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



Creationtide

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September Church Services

3 September	10.00am Unity service of Holy Communion at South Crosland
10 September	9.15am Morning Worship at Armitage Bridge 10.00am Holy Communion at Netherton Methodist Church 10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
17 September	9.15am Holy Communion at South Crosland 10.00am at Morning Worship Netherton Methodist Church 10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
24 September	9.15am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge 10.00am Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church 10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
1 October	10.00am Unity Harvest Festival Service in Newsome Scout Hut. (No Holy Communion)

Normal service times will resume from 10 September.

September Mid Week Services

6 September	Netherleigh, Butternab Road Beaumont Park.
13 September	11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton.
20 September	Netherleigh, Butternab Road Beaumont Park.
27 September	11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton.

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.

Dear Friends

September is a beautiful month. Technically the beginning of autumn but often with lovely weather - and that sense of new beginnings, with schools starting a new year and people returning from family holidays with stories to tell and photos to share.

It is also the Church's newest season - Creationtide - when we think about our responsibility to care for all that God has made - planet Earth and all its creatures. For me as Area Environment Champion, it is an exciting month as I get to preach to some of the other congregations in Huddersfield Area and encourage them in their EcoChurch journey.

We will be holding our own Environment Sunday service at St Paul's Armitage Bridge at 9.15 on September 24th and it is good to be able to REJOICE that we achieved EcoChurch Silver Award status this summer. That is a real success. It means that you and I together take the climate crisis seriously. I can see that we are looking at our lifestyles, so that we REDUCE what we consume, REFUSE to be unduly influenced by the adverts, REUSE and REPAIR what we can, RENT (or borrow or share) what we don't need to own and RECYCLE what we can. The 7 R's.

Please do come to that special service and, I hope, go away inspired! And then join us at Holy Trinity South Crosland at 2.15pm for a Concert of music by the Huddersfield Wind Band. Make a day of it!

Other events in Creationtide: Our new Bishop of Huddersfield Smitha Prasadam is being welcomed to our Area in a special service at Halifax Minster on Saturday 2nd September. Please keep her in your prayers.

Stirley Community Farm YWT is holding a Food Festival, also on September 2nd, from 10.30am - 4pm. I am sure that much of what is sold and consumed will be "LOAF" - local, organic, animal-friendly and fairly-traded!

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On Friday September 8th, we at St Paul's Armitage Bridge will be visited by Bishop Moses Yamo, the Bishop of Rorya in Tanzania. We are linked with the parish of Sokorabolo in the Diocese of Rorya in Tanzania and over the years we have sent financial gifts to the village of Sokorabolo to help with the building of their church and school. Bishop Moses will bring us news of our link parish.

And on October 1st, our Creationtide climaxes with a United Service of Harvest Celebration and generosity week in the Newsome Scout Hut at 10am.

A joyful Creationtide to all of you

Debby

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 next coffee morning will take place on 9 September 2023 at 10.00am.

Stella

Diary Dates

17 September: Final date for copy October Focus, 12 Noon.
Items received after this time will probably miss the cut.

Community Charity shop, Newsome

After the success of the previous 4 pop-up shops, we have another 2 dates in the diary for 2023. The dates are:

Saturday 30th September

Saturday 11th November

They will be held at Newsome scout hut, 10am-1pm, in aid of Community Shop funds. There will be clothes, shoes, books, DVDs, bric-a-brac, picture frames, jigsaws, games etc on sale, all at bargain prices. The Explorer scouts will be providing bacon butties, cakes and tea & coffee.

The November event will be a Christmas Special Shop, with all things Christmas – trees, lights, cards, gifts, party clothes, handbags, shoes etc. Come and grab your bargains and enjoy some fellowship over delicious refreshments! See you there!

Caroline Jones

Shoebox appeal 2023

The Christmas shoebox appeal coordinated by T4U (Teams for You) will be going ahead as normal in November 2023. Preparatory work, lead by Judith Powell, is already happening at St James' church, Meltham Mills. I know many of you have contributed to this appeal for many years and are keen to get involved again.

So, how can you help? You could fill a shoebox for a child. I have access to plenty of shoeboxes already covered in Christmas wrapping paper. I have taken a stock of these wrapped shoeboxes plus the leaflets, which include the label to put on the shoebox lid, in each of the churches. You could also contribute items ("fillers") for the packing team at St James' to put in shoeboxes.

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What to put in your box or provide as fillers (examples)

Practical supplies

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Hairbrush/comb

Facecloth and soap

Stationery/pens/pencils/paper

Gloves/hats/scarves

Craft Pack

Sewing Kit.

A few small gifts

A soft toy

A doll

Ball

Game or puzzle

Bubbles

Musical instrument i.e. harmonica/recorder



St James' church will be open 13-30 November for us to deliver your boxes, so I would be grateful if you could get them to me by Sunday 12th November. I can collect them from church or

just let me know if you want me to collect from your house.

