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Diocese of Leeds

The monthly magazine of the Emmanuel
Benefice, Berry Brow Methodist Church,
and Netherton Methodist Church.



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June Church Services

- 4 June 9.15am Morning Worship at South Crosland
10.00am Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church.
10.30am Holy Communion at Berry Brow Methodist Church
- 11 June 9.15am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge
10.00am Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church.
10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
- 18 June 9.15am Holy Communion at South Crosland
10.00am at Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church.
10.30am No service at Berry Brow Methodist Church
- 25 June 10.00am Baptism Celebration Service at Armitage Bridge
10.00am Holy Communion at Netherton Methodist Church.
10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church

In July and August all the services will be at 10.00am as we are coming together as churches and having one service each Sunday. Watch this space for the venues.

June Mid Week Services

- 7 June Netherleigh, Butternab Road Beaumont Park.
14 June TBA.
21 June 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton.
28 June Netherleigh, Butternab Road Beaumont Park.

Every Wednesday at St Paul's

9.15 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.

Mellow Yellow (Rev David)

This must surely have been the year of the dandelion.



Fields have been so completely yellow as to be easily mistaken for rape seed oil from a distance.

They look beautiful along the grass verges and in the meadows don't they?

But find one in your lawn and it's a very different matter.

I'm sure we've all enjoyed blowing the clocks and watching the little seeds disperse on the wind like miniature helicopters.

Keen gardeners will remove the flowers before they seed to prevent a bumper crop the following year.

It's my belief that God loves dandelions.

Why else would He have sent so many and made them so hardy and such a lovely colour and made them so difficult to pull out.

They also offer a feast for pollinators at a time of year when food is sparse.

Is learning to love dandelions a sign of our spiritual growth I wonder??

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Turning to another plant, my favourite wood is Yew. Its cream coloured sap wood and brown/red heart wood make it quite spectacular in my view and its grain pattern is unique.

It is very difficult to obtain by wood carvers such as myself as it is protected. Many of our Yew trees are over 1000 years old and live in church yards.

And it's is very, very hard to carve.

But to take a piece of rough sawn Yew and turn it into a thing of beauty by revealing it's 'inner self' is a great privilege.

We have been very fortunate over the years to accumulate pieces of Yew furniture and I remember years ago being told that the Yew veneer that was in stock was the last and no more could be obtained.



1000 year old Yew Tree



Sawn into a plank





Polished to reveal its inner beauty.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit we too are transformed into children of beauty.

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 May raised £173; thank you everyone.

The next coffee morning will take place on 10 June 2023 at 10.00am.

Stella

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Prayer guide for the care of creation

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

This is preparation for the meeting in September of the United Nations General Assembly

I hope that you will find these useful focus points for prayer during the coming weeks and months.

The dates in [square brackets] refer to the entries in the Green Christian Prayer Calendar where you can find more details, together with some links. (See greenchristian.org.uk/resources/prayer-guide for January 2023)

The 2023 SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Summit will be convened on 19-20 September 2023, during the United Nations General Assembly high-level week. Heads of State and Government will gather at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to follow-up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They will carry out a comprehensive review of the state of the SDGs, respond to the impact of multiple and interlocking crises facing the world, and provide high-level political guidance on transformative and accelerated actions leading up to the target year of 2030 for achieving the SDGs.

Sustainable Development Goal 1 - **End poverty in all its forms everywhere.**
[Saturday 7th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 2 - **End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.**
[Monday 9th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 3 - **Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.**
[Tuesday 10th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 4 - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

[Wednesday 11th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 5 - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

[Friday 13th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 6 - Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

[Saturday 14th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 7 - Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

[Monday 16th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 8 - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

[Tuesday 17th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 9 - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

[Friday 20th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 10 - Reduce inequality within and among countries

[Saturday 21st January]

Sustainable Development Goal 11 - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

[Monday 23rd January]

Sustainable Development Goal 12 - Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

[Tuesday 24th January]

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Sustainable Development Goal 13 - **Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.**

[Wednesday 25th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 14 - **Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.**

[Friday 27th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 15 - **Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.**

[Saturday 28th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 16 – **Peace, justice and strong institutions.**

[Monday 30th January]

Sustainable Development Goal 17 - **Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development**

[Tuesday 31st January]

If you would like to receive the prayer diary each month by email (free), please email: prayer-guide@greenchristian.org.uk

Jeremy

Foundation Governor at South Crosland Junior School.

