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

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Diocese of Leeds



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August Church Services

Sunday Services.

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| 7 th August | 9.15am Morning Worship at South Crosland 10.00am Holy Communion at Netherton Methodist Church 10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church |
| 14 th August | 9.15am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge 10.00am Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church 10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church |
| 21 st August | 9.15am Holy Communion at South Crosland 10am at Morning Worship Netherton Methodist Church. 10.30am Morning Worship Berry Brow Methodist Church |
| 28 th August | 9.15am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge 10.00am at Morning Worship Netherton Methodist Church 10.30am No service at Berry Brow Methodist Church |

Mid Week Home Communion

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| 3 August | Netherleigh, Butternab Road, Beaumont Park. |
| 10 August | 11 Sherwood Drive.Netherton |
| 17 August | 14 Sherwood Drive,Netherton |
| 24 August | 43 Delph Lane,Netherton |
| 31 August | Netherleigh, Butternab Road, Beaumont Park. |

Every Wednesday at St Paul's.

915 Morning Worship, 30 minutes of worship and prayer. All welcome.

Every Thursday at St Paul's

5.20 Christian Meditation. 30 minutes of Quiet Contemplation. All welcome.

A message from Debby

Dear Friends

Water

I am writing this in brilliant sunshine and dressed in shorts and t-shirt. It should be delightful but I am conscious of concern for the poor plants and wildlife in need of water - and of parts of the world like Ethiopia and northern Nigeria where there hasn't been rain for years. I know that our own reservoirs are getting low so I am heartened to have had conversations with some of you about ways to reduce our water use. Of course we need to wash ourselves - but we don't need to run the tap while we do. Of course we must flush the loo but many toilets have a short flush setting suitable for most times. To make a difference, you can Twin your Toilet through Tearfund with an overseas one to help their community. And WaterAid is a very effective charity too.

Another issue is how we can reuse water. Many of us pour water onto the garden or use it to soak laundry. Installing a water butt if you don't have one is great. Yet water is right at the heart of our faith - from the flood to John the Baptist, from the waters of creation to the water flowing from God's throne in the new Jerusalem. And the lack of water - from the drought and famine in Egypt in Joseph's days to Jesus' lifetime and the Desert Fathers. We encountered water in our Lent course earlier this year and experienced its power when the River Holme swept across St Paul's Church car park on a spring Sunday afternoon. I met God in a rowing boat on the Norfolk Broads just after sunset and many of us find the sight and sounds of the sea or the Lakes truly awesome.

It has been more than 2 months since the team of workmen started their overhaul of the sewage system near Armitage Bridge. They have

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been charming and helpful and the changes to the mechanics underground will mean that at times of high water large particles will not be able to enter the River Holme any longer. This will be a blessing for the wildlife that we cherish and for the humans too. But in years to come we can expect more extreme weather events, like drought, heat, floods and high winds, as the planet's temperature rises. So how we manage our water levels becomes more important than ever and how we look after this most precious resource.

Nature doesn't waste anything

What is it about our species that we create wonderful materials - in particular plastics - that can't break down naturally! We are all trying hard to find solutions to the piles of plastic that accumulate. Well done those of you who took part in the Big Plastic Count last month - the project has shown how huge the problem is. Let's keep returning it to supermarkets and try to buy stuff with less wrapping. And stop companies exporting our waste to places like Turkey and the Philippines.

Can we help one another to reuse or upcycle more stuff?

If you have a good way of rehoming or finding a new use for items you don't need any longer, can we begin to put together a list of places and organisations where we can take them. It would be great to work together on this across our group of churches. Send your good ideas to me or Rena and we will begin to work on it. All of this will help us continue our journey to become EcoChurches.

Enjoy your summer, everyone

God bless you all

Debby

PRAYERS from

THE COMMUNITY OF THE RESURRECTION MIRFIELD

Here are some prayers from the Community of the Resurrection. They are written by Brother Nicolas for their community at Mirfield, but Debby and I use them in our Daily Prayers with the communities we know in mind: the Emmanuel Benefice, Churches Together in South Huddersfield, the Parish of St Mary's, Honley & St George's, Brockholes, and the members of the Third Order of the Society of St Francis known to us, together with the Brothers and Sisters of the First and Second Orders of the Society of St Francis known to us.

