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

 **THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Leeds

Annual Family Picnic

On Sunday 14 July at Beaumont Park

12.30pm onwards



July will be here before we know it!

Why not come and join us at Beaumont Park for a picnic?

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June Church Services

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| 2 June | 10.00am Morning Worship South Crosland Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Netherton Methodist Church
10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church |
| 9 June | 10.00am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge Church
10.00am Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church
10.30am Holy Communion at Berry Brow Methodist Church |
| 16 June | 10.00am Holy Communion at South Crosland Church |
| 23 June | 10.00am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Netherton Methodist Church |
| 30 June | 10.00am United Service at Armitage Bridge Church |

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.

June Mid-week Services

Please contact Stella or Barbara for details.

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Dear Friends

Welcome to summertime! The days are getting longer, and the nights are getting shorter. The swallows are back, and the leaves are full-sized. Grass is growing so fast that you can almost see it grow!

Tomorrow, as I write, it will be Pentecost and we will be together at Netherton Methodist Church hearing again the story of how the Holy Spirit fell on the praying company in Jerusalem - about 120 people, including the apostles - transforming them into bold, joyful, compassionate, eloquent people. Peter preached his first sermon - no notes of course - and 3000 people, whatever their mother tongue, heard the good news of Jesus, resurrected and glorified, and were baptised that day. The church, the body of Christ, was born!

By the time you read this, the church year will have reached Trinity Sunday or even the Sundays after Trinity. We will focus for months on the Holy Trinity, the 3 persons or aspects of the one God, God as Father, Jesus, God's Son, and the Holy Spirit, the divine community in which we live and move and have our being. We will think about the gifts God blesses us with, the character he grows in us, the roles he equips us for, the story in which we play our part for our generation.

Whether it's the physical seasons or the church themes that revolve around the year, we live in a world of change. Some of us resist change. Others enjoy change, revel in it. My husband was one of those - he often used to quote John Henry Newman:

To live is to change; to become perfect is to have changed often
I would add the famous words of Gandhi:

Be the change that you want to see in the world

In the course of our lives, some change is inevitable - and we need it. Some change is unnecessary - we can resist it. Some change will be costly or painful. - we may fear it. Some change will be life-giving and healing -

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we welcome it. God is with us in all the changes, because he is Lord of all, whether or not he is the agent of change.

Our world is facing much change. The warfare in Ukraine and the Holy Land, in Sudan and in Yemen, and more than 100 other conflicts, are not going to be fixed quickly. But we must pray and advocate for a just peace. We must help to change the narrative wherever human rights and rights of non-human species are denied. The climate is changing too across the globe and extreme weather events, from flooding and heatwaves to melting icebergs and hurricanes, are becoming much more frequent.

At the moment, as local churches, we are facing a lot of change. Being in a time of interregnum (vacancy) between Rev Julie and a new parish priest means a lot of work for our churchwardens and church councils. Waiting for the closure of the Holy Trinity, South Crosland Church building creates uncertainty for individuals and for the congregation whose spiritual home has been there.

I mentioned Jeremy's fondness of quotations. I recently found a Filofax full of his favourite quotes grouped by themes. I am going to end with one about future plans, from the bible :

Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope
Jeremiah 29.11

That's my prayer for all of you

Debby

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Almond and Sultana Slab Cake

1 lb Sultanas
8oz Butter
12oz castor sugar
2 teaspoon almond extract
12oz Plain flour
2 teaspoon baking powder
3 large eggs

Cover the sultanas with water in large pan; bring to the boil and simmer for 15minutes. Drain, put back into the pan and add the butter. Simmer until the butter is melted. In a mixing bowl beat the eggs, almond extract and castor sugar together. Then add sultanas and butter mixture to the castor sugar and egg mixture. Now fold in flour and baking powder, put into a large roasting tin approx. 11"x9"x2'. Bake at 150°C 45 -50 mins approx. on the middle shelf. Browns very quickly. Test if set in the middle before taking out of the oven. Let it go cold before knocking it out of the tin.



Stella Bowman's prize winning recipe.

Thirty Seventh Art and Craft Exhibition – 2024

This will be held at St. Paul’s Church: Armitage Bridge from Thursday to Saturday, 6th-8th June 2024 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, 4th June 2024 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, 8th June 2024 between 4.45pm and 5.30pm.

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

Exhibitors are asked to adhere strictly to the times and dates specified above.

Come and visit us and help us make the thirty seventh Art and Craft Exhibition a great success!

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200 yeards of Methodism in Berry Brow



Photo by Joyce Garside

Cathy McClester led a walk as part of the recent Celebration of 200years of Methodism in Berry Brow. The group are pictured at Deadmanstone, the site of the first Methodist Chapel in Berry Brow, known as Rock Chapel, which opened in May 1824.

Diary Dates

21 June : Well dressing Armitage Bridge. Meet at 5.00pm at bridge.

22 June : Final date for copy July Focus, 12 Noon.

Items received after this time will probably miss the cut.

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200th Anniversary at Berry Brow

Thank you all for your 200th Anniversary wishes. We were blessed with a wonderful weekend.

Many people took part in the walk and were delighted to learn so much about the locality thanks to Cathy's wonderful knowledge. The very extensive exhibition was well attended too, and many of us were delighted to see photos of old friends and relatives. Simultaneously we had excellent attendance at the café, thanks to the bacon butties and marvellous selection of cakes that were donated.



The celebrations continued in the evening with a brilliant concert by Meltham and Meltham Mills Band who played a wide-ranging programme of music for all tastes. We were delighted to be joined by many friends, including Rev Peter and Jane Hancock.

