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### Church services!

Our church services for this month will be:-

7<sup>th</sup> November 8.30am at St John's Newsome BCP communion

7<sup>th</sup> November 11.15am at Berry Brow Methodist Church

14<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am at Armitage Bridge – Remembrance Sunday

14<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am at South Crosland – Remembrance Sunday

14<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am at Berry Brow Methodist Church –  
Remembrance Sunday

21<sup>st</sup> November 10am at Armitage Bridge

21<sup>st</sup> November 11.15 at Berry Brow Methodist Church

28<sup>th</sup> November 8.30am at St John's Newsome BCP communion

28<sup>th</sup> November 11.15 at Berry Brow Methodist Church

### Mid-Week Worship Rota

Mid Week Communion at 10.00am on the following dates at these addresses.

3 November 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

10 November 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

17 November 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

24 November 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

Masks will be required for moving around the church but can be removed when sitting!

Thanks

*Julie*

## Clergy Pages

I have an affection for the changes in the year: every season has its charms and its challenges.

November is special because it is the month of **remembering**, beginning with All Saints Day (Nov 1) for the believers who are part of the history of all Christians and All Souls Day (Nov 2) for those we loved and lost, who are part of our personal history. Armistice Day (Nov 11) and Remembrance Sunday, the Sunday nearest to it, recall the terrible losses of war and the costly kind of living which makes for peace. At the end of the month, we recall St Andrew, St Peter's less famous fisherman brother, who was so good at introducing people to Jesus that he is patron saint of evangelists as well as of Scotland.

November is also when the rest of the leaves fall off the deciduous trees. Woods become lighter and Jeremy and I can see right across the Holme valley over the top of St Paul's. In the 1990's, the Church of England gave a new name to this special month - the Kingdom Season. I like that, because its themes are about lifelong discipleship and life with God being eternal. So welcome to the Kingdom Season!

This year November is sharply focussed for us by the intergovernmental Climate Conference of Parties - **COP26** for short - being held in Glasgow, hosted by Alok Sharma and our Queen and Government. It needs our prayers. Daily. In your own words or set prayers or silence if you prefer.

There has been so much preparation for it. The Climate Sunday we and many churches kept and sent our commitments to Glasgow, the Relay Pilgrimage by Young Christian Climate Network we supported in September, the Christian Aid "Rise to the moment" flotilla of tiny prayer boats we and others sent.

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**“Earthshot”** was a wonderful prequel to COP26. Sir David Attenborough and Prince William launched a decade of prizes (5 x £1 million) in 5 categories for projects from anywhere in the world. Costa Rica won for protecting and restoring its nature. Takachar in India reduces air pollution on farms by 98%. Coral Vita in the Bahamas grows baby corals and replants them in dying reefs. Milan has 3 food hubs which turn huge amounts of food waste into meals for needy people. Enapter (Thailand / Germany/ Italy) creates green hydrogen technology for emission-free transport. Do watch the 5 “heats” and the award ceremony - 6 good news documentaries on BBC iPlayer. All of these brilliant projects can be rolled out across the planet.

What we are doing through **EcoChurch** is our own contribution to undoing the damage caused by Climate Change. By 2030, our church and all the Church of England churches and all other churches registered with EcoChurch aspire to be Net Zero Carbon. That is our corporate promise and it helps us to be part of the solution to this huge global challenge.

In the process, we will be gradually learning how to live as individuals who have a “low carbon footprint”, who tread lightly on this planet. I hope you will join me in thinking about our lifestyles between now and next summer. If we do this, we will get to our SILVER AWARD!!!

### **Calling all you EcoBrickers!**

Finally, news for you. After a delay I will be building the EcoBrick raised bed at Stirley Farm this month. **Please bring to church by Remembrance Sunday all the full bottles you have at home so they are included** in our build. Then stop making EcoBricks. Here is why .... In the last year or so, all the supermarkets have been improving their capacity to recycle SOFT plastic - the stuff we put in EcoBricks - and I have been through their websites. Some simply recycle 80% into new

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plastic and burn the remainder, creating energy. Others are working towards Zero waste strategies.

