

## DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2010

- 1 Mon Council meeting at 7.30pm  
4 Thr Line Dancing  
4 Thr Panto rehearsal at 7.00pm  
5 Fri Panto rehearsal at 7.00pm  
7 Sun Council nomination lists on notice boards  
7 Sun Service at 6.30pm – Rev Dr D C Doel  
11 Thr Line Dancing  
11 Thr Panto rehearsal at 7.00pm  
12 Fri Panto rehearsal at 7.00pm  
**13 Sat Pantomime at 7.30pm**  
14 Sun Prize Day at 2.30pm – Rev Jean Bradley (no evening service)  
**15 to 20 Pantomime at 7.30pm**  
21 Sun Service at 6.30pm – Chrissie Wilkie  
**21 Sun Deadline date for March magazine**  
25 Thr Line Dancing  
27 Sat Provincial Assembly AGM 10.30am Bolton Bank Street  
28 28 Sun Table Top Sale – 8.00am – 12.00 noon  
28 Sun Service at 6.30pm – Ken Howard  
28 Sun March magazine out  
March  
7 Sun AGM 4.00pm and Anniversary Service and Donation Sunday

### DATES FOR FEBRUARY

### BAPTISMS

- 7 @ 1.30pm  
21 @ 1.00pm  
28 @ 1.00pm (tbc)  
28 @ 1.30pm (tbc)



### WELCOMERS FOR FEBRUARY

- 7 Betty Bredbury & Jack Bredbury  
14 Dawn Buckle & Roy Buckle  
21 Ian Peace & Janet Ford  
28 Hilda Pugh & Vacancy

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OLD CHAPEL  
Dukinfield  
a Unitarian congregation  
Here let no one be a stranger



February 2010

### WARDEN'S WORDS

It seems a long time since I last put pen to paper for the magazine and so much has happened in that time.

We had our first joint Sunday School and congregation party for a number of years. The feedback from that has been very positive. This was followed by the Candlelight Carol Service – and what a day that turned out to be! We were missing a number of people but to those who made it to Chapel and contributed to the success of the service, my heartfelt thanks. My thanks also to Ian Peace who conducted a very pleasant Christmas Day Service.

I am sure I speak for the entire congregation when I say we were all stunned to lose two members of Old Chapel just before Christmas. Pam Nathaniel died on 13 December and Joan Doel died on 20 December. We have lost two people who both contributed so much in different ways. Sincere condolences to Brian and his family and David and his family from all of us at Old Chapel. We will miss them very much.

We had to close Chapel on 3 January because of the snow – what a start to the year it has been. Finally, in the words of Marcel Proust:

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom”.

Christine

**Chapel Warden Christine Cheetham**

For general inquiries contact Dawn Buckle 01457 763 721  
Baptisms and Wedding inquiries contact Roy Buckle 01457 763 721

Registered Charity Number 1046857

Chapel service (normally) 6.30pm  
Sunday School (normally) 2.00pm

**FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY**

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|----|---------------------|--|
| 7  | Ian & Simon Peace   | In remembrance of Mr Eric Peace                              |
| 14 | Dawn & Roy Buckle   | In memory of Annie & Arthur Buckle                           |
|    | Rita & Brian Ashton | In remembrance of Mr & Mrs H Thorpe                          |
| 21 | Mrs Alice Edwards   | In remembrance of Miss Jessie High and Mr & Mrs Maurice Lees |
| 28 | Mrs Verena Burrows  | In remembrance of Mrs F Ingham and Mrs K Harrison            |

Provincial Assembly  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 27 February

Bolton Bank Street

10.30 Coffee \* 11.00 Worship  
11.45 Business \* 12.30 BYO Lunch  
1.30 Join the Education and Training

**REVOLUTION**

with Dawn Buckle

Ask Dawn for more details

**Everyone welcome**

Pantomime Society present  
**BABES IN THE WOOD**

by Norman Robbins

Permission by Samuel French Ltd

**13 - 20 Feb at 7.30pm**

Adult £6 Child £3 (All seats on last night £6)

Advance booking Jenny Halsall 339 7450

**FOR THE RECORDS**

**BAPTISMS**

The following baptisms took place with the Rev Patricia Shaw officiating:

- On 29 Nov **George Frankie Leach**, son of Nicholas Leach and Nicola Jayne Donnelly
- On 6 Dec **Brandon Leigh Chorlton**, son of Paul David Chorlton and Amanda Louise Turner.

The following baptism took place with the Dawn Buckle officiating

- On 13 Dec **Oliver George Walker**, son of Claire Louise Walker and Steven Walker

**FUNERALS**

**Pamela Susan Nathaniel**, died 13 December 2009 aged 55 years. Service at Old Chapel on 22 December followed by committal at Dukinfield Crematorium, conducted by Rev Pat Shaw.