We invite you to use these prayers in the context of the various communities in which you live and work:

Most Religious Communities in the Western world are shrinking, many have disappeared. This is particularly serious for Anglicans as our communities have always been small. A host of reasons can be given for this shrinkage, many to do with the church; many to do with Society. The reasons are valid, but there is not much we can do about them. The reasons also tend to focus on other people's failure. Yet we fail to be the kind of communities that will find new life;

We need to be totally focused on Christ. We need to be drawn to gaze on God as a sunflower gazes on the sun. We need to live the beatitudes among ourselves every day.

So, please pray:

For the religious communities you know, that they will listen for the word of God, look for the signs of God, and have the wisdom and courage to make the right moves, not the wrong ones.

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That each of us will live out the Beatitudes (Blessed are the poor, the meek, those who mourn, the merciful, the pure in heart, those who seek righteousness, the peacemakers) so that we may truly be Gospel communities with Christ at our heart.

For those whom God is inviting into this life, that they will have courage and the grace of true discernment to be excited, not frightened, of giving their lives to God.

For our work with those outside our communities, for our families and friends, and for those with whom we work. Pray that we will share the gifts we have been given, and receive from others the gifts they have for us.

For our prayer, that we will direct our attention to God and be amazed by his generosity and love towards us all.

For the graces of joy, courage, and freedom, which Brother Timothy Radcliffe identifies as the true marks of the Christian.

That the Holy Spirit will come to us in our lives together, and give us the new life that will draw others to God.

in peace and joy;
Debby & Jeremy



Coffee Morning

Holy Trinity Church holds a coffee morning on the second Saturday of each month at South Crosland Junior School, Moor Lane, Netherton. The coffee morning in July raised £202.95. We donated this to South Crosland Junior School as a thank you.

The next coffee morning will take place on Saturday 10 September at 10.00am.

Café Church

The Next Cafe church will be in October. If anyone has any ideas about topics, please let Pam or Carol know.

Diary Dates

24 July: Final date for copy for September Focus is 21 August. **12 noon.** Items received after this time will probably miss the cut.

3 August: Churches Together will be staffing a stall at Playday at Hillside School. Contact Carol Waters if you can help.

24 September: Charity Shop Pop-up shop on the 24th September at the Scout Hut, with Bacon Butties and cake served by the Scouts. 10 am - 2pm



*You are all invited to tea/coffee
and cake at the Rectory!!*

Saturday 13th August



*Drop in anytime between 1pm and 4.30pm and enjoy a
cuppa and a slice of cake and a chat!*

*If it's a sunny day then bring a chair and we can sit in the
garden!!*



Looking forward to seeing you all!!

Julie



Armitage Bridge Ringers

Church Bell Ringing (part 2)

For most ringers, after they have mastered the physical and co-operative nature of ringing to the degree where they are comfortable with ringing the previously described 'called out changes' with some ease, will want to progress further, and for the listener it will also increase the interest if the changes occur more often, that is, with greater frequency. So the band of ringers move forward and learn quicker ways of making the changes.

The aim is (in ringers language) to learn 'method' ringing.

This entails everyone in the 'band' knowing how to change their bell's position every time it rings out (which is about every two seconds). In terms of the bell numbers it would look like this;

1234567 8

2143658 7

2416385 7

4261837 5

4628173 5

6482715 3

6847251 3

8674523 1

etc.

After about half a minute the bells are back in their original order of;

1234567 8

This is called 'plain hunting' and you can repeat the pattern over and over, but it is limited in the number of different sequences it will produce, so the never ending dilemma of 'boring' can raise its head again.

However bellringers have a number of ways of varying the order and can ring different sequences for several hours without repeating any

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one line, and that is 'method' ringing. Most importantly, bell ringers are, as a general rule, welcoming and sociable.

B.P. P.M. 2022

Submitted by Alan Trebble.

Wartime Ringing

We are often asked about church bells being rung during WW2. We, like many of our contemporaries have always understood that a ban existed throughout the conflict. Lorraine and I were recently asked to ring with some friends at St. Chads at Saddleworth where we came across a Yorkshire Association Change Ringers newsletter from Spring 2010 which contained the following article:-

Order 1042 of 1940. The following are the terms of the order:
No person shall in any area of Great Britain sound any church bell or cause or permit any church bell to be sounded except for the purpose of making a signal in accordance with the directions given by a commissioned officer of His Majesty's Forces or the chief officer of the police for the area in indicate that members of an enemy force are landing or attempting to land or have landed from the air.