**Everyone please** ask at your own supermarket which plastics you can take back to them and start doing so, so that they continue to work towards zero waste.

And if there is a plastic free way of buying what you want, buy loose!

Love and prayers from your Environment Officer and Champion,

*Debby*



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## Remembrance Sunday



**14<sup>th</sup> November**

I am pleased to announce that we will be holding our Remembrance Sunday services this year in all 3 of our churches!

Rev Debby Plummer will be at Armitage Bridge at 9.15am (corrected time!!)

Rev David Kent will be at South Crosland at 9.15 am

Rev Julie Anderson will be at Berry Brow Methodist Church at 10.30am

I thought we could all show our thanks and commitment to the memory of those who have died in war by putting a poppy in our windows during November again this year. There was a very positive response to it last year! Perhaps you have a child or grand-child who could draw one for you and colour it in or maybe you are a dab hand at making things and could make one for your window and perhaps offer one to a neighbour.



It is always good to show our appreciation of people who have dedicated their lives to improving ours and I hope by displaying a poppy of hope we will do just that and give thanks to all those who fought for our freedom!!

*Julie*



Here are some prayers from Christian Solidarity Worldwide concentrating on the Persecuted Church. Please use these prayers during the week beginning Sunday 7th November, and at any other time which is helpful for you: Find out more at [csw.org.uk/idop](http://csw.org.uk/idop)

### **Sunday 7 November**

***There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. 1 Corinthians 12:12***

Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church and we are joining as one body, one Church, to pray for freedom. Unite your voice with Christians around the world to pray for freedom and justice for persecuted Christians today.

### **Monday 8 November**

***God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. 1 Corinthians 12:18***

Each member of the body of Christ is unique, playing an active role in bringing the kingdom of God in this world. Give thanks for all those who play their role in the body by speaking out for truth, justice and freedom, whatever the cost.

### **Tuesday 9 November**

***Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Hebrews 13:3 ESV***

Every time you have a drink today, take a moment to remember the many Christians who are in prison because of their faith. As you drink, ask God to fill them afresh with his Spirit as they draw from the well of his love and grace which never runs dry.

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### **Wednesday 10 November**

***Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Matthew 6:10 ESV***

If you are going out for a walk today, or as you move around your home or workplace, pray that God's Kingdom would come in countries where Christians are detained, disappeared or displaced as it is in heaven.

### **Thursday 11 November**

***Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.  
Psalm 55:17***

Choose one person whose story and situation you've read about in Response and take time to pray for them morning, noon and evening today.

### **Friday 12 November**

***For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword... Hebrews 4:12***

We all have favourite scriptures that strengthen us when we feel weak; choose your favourite and use it to pray for strength for the many Christians facing discrimination, persecution or violence today.

### **Saturday 13 November**

**Lord, we give thanks that you rule over all things: may your Spirit rule today over kings and presidents, over prime ministers and generals, over captive and free. In every dark place in this world, may your light shine. May fear be overcome and truth reign. May justice roll on like a river, like a never-ending stream. May your Kingdom and your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen. *Jeremy***

## Schofield Haigh

A number of weeks ago, after ringing practice at Armitage Bridge, enjoying a couple of beers in Berry Brow Liberal Club, we were approached by the club Steward, Andy. He was wanting to know if former local cricketer Schofield Haigh was buried in our churchyard; we looked blank and said we would make investigations.



After enquiring with Bruce Greenwood, our gardening team was pointed in the right direction. Obviously, the grave was located in the one area which was overgrown.. Some serious strimming was required and after a lot of hours the entire plot was cut back. Our local sportsman's monument was now revealed and can hopefully be kept on show.

Schofield was born in Berry Brow , 19 March 1871 and died of a stroke in Taylor Hill, 27 February 1921. Schofield had played for Yorkshire CCC for 18 seasons from 1895 and intermittently for England. He was awarded Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1901.