At South Crosland CoFE (A) Junior School we are still in need of more foundation governors. These are governors who are regular worshippers and would serve on the governing body supporting the school and upholding the school's Christian ethos and values. This is a voluntary position, but it is very rewarding. If anyone from any of our churches is interested or would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact me through school and I will happily have a chat with you. (01484 667075)

Janice Dorrington



**Berry Brow
Carnival
2023**

17 June
Saturday, 1pm
Berry Brow Playing Fields,
Off Ladyhouse Lane

**CAN YOU
HELP?**

We need:
Cakes, raffle and tombola prize donations

Help on the day:
Setting up, manning a stall, stewarding
or clearing up

Please contact:
Philomena Clay on 07977575014
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- 7 June Reminder South Crosland Woman's Society will join the 1st Wednesday group at 2.0pm at Netherton Methodist Church. This will be 1st Wednesday of every month until the end of the year. Everyone Welcome.
- 17 June: Final date for copy June Focus, 12 Noon.
Items received after this time will probably miss the cut.

Thirty Sixth Art and Craft Exhibition – 2023

This will be held at St. Paul's Church: Armitage Bridge from Thursday to Saturday, 8th-10th June 2023 and the opening times are:

Thursday and Friday - 2pm to 4pm and 7pm-9pm
Saturday - 10am to 4pm

Refreshments will be available each day and admission to the exhibition will be £1.00

Exhibits for either the Art or Craft sections **must be delivered to Armitage Bridge Church on Tuesday, 6th June 2023 between 2pm and 8pm.**

Entry fees are £1.00 per exhibit in the Art Section (maximum ten exhibits) and 50p per exhibit in the Craft section. (No maximum).

Artists are requested to collect their works and sales proceeds (less 15% donation to Armitage Bridge Church) on **Saturday evening, 10th June 2023 between 4.45pm and 5.30pm.**

Entry forms are now available from Armitage Bridge Church, Huddersfield Library at the Civic Centre and Calder Graphics or alternatively you can visit our Facebook page via @armitagebridgeart or the Emmanuel Team website www.theemmanuelteam.org.uk

Compassion

Some time ago Julie suggested to our PCC's that we should sponsor a Compassion child.

The work of Compassion is such an important one. With our sponsorship, a child can be brought out of poverty and be helped to a better life.

I know some of you will already be sponsoring a child, but we think it's a good idea for our churches collectively to take on a sponsorship.

We now have a Compassion child, Dafne who is thirteen and comes from Brazil.

Bruce Greenwood has set up a Standing Order and your contributions will be most welcome.

Red collecting boxes at St. Paul's, Holy Trinity, and Berry Brow Methodist are now in place, along with a photograph and information about Dafne.

I am the contact with Dafne and have already written to her and have received an appreciative reply.

Hopefully we can involve Junior Church in the project so they can write to her too.

I look forward to relaying news from Brazil and of Dafne's progress.

Please remember Dafne in your prayers.

Melody Hirst



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What a great morning we had!

Arrivals at St. Paul's, on Sunday 14th May, were met by an informal café look.

Many of our regulars would not be surprised at this, but it certainly raised a few eyebrows.

In a very eco-friendly way, our tables had been covered with washable cloths or re-used paper ones from the Coronation party at Berry Brow (I don't think any were kept for a third use!) It certainly gave a cheerful welcome.

Most of our tables quickly filled, with about fifty people present, including five young people. Melody, Bruce and Catherine delivered our Christian Aid themed service, including a film informing us about life in Malawi and how the use of 'pigeon peas' has helped villagers to grow a resilient crop to make their own bread. During the service the children were occupied with rolling out playdough (baking) and bread themed colouring activities which they enjoyed showing to all at the end of the service.

Catherine thoughtfully linked the film and the day's readings in her talk and considered how often mighty oaks can grow from tiny acorns. Amongst her examples, locally, were the Charity Shop in Newsome and The Welcome Centre, both providing vital services within our local community.

