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## OCTOBER SERVICES

### **Wednesday 2 October**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

### **Sunday 6 October Trinity 16**

9.15am: Holy Communion@ Armitage Bridge

9.15am : Morning worship @ South Crosland

11.00am :Holy Communion @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 9 October**

10.00am : Holy Communion @ 23 Delph Lane, Netherton

11.30am:Holy Communion @ Garden Court

### **Sunday 13 October Trinity 17**

9.15am:Morning worship with Junior Church @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

11.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 16 October**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

### **Sunday 20 October Trinity 18**

10.00am: Team Service @ Armitage Bridge

### **Wednesday 23 October**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

### **Sunday 27 October Trinity 19**

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion@ South Crosland

11:00am: Morning Worship

### **Wednesday 30 October**

10.00am:Holy Communion @ 23 Delph Lane, Netherton

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## **Café Church**

**October 19<sup>th</sup>:** Green Energy and the Climate Change Emergency with Gideon Richards @ **Berry Brow Methodist Church and Community Centre** 4 p.m. – 5. 30 p.m.



## **FOCUS AND NOTICE SHEETS**

Did you know that you can download Focus from our website at <https://theemmanuelteam.org.uk> or A Church Near You <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18055/>

You can also receive the weekly notice sheet by email. Just drop an email to Ashea.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sun 20 Oct : Final day for copy for November Focus

## **SOUTH CROSLAND WOMEN'S SOCIETY.**

October 29 Holiday in New Zealand with Margaret

*Joan Sierant*

## Notices for South Huddersfield Churches Together

Come and hear the **Wesley Singers** from the Yorks West Methodist District entertain us with their music, readings & humorous monologues at the  
**Berry Brow Methodist Church & Community Centre**

Saturday October 5th @ 2.30pm.

Tickets £8.00pp including afternoon tea (£10 00 on the door).

Tickets available from

either Carol on 07740 425093

or Astrid on 01484 537687

### Quiet day: 1<sup>st</sup> October

The next Quiet day will be October 1<sup>st</sup> with Rev Ian Jamieson at the Community of the Resurrection. The cost is £10, please bring your own packed lunch. If you would like to go please contact Pam Kent 01484 324049 or Carol Waters 07740425093.



Messy Church Netherton.  
9 October 4.00-6.00pm

## Coffee Mornings.

Coffee mornings return in October South Crosland will be held on Saturday 12 October at South Crosland Junior School at 10.00 – 11.30.  
Newsome will be held on Saturday 19 October at 10.15-11.45 @ Newsome Hall



## Dance Classes

Dance classes at Newsome to start again on Wednesday 2nd October at the new time of 2:15 to 3:00pm, followed by tea/coffee, with a new format - Ballroom Dance Lessons without the ballroom. Dancing is good exercise and fun to do. Partners are not needed for this class although we will partner up at times. We will dance waltz, cha cha cha and bossa nova to some lovely music, perhaps have a line dance or barn dance or other ballroom/party dancing. First session free then £2.00 per person. All very welcome. For more information please telephone Julie on 666325.



New dance class starting at The Sons of the North Cafe, Wednesdays at 4pm starting 2nd October 2019 to learn sequence/ballroom dances for a dinner dance planned for February next year. The classes are £4.00 per person. (Date/cost of dinner dance tbc.). As this is a fundraiser for the Benefice the cafe are not charging for hire of the room - thank you to them. As always all welcome. For more information please telephone Martyn or Julie on 666325.

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### Churches Together Treasurer

**Can someone help us PLEASE?** Churches Together (Formerly the LEP) need a Treasurer as our present one is retiring.

It isn't a complicated task and doesn't take up a lot of time. The main tasks are to keep a record of very limited outgoings and money coming in and to pay our Community Worker for which a computer is needed.

If you would like to do this but haven't a computer I'm sure we can work around it.

The Council meets 6 times a year where a brief financial statement is distributed.

