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Church services!

Our church services for this month will be:-

3rd October 10am at South Crosland

3rd October 11.15 at Berry Brow Methodist Church

10th October 10am at Armitage Bridge

10th October 11.15 at Berry Brow Methodist Church

17th October 8.30am at St John's Newsome BCP communion

17th October 11.15 at Berry Brow Methodist Church

24th October 10am at South Crosland led by the Worship Team

24th October 11.15 at Berry Brow Methodist Church

31st October 10am at Armitage Bridge

31st October 11.15 at Berry Brow Methodist Church

You no longer need to register for a ticket just come along and enjoy our services.

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

Thanks

Julie

Ramblings from the Rectory

Now most of you know that I don't like gardening and I really do mean it – I don't like gardening. I avoid it like the plague! My late husband on the other hand loved nothing better than getting in the garden and tending his flowers – the only problem was what he thought of as flowers were, in my opinion, weeds! Pete would lovingly tend to all the plants in the garden and when challenged about the “weeds” he would simply say “a weed is flower in the wrong place” and as far as he was concerned his flowers were all in the right place. Pete loved dandelions and daisies as well as roses and violets – nothing was ever turned away in our garden. I have to admit it was always very colourful but I'm not sure everyone else saw what Pete saw! But it didn't matter to him.

And Pete would encourage the children to bring me beautiful bouquets of flowers – usually dandelions or daisies and I would tell them how lovely they were and we would put them on the windowsill so that everyone could see them! I may not have thought they were beautiful flowers but it didn't matter because they were given to me with love and I displayed them to return that love. It was important to the children to see me smile and put those flowers in a vase! It also reminded me that everything that God has created is beautiful and valuable in his eyes, designed with a purpose. We may not always see the purpose but it is there!

And that goes for people too! We all have a purpose or calling from God and we can do something that no one else can do – we just have to discover what it is! Maybe through the lockdowns you discovered a new talent or rediscovered one you had forgotten about in the busyness of life! Perhaps you started painting or writing poetry or

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stories and gifted them to someone who was feeling down; maybe you enjoyed baking and sharing it with your friends and neighbours to make them smile. Maybe you realised that you were a good listener and gave your time to those who needed to talk on the phone or on Zoom.

I rediscovered my love of sewing and have really enjoyed making masks for sale in church and making scrubs bags for the NHS! It felt like something useful and hopefully it made a difference – even if it was very small! We can all make a difference by using our God given talents!

There is a story of a man walking along a beach. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day. Off in the distance he could see a person going back and forth between the surf's edge and the beach. Back and forth this person went. As the man approached, he could see that there were hundreds of starfish stranded on the sand as the result of the natural action of the tide.



The man was stuck by the apparent futility of the task. There were far too many starfish. Many of them were sure to perish. As he approached, the person continued the task of picking up starfish one by one and throwing them into the surf.

As he came up to the person, he said: "You must be crazy. There are thousands of miles of beach covered with starfish. You can't possibly make a difference." The person looked at the man. He then stooped

down and pick up one more starfish and threw it back into the ocean. He turned back to the man and said: "It sure made a difference to that one!"

My hope is that as we emerge from the restrictions we have been under for so long and life begins to get hectic with work and chores again, that people won't forget the difference they made to those around them when they had time on their hands to serve others.

Jesus told us that he had come to serve and not to be served and he always made time for others. Let's remember to the same and use our God given talents to help someone else to smile and feel brighter about life!

Julie



Christian Solidarity Worldwide invites us in a recent Prayer Letter to join with them in their prayers for "The Missing":

At any one time there may be thousands of people worldwide, like Pastor Raymond Koh in Malaysia, who have been 'disappeared' for their beliefs or because of the actions their faith inspires them to take. Use the prayer below to pray for Pastor Koh, his family and the

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many other people around the world who have been ‘disappeared’ in connection with their faith.

Almighty and all-knowing God, we bring before you all those who have been abducted or forced to disappear against their will. Their whereabouts may be unknown to us Lord, but they are not hidden from you. Lord, may your right hand hold them fast. You know each of them intimately: you know when they sit and when they rise, and you have counted every hair on their head. We ask that you would extend your protection around them today and command your angels to guard them in all their ways.

Lord, may your right hand hold them fast.

