

FOCUS

July 2026

The monthly magazine of St. Paul's Armitage Bridge, the Emmanuel Benefice, and the Methodist Churches of Berry Brow and Netherton.

Feel free to take home

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds



Fledgling kestrel having survived his tumble from the nest.



Examples of work exhibited at the Art & Craft Exhibition

July 2026 Church Services

Sundays:

- 5th July (Trinity 5) 10.00 am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge Church (Junior Church)
10.00 am Own team led service at Netherton Methodist Church
10.30 am Own team-led service At Berry Brow Methodist Church
- 12th July (Trinity 6) 10.00 am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge Church
10.00 am Holy Communion (Rev Tim Francis) at Netherton Methodist Church with Berry Brow Methodist Church
- 19th July (Trinity 7) 10.00 am Lay-led service at Armitage Bridge Church (Children's activities)
10.00 am Circuit service at Holmfirth Methodist Church
Netherton Methodist Church closed
10.30 am Streaming of Circuit service at Berry Brow Methodist Church
- 26th July (Trinity 8) 10.00 am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge Church
10.00 am Morning Worship (Mrs Linda Bettany) at Netherton MC
10.30 am Morning Worship (Mr David Brook) at Berry Brow Methodist Church

Every Wednesday at St Paul's, Armitage Bridge.

9.15 am - Morning Worship, 30 minutes of worship and prayer.

All welcome.

Every Thursday - Christian Meditation, 5.30 pm. at St. Paul's.

Please contact Rev. Debby for details, Tel: 07762236986 - all

welcome.

A VIEW FROM THE CLERGY – Rev. Frances Nunn

Emmanuel Benefice Sunday Services 10am at St Paul's: We continue our Summer Sermon series in Matthew's Gospel.

5th July Communion & Junior Church - Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Matthew 7:1-12

12th July Holy Communion - Romans 5:1-11; Matthew 7:13-29;

19th July Lay Led Morning Worship - Matthew 9:35-11:1

26th July Holy Communion - Psalm 78:1-4; Matthew 13:1-43;

Have a look at the cartoon-type description of the Gospel according to Matthew, on the next page, below.

If you'd like to dig deeper into Matthew's Gospel, we recommend the Bible Project Resources available online:

Videos: bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-matthew

Podcast – Matthew Marathon:

bibleproject.com/podcasts/series/matthew-marathon

Videos on the Sermon on the Mount:

bibleproject.com/videos/collections/sermon-on-the-mount

Visual Commentaries on the Sermon on the Mount:

bibleproject.com/videos/collections/sermon-on-the-mount-visual-commentaries

Podcast – Sermon on the Mount:

bibleproject.com/podcasts/series/sermon-on-the-mount



Life Groups are an opportunity to gather mid-week to share fellowship, explore the Bible and pray together. A number of groups launched recently. If you are interested in joining a life group speak to Fran.

Things to look for

MATTHEW

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

AUTHOR:  **30-40 YEARS** of **ORAL TRADITION**

Matthew (ca. 70-100)

NEW MOSES 

1  **MESSIAH** (SON OF DAVID)

2  **NEW MOSES**

3  **GOD WITH US**

#1 LOOK UP OLD TESTAMENT QUOTATIONS (THERE ARE A LOT)

#2 LOOK CLOSELY AT THE PEOPLE WHO ACCEPT JESUS

RELIGIOUS UNBELIEVERS + FAITHFUL BELIEVERS = TRANSFORMATION

BOOKS OF MOSES (TORAH)

IMMANUEL GOD WITH US

1-3 **CONNECT JESUS TO OLD TESTAMENT**

4-7 **ANNOUNCING GOD'S KINGDOM**

- GO TO MOUNT SINAI
- CONFIRMATION
- RECEIVE GODS KINGDOM
- CREATE A NEW PEOPLE

8-10 **JESUS BRINGS KINGDOM INTO PEOPLES LIVES**

11-13 **RESPONSES TO JESUS**

14-20 **DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS ABOUT THE MESSIAH**

