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**The monthly magazine of the Emmanuel  
Benefice of Newsome and Armitage  
Bridge and South Crosland, Huddersfield**

 **THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND**  
Diocese of Leeds

AND NOW THESE  
THREE REMAIN:  
FAITH, HOPE AND  
LOVE. BUT THE  
GREATEST  
OF THESE IS  
LOVE.

1 Corinthians 13:13

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## **MARCH SERVICES**

### **Sunday 1 March Lent 1**

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge with Junior Church

9.15am : Morning Worship @ South Crosland

11.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 4 March**

10.00am : Holy Communion @ 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

### **Sunday 8 March Lent 2**

9.15am: Morning Worship @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

11.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 11 March**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

10.30 am: Holy Communion @ Garden Court

### **Sunday 15 March Lent 3**

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

11.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 18 March**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

### **Sunday 22 March Mothering Sunday**

10.00am: Service in Scout Hut @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 25 March**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

### **Sunday 29 March Lent 5**

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

11.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

## Mothering Sunday Celebration Service

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Come and join us on Mother's Day to say thank you for our mums and all those who have looked after us over the years.**

**The service will be at 10am**

**At the Scout Hut in Newsome**

**All Age activities**

**Let's give thanks to God together in word and song!!**



## Easter Lilies

This year we thought we would decorate the churches for Easter with lilies and dedicate them to those we have loved but who are no longer with us. So we wanted to give you all the opportunity to buy a lily in memory of someone who has died. The lilies will be arranged beautifully in each church with the names of your loved ones displayed near to each arrangement to show that they are dedicated to someone we love. Each lily will cost £3 each and there will be slips available at the back of the church for you to let us know who your lily is dedicated to and envelopes to put the slip and money in. Please put the envelopes in the box provided or pop it through my door. Alternatively you can email me the details but I won't be able to order your lily until it is paid for!

For more information please speak to Julie.



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### Café Church

21 March @ Berry Brow Methodist Church and Community Centre. Amazing Grace with David Kent. 4.00 pm to 5.30pm.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sun 22 March :Final day for copy for April Focus

### Coffee Mornings.

South Crosland will be held on Saturday 14 March at South Crosland Junior School at 10.00 – 11.30. Newsome will be held on Saturday 21 March at 10.15-11.45 @ Newsome Church Hall.



*'Hear the Cry of the earth, Hear the Cry of the Poor'*  
*Prayer Intention For the Middle East*

God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild. Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them; guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

[Linda Jones/CAFOD]

**Is God calling you!!**

The church annual general meetings for our churches will be held in April and May. Some of the members of the PCC's will have served their 3 years and now deserve a well earned break and so we will be looking for new PCC members. Is that you? It may be something you have thought about before but not been sure what it entails. Please speak to any of the PCC members and they will happily tell you all about what it means.



We are also looking for new Churchwardens in South Crosland as Martyn and Julie are standing down this year after serving the church well over the last few years.

Pam Thomas at Armitage Bridge has agreed to continue for another year but only if someone agrees to stand alongside her to learn the role so that we can pass it on next year!

June Richardson is also looking for help at Newsome especially as we go through the consultation process!

We will also be appointing new Deanery Synod members this year so if you think you might want to get involved with wider issues too then please speak to Julie about what you can do!

Please pray about all of these important roles and if you think God is calling you to do it then speak to Julie. If you think you know someone else who might be interested speak to them and encourage them to speak to Julie too.

Our churches cannot function properly without Churchwardens and PCC members and Deanery Synod members to represent it. So please consider prayerfully if you can fill any of these rolls.

Thanks *Julie*



A joint event for Parishes in the  
**ALMONDBURY WITH KIRKBURTON AND HUDDERSFIELD DEANERIES**

## **WHERE NEXT?**

### **A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE FUTURE JOURNEY FOR OUR DEANERY SYNODS**

**CONSIDERING SHARED ISSUES, PLANNING FOR THE NEXT DEANERY  
SYNOD TRIENNIUM AND EXPLORING HOW YOU CAN PROMOTE DEANERY  
SYNOD MEMBERSHIP IN THIS APCM ELECTION SEASON**

### **FOLLOWED BY A SERVICE TO GIVE THANKS FOR OUR 2017-2020 SYNODS**

**WHERE: ST PAUL'S, ARMITAGE BRIDGE**  
Armitage Road, Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield, HD4 7PD

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2020**  
7.30pm until 9pm (light refreshments available from 7pm)

**An open meeting for the Parishes in  
the Almondbury with Kirkburton and Huddersfield Deaneries.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