Send your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to the families of those who have been abducted. Grant them peace in the uncertainty, and strength in the waiting. As they seek audiences with those who can give them answers, may you deliver justice and truth.

Lord, may your right hand hold them fast.

Sovereign God, we plead the case of all who have been abducted or forcibly disappeared and are still missing. Stand on the side of the righteous, Lord, and come quickly to bring deliverance we pray. Lord, may your right hand hold them fast.

In Jesus’ name. Amen.

CSW is a human rights organisation advocating for freedom of religion or belief, and as Christians we stand with everyone facing injustice because of their religion or belief.

Jeremy

Financial Help needed in our Benefice

I want to begin by thanking you all for the support you give to the Churches in the Emmanuel Benefice in Newsome, Armitage Bridge and South Crosland. We really couldn't do what we do without you especially over the last 18 months with lockdown and restrictions. It hasn't been an easy time for any of us with some of you furloughed and others working shorter hours or from home and we want you to know that we have been praying for this community throughout this pandemic! Now things are beginning to return to normal in many ways we need to stay alert and diligent so that we keep cases of Covid to a minimum.

The churches have also had their share of the misery too as the doors to our buildings were closed in March 2020 and did not re-open for 5 months and then after only 2 months were closed again until Easter this year. It was hard but necessary in order to keep the virus at bay and we moved from live worship to recorded worship on YouTube. I have continued to record a service every week for those who still don't feel confident enough to come to church although we are now safely back in our buildings with Covid safe services!

Once the church buildings were allowed to re-open we made the decision to have one service every Sunday in our team and this has meant that we are at South Crosland one week then at Armitage Bridge the following week and Newsome the third week before beginning the cycle once again.

All this has meant that we have not had the income we would usually have to keep the churches running and so this year more than ever we are asking you to dig deep and donate what you can to help us to keep the church going. As winter approaches we will need to have the heating on for a short while even if we are not there so that

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buildings do not get damp and crumble around us and of course that costs money.

If you are a regular member of church you may already be giving by standing order and that is great but perhaps now is the time to review it and see if what you are giving feels right. If you don't give by standing order then please speak to one of the treasurers who will help you to fill in the form so that you can give regularly to support what we do.

If you are not a regular attender at church then you will have most likely been to a wedding, funeral or baptism and know how lovely it is to be able to do those services in a church that that has been there for families over the years.

So please if you can help us to keep on doing what we do and being there for you when you need us that would be wonderful.

You can specify which church you would like to give to or you can give to the Benefice and we will use it to support the work we do.

Please contact our treasurers for details of how you can donate to the churches!

Armitage Bridge and Newsome is Bruce Greenwood at

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South Crosland is Nicola Chambers at nj.chambers@hotmail.co.uk

May God bless you and keep you safe!

Rev Julie Anderson

Coffee Morning

It's Back in October

South Crosland's monthly coffee morning returns on Saturday 9 October 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.



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. October 5th; 19th November 2nd; 16th and 30th. From 9.30 - 12 noon.

School News

School Returns.

The end of last term was an incredibly dismal way for us to finish. Two thirds of us sent home, our “bubbles” well and truly burst, our last year group standing left to wander the ghost ship that HMS South Crosland Jnrs had become. With most of the crew having disappeared overnight.

I’m being a bit melodramatic. But it was totally rubbish to end the year like that. Especially for our year 6 who have been at the sharp end of the pandemic in school by having to forgo the residential trips and preparations for high school that is the right of our school leavers.

Resilient creatures though, children. By all accounts those who did leave us at the start of summer have made a good start at their new schools. After only a few days, those leavers I have spoken to have been happy and excited about their new situations at Honley and Newsome, which is brilliant to hear.

But what about South Crosland?

It's great to report that we have come back together as a whole school for the new school year with an optimistic spring in our step. Being able to have the children mix freely with each other at lunchtime in the dining hall and playground is marvelous for all of us. The whole school at play has been missing for eighteen months! Its been easy to supervise breaktime, having only one year group at a time out but not much fun for the children.

And the throng in the corridor at the change of lessons. It's delightfully too loud again, just on the sweet side of chaotic as children move on to

their next lessons. Which is how it should be. And, I think, how most of us adults in school would have it.