21-25 **CLASH OF KINGDOMS**

26-28 **PASSOVER MEAL - NEW MEANING**

29-31 **TRIAL & EXECUTION**

32-35 **RESURRECTION & ASCENSION**

36-40 **PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM**

41-52 **THE WORDS OF JESUS**

53-58 **THE GREAT COMMISSION**

59-68 **THE END OF THE TORAH**

69-78 **THE NEW TORAH**

79-88 **THE NEW PEOPLE**

89-98 **THE NEW KINGDOM**

99-108 **THE NEW MOSES**

109-118 **THE NEW DAVID**

119-128 **THE NEW ISRAEL**

129-138 **THE NEW JERUSALEM**

139-148 **THE NEW TEMPLE**

149-158 **THE NEW SACRIFICE**

159-168 **THE NEW COVENANT**

169-178 **THE NEW LAW**

179-188 **THE NEW COMMANDMENTS**

189-198 **THE NEW PROPHETS**

199-208 **THE NEW WISDOM**

209-218 **THE NEW MIGHT**

219-228 **THE NEW GLORY**

229-238 **THE NEW LIFE**

239-248 **THE NEW HOPE**

249-258 **THE NEW LOVE**

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**The next Emmanuel@6 gathering will be on Sunday 19th July
at St Paul's Armitage Bridge 6-7pm.**

We will continue our journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Songs for this month will include:

Thanks and Praise (Edmunds/Riggs/Grimble)

Firm Foundation [He Won't] (Davies/Moore/Carnes)

God I Look to You (Johnson/McIntosh)

Amazing Grace [My Chains Are Gone] (Newton/Tomlin/Giglio)

Bless God (Lake/Ligertwood/Carnes); Once Again (Matt Redman)

Thank You Jesus for the Blood (Gayle, Kennedy, Musso, Gentiles &
McCleery)

His Glory and My Good (City Alight - Fielding/Robinson/Thompson)



Here's to a plentiful Harvest!

We are now well into the Summer – all the lambs born in the spring are looking more sheep-like and the grains planted at the start of the

year are beginning to grow and swell, ready to turn golden in the coming months. It is a very fruitful time. Being out in the countryside of Galilee for most of his ministry, Jesus loved an agricultural metaphor. Matthew records that:

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Matthew 9:35-38

Not long after telling his disciples to ‘Ask the Lord of the Harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field’ Jesus got proactive! He sent out the disciples. His call was both for active prayer for more people to step out in loving service of God and others, and to step out ourselves – to be the answer to that prayer.

As we wander the lanes and streets of Newsome, Armitage Bridge and Netherton, I wonder where we see those who are harassed and helpless. Who do you encounter who need compassion and care? Can you be the answer to their prayer?

DIARY DATES

‘The Bread and Butter Thing’

Every week from 11.45 am, at Berry Brow Methodist Church - volunteers are always welcome. Contact 07507 237311 to find out more and if you are interested in helping out.

Hall Bower Beetle Drive

Slightly ahead of the game, but here is your advance notice of Hall Bower Methodist Church’s Beetle Drive on Saturday 19th September.

Annual Family Picnic

This is the last call for the Family Picnic, which takes place on **Sunday 5th July at Beaumont Park from 12.30pm to 2.00pm**. Why not come and join us in the park? The youngsters like to run about, play football, tennis or go in the adventure playground but if that's not your scene you can just sit back in the shade, 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).

And if the weather is unkind we will move indoors in the church, as we did last year. Telephone or text Melody on 07956442001 for more details.

Netherton Methodist Church regular events

- **Coffee and Chat**
Every Tuesday from 10.30 – 11.30 am
- **Coffee Morning**
Last Saturday of every month – 27th June this month.
Great cakes and fellowship!
Everyone welcome

Warm Welcome at Berry Brow Methodist Church

This takes place regularly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, this month on Tuesday 14th July from 12.30 pm onwards, with light lunch, quiz and fellowship.

