



ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

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Worship



Online services (morning and evening) continue on our Facebook page and on YouTube.

Our preachers in church at 10.30 a.m. for the next few weeks will be:

5th September St John's Eco/Climate Group

12th September Margery Dowling

19th September Revd. Tim Broughton
(Covenant Service with Holy Communion)

26th September Revd. Stephen Caddy
(Harvest Festival)

3rd October Jane Mansergh

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service on 5th September, but this will not be possible on a weekly basis until we have more volunteers to 'brew up' or serve.

Harvest Festival and lunch

Our Harvest Festival service on 26th September will be led by Revd. Stephen Caddy and will be followed by a church lunch. More details will soon be available.



Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot will be open on Tuesday 7th September (10.0am-12.0 noon). Future Coffee Pots

will be announced on Sundays and on our Facebook