I can make particular note of our new year 4 children. Last year's year 3 have joined us in Mrs. Buckingham's and Miss Lindops year 4 classes keen and ready to learn. Happily, with no obvious indications of the fragmented first year they spent with us.

So, all is well. So far so good! And we in school all hope continues to remain so.

Paul R-R

School Readers:

Having had such a disjointed year plus, the school would be delighted to hear from any adults who would like to give a little time each week to listen to children read.

Give school a call on [01484 66707](tel:0148466707)

Thanks!

Shoebox appeal 2021

Caroline and I are busy helping with the shoeboxes for Teams 4 U in Meltham. Will you support us again ! Here are some useful links to the charity's website and some promotional videos.

Website: <https://teams4u.com/>

This tells you what to put in your shoebox:

<https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>

Please contact us if you need empty boxes etc; please bring your filled boxes to Church by 31 October so that we can take them to Teams 4U.

Let's get Cooking

Month two of our vegetarian / vegan recipe spot in Focus.
Here are two favourites from Rosalie Hampshire.

Pasta with eggplant, feta and mint.

Serves 3-4

Ingredients

225 gms spaghetti

Salt

340 gms aubergine, cut in ½ inch cubes

5 tablespoons olive oil

Medium red onion cut in half and thinly sliced

3 cloves garlic minced (1 tablespoon)

85 gm fresh baby spinach chopped

6 mint leaves finely chopped

57 gm feta cheese, crumbled

Ground black pepper

Method.

Heat 3 tablespoons oil on hot heat. Add cubed aubergine. Brown on all sides. (8-10 minutes). Remove from pan.

Add remaining 2 tablespoons oil to pan. Cook red onions until soft not brown

Add garlic for last minute.

Cook the pasta in salted water until al dente.

Add spinach to red onions and cook until wilted.

Add cooked aubergine.

Add mint

Toss and combine.

Add drained pasta to the pan. (reserve a cup of pasta water)

Combine with a little pasta water.

Add crumbled feta and black pepper.

Serve with garlic bread.

Mushroom Stroganoff.

Serves 2.



2 tsp olive oil

1 onion finely chopped

1 tablespoon paprika

1 crushed garlic clove

300 gm mixed mushrooms chopped

150 ml vegetable stock

3 tablespoon soured cream

Small bunch chopped, curly parsley

Method.

Heat olive oil, soft onion for about 5 minutes.

Add garlic and paprika cook 1 minute.

Add mushrooms, cook on high heat, stirring for 5 minutes.

Pour in stock, bring to boil.

Bubble 5 minutes until the sauce thickens.

Take pan off heat and stir in soured cream and parsley.

Serve with rice.

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Local History

The other day I came across “Rashcliffe News” for May 1976.
I quote - the Vicar, Rev. E.R.Bell

“ On Maundy Thursday I had the joy , on behalf of you all, to receive four coloured pulpit falls given by Mrs L Cawthra, David and Angela in memory of

Edwin Cawthra who died in 1942

Mary Elizabeth Cawthra who died in 1940

Francis William Cawthra who died in 1974

Made in Exeter by one of the finest firms of church furnishers”
(J.Wippell and Co Ltd)

My father had set aside money for a memorial for his parents when the war intervened.

These pulpit falls are now in use at St John- which is appropriate as the family were living in Bell Street, where my father was born in 1899.

Angela Morton



October Readings and prayers

Sunday 3rd October – 18th after Trinity Hebrews 1: 1-4 & 2: 5-12 and Mark 10: 2-16

Prayer for the Day –

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 4th ‘Francis of Assisi’ Psalm 80, 2 Chronicles 17.1-12, Mark 15.1-15

Lord, you give us times of stillness and quiet moments of life to remember you and your love. We give you thanks.

Tuesday 5th Psalm 87, 2 Chronicles 18.1-27, Mark 15.16-32

Lord, you made the rippling streams and the mighty waterfalls as signs of your goodness and power. We give you thanks.

Wednesday 6th Psalm 119.105-128, 2 Chronicles 18.28-19.end, Mark 15.33-41

Lord, you built the snowy mountaintops and designed lakes of clear water that fill us with hope and joy. We give you thanks.

Thursday 7th Psalm 90, 2 Chronicles 20.1-23, Mark 15.42-end

Lord, you created animals of every shape and size and colour as well as birds and fish and insects. We give you thanks.