Haigh was recorded as being a right handed batsman, and a right arm fast to medium bowler. After the end of the 1913 season he moved into coaching and took a position at Winchester school, where he helped with the emerging Douglas Jardine ( of bodyline fame).

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Schofield's son, John Scot Haigh, was killed in WW1 on 15 August 1918 and is buried in the British Cemetery, Vignacourt, France. His name is recorded on our war memorial.



## THE WELCOME CENTRE (HUDDERSFIELD)

### Festive 500



We want to provide 500 clients with festive food packs for Christmas. The

festive packs will include a 7-day food pack as well as all the ingredients to cook a Christmas meal or a frozen home-cooked Christmas meal for all the family.

Donations open 12:00 PM, 30 November 2021 to 12:00 PM, 7 December 2021

The campaign target is £11500 which will be matched £ for £ from a fund championed by The Reed Foundation – <https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/christmas-challenge-2021/a096900001ggTE3AAM>

## *Coffee Morning*

### **13 November**

South Crosland's monthly coffee morning on Saturday 13 November 2021 at 10.00am until 11.30 at South Crosland Junior School, Moor Lane, Netherton.

Come along and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with your pals. Plus browse the stalls including books, cakes and Renata Firth.

Please note that Renata will only have handbags and accessories with her.



Here are the dates for the coffee mornings until 2022.

11 December 2021

8 January 2022

12 February 2022

12 March 2022

9 April 2022

14 May 2022

11 June 2022

9 July 2022

August No coffee morning

*( We are delighted to announce that the coffee morning held in October raised £130.)*

### **Dates for Your Diary**

**November 6th** Pop-up Shop 10-2 p.m at the Scout Hut Newsome  
Sale of clothes for the Together Shop

**November 20th** Cafe Church is back! At Berry Brow Church 4 p.m. to 5.30.  
An introduction to Rev Tim Francis Methodist Minister at Berry Brow,  
Netherton, Dalton and Shelley.  
Soup and Sandwiches afterwards.

**Also moving to Berry Brow Church:** Crafty Chatterers - Meet people. have a  
chat, enjoy a cuppa and try some old and new crafts. November 2nd; 16th  
and 30th. From 9.30 - 12 noon.

### **Sharing a meal together .**

Twenty four members of our local churches shared a meal together at the  
Travellers Rest at Brockholes last Tuesday. It was particularly good to be  
joined by an enthusiastic and appreciative group from Berry Brow.  
Our thanks to Paul and Sam and their staff, who accommodated us brilliantly  
and fed us to their high standards.

My apologies to anyone who had not heard of this opportunity beforehand,  
but I'm usually working at the last minute.

Following requests from a few people I have tried to organise the next meal  
at a different time (and I always like to change the venue too).

Just in time to get into the Focus magazine, I have spoken to The Sons of The  
North and requested some space for a group after the service at Armitage  
Bridge on Sunday November 21st.

They would like to know numbers and our food choices in advance, so I will  
do my best to get some menus to all of our churches as soon as possible.  
Hope you can join us....but if not , then maybe you'd like to organise another  
time and place or suggest one to me.

*Helen Hales*

## **Link parish in Sokorabolo**

You may be aware that St Paul's maintains a link with the parish of Sokorabolo which is in the Diocese of Royra in Tanzania. News can sometimes be a bit irregular as replies can often take some time to be received however from time to time we receive updates as to the people of Sokorabolo parish. We have also sent financial gifts to the village in previous years to help with the building of some of their parish infrastructure including a water tower project, a vicarage and church school. The vicarage has been an ongoing project for a while and recently we received an update which I have included below and some lovely photos.

*Sarah Pope*

### ***Part of the email received by Sarah.***

Sarah, the photos attached in this mail are the once (sic) taken during Bishop's visit at Sokorabolo parish two weeks past, when he had a Sunday confirmation service, over ten people were confirmed for the Eucharist meal. Sokorabolo members were very joyful and thankful to their partners ( Armitage Bridge Church) for their regularly prayers and support they have been rendering to them to make sure the holistic gospel is being offered ,e.g.; the construction of water harvest that took place previously.



