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April Church Services.

3 rd April 9.15am	Morning Worship at South Crosland
3 rd April 10.00am	Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church
3 rd April 11.15am	Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
10 th April 9.15am	Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge
10 th April 10.00am	Holy Communion at Netherton Methodist Church
10 th April 11.15am	Holy Communion at Berry Brow Methodist Church
17 th April 10.15am	Easter Sunday (see Easter services below)
24 th April 9.15am	Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge
24 th April 10am	Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church.
24 th April 11.15am	Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church

Mothing Sunday

27 th March 9.15am	Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge
27 th March 10am	Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church.

Mid Week Worship

Mid Week Communion, at 10.00am on the following dates

30th March	43 Delph Lane, Nerherton
6th April	Netherleigh, Butternab Road, Beaumont Park
13th April	Holy Trinity at 2pm for Stations of the Cross
20th April	11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton
27th April	14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

Easter Services

Come and join us for Holy Week and Easter as we walk with Jesus to the cross and celebrate his rising on Easter Sunday!!

Monday 11th April 6.30pm at Armitage Bridge – quiet, thoughtful service

Tuesday 12th April 6.30pm at Netherton Methodist Church – quiet, thoughtful service

Wednesday 13th April 2pm at South Crosland – the stations of the cross

Thursday 14th April, Maundy Thursday, 7pm at Berry Brow Methodist Church – Holy Communion

Friday 15th April, Good Friday, 2pm at Armitage Bridge – an hour at the cross

Sunday 17th April, Easter Sunday – we celebrate together at South Crosland at 10.15am – Holy Communion service



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Clergy Pages

The Lion's Tail

Albert Einstein said "I realised that nature only shows us the lion's tail while hinting at the grandeur of the magnificent animal to which it is attached."

Augustin of Hippo said "some people read a book in order to discover God. But there is a greater book, the actual appearance of created things. Look above and below you and note and read.

The God that you want to discover did not write in letters of ink but put in front of your eyes the very things He made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?

Don't we value and appreciate the natural world all the more because it signifies something greater?

Psychologists are showing an increasing interest in exploring how religion acts as a system of meaning, enabling us to make sense of both our world and our lives, and especially helping us to cope with adversity.

Science is very good at helping us to understand the processes that brought us into existence in the first place and help to keep us alive in the second. Yet there is a world of difference between knowing how we came into being and why.

C S Lewis said "I believe in Christianity as I believe the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

I remember once sitting on a bench looking out over the bottom lake at Studley Royal. It was autumn time and the colour of the trees was spectacular. In a moment I was totally immersed in God. I was surrounded by God as a fish is surrounded by the ocean. And in that moment I felt that He was as aware of me as I was of Him.

Perhaps you can bring to mind similar experiences of your own

In the middle of this month we shall celebrate Easter and it can be no coincidence that it falls right in the middle of spring.

We are surrounded by resurrection to new life in all of God's creation. We emerge from the dark of winter into the bright light of spring as Jesus emerged from the tomb.

How blessed we all are to be members together of our resurrection community.

God bless you all

David

David Kent

Happy Easter.

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Spring Prayer

The Hope of Spring



God, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days.

Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth.

Thank you that things are coming awake in the world.

This is what our calendar says, and we do see some signs that it is real.

But we also still struggle with the residual layover of winter.

Now we ask that you bring into reality all that belongs in this season.

Your word says that we will have provision, and hope, and joy, and health and loving relationships here and now in this life.

We ask that what belongs in this season would become actual in our practical lives.

We hope in you and in your promises.

We hope in your gift of Spring



- *Author Unknown*



**World Council
of Churches**

PILGRIM PRAYER

THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

We started to use this book towards the end of last year.

Each week, we use prayers from a different part of the world. As I write this, we have just finished Week 10, which comes from the countries of the UK.