Film Café at Berry Brow Methodist Church

Film Café is taking a break for the summer months, but will return on Saturday 17th October at 2.00 pm. It's sure to be a great film with good fellowship.

South Crosland Coffee Mornings

On the second Saturday of each month at South Crosland Junior School, Moor Lane, Netherton, funds are raised for charity.

In June a lovely morning was had and £227 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society. Thanks to all who organised, attended and supported in any way.

The cake stall was particularly successful. Many thanks to our dedicated bakers of goodies and the enthusiastic purchasers of the cakes.

All are welcome at the Junior School 10.00am - 11.30am for these events - bring your friends!

Forthcoming South Crosland Coffee Mornings:-

11th July - proceeds will go to School funds (the second of the year, to cover costs)

There is no coffee morning in August.

Following the summer break, events will be:

12th September - Macmillan Nurses

10th October - Pancreatic Cancer UK

14th November- Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes

12th December - Shelter

Helen Pearson

EVENT REPORTS

Pop-up shop, Newsome Scout Hut, 30th May 2026

Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way in contributing to the pop-up shop, whether as a helper, as a customer or both!

After costs, we managed to raise £670. The money goes to the South Huddersfield Churches Together fund, which pays for outreach and other projects run by the local churches. The Explorer Scout leaders did a fantastic job serving bacon butties, cakes and hot drinks and added £231 to their funds.

As you can see from the photo later, we had fun morning, and even had time to do a bit of hat modelling once we'd set up!

There are a further 2 pop-up shops booked for 2026, to be held at Newsome Scout Hut on the following Saturdays, 10am-1pm:

22nd August

7th November ("Christmas Extravaganza")

The Explorer Scouts will once again be providing refreshments. Get the dates in your diary, spread the word, bring your family and friends, enjoy fellowship over delicious refreshments and take home some fabulous bargains!

Caroline Jones



CHRISTIAN AID BIG BREAKFAST 2026

Thanks to all who assisted in preparing for, advertising and participating in, this year's Big Breakfast. We are most grateful to Hinchliffe's Farm Shop who again provided sausages for our event at a very favourable price.

We had a steady flow of customers throughout the morning, enabling our kitchen and waiting staff to keep up to demand.

Raffle tickets were purchased from our new recruit, Simone, who was welcomed aboard the raft of willing volunteers with which we are so blessed. Jon Love was the recipient of the first prize – a voucher for Espresso Corner in Huddersfield. Our grateful thanks go to them.

It was wonderful to see the team of people doing the sponsored walk around our Benefice and provide them with sustenance.

After a busy morning the church was swiftly refurnished by our volunteers and the remaining raffle prizes distributed.

Our new treasurer, Chris Storey, was put to work establishing that our joint efforts and most generous donations had generated a wonderful **£721.50**. (And that's before the money raised by Keith Robinson's sponsored walk is included!).

I'm sure that Christian Aid will be putting that money to good use, helping people to find ways to grow their own food and generate their own income in very difficult circumstances.

Thanks again and don't forget to support Hinchliffe's and Espresso Corner if you get the chance.

Helen Hales

39th Annual Art and Craft Exhibition

Well, the 39th incarnation of the Armitage Bridge Art and Craft Exhibition has been and gone – and what an incarnation it was! The well-oiled machine kicked into action once again, transforming our place of worship into a wonderful exhibition space. The Exhibition is an important fund-raiser for the church as money raised goes exclusively into the fabric maintenance pot, which ensures our church can be kept looking as good as it does.

In financial terms, this year was a very good event. It looks like, after all costs are deducted, a profit of around £2600 has been raised. The number of pictures shown was slightly down, but craft pieces were significantly higher, as was the footfall through the church. Almost automatically with the increase through the door followed a higher catering return. Overall, it was a wonderful effort.