I don't know the origins of the Christian Aid organisation, but I imagine it was once a small seed in someone's mind; now it is a far-reaching organisation providing a means for people to help themselves in areas where food, clean water and education are not taken for granted.

Following the service, a breakfast of bacon or sausage sandwiches or beans on toast was available, together with toast, coffees or a delicious selection of cakes; hopefully something to suit all tastes. Our waiters ably took the orders around the church, and delivered them to the kitchen staff, who endeavoured to provide the sandwiches as quickly as possible, whilst the teas and coffees were delivered to the tables. It sounded a bit like Master Chef in the kitchen, with shouts of, "5 bacon and 2 sausages," etc. We may not have been quite professional, but, thankfully, calmer people than I kept us on track. Hopefully, "Service" wasn't too delayed.

Our supplies proved adequate to feed those who stayed after our church service, together with friends and family who arrived a little later. We even managed to keep going for some of our friends from the Methodist Church who came after their later service, plus one of our Wednesday gardening team who thought we were starting the food at 12! She shall remain nameless, but it was great to see her and all the people who joined us and helped us to raise the marvellous sum of over £600 which we can send to Christian Aid.

Most grateful thanks are extended to all involved in creating, serving, and sharing in our service and breakfast, plus washing up and returning our church to its traditional seating arrangement. Also, to The Loom Café in Honley who generously donated a coffee & cake voucher for the raffle and to Hinchliffe's Farm Shop for supplying sausages at a very favourable price. All other provisions had been kindly given by other benefactors, grateful thanks to them also.

Helen Hales

Another View

How much is Christian Aid's Chief Executive paid? Christian Aid's Chief Executive, Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, earned £132,000 last year. We recognize that this is a large sum of money. Christian Aid makes every effort to avoid paying higher salaries than are necessary. 10 Feb 2020.

When is there to be a similar celebration of the Salvation Army's 'hands-on' work, I wonder.

Our CEO and Staff Pay

Unlike most charities our Territorial Commander and many other people in senior roles are ministers of religion and do not receive a salary. When men and women make a commitment to Salvation Army officership they make a covenant with God.

Michael Robinson

Annual Family Picnic
On Sunday 16 July at Beaumont Park
12.30pm onwards



Here comes the sun!

Why not come and join us at Beaumont Park?

The youngsters like to run about, play football, tennis or go in the adventure playgrounds but if that's not your scene you can just sit back, relax, enjoy an ice cream and watch the "world go by"!

All you need is a picnic, a chair or a rug!

You can bring along bats and balls or any outdoor apparatus for the young ones

We're hoping for good weather so don't forget your sun hats and sun cream!

We meet by the swings (off Butternab Road)



Telephone Melody on 01484666205 or mobile 07956442001 for more details

Come and Join us!

Armitage Bridge Ringers

St. Pauls Armitage Bridge along with many other local towers met the challenge of "Ring for The King".

3 of the ringers involved started to learn to ring in March, it was a wonderful achievement for them to be able to join in on this wonderful national event.

Two of our ringers have recently passed significant milestones for ringing peals.

Sally rang her 100th peal recently at Halifax Minster. And Lorraine rang her 500th again at Halifax for the Coronation.

A significant amount of learning, effort and hard work goes into, it does not come easy.

Well done to both.

Lorraine and Alan Trebble



Yorkshire Association

On Saturday, 6th May 2023

Armitage Bridge, West Yorkshire
St Paul

Rounds and Call Changes

Rounds & Call Changes Inc. Kings and Queens

Lorraine Trebble
Alison Rigby
Catherine Day
Melanie Farrar
Karen Burke
Ann Williams
Scott Iveson
Morgan Read
Alex Wain
Alan Trebble

For the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla
Scott, Karen and Morgan having learnt to ring for this occasion,
Ring for the King



June 2023 Readings and prayers

Sunday 4th June – Trinity Sunday – 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end and Matthew 28: 16-end

Prayers for the Day - Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of our truth and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 11th June – Trinity 1 – Romans 4: 13-end and Matthew 9: 9-13 & 18-26

Prayer for the Day - God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Sunday 18th June – Trinity 2 – Romans 5: 1-8 and Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8

Prayer for the Day - Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 25th June – Trinity 3 – Romans 6: 1b-11 and Matthew 10: 24-39

Prayer for the Day - God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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