I thought you might be interested to use some of these prayers:

GOD OF PASSION AND POWER

God of passion and power,
insistent, immediate,
challenging, compelling us with your story's breathless beginning.
Walk us into the wilderness
to hear your voice where silence reigns.
Give us insight, the vision beyond all seeing,
so we may look upon heavens torn open
and know that the time of good news for all creation
is always now. **Amen**

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LITANY OF COMMITMENT

Where hope has died, and where death rules as lord

We will proclaim: 'Let these dry bones live'

Where creation groans, and new birth comes but slowly

We will listen for the sighs of the Spirit

Where the weight of the world oppresses and enslaves

We will dream our dreams of a promised land

Where hatreds from the past seek to smother the future

We will live out visions of transformation

Where life is drear, and hope's delight is stifled

We will be filled with the joy of new wine

Where justice is denied, and truth is made a lie

We will stand and bear you witness

Where help is needed, and our weakness is exposed

We will call upon the name of the Lord

Where diversity of faith enriches our common humanity

We will know that you are one Lord

Where the Spirit's breath sings our world into new harmonies

We will glorify our God

FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Oh God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only saviour, the Prince of peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly the union and concord: that, as there is but one body, and one spirit, and one hope of a calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are people of faith, worshipping and growing together;
but when in our desire for closeness we exclude others,
when our fear of difference grows into antagonism and rejection,
when we proclaim truth whilst living out illusions and lies
God, who welcomes all, forgive us, and help us to live as your people

We are those who seek understanding, learning and teaching together;
but when we take refuge in ideas to avoid the challenge of action,
when we are part of structures which perpetuate elitism and privilege,
when we adopt the values of competition rather than collaboration,
God, who is Word made flesh, forgive us, and help us in our search for wisdom

We are citizens of God's worlds, celebrating and struggling together;
but when we fail to challenge injustice, and collude with greed,
when we isolate ourselves in self righteousness,
when we invade and seize power over others' space,
God, lover of justice, forgive us and help us to build new community.

Jeremy Plummer

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A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Coffee Morning

Holy Trinity Church holds a coffee morning on the second Saturday of each month at South Crosland Junior School, Moor Lane, Netherton.

Why don't you join us there? It would be great to see you.

Here are the dates for the coffee mornings.

9 April 2022

11 June 2022

14 May 2022

9 July 2022 The March Coffee

Morning raised £205 .40 .February's Coffee Morning £162 . 30.

South Crosland APCM



South Crosland APCM will be held on Sunday 15th May at 10.30am. All are welcome to the election of Churchwardens and all those on the Electoral Roll are welcome to the whole meeting.

Our churches cannot function properly without a good PCC and so please do pray about whether God is calling you to get involved in looking at new ways to take our churches forward following this pandemic. You might be the one person we need to help us become the beacon of hope we should be in our communities!

If you are interested in joining the PCC please contact Julie or Helen Pearson for details.



Come and join us for Showstoppers our new after school activity at South Crosland Junior School!

This is for children of all ages **and their parents or carers!**

Thursday 28th April at 3.15 (or straight after school)

There will be bible stories, some games, a craft activity, some songs, prayers and even puppets to help us!

Come and join us and have fun getting to know more about Jesus and the bible!

For more information contact Rev Julie on 01484 962184

Help needed after Easter!!

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We are starting a new and exciting venture.



It is called Showstoppers and will be at South Crosland Junior School!

It will be for children of all ages **and their parents or carers!**

It is a way to reach out to families and encourage them to come to know Jesus and his love for them.

The session will last about an hour and will be monthly on the 4th Thursday and straight after school.

There will be bible stories, some games, a craft activity, some songs, prayers and even puppets to help us make it feel like church for everyone!!

BUT!!!!!

We cannot do it without help!! Can you:-

- play an instrument to help us sing
- use scissors and glue to help the craft activity
- join in a game to encourage others
- sit and listen to those with questions

If you can do any of the above and can spare an hour once a month then please let Julie know as she can't do this on her own!!

We all want to see more families coming to church so let's take church to them and show them that it can be fun!!

Thanks

Julie

Armitage Bridge Ringers

For the dedicated keen ringer an aspiration is to be asked to ring in a “peal”. Taking on average around 3hours to complete the required number of changes, here is an account that appeared in the Huddersfield Chronicle dated Saturday 15th November 1856:-



