGHLEY NEW CHURCH

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All ages are welcome in Church each Sunday. Our services start at 10:30 am
followed by complimentary refreshments in the hall.

www.keighleynewchurch.org.uk

Church services in October

October 4th Harvest Service

Service Leader: Rev. Christine Bank

October 11th Holy Supper service

Service Leader: Rev. Christine Bank

October 18th

Service Leader: Jan Millar

October 25th

Service Leader: Rev. Christine Bank

All services start at 10:30am.



British Summer Time ends at 2am on Sunday 25th October.
Don't forget clocks go back one hour.

Minister's letter:

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" are the opening words of the John Keats poem "To Autumn". In theory I should be able to recite quite a decent amount of this poem as it was an English exam piece I had to study.

My enthusiasm for it as a teenager wasn't that great, it's not really stayed in my memory beyond the exam date. Yet when I re-read it there are odd thoughts that come back, the phrases the teacher was at pains to point out or some reference which sparks ideas from decades ago.

There are all kinds of 'stuff' in my memory, information which I think I have forgotten completely, but every now and then there's a reminder, some random bit of knowledge or fact resurfaces and surprises me.

Nothing is ever lost from our memory. Things we think, ideas we have, emotions we feel and wishes or plans we make, realistic or not, are all retained somewhere. We actually have two memories; Swedenborg is clear we have what he refers to as an exterior memory suited to this world for things like language, worldly facts and the things which apply to the physical world our bodies live in now.

At the same time there is an interior memory being formed, this is spirit rather than worldly in what it contains; things that are to do with our thoughts and the reasoning and intentions behind everything we experience or each activity we do.

In this life we are not really aware of having these two different memories, the things which matter to us will influence our thinking and the priorities we bring to each situation, but our interior memory will hold onto the intentions, wishes and desires that form our decision. The actions we take today, the words we speak or even a choice to do nothing will all stay with us and be a part of us forever.

Minister's letter continued:

The area of memory, recall and how we gradually write our own “Book of Life” is obviously a huge subject, and the recognition that we can be deeply affected by experiences and events many years after they happen makes a great deal of sense. There are some things our minds cannot let go of; others we forget with apparent ease, yet every thought, the things we say or do and the intentions behind everything is all there in our interior memory, however insignificant or important it may feel to us.

That interior memory is continuous from earliest childhood through to the end of our life, nothing is ever lost or removed from it, as it is the record of who we are and how we grew and developed into the person we are today and it will come to include tomorrow's choices and priorities too.

There are times it's easy to say of some habit or way of thinking “It's just me, that's how I am” and make no attempt to change it, even though we know it really isn't the best.

The thought that by reinforcing even a small “bad habit” we are making it have a bigger role within our interior memory is perhaps something to be aware of and reflect on. It may be hard to control our thoughts, to change how we speak or behave in challenging moments, but it is something that makes a difference to us at the most interior level.

Trying to change, to focus more on what is of real value and ‘do better’ requires effort and self-awareness on our part. If we bring our situation into prayers, spend time in reflection and seek the Lord's help in making changes then we are better placed to follow His ways, making a strong foundation for the future and establishing the heavenly qualities of love for the Lord and the Neighbour at the deepest level.

Much love

Christine

New Church Websites

If you are looking for a deeper meaning about our daily lives or more information about spiritual development based on the Bible, you may want to browse the internet on these websites. These sites are trying to offer help in understanding this world and the next. You may even find something useful for your life or relationships with others.

www.newchristianbiblestudy.org

This site was started in 2017 under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Society of the New Church, and now carried forward by the New Christian Bible Study Corporation, an online clearing house for people who are interested in the Bible, not just in its powerful literal sense, but also in its inner, spiritual sense.

The theological underpinnings of this site are based on Emanuel Swedenborg's religious works.

www.purleychasecentre.org.uk

Look through this website and you will discover a range of events, workshops and retreats



**Lunch at Cliffe Castle with Rev. Lynne Griffiths from Seaburn Dene church.
Lynne led a lovely service and we hope to see her again soon.**

October dates for your diary

- Sunday 4th October Harvest Festival service at 10:30 am.
- Monday 5th October to Thursday 8th October, Rev. Christine Bank leading Autumn Fellowship at Purley Chase.
- Tuesday 6th October and Tuesday 20th October, Craft and Chat meet in the Church hall 10am to 12pm.
- Thursday 22nd October, coffee morning in the church hall, 11am to 1pm.
- Saturday 24th October, work party 9:30am to 11:30am.
- Saturday 24th October, Church Council meeting, 12pm to 2pm.
- Saturday 31st October, Autumn Fair 1pm to 3pm.

Please note: Holy supper services will be held on Sunday 1st November and Sunday 29th November.



Sunday 22nd November

Toy service, supporting the Salvation Army's appeal.

Lists of preferred toys will appear in the next newsletter and in the church hall. A service will be held on Sunday 22nd November to bless these toys and any monetary donations received.

If you give to others, you will be given a full amount in return

Luke 6:38

The Harvest Festival service this year will be held on
Sunday 4th October at 10:30 am.
Collection boxes in the Hall and Church for dried and tinned goods for
the Salvation Army.
Once again we support this worthy cause at Harvest time.

"In every Harvest, kindness grows" Yoko Ono



For Harvest and donations to the Food Bank in general The Salvation Army asks for things which can be served from the tin or packet, or that don't necessarily need much in the way of cooking, suggestions are:

Tinned fruit
Tinned custard
Tinned rice pudding
Corned beef/Ham
Tinned Veg
Tinned pasta
Tinned tomatoes
Tinned tuna Tinned meals
Tinned kidney beans/chick
peas
Jar pasta sauce

Rice/pasta
Biscuits
Jam
Long life milk
Packet cereal
Micro noodles
Micro pasta
Cuppa soup
Teabags
Nappies (size 3 to 6 months)
Empty bags for life

Come and join us at our church



Autumn Fair

Saturday 31st October 1pm to 3pm

Raffle on the day

Sausage
sandwiches,
soup, cakes,
hot and cold
drinks

Cake and
preserves
stall

Tombola

Books



We welcome all donations
to our stalls.

**Induction of the Revd Christine Bank
into the pastorate at Keighley New Church**



led by the Senior Minister, the Revd Mary Duckworth

assisted by the Revd Bruce Jarvis

Saturday 4th October 2008

On a blustery wet Saturday 4th October, 18 years ago Keighley New Church held a special service to celebrate the induction of Rev. Christine Bank as the full-time minister.



On Saturday 29th August Mike and Lola Sigeda, enjoyed the baptism of their son Feardiadh Arnold at Keighley New Church. Mike is the son of the late Janet Woodhead who was a member and dear friend of our church.

Wanting help?

If you wish to know more about our church, or be baptised or married here, if you need comfort in sorrow or advice on personal problems, or want someone to pray with you, please ask and we will do what we can.

You will be most welcome to join in our worship or other meetings or receive a copy of our newsletter.

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What does the New Church believe?

In one wise and loving **God**, who manifests as the LORD JESUS CHRIST, who shows us the Divine the qualities of love and wisdom.

Salvation means repeatedly being made new by opening our life to God, turning away from our selfish tendencies, and living a life guided by His Commandments.

The Bible is a symbolic parable of our inner life. It is to be understood spiritually rather than literally.

We are given free-will and reason so that we can choose between good and evil, truth and falsity, and we freely enter a state of heaven or hell as a result of these choices.

After we die, as our true character emerges, we shall be with those we love.