If you don't feel you can fill a shoebox but would still like to help, you could pay £15 for someone else to fill a shoebox on your behalf or pay £3 to help with the ever-increasing transport costs.

Last year, T4U sent over 62,500 shoeboxes to various countries in Eastern Europe, including over 4,000 from Meltham. This year, the shoeboxes will be

heading to the Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania, and we are hoping to bring “love in a shoebox” to even more needy children. More details can be found on the website: <https://teams4u.com/> Many thanks for your continued support of this appeal.

Caroline Jones
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Family Picnic at Beaumont Park 2023

Whatever happened to the sun? All that hot weather we had and soaring temperatures in Europe and we have a weekend of wet and windy weather!

Although I was feeling optimistic that there would be a respite from the rain for the picnic to take place, I realised that it would be very windy and the grass and the children's play equipment would be too wet so I made the decision to cancel the picnic.

I am disappointed that we were not able to meet one another at Beaumont Park but we have rescheduled for September!

The picnic will take place (weather permitting!) on Sunday 10 September at 12.30 onwards at Beaumont Park.

Hope you can come and join us.

Please contact Melody on 07956442001 or 01484 666205 if you're interested or for more details

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Armitage Bridge Ringers

A Ten-Bell Contest at Huddersfield

In the May edition of “Focus”, we reported on a striking competition that took place at St Peters, Huddersfield in 1865. These papers found in Birmingham and passed to us by Rebecca Kirby who, very kindly followed this up by obtaining the results from ringing historian John Eisel

The following article appeared in the Huddersfield Chronicle, Saturday 23rd September 1865.

Change Ringing. – On Monday next a trial of skill in the art of change ringing upon 10 bells, will take place at the Huddersfield Parish Church. The contest is open to all England, but as Monday was the last day for entrance, it is now known who will compete for the prizes, namely, Sheffield, Ashton, Oldham, Wakefield, Dewsbury, Bradford, Halifax and Leeds. All being well-known companies, some very good change ringing is expected. The following handsome prizes will be given, namely, 12 guineas, nine guineas, six guineas and three guineas; besides a sum of money to each of the companies who do not merit any of the prizes. It is 39 years since a trial of skill of the same kind took place in this town.

The results were published Huddersfield Chronicle, Saturday 30th September 1865; also reported in the Leeds Intelligencer.

Change Ringing Contest, - On Monday last a change ringing contest took place on the peal of 10 bells at the Huddersfield Parish Church. The method rung was Kent Treble Bob Royal, and the peal consisted of 1,600 changes, in three courses to be rung by each company who competed for the prizes. The following were the companies who entered and competed, viz:- Sheffield, Oldham, Ashton, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Dewsbury and Wakefield – of whom the only company who did not get through their peal was Sheffield. The prizes were as follows :- 1st prize twelve guineas, 2nd prize nine guineas, 3rd prize six guineas and 4th prize three guineas; each prize in a handsome morocco purse. They were awarded to the following companies :- Bradford 1st, Wakefield 2nd, Halifax 3rd and Dewsbury 4th, and a guinea each company was given to the remaining four. The bells were opened at about six o'clock in the morning, with some first-class ringing by the

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Huddersfield company, amongst whom was Mr John Hanson, who has been a ringer at the Parish Church since 1807, and is now 75 years old, and who rang his bell on Monday in first-rate style. The conductors of the several companies gave a vote of thanks to the censioners (who were of the Huddersfield company), for the fair and honourable way in which they had discharged their arduous duties. The whole affair was got up and carried through in the most respectable and straightforward way, and reflects great credit on the Huddersfield company, and the committee who have exerted themselves in promoting the contest. The streets surrounding the church were constantly filled during the day by the inhabitants and persons who had come from a distance, to hear the ringing, and the greatest interest was manifested as to who would ring the best peal, and obtain the prizes.

Ashton Standard also published the results, but with the addition that there had been some dissatisfaction re Dewsbury awarded 4th place, as it was considered by others present that some of the other players had excelled it.

John Garner representing the Ringing Contest Committee, tendered their thanks to The Public, for their liberal support, Huddersfield Chronicle 30th Sept 1865.

Our thanks to Rebecca and John for providing us with the information and, a competition which preceded this one in 1826, which we will print at a later date.

Lorraine and Alan

Film Café

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Free admission



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Saturday 30th September

10am – 1 pm

Following the success of the previous events Newsome Charity Shop are hosting another **Pop Up Shop!**

Newsome Explorer Scouts raising funds offering light refreshments including—
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September 2023 Readings and prayers

Sunday 3rd September – Trinity 13 – Romans 12: 9-end and Matthew 16: 21-end

Prayers for the Day - Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 10th September – Trinity 14 – Romans 13: 8-end and Matthew 18: 15-20

Prayer for the Day - Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 17th September – Trinity 15 – Romans 14: 1-12 and Matthew 18: 21-35

Prayer for the Day - Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 24th September – Trinity 16 – Philippians 1: 21-end and Matthew 20: 1-16

Prayer for the Day - Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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