FIRST PEAL AT ARMITAGE BRIDGE

CHANGE RINGING EXTRAORDINARY. – The ringers of Holmfirth, assembled at Armitage-Bridge last Saturday evening, for the purpose of ringing seven treble peals upon the bells of the church at that place. Five of the ringers met at the village at six o’clock; but George Coldwell, the second bell ringer was prevented from being present owing to disposition. The old veteran ringer of Holmfirth, Joseph Marsden, senior, who is now in his 77th year, at the urgent request of the rest consented to take part in the place of Coldwell. The ringers then ascended the tower and rung 5,040 true changes from the following seven treble peals, viz:- Violet, Oxford, New London Pleasure, Duke Of York, Ringers Delight, London Scholars Pleasure and City Delight. The peals were rung in good style in 2hrs and 53 minutes by the following ringers, Joseph Marsden Senior, treble,

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Joseph Marsden Junior 2nd; Joshua Hoyle 3rd; Martin Hoyle 4th; Joseph Clegg 5th; and John Lodge, late of Almondbury, tenor. The peals were conducted by Joshua Hoyle 21 years of age, a promising youth in change ringing. After the ringers had concluded, they sat down to a substantial supper, provided for them by their brother ringers of Armitage-Bridge, at the Butchers Arms inn. These were the first 5,040 changes which had been rung on the Armitage-Bridge bells.

It would seem that the bells were put in at Armitage-Bridge in 1853/54 and at that time the resident band would probably not have been of a standard to attempt a peal hence the Holmfirth attempt. Joseph Marsden Sen; was employed at Brookes' Mill just across the road from St. Paul's, for his entire working life. It is on record that in May 1871 along with 5 other veteran ringers, he took part in a 'six-score' as part of the celebrations of his 91st birthday. He died 6 months later.

Joseph Marsden Jnr; Son of the above, he had moved to Wigan, Lancs by 1871. He became quite a wealthy man leaving behind an estate valued at £1247 2s 2d when he died in 1888

Martin and Joshua Hoyle; were father and son respectively. In 1851 they were living on Church Terrace only a few strides from the Holmfirth tower door

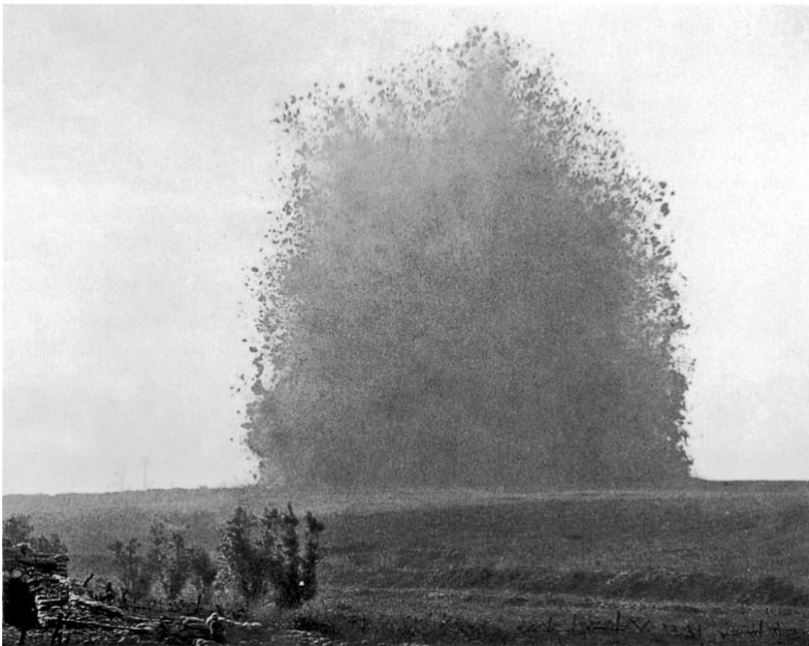
Joseph Clegg; a boot and shoe maker by trade, he is recorded as being the Station Master at Denby Dale railway station in 1861

John Lodge; his address in 1851 was Northgate, Almondbury but he had obviously removed to Holmfirth by 1856

The Butchers Arms Inn stood at the bottom of Waingate but no longer exists.

One of the Last Battles of the Somme.

Tasked with the capture of a line from the ruins of Beaumont Hamel, the 5th Seaforth Highlanders and 8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were the lead battalions, although ground conditions precluded easy movement from the start. All troops were in position for zero hour at 05.45am on 13th Nov 1916. At this point a huge underground mine beneath the German occupied Hawthorn Redoubt was detonated



Following a creeping barrage and assisted by the presence of thick fog the advance was slow but by 08.00am it was progressing steadily. The only exception was on the left flank, where German machine-gun posts held out until nightfall before surrendering.