In this Order the expression 'Church Bell' includes the bell in any church, chapel or other place of public worship ordinarily used or intended for summoning persons to public worship or any like purpose and any bell ordinarily used or intended for tolling at a cemetery.

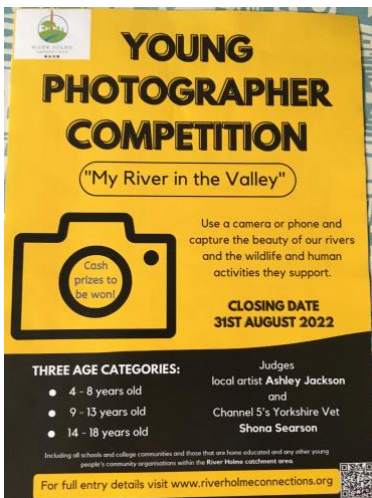
This order may be cited as the Control Of Noise (Defence) Order 1940.

The ban was temporarily lifted to celebrate the victory at El Alamein in North Africa and ringing was allowed on Sunday 15th November 1942. Probably more public interest was aroused than any other ringing in history.

The ban was renewed with a reissue of the Control Of Noise Order early in March 1943.

There was still much debate and call for its abandonment and on 21st April 1943 the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, said the War Cabinet had decided it was time for its removal and steps would be taken to see that bells could be rung for church services on Sunday for Easter. From Easter Sunday they could only be rung on Sundays, Good Friday and Christmas Day, and only for summoning people to worship – bells could not be rung for weddings for instance. Agitation to have the ban completely removed

Alan Trebble



Something for the young photographers that you know??

First Anniversary Celebration

Gift Day

&

Café Church

September 17th

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| 10.30 am |  | 4.30 pm |
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| 1.30 p.m | | 6 p.m |

Celebrating 1 year of St John's Church and Berry Brow Methodists being together!.

Come and enjoy a bacon butty, a light lunch, cake or just a cuppa!

At Berry Brow Church, Birch Road, HD4 7LP

Contact Carol: 07740425093



Family Picnic at Beaumont Park 2022

Having heard the weather forecast of possible high temperatures, I had wondered if I should cancel the picnic.

However, on arrival at the park in good time to reserve a suitable spot, David and I felt a lovely breeze as we laid out our picnic rug in the shade of the trees. My fears were unfounded!

Gradually, our church friends and their children began to arrive.

Twenty-five of us (age range 20 months - 78 years) and two very well behaved dogs gathered at Beaumont Park to enjoy the Annual Family Picnic. It was lovely that Sarah (Carroll), her daughter Maria with sons Thomas and Benjamin could join us.

The weather was kind, hot at times in the sun but a gentle warm breeze kept the temperatures comfortable. Sitting in the shade was welcome but some did opt to soak up the sun! When the rugs and chairs had been placed in our usual spot whilst the children explored their surroundings, it was then time to enjoy our picnic. Lively chatter, companionship, and good food were enjoyed by all. Even our youngest member could survey us all as she enjoyed her picnic food from her own special chair.

Food eaten, now it was down to the serious business of the day! The newly refurbished play area was quite a draw with the children. Games of football and cricket were enjoyed but the ground was too hard for cricket stumps! I wonder who were the most competitive. Could it have been the adults?

Just to see young James with his flushed cheeks at the end of the afternoon, you could see how much he had enjoyed running about in the park.

After two years without a picnic because of Covid restrictions it was delightful to spend time together in our lovely, local park. Thank you for supporting it. Our Annual Picnic is in good health so why not come and join us next year?

Melody

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August 2022 Readings and prayers

Sunday 31st July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 3: 1-11 and Luke 12: 13-21

Sunday 7th August – 8th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 11: 1-3 & 8-16 and Luke 12: 32-40

Sunday 14th – 9th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2 and Luke 12: 49-56

Sunday 21st – 10th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 12: 18-end and Luke 13: 10-17

Sunday 28th – 11th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 13: 1-8 & 15-16 and Luke 14: 1 & 7-14

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