**The Vicarage**



**Confirmation service with Bishop Moses Yamo**

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### **The Church**

However, they request your prayers for the ongoing work of the construction of permanent vicarage which is now in the stage of roofing, they are planning for bega kwa bega to purchase iron sheet, roofing timbers and nails. Kindly join them in prayers.

*Rev Canon Peter Oyoo*

## **A SCOTTISH MISSIONARY - ST MOLUAG**

Many of you will remember Jean Macdonald (Hobbs) when she was Churchwarden at St Paul's (1998-2004) before moving to Speyside. Margaret and I have just returned from a holiday with her and Rob, and we can highly recommend their Bed and Breakfast in Dufftown.

A great walking and touring area, Rob has lived in the Glen all his life and both he and Jean have a wealth of knowledge about places of interest and fantastic scenery etc. The website is [scorrybreckdufftown.co.uk](http://scorrybreckdufftown.co.uk)

Rob is Beadle (Churchwarden) at the local Parish Church, St Moluag at Mortlach. One of the oldest Churches in Scotland, it claims to have been a continuous place of worship since AD566.

### **SO WHO WAS MOLUAG?**

He was a Pict, born in Ireland in AD520, a contemporary of St Columba. In AD562, Moluag joined a training College for Missionaries founded by St Comgall who chose Moluag to lead a mission into Pictland. He left with 12 monks, establishing his main base on the island of Lismore eventually roaming over the Highlands and Islands, setting up Christian enclosures, with a place for worship in the centre. Some sources report 100 such sites of varying sizes

On his death his story tells of a born leader of men, a first-class organiser, inspired in his work for the spread of the Gospel. The Aberdeen Breviary sums up his career "By his assiduous preaching of the Word he brought an heathen people out of the shadow of death to the bright light of the Christian faith"

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The Church and Churchyard hold 2 very important relics, an Elephant Stone with Pictish symbols dated about AD500 and the Mortlach Battle Stone of 1010 engraved with a Cross and Serpent. In that year Malcolm II “ramscattered” the Danes near the Church and in accordance with his vow extended the Church by 3 spear lengths in thanksgiving to God.

During restoration work in 1876, a postern door was exposed with an opening to one side about 6ins square, which would have given those deemed undesirable, lepers etc access to worship without entering the Church.

Situated behind the Church is a Watch House built in the Churchyard to protect against Graverobbers who were paid to retrieve bodies for medical practices, bodies were preferred to be less than 4 days old.....What a job!!

An interesting historical Church, well worth a visit if you are in the area.

### *Catherine*



*The Bachuil Mor  
of St Moluag*



## November Readings and prayers

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> before Advent - Revelation 21: 1-6a and John 11: 32-44**

**Prayer for the Day** – God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> ‘All Saints’ Day’ Psalm 15, Isaiah 35, Luke 9.18-27**

Lord, we praise for your greatness which gives us courage and your mercy which fills us with hope; for your truth which enlarges our understanding of you and your purposes.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> ‘All Souls’ Day’ Psalm 5, Isaiah 1.21-end, Matthew 2.1-15**

Lord, we praise you that when we feel lost, uncertain and afraid your mighty presence shows us the way and when we are empty you supply joy, courage and life in abundance.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Psalm 9, Isaiah 2.1-11, Matthew 2.16-end**

Lord, we praise you, our Creator, Sustained and Lord. We praise you for the life you have given us and for your promise to share every moment of our journey with us.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Psalm 11, Isaiah 2.12-end, Matthew 3**

Lord, we praise you that in Christ you have given us the insurance that no matter who we are or where we go you will be there.