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By night Beaumont Hamel had fallen with several hundred German prisoners, the British gaining many thousands of rounds of rifle ammunition, trench mortars and mortar rounds.

It so happens that twin brothers from Armitage Bridge were there on that day. They would have seen the explosion of the mine at Hawthorn Ridge and they would have advanced as a lead battalion. Herman and Albert Sanderson were serving in the 5th Btn Seaforth Highlanders. Albert was a veteran of the war, having previously served in the West Yorkshire Regiment along with another brother. Herman enlisted later then Albert re-enlisted so that the twins could serve together.

On that day 100 years ago in the final throws of the battle of the Somme, Herman was wounded, whilst Albert survived unharmed. The injured Herman was recovered later the next day and transferred to a casualty clearing station (CCS) at Contay, a small village, about the size of Hall Bower, some miles east of the battlefield; sadly there he died of his wounds on the 16th Nov 2016. At the point he died his twin collapsed, and when he awoke he instinctively knew his twin was dead.



Herman and Albert Sanderson pictured in their Seaforth highlanders Uniform, probably taken in 1916.

Herman was buried in the cemetery commissioned for that CCS, where he was one of several who died that day.

I was lucky to have worked in Lille in France and could visit Contay easily on the way back to Huddersfield. It still is a small village in a rural landscape. The British and Commonwealth War Grave cemetery is peaceful and surrounded by Maple trees, as the majority of the 1500 graves are of Canadian soldiers. Contay is only one of several hundred cemeteries that were in use for the relatively short period of the Somme Battle.



Herman Sanderson's Grave at
the War Grave Cemetery
Contay, France.

The grandson of Herman's youngest sister I have the privilege of now owning one of the brothers' wallets and photos from the period. The 3rd brother also survived although he had suffered through wounds in the form of shell fragments that remained embedded in him until the day he died in the 1970s.

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Albert survived the war, my grandmother recalled that when Albert returned in his army cloths, his mother made him burn the kilt as it was too flea infested to go in the house!

Herman Sanderson is commemorated on the monument next to Armitage Bridge Church, one of many stories that lies behind the names on that stone.

R Wakefield

3rd Oct 2016

Eco Matters

Energy/water saving tips:

To save energy when cooking in the oven, use “residual heat”. Ovens do retain heat quite well after switching off.

I find that to switch the oven off 5 minutes prior to when the dish would have finished cooking and then leave in the oven another 10 minutes works very well.

Therefore a dish which you would cook for 30 mins, is cooked for 25 minutes at temperature, switch the oven off and leave in to 35 mins.

Find uses for the cool/tepid water you run off when drawing water from the hot tap.

A spare washing up bowl is handy for this. The cool water can be used for watering house plants, soaking clothes/ table linen or stubborn stained cooking utensils. An obvious use as the weather gets warmer is to water the garden with it.

Helen Pearson

April 2022 Readings and prayers

Sunday 3rd April – 5th Sunday of Lent Passiontide – Philippians 3: 4b-14 & John 12: 1-8

Prayer for the Day

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 4th Psalm 73, Exodus 8.1-19, Hebrews 11.17-31

Father, we thank you are real and not simply a figment of our imagination and that you have demonstrated the reality of your presence in the life and passion of Christ.

Tuesday 5th Psalm 35, Exodus 8.20-end, Hebrews 11.32-12.2

Father, we thank you that you are the kind of God who is never far from us, you have shown us in Jesus that we do not have to go in search of you and that it is not possible for us to find you by our own efforts.

Wednesday 6th Psalm 55, Exodus 9.1-12, Hebrews 12.3-13

Father, you are too wonderful, too mighty and too glorious to be found by a weak, insecure and finite beings like ourselves.

Thursday 7th Psalm 40, Exodus 9.13-end, Hebrews 12.14-end

Father, though you demand that we should be perfect, just like yourself, you do not expect us to reach those heights on our own. In Christ you have dealt, once and for all, with our past mistakes and weakness.

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Friday 8th Psalm 22, Exodus 10, Hebrews 13.1-16

Father, in Christ you provide the love and the power to begin again. We thank you that you understand our complaints, our anguish, our fears and our frustrations.