NEXT DEANERY SYNOD MEETINGS

Tuesday 23 June at Huddersfield Parish Church  
Monday 2 November (venue TBC)



**St. John's Church,  
Newsome**  
Thursday 1.30-3.30pm  
Suggested donation £2.50

Contact Susanna on 07542 771518  
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5 March	Gentle Exercise - Lucy Kimmings
12 March	Art Workshop - Luke Owens
19 March	Felt flowers - Debbie Ball
26 March	Wildlife Photography Presentation - Ray Brown
2 April	Craft Workshop - Lianne Woodward
9 April	CLOSED
16 April	Board games, books and social
23 April	Pottery - Dave Helm

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### Clergy Pages

As I sit here writing this, I am feeling a little nostalgic! You see this month I have a birthday and it is a BIG birthday and so it is making me think about what life used to be like – back in the day!!

In 1960 the average wage was between £7-£12 per week and the cost of a loaf of bread was just 5p or 1 shilling and you could get a pint of milk for just 3p or if my calculations are right 7d in old money!! Oh, how things have changed!!

Back then there were no computers or video games and if you wanted to make a phone call you went to the end of the street to the phone box as most houses didn't have a phone of their own and there was no such thing as mobile phones!! It was wonderful because people actually talked to one another!!

Most televisions were still in black and white and programmes like Blue Peter, Animal magic and The Flintstones kept children entertained for hours. Soaps like Coronation Street and Crossroads were launched and the carry on films had us all laughing till we cried! Children played out and nobody worried about them. I remember when I was only about 9 or 10 packing up a "picnic" on a Saturday morning of a jam sandwich, a biscuit and a bottle of orange squash and setting off over the fields to play with my friends. We would play out all day making dens and pretending to be cowboys and Indians and just have a wonderful time!

I think life was much slower then and people had time for other people! Neighbours looked out for one another and the local bobby was someone to look up to and be afraid of because if he caught you doing something wrong he'd take you home by the ear and tell your parents and whoa betide you if that happened!!

Children were sent to school during the week and then on a Sunday they were packed off to Sunday school too! Our churches were full of young people learning about Jesus and how much he loved them. For those who believed it was a simplistic faith and it made people smile! We would talk about what we wanted to be when we grew up – train drivers or pilots or doctors and nurses – I wanted to be a maths

teacher!! Life was easy and uncomplicated back then and never, not once did I think I would be a vicar!!!

The other thing that was very much a reality was that women retired at age 60 and men at 65... not any more!! Instead of thinking about retirement here I am taking on more responsibility as Area Dean! But what does that all mean?

My job description for this role says; "The role of the Area Dean is to work with the Bishop and the Bishop's Staff in the ordering and supporting of mission and ministry in the deanery. The Area Dean has a strategic role in the Episcopal Area and Diocese, helping to shape planning, policy and deployment, drawing on their local knowledge. Within the deanery, the Area Dean - in partnership with the Deanery Lay Chair - is the key person under God to provide direction, leadership and pastoral care consistent with the Bishop's vision."

What it means for my day to day working is that I will meet with the clergy in our deanery to support them in their ministry and I will also help to arrange and chair Deanery Synod meetings and be the go-between for the Bishops and the Deanery at all levels!

It will not change what I do in our Benefice and that work will continue and grow as we seek God's vision for our parishes and I will always have time for each of you should you need me!!

As I said I never imagined growing up that I would be a vicar but I could not imagine doing anything else now. God called and I answered and I will be forever thankful for that call.

What about you!!

Is God calling you?

Perhaps my nostalgic ramblings have made you think about what you were doing 60years ago or 30 years ago or even 10 years ago and maybe you can see where God has been at work in your life! I know he was at work in mine!

Maybe it is time for you to answer his call and see where it leads you!

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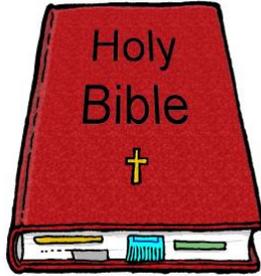


If you would like to pray about it or talk about it then just get in touch and it would be my privilege to sit with you and ask God what it is he is saying!

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29: 11

I’m looking forward to turning 60 so that I can see what God has for me now!

*Julie*



### **Bible Readings in March**

#### **1 March Lent 1**

Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4: 1-11

#### **8 March Lent 2**

Romans 4: 1-5 & 13-17  
John 3: 1-17

#### **15 March Lent 3**

Romans 5: 1-11  
John 4:5- 42

#### **22 March Mothering Sunday**

Ephesians 5: 8-14  
John 9

#### **29 March Lent 5**

Romans 8: 6-11  
John 11:1-45

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