If you would like more information please contact Jeremy Plummer on 01484 667661 or Pam Kent 01484 324049

### Operation Christmas Child



The final date for filled boxes is Sunday 17 November. There are forms at the back of Church at South Crosland for the boxes; there are, however, new packing requirements.

For example; no toothpaste, no sweets,  
But you can include pencils, pencil case and colouring books

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>



## **Net Church**

You are welcome to join us at The Net's All-Age Worship!  
We begin at 4:00 p.m. with a community activity such as indoor games, crafts, followed by a light tea together and end at 6:00 p.m. after exploring together one of the bible characters whose life was transformed. There will be distinct breaks between sessions so come for all or part, as you are able.

October 27

November 24

December 22

We meet at St. Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge and look forward to seeing you!

For further information, please contact Jan Medland 07718 495275

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## **Protecting Our Planet**

In June our churches were invited to join in the “30 days wild” challenge set by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

We had a great response at Armitage Bridge: people noted birds, butterflies, other insects, wild flowers and wrote them down for everyone to see.

So we decided then to take another challenge in October. This one will be about reducing our use of “single-use” plastic. For example,  
How you shop  
how you clean your home  
what disposable items you buy  
what you have that comes over-wrapped. And so on....

There will be a big paper sheet out all month in each church and splodger pens to write on it.

Simply write down any good hints for using less single-use plastic that you have found work for you. Don't put your name! And look to see if other people's ideas could work for you too.

I hope to have the sheets ready to give out at the Harvest Celebration at 10am on September 29th at Newsome Scout Hut. And spares for schools, uniformed organisations and community groups!

*Debby*

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## **An Evening of Fun and Laughter**



**Come and join us for an evening of fun  
and laughter with John Senior  
at Holy Trinity Church, South Crosland.**

**Friday 25 October at 7.30**

John is well known in local Folk circles and is a talented ukulele and guitar player. He has a huge repertoire of quirky comic songs and poems which never fail to amuse.

Tickets £6 including supper. Bring your own drinks.

Available from Allan Greaves, 01484 662659 or Helen Pearson on 01484 305976

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## Clergy Pages

### From Russia with Love

С любовью из России



For many years it's been my ambition to see St Basil's Cathedral in Moscow's Red Square and in June this year my ambition was realised and here we are photographed in Red Square with the cathedral in the background.

The cathedral is a museum these days and we didn't get to see inside, but at the other end of Red Square there is another Orthodox Church in which a service was taking place during our time there.



We were attracted to the church first of all by the singing, which gave the impression of a sizeable choir. When we got inside we were staggered to find only a handful of singers making this beautiful sound. It seems the singers are trained to produce a large and deep sound.

The picture on the right above shows the interior of the church, which was covered in frescos and directly in front you can see a screen, which is a montage of icons arranged in a very specific way.

This screen separates the altar from the rest of the church and there is a small door through which the priest emerges to conduct the service. (An idea for re-ordering Holy Trinity perhaps??)

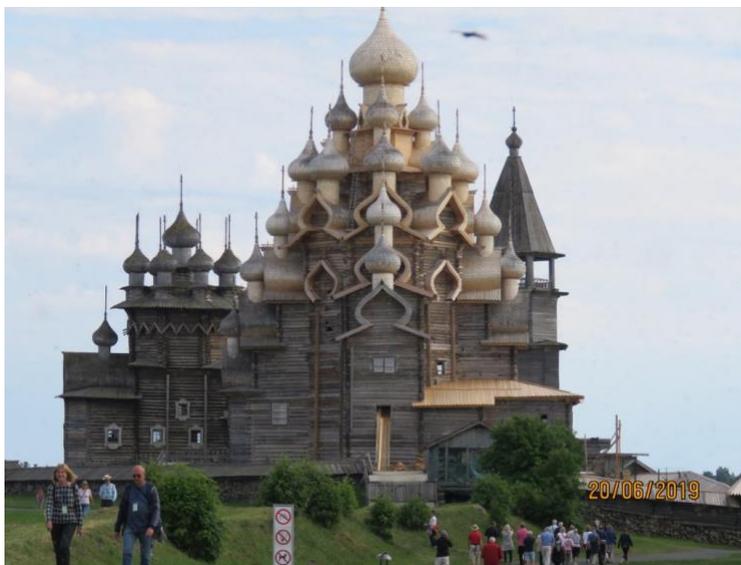
The services last about 3 hours and there are no seats in the church although people seem to come and go throughout the service, unlike ours where we arrive at the beginning and remain until the (bitter) end.