Saturday 9th *Joseph of Nazareth* Psalm 23, Exodus 11, Hebrew 13.17-end

Father, we praise you for holding us when we are hurting, correcting us when we go wrong and welcoming us home whenever we turn to you for renewal.

Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday – Psalm 118: 1-2 &19-29 and Luke 19: 28-40

Prayer for the Day

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 11th Psalm 41, Lamentations 1.1-12a, Luke 22.1-23

We know have no right to call you Father, it is through your grace alone that we have become your children and by the power of the Holy Spirit that we have been adopted into your family.

Tuesday 12th Psalm 27, Lamentations 3.1-18, Luke 22.24-53

Father, we confess that we find it hard to put other people first and their needs before our own; that we find it easier to expect others to serve us rather than for us to offer loving service to each other.

Wednesday 13th Psalm 102, Jeremiah 11.18-20, Luke 22.54-71

Father, we like Christ's disciples, are filled with doubt's and despair; that there are times when our lives are a denial of the commitment we have made and our words often betray our trust in Christ.

Thursday 14th Maundy Thursday Psalm 42, Leviticus 16.2-24, Luke 23.1-25

Father, forgive us that we find it so hard to stand firm for Christ, and that we so often run away from challenge to take his name onto our lips and his purposes into our lives.

Friday 15th Good Friday Psalm 69, Genesis 22.1-18, John 18–19 or Hebrews 10.1-10

Lord, we like the disciples, have denied you, running away in fear of being discovered. Forgive us and help us to bold and courageous so that we don't crucify the Lord of Glory again.

Saturday 16th Psalm 142, Hosea 6.1-6, John 2.18-22

Lord, in the face of all the hatred, hostility and bitterness of his enemies, Christ offered us nothing but love in return.

Sunday 17th April – Easter Day – Acts 10: 34-43 and John 20: 1-18

Prayer for the Day

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 18th Psalm 111, Exodus 12.1-14, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Lord, we have come to praise you for life and all the good things of life. We thank you for the world in which we live, and for the variety of colours and shapes all around us.

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Tuesday 19th Psalm 112, Exodus 12.14-36, 1 Corinthians 15.12-19

Lord, we praise you for those who love us and those whom we are called to love. Thank you for those who serve us and help us.

Wednesday 20th Psalm 113, Exodus 12.37-end, 1 Corinthians 15.20-28

Lord, thank you for sending us to offer love and care to our neighbour. Thank you for those moments of joy, peace and hope which flood into our hearts.

Thursday 21st Psalm 114, Exodus 13.1-16, 1 Corinthians 15.29-34

Lord, thank you that you fill each day with new reasons to turn and give you thanks and praise

Friday 22nd Psalm 115, Exodus 13.17-14.14, 1 Corinthians 15.35-50

Lord, we thank you for Jesus, for his life on earth and for all the things he said and did that mean that we can't ignore your love for us all.

Saturday 23rd Psalm 116, Exodus 14.15-end, 1 Corinthians 15.51-end

Lord, thank you for the coming of the Holy Spirit to touch and change our lives. Thank you that he empowers us for worship and gives us the courage to tell others about you.

Sunday 24th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter – Acts 5: 27-32 and John 20: 19-end

Prayer for the Day

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 25th *Mark the Evangelist* - Psalm 37.23-end, Isaiah 62.6-10, Acts 12.25-13.13

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you: you are gentle with us like a mother with her children, caring and loving us.

Tuesday 26th St George – Psalm 5, Joshua 1.1-9, Ephesians 6.10-20

Jesus, you weep over our sins and our pride: tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement, and gently lead us back on the right path.

Wednesday 27th Psalm 30, Exodus 16.11-end, Colossians 2.1-15

Jesus, you comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds: in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us, you are there constantly for us.

Thursday 28th Psalm 28, Exodus 17, Colossians 2.16-3.11

Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life: by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy, to enjoy the freedom you bring.

Friday 29th Psalm 61, Exodus 18.1-12, Colossians 3.12-4.1

Jesus, despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness: through your gentleness we find comfort in fear, your warmth gives us life, and your touch makes sinners righteous.

Saturday 30th Psalm 84, Exodus 18.13-end, Colossians 4.2-end

Jesus, in your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, and for the beauty of heaven may you love and prepare us, ready to meet you when that time comes.

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