And talking of effort, these events don't just magically happen. Many people give large amounts of their time, skill, cash and muscle-power to ensure the Exhibition is a success. They are too modest to admit it, but without the organisational skill and nous of Gillian and Bruce Greenwood, it would be a real struggle. So a huge thanks go to them on behalf of our congregation. The list of helpers is too long to mention individually, but you know who you are! The exception is to

perhaps mention the work done by Rachel, who co-ordinated the exhibition space and the way the artwork was displayed – she did a great job, which drew numerous compliments from visiting artists. So there we are, job done. All that remains is for us to look forward to next year, the 40th annual exhibition!!



Churchyard Observations – David Barker

DANDELION (*Taraxacum officinale*)

Jack-piss-the-bed, Pissy beds, Pittley Beds, Tiddle beds, Wet the bed, Dog's posy, Old man's clock, Fairies and Parachutes, just a few of the many vernacular names for the dandelion, one of the most common species of flowering plant worldwide. Known as pissenlit in France and in Spain diente de leon the plant is in fact known all over Europe for its diuretic effect. As such it is used in folk medicine for promoting the flow of urine, thereby assisting kidney and associated troubles in general.

Taraxacum is a genus of flowering plants in the family Asteracea, regarded as the largest plant family on Earth and containing in excess of 32,000 species. The family Orchidacea rivals the Asteracea family in numbers, currently estimated to contain about 28,000 species. The very familiar dandelion is an herbaceous perennial whose yellow flowers turn into architecturally amazing silver balls of tufted, wind

dispersed seeds. The flowers are a valuable source of pollen for insects and many species of birds feed on the seeds. In the light of this perhaps they should not be regarded as noxious weeds.

'Dandelion' is a corruption of the French 'dent de lion' which translates to 'lions tooth' and this in turn is derived from the Latin 'dens leonis'. The name relates to the characteristic jagged edges of dandelion leaves. 'Taraxacum' is Mediaeval Persian meaning 'bitter herb'. The species name, *officinale*, when naming plants is often used and is a reference to real or supposed medicinal properties. The dandelion competes with elder and nettles as the wild plant drawn on most widely and heavily in the British Isles for folk medicine.

'The dandelion' singular is a misnomer because in Britain there are at least 250 species of this plant. They show enormous plasticity and consequently are the most challenging genus that British and Irish botanists encounter and consequently only a specialist can provide an accurate identification.

Research has revealed that dandelions contain compounds that are anti-inflammatory, anti-carcinogenic and anti-oxidative and it is these compounds that are responsible for the bitter flavour of dandelion leaves. Some of these compounds are contact allergens as you may have found to your cost when pulling them up.

Also, when pulling them up you may have noticed a sticky white latex oozing from the broken stems, although most is in the roots. Rubber can be produced from this natural latex and indeed in World War Two 30% of rubber manufactured in the USSR came from Russian dandelions. After the war, rubber was once more produced from the rubber tree, *Hevea brasiliensis*, native to South America, and interest in dandelion rubber subsequently waned.

Dandelions are becoming much more familiar to British cooks and dandelion leaves may even be found in some pub salads. New recipes involving dandelions are currently being developed.

However, perhaps a word of caution is appropriate. Dandelions are rich in potassium and patients with chronic kidney disease including those on dialysis should avoid consuming these plants as indeed should anybody who is recommended to avoid potassium containing foods.

The flowers can be added to dandelion salads and provide a welcome dash of colour and a soft honey- flavoured foil to the tartness of the leaves. Blanching can also reduce their bitterness.

Dandelions are often gathered for making dandelion wine, the classic account of which is in Laurie Lee's *Cider with Rosie*. The roots provide a coffee substitute (aagh!) when roasted and ground and they were much used during the Second World War when real coffee was unobtainable. (Caffeine is absent from this drink).

Shakespeare understood the popular familiarity with the whole plant as well as local Midlands names for it and included these in the elegy in *Cymbeline*: 'Golden lads and girls all must/ As chimney sweepers come to dust.' 'Golden lads' was the Warwickshire name for dandelions in flower and 'chimney sweepers' the name for dandelions in seed.