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The following morning's service by Rev Peter, included Jane's beautiful musicianship with a message that was both touching and relevant. From the foundation of the Rock Chapel to our mission as the Rock for the for the future was eloquently explained.



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We then had a faith lunch with an extra special celebration for our oldest congregation member, Ruth.

After lunch, as people left, happy and replete, there were many comments about how much people had enjoyed themselves and how great



is the strength of our fellowship in this benefice/area. Huge thanks to all the people who worked so hard throughout the weekend, moving furniture, providing food, washing up, clearing up, serving and praying. I know we are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community. I am not the only one to feel the depth of love and care. Thank you everyone for your consistent support.

Carol Waters

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 May coffee morning raised £143.00; thank you to everyone for supporting this event.

The next coffee morning will take place on Saturday 8 June 2024.

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Support your local community and visit
the

Together

Pop Up Shop
Newsome Scout Hut
Saturday 15th June

Raffle!

10am – 1 pm

Re-use

Following the success
Of the previous events
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are hgstin another
Pop Up Shop!

Newsome Explorer Scouts
raising funds offering
light refreshments including—
bacon buttie !



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Armitage Bridge Ringers

Western Branch Outing to Liverpool
(Joint With Lancaster Branch)

April 20th 2024

On a cold and unexpectedly frosty Saturday morning (2 degrees) we set out on our much-anticipated trip to Liverpool, collecting Alex, Jonathan, Carole, Rebecca, Harry and Stuart via Brighouse and Halifax on our way towards the M62.

Our first tower of the day was the 10 bells of St. Peter Woolton. The churchyard here has the grave of “Eleanor Rigby” and, is on the Beatles Trail around Liverpool as was proved by a succession of taxis pulling up on the roadside.

The bells were originally an 8, cast and installed by John Taylors of Loughborough in 1888, with a tenor weight of slightly over 19cwt (996 kilos), the addition of 2 lighter bells in 2019 cast by Eijsbouts of Asten in The Netherlands augmented the ring up to 10. Bonaventura Eijsbouts was a watchmaker who had an interest in clocks, commencing making quality church clocks in 1872. After moving to larger premises in 1905 he relocated to larger premises and with his son, Johan, began the manufacture of bells. The facility today is known as the “Royal Eijsbouts Bell Foundry”.

Giving Derek Johnstone’s VW a jump start, off we went to our next tower St. Barnabas, Mossley Hill. We all know it better as “Penny Lane”, a bronze statue of John Lennon stands on the pavement outside. These 8 bells have a tenor weight of over 11cwt (560 kilos), whilst the 6 heaviest bells are from Taylors (1873) the front 2 are Mears and Stainbank (1896) of Whitechapel, London. The tower has gone through a major refurbishment from 2009 by the “Merseyside Bell restoration Group”.

Driving our way across the city towards Anfield and Goodison enjoying our packed lunches in a local park and our next tower, St. Francis Xavier.

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Known affectionately as SFX is run by Jesuits the current building opened its doors 4th December 1848. Although not rare there are not so many Catholic Churches with full circle rings of bells. But, there is a very nice ring of 8 bells looked after by the University Ringers who are currently involved in redecorating the ringing room. Not a job for the faint hearted, the ceiling is a very long way up needing a very, very long ladder.

Back in the car for a 20-minute drive towards the river. Our Lady and St. Nicholas our next destination. Known as "Pier Head". The chapel of St. Nicholas (Patron Saint of Sailors) is adjacent to the River Mersey near the Pier Head. The address is The Old Churchyard, with the current building being surrounded by modern high-rise buildings, the "Liver Building" is on the opposite side of the road. The current 12 bells (tenor 41cwt 2128 kilos) replaced an earlier set of 6 bells which were destroyed in an accident in 1810 when the tower collapsed killing 25 people.

As can be seen the bells during the afternoon were progressively getting heavier, however our last location for the day Liverpool Cathedral is something else. Not only is it the longest Cathedral in the world, has the largest gothic arches, highest viewing tower, but it also contains the heaviest and highest ringing peal of bells in the world. The huge array of 13 bells weighs in at around 16.50 metric tons. The tenor (heaviest) is named "Emmanuel" it weighs 4.171 metric tons. The ringing bells cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1939 are held in a unique radial reinforced concrete frame in the centre of which is "Great George", a bourdon bell which is chimed on special occasions. Cast by John Taylors in 1940 its 15-ton weight makes it the 3rd largest bell in the UK behind the 2012 Olympic Bell and "Great Paul", however even these bells are dwarfed by the world's largest bell "Tsar Kolokol" at around 200 tons.

Two lifts take you up the tower, the ringing room on floor 8 is a large gothic type cavern is crossed with metal beams and braces, to ring the bells you stand on a raised circular platform rather like a circus ring. It is dramatic, one which most ringers should be happy to undertake even reluctantly and even if it is only the once.

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An entertaining day ended after a steady journey home. Our thanks to Cate Gardner for arranging an enjoyable sojourn over the Pennines.



Lorraine and Alan

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June 2024 Readings.

Sunday 2nd June – Trinity 1 – 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 and Mark 2: 23-3:6 Prayer for the Day (Collect)

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 9th June – Trinity 2 – 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1 and Mark 3: 20-end. Prayer for the Day (Collect)

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

Sunday 16th June – Trinity 3 – 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 & 14-17 and Mark 4: 26-34. Prayer for the Day (Collect)

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.

Sunday 23rd June – Trinity 4 – 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 and Mark 4: 35-end. Prayer for the Day (Collect)

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sunday 30th June – Trinity 5 – 2 Corinthians 8: 7-end and Mark 5: 21-end. Prayer for the Day (Collect)

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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