Friday 8th Psalm 88, 2 Chronicles 22.10-23.end, Mark 16.1-8

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Lord, your creation reflects your beauty and your glory: it makes us want to worship you and to praise your name. We give you thanks.

Saturday 9th Psalm 96, 2 Chronicles 24.1-22, Mark 16.9-end

Lord, the light sparkling on the water and sunsets that take our breath away speak to us of the light of the world. We give you thanks.

Sunday 10th October – 19th after Trinity Hebrews 4: 12-end and Mark 10: 17-31

Prayer for the Day

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 11th Psalm 98, 2 Chronicles 26.1-21, John 13.1-11

Sing to God with thankfulness, sing a song of praise, sing out loud and joyfully, sing out all your days.

Tuesday 12th Psalm 106, 2 Chronicles 28, John 13.12-20

Praise the Lord with trumpets – all praise to him belongs; praise him with your music, your dancing and your songs.

Wednesday 13th Psalm 110, 2 Chronicles 29.1-19, John 13.21-30

Holy is the Lord our God and holy are his ways and holy is the life that we will lead to give him praise.

Thursday 14th Psalm 113, 2 Chronicles 29.20-end, John 13.31-end

We praise the Lord with all our souls, our strength, our hearts, our minds: he blesses us with his love, grace and His perfect peace that lasts forever.

Friday 15th Psalm 139, 2 Chronicles 30, John 14.1-14

Heavenly Father, when we see someone in trouble, may we know when to stop and help or when to hurry to fetch help; but may we never pass by, pretending we did not see.

Saturday 16th Psalm 120, 2 Chronicles 32.1-22, John 14.15-end

Heavenly Father, help us to notice the daily acts of kindness done by friends and strangers alike, and make us more mindful of all who support our lives and wellbeing.

Sunday 17th October – 20th after Trinity Hebrews 5: 1-10 and Mark 10: 35-45

Prayer for the Day

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 18th *'Luke the Evangelist'* Psalm 145, Isaiah 55, Luke 1.1-4

Heavenly Father, we praise you because you are so great and so very wonderful.

Tuesday 19th Psalm 132, 2 Chronicles 34.1-18, John 15.12-17

Heavenly Father, we praise you for all that you are and all that you do

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Wednesday 20th Psalm 119.153-end, 2 Chronicles 34.19-end, John 15.18-end

Heavenly Father, we praise you for making the whole world and we thank you for holding everything in your hands.

Thursday 21st Psalm 143, 2 Chronicles 35.1-19, John 16.1-15

Heavenly Father, we praise you that you are perfect, pure and holy and we thank you that you love us so much.

Friday 22nd Psalm 142, 2 Chronicles 35.20-36.10, John 16.16-22

Heavenly Father, we praise you for coming in Jesus and we thank you that he came to make our lives new.

Saturday 23rd Psalm 147, 2 Chronicles 36.11-end, John 16.23-end

Heavenly Father, we praise you that Jesus knows what it is like to live in this world and we give thanks Jesus that you know when things hurt us and make us afraid.

Sunday 17th October – last after Trinity 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 and John 5: 36b-end

Prayer for the Day

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 25th Psalm 1, Micah 1.1-9, John 17.1-5

Father, we come to you from a place of faith and not of fear. We desire your glory over our comforts, we boldly seek your face and proclaim your power.

Tuesday 26th Psalm 5, Micah 2, John 17.6-19

Father, you are the only one worthy of our trust. You know the plans you have made for us and we can rest assured in your promise.

Wednesday 27th Psalm 119.1-32, Micah 3, John 17.20-end

Father, we long to be in your presence more than anything else, because we love you so much.

Thursday 28th *Simon and Jude, Apostles'* Psalm 116, Isaiah 45.18-26, Luke 6.12-16

Father, we thank you for your guidance and life-giving Scripture, may the words we speak today be like a balm to someone's aching soul.

Friday 29th Psalm 17, Micah 5.2-end, John 18.12-27

Father, help us to let go of the things that are harmful to our spirits and our relationship with you. We choose to cling to you and your testimonies.

Saturday 30th Psalm 20, Micah 6, John 18.28-end

Father, every breath we take, we take because of you. With each breath we take, we are reminded that nothing slips by you – our Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace and our Almighty God.

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