



ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

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From the Manse

In the last few days we have held our annual remembrance services. Commemorating those who were lost in conflicts around the world was made all the more poignant by the fact that we, once again find our lives constrained as we battle an enemy that is hidden from our sight, but no less threatening to our way of life. Our churches have had to close and we have turned again to online services and zoom coffee mornings. It is hard, at this time, to hold a sense of church community when we are forced to disperse, but holding one another in prayer before God is a powerful reminder that we are connected by God's Spirit and a reminder that our great hope is in things to come. I hope to see some of you on my daily walks around Settle, please do stay safe and well!

Rev. Tim

Prayer and Worship:



Whilst we are unable to meet for corporate worship, the church will be open for private prayer each Wednesday

10.00 - 11.00 a.m. Please feel free to come in for a few minutes whilst taking your exercise or going to the supermarket. Don't forget your mask!

Online services, led by Tim, will be posted on our Facebook page at 10.30 a.m. every Sunday ([facebook.com/settlemethodist](https://www.facebook.com/settlemethodist)); these are also available on YouTube later in the day. Short services of Evening Prayer, led by Rev. Stephen Caddy, Christine Caddy or Rev. Tim will also be posted on Facebook at 6.30 p.m. every Sunday.

'Virtual' Coffee Pot



Feeling isolated or bored during lockdown? Then why not join us for a time of fellowship at our 'virtual' Coffee Pot every Tuesday from 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.? If you don't know how to Zoom or need the password details, please contact Tim or one of the stewards. You'll have to supply your own coffee and cake!!

Toy Service



We hope to hold our annual Toy Service on Sunday 6th December. Toys and gifts received at this service will be donated to the Salvation Army Toy Appeal in Burnley. Suggested gifts are as follows:

0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles

3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles

5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords

9-12: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, gloves, scarves, hats, hair accessories

13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers.

Yorkshire Preachers: no. 1.

Nineteenth century Yorkshire produced a rare crop of earnest, effective and sometimes eccentric local preachers in all branches of Methodism. Over the next few months we shall take a quick look at a few of them, starting with **Abraham Lockwood** of Berry Brow, Huddersfield (New Connexion: 1792-1871)

Abraham had to preach a "trial" sermon before going "on full plan." The place was High Street Chapel, Huddersfield

and the congregation almost entirely unknown to him. So nervous was the young man in the presence of strangers that he changed his text three times before he found one that would “go.” The congregation filled in the intervals with hymn singing. When he “hit his stride” Abraham was, so we are told, “fluent,” “sensible” and “natural”.

Jane Mansergh

Out of the mouths of babes.....

Do you have any of those amusing misquotes that children often invent in order to make sense of otherwise very strange religious language. Here's one to start us off – please send yours if you have any.

“OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN. HAROLD BE THY NAME”

Letter to God

Dear God,
29 loo rolls! I ask you, who really needs 29 loo rolls at 6 pm? They must have been planning a very strong curry! However another shopper saw them, and added two multi-packs to their trolley, just in case. They were spotted by two others, who added multi-packs and for good measure decided to stock up on flour and yeast and some frozen meals. Others saw them and did likewise, adding extra tinned goods too. Soon the rumour was spreading, "stock up now, there's going to be no deliveries for a while..." By 8.30pm many of the shelves were empty. Jenny always shops late, she lives alone with her cat and is vulnerable. She hates the dark, but there's fewer people around. But by the time she arrived there was nothing left. She burst into tears in the aisle because she couldn't even get any cat-food. A staff member saw her, and went to get some scraps of fish from the fish counter. Another shopper shared some of their own shopping and a staff member went down into the warehouse to find some extra items for her. Neither Jenny or her cat would go hungry... The next day the manager introduced rationing on some items. It strikes me God that you must feel like that all the time - you created a world with plenty for all, but some feel that they entitled to more than others. After all, do any of us need excess, even in loo rolls!

Regards

Old Lil Nongle.

URGENT

I came across this urgent request from Skipton Food Bank and in the light of Lil's letter to God, I thought it was pertinent.



Needed urgently:

Shampoo

Custard (*no, I haven't added that myself.....Ed.*)

Tinned spaghetti

Pot noodle

Plus the Christmas list please.

The Christmas list can be found online at www.skiptonfoodbank.org/christmas/christmas-food-list

If you can't get online, things such as tinned chicken or gammon, Christmas puddings, cake and mince pies are needed.

Donations for Christmas are required by Dec 4, which is why it is in this week's newsletter. As church is closed, donations should be left at Booths, in the bins provided at the front of their store.

Please help if you can. I read that food banks nationwide are expecting a 61% increase in demand in the next month.

LORD

Help me to live this day,
QUIETLY, EASILY,
To lean upon Thy great strength
TRUSTFULLY, RESTFULLY,
To wait for the unfolding of Thy will,
PATIENTLY, SERENELY,
To meet others
PEACEFULLY, JOYOUSLY,
To face tomorrow
CONFIDENTLY, COURAGEOUSLY.