Throughout our trip to Russia we had the privilege of visiting several Orthodox Churches, which had been, or were in the process of being restored and brought back into use.

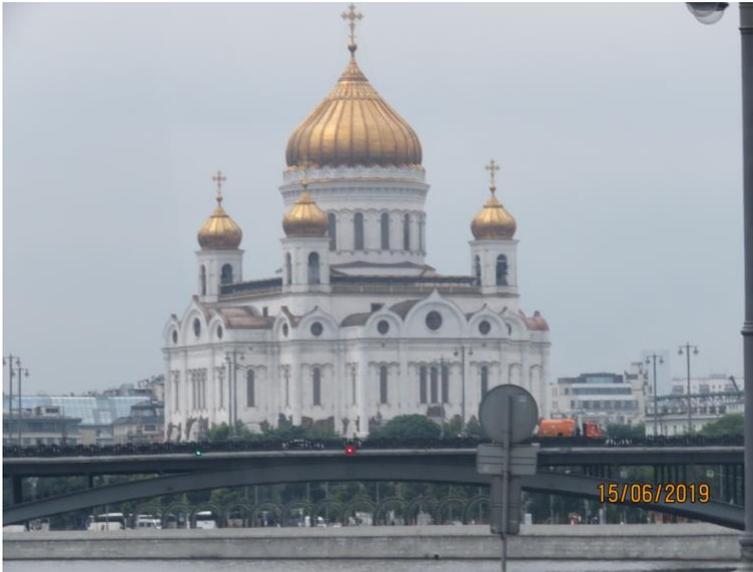
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During the Soviet Era they had been used as storage warehouses and some even destroyed.

During our river cruise to St Petersburg we visited an island museum showing many old traditional wooden homes and a huge wooden church, which was an amazing work of art and a unique example of the carpenter's skill.



We were surprised to find a cathedral and several smaller churches inside the Kremlin itself and the main cathedral in Moscow had been rebuilt with state funding.



We were told that the government recognises the influence the church can have over the people and obviously wants to make use of that to its own advantage.

In St Petersburg there are many cathedrals and below is one we visited known as the Church of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Commonly referred to as the Saviour on the Spilled Blood Church because it was built as a memorial on the spot where Emperor Alexander II was assassinated on March 1, 1881. Restorers say the church contains more mosaics than any other church in the world.

What becomes apparent is the ability of Christianity to endure and survive the purging of Soviet Communism and emerge after 70 years of attempts to eliminate religion.

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Christ once again triumphs over oppressive man-made doctrines.

Christ remains alive and well in the hearts of believers.

I remember a story told many years ago about a visit made to a town in Russia by a high-ranking Soviet official. He addressed a large hall filled with local people.

His intention was to convince them that Christianity was a lie and that they should disregard it and follow the atheist doctrine of communism.

After speaking for 90 minutes, a priest in the audience stood up and shouted 'Christ is Risen' and everyone in the hall jumped to their feet and replied 'He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia'.

Christ is indeed risen again in Russia.

The whole trip to Russia was fascinating and we hope to have a slide show in the near future as a fundraiser where we can share more of our Russian experiences with you.

*David*



### **Bible Readings in October**

**6 October Trinity 16**

Psalm 137  
Luke 17 :5-10

**13 September Trinity 17**

Psalm 63  
Luke 17: 11-19

**20 October Trinity 18**

Psalm91  
Luke 18: 1-8

**27 October Trinity 19**

Psalm 65  
Luke 18:9-14

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