To me, the seed heads, sometimes referred to as dandelion clocks are a wonder of Nature. They comprise numerous single-seeded fruits (estimated to be up to around 170 per head) and known as achenes (an achene is a simple dry fruit which remains closed when released), with each attached to a delicate, hair-like parachute called a pappus. A study, carried out by the German University of Regensburg found that 99.5% of dandelion seeds land within 10 metres of their parent. Higher winds don't increase the distance the seeds fly because strong winds tend to blow downwards and sideways. Calm, sunny days generate thermal updraughts and under these conditions the parachutes can travel much further.

Children (and some adults) still blow parachutes from the globular dandelion clocks to 'tell the time.'

David Barker

Armitage Bridge Ringers – News From The Belfry

Once again members of our ringing team have been busy – this time ringing a peal at Halifax Minster.

Yorkshire Association

Halifax, West Yorkshire

Minster Church of St John the Baptist

Saturday, 23 May 2026 in 3h 7 (10)

5040 Bristol Surprise Royal

[Composed by J W Holdsworth](#)

1Alan M Trebble

2Gail L Randall

3C Sally Austin

4Lorraine M Trebble

5Peter C Randall

6Neil R Aspland

7James W Holdsworth (C)

8Jennifer A Town

9Paul Brook

10Michael J Clay

40th birthday compliment to the conductor



It was clearly thirsty work, testament to which is the photo above! Well, it did take over 3 hours, so a drink was fully justified in the editor's opinion.

And here's a bell ringing related joke:

A man goes to the monastery and asks to strike the bell. The Abbott says 'yes' and the man puts his hands behind his back and runs headlong into the bell. The shock makes him stagger backward and he falls to his death over the balcony. When the police arrive, they ask the Abbott if he knows the man. He replies 'no, but his face rings a bell'!!

The next week another man arrives at the monastery and explains he is related to the dead man and would like to strike the bell in his honour. The Abbott allows it. He also puts his hands behind his back and runs at the bell. Again the shock causes him to stagger back and

he falls over the balcony to his death. The police arrive and again ask the Abbott if he knows the man. 'No', he says 'but he's a real dead ringer for his brother'! (Apologies – Ed.)

Squatters in the church tower!

Many of our congregation will be aware of the recent visitors to the church tower in the form of a family of kestrels. This seems to be the first time anyone can remember nesting taking place at the church. They took up residence behind the louvres on the west wall of the tower around a couple of months or so ago. Alan has been keeping an eye on the development of the youngsters over the last few weeks as the photos below demonstrate. The noise of the bells being rung seems to have had no effect whatsoever – must be the quality of the ringing!

There has been plenty of interest in the birds as the chicks have rapidly grown, thanks to their attentive parents. We knew from the activity in the nest, that the time for the youngsters to fledge was close and Friday 19th June proved to be the day.

As Tony and I waited outside for our electricians to turn up, there was plenty of bird call coming from an adjacent tree, which turned out to be the mother encouraging the fledglings to leave the nest.

As we went round the corner and looked up we saw much flapping and a young bird desperately hanging onto the tower wall – perhaps having had second thoughts about taking the leap of faith. It wasn't a good place to hang on though and as it got increasingly tired the bird tumbled to the ground. There were no apparent ill effects however, as the photo on the front of the magazine proved. Having left the bird to recover in peace, we returned to our previous position to watch the mother and three other fledglings in the tree.

Five minutes later, the bird had recovered sufficiently to join it's brothers and sisters, with mother in the tree.

Both Tony and I agreed it was a truly magical half hour, a real tribute to God's majestic powers of nature. It certainly made up for the electricians failing to turn up!!



The kestrel chicks on 27th May



Kestrel chicks on 17th June - 'decorating' the church wall.

Talented crafting display at the Exhibition



Millinery fashion show at the recent pop-up shop

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