**Joan Doel**, died 20 December 2009 aged 77 years. Service at Old Chapel on 5 January 2010 followed by committal at Dukinfield Crematorium, conducted by Rev Pat Shaw.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at 4.00pm followed by tea BYO and the

# CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY

and DONATION SUNDAY

## 7 MARCH at 6.30pm

If you are unable to attend the service please send your cheque to the Treasurer, Emma Lowe, 164 Cheetham Hill Road, Dukinfield SK16 5JY.

If you pay tax we can claim 28p for every pound you donate – tick box   
**Please print your name**

.....

**Address** .....

.....**Postcode**.....

(to send you your receipt)

### FUND RAISING

February is always quiet and hectic all in the same breath! The fund raising activities take a step back whilst we focus on the Pantomime.

We do have one event however after the pantomime has finished, and that is a Table Top Sale on Sunday 28 February from 8.00am – 12 noon. As usual we will be running refreshments and our own stall. If you have anything that we can sell, please bring it along to Sunday School – **but not until after Sunday 21** please as we will have nowhere to store goods until the show has finished. If you can help in any way on the day we would welcome your help.

If you want to book a stall for yourself, please ring Marjorie Gee who usually does our bookings.

Bronwyn

### NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday 7 March at 4.00pm in the School Hall and will be followed by a Bring Your Own Tea. (Drinks will be provided)

Nomination lists will be on the notice boards from 7 February. Please do not wait until the last minute to nominate your candidate.

The Chapel Anniversary service will be conducted by the Rev Dr David Doel, Minister Emeritus at 6.30pm.

### PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND THE SERVICE

All reports from committees, societies and groups should be given to Shirley Richardson by Sunday 14 February at the latest on electronic pen/stick or hand written.

Dawn Buckle

## PRIZE SUNDAY

14 February at 2.30pm

Prizes will be presented by  
 the Rev Jean Bradley

Bring the family

*Refreshments in the School Hall*

**No evening service**



**TABLE TOP SALE**  
**Sunday 28 February.**  
**8.00 to noon**  
**Pick up some bargains!**  
**Volunteers needed**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCENE

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Gift Service and those who told us how much they enjoyed it. We are now back hard at work, weather permitting, with the pantomime coming ever nearer.

Prize Sunday will be held on Sunday, 14 February at 2.30pm. We will have the Rev Jean Bradley who will distribute the prizes. Please come along and support us on this important occasion when the children receive our thanks for their attendance and efforts throughout the year.

It won't be long now before we start with our Arts and Crafts activities – so watch this space.

In years gone by in Sunday School we used to have a visit from Santa. One such Santa visited for ten years and we were very sad to hear that he has died. We were very grateful for his visits which were enjoyed immensely by the children. We offer sincere condolences to Helen, Stuart and Mary Phillips.

Christine and Ann

## NCUSSU

The 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition will be held this year at Flowery Field on Saturday 8 May 2010. The syllabus is now available, and can be found in the Chapel porch or from the Sunday School Teachers.

Bronwyn

## PANTO PRIZES

**A**nne Stephens will be delighted to receive lots of prizes for the Panto Raffle, preferably before the first night. However, she will not refuse any during the run.

## JOAN DOEL

The sudden death of Joan Doel, just before Christmas, affected everyone in the Old Chapel family. Although it was just the way she would have chosen to go, she dreaded a lingering death, it was a shock for all those close to her. Our deepest sympathy goes out to David, Mark and Jan and all the Doel family. The heavy snow prevented many of her friends attending her funeral but those who braved the elements were comforted by the warm words spoken about Joan by her son and grandchildren.

Joan arrived at Old Chapel in 1976 when David began his ministry with us, saying that because she worked she didn't want to be too much involved with chapel activities, except for attending worship on Sunday. But it wasn't long before she could be found, hosting 'at homes' at the parsonage, doing props for the pantomime and washing up at the Autumn Fair, for example. We never persuaded her to appear **on** the stage or speak in public – no matter how hard we tried!

Joan's love of animals was legendary. She often said she preferred them to people. But, she also said that she loved the people at Old Chapel. She showed this by giving a kindly word, in person, or before her deafness defeated her, on the telephone to anyone who was ill or sad. With her neighbour, Carol, she visited Kora Stephens regularly keeping her up to date with chapel news and corresponded with many people too. In retirement, she was always eager to recruit her women friends to become 'ladies who lunch'.

Joan always went out of her way to speak to visitors who arrived at chapel for services, making them feel welcome. This is the role for which she will be most missed – nobody does this quite like Joan did. Several people have said, 'She was a very warm person.' It is very sad to see her seat on the back pew of chapel empty. She will remain long in the memories of everyone at Old Chapel who knew and loved her.

Dawn Buckle