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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Psalm 16, Isaiah 3.1-15, Matthew 4.1-11** Lord, we praise you that even in the in the midst of our anxieties, doubts and fears we can place our trust in you, the giver of life, hope and peace.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Psalm 18.31-end, Isaiah 4.2-5.7, Matthew 4.12-22**

Lord, we praise you that true worship is in the name of Christ, in the midst of his people, and overflows with the power of the Spirit.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent – Hebrews 9: 24-end and Mark 1: 14-20**

Prayer for the Day – God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Psalm 19, Isaiah 5.8-24, Matthew 4.23-5.12**

Father, your praises are sung by people of every age and every place. Your name has been glorified down the centuries and across the world.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Psalm 21, Isaiah 5.25-end, Matthew 5.13-20**

Father, today we join with the hosts of heaven and our fellow Christians everywhere to lift up your name and worship you.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Psalm 23, Isaiah 6, Matthew 5.21-37**

Father, we praise you that though you are the High and Holy one, you promise to live in our hearts and lives. Though you are the King of all creation, you walk with us on the journey of life.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Psalm 26, Isaiah 7.1-17, Matthew 5.38-end**

Father, through your glory reaches to the end of time and to when time will be no more, yet you receive our praises and accept our devotion.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Psalm 28, Isaiah 8.1-15, Matthew 6.1-18**

Father, we praise you for Jesus Christ through whom we have become your children. It is Christ who taught us to call you our Father and to trust in your fatherly goodness.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Psalm 33, Isaiah 8.16-9.7, Matthew 6.19-end**

Father, we praise you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who empowers us for worship and enables us to commit our lives to you to your service and to journey with you to the end and beyond.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent – Hebrews 10:11-25 and Mark 13:1-8**

Prayer for the Day – God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Psalm 46, Isaiah 9.8-10.4, Matthew 7.1-12**

Lord, forgive us our daily acts of faithlessness, the anxieties that cripple our lives, and the sense of hopelessness that hinders our growth.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Psalm 48, Isaiah 10.5-19, Matthew 7.13-end**

Lord, forgive us our fear which prevents us from speaking out or from telling the good news of Jesus.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Psalm 56, Isaiah 10.20-32, Matthew 8.1-13**

Lord, forgive us our weakness which causes us to let you down and our bitterness which makes it harder for others to find you.

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### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Psalm 61, Isaiah 10.33-11.9, Matthew 8.14-22**

Lord, forgive us our hard-heartedness which crushes hope for our neighbour and our self-centredness which causes you pain.

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Psalm 63, Isaiah 11.10-12.end, Matthew 8.23-end**

Lord, make us a source of hope, joy and confidence for those who need our faithfulness, and by your Spirit, enable us to be beacons of your light and love.

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Psalm 78.1-39, Isaiah 13.1-13, Matthew 9.1-17**

Lord, lift us up and enable us to celebrate your love made known to us in the risen Jesus Christ.

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Christ the King – Revelation 1:4b-8 and John 18:33-37**

Prayer for the Day – God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

### **Prayers for the Week**

#### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm 92, Isaiah 14.3-20, Matthew 9.18-34**

Shepherd Lord, we have all strayed like sheep, each of us going our own way. We have held back from the flock, so that we could not even hear your voice.

#### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm 97, Isaiah 17, Matthew 9.35-10.15**

Shepherd Lord, we have made judgements about others, even though we knew that they belonged to you. We thought we knew best, even

though the well-trod paths are so familiar to you. Forgive us, Lord; find your lost sheep and draw us back again.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Psalm 110, Isaiah 19, Matthew 10.16-33**

Father God, you gave us the example of Jesus; he did not exploit his equality with you, he emptied himself to become human, humbled himself to be a servant and washed his disciples' feet.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Psalm 125, Isaiah 21.1-12, Matthew 10.34-11.1**

Father God, wash away the dust and grime of our lives. Remove the grit of failures and the stains of past mistakes. Refresh us, and call us your friends, so that we may serve you in newness of life.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Psalm 139, Isaiah 22.1-14, Matthew 11.2-19**

Servant Lord, a stable marked your entrance and your birth, the world took little notice of your life, and a city in despair brought forth your tears.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Psalm 145, Isaiah 24, Matthew 11.20-end**

Servant Lord, your war-horse was a donkey through the streets, a bowl and towel the sign of kingly reign, and on a villain's cross you died before you lay within a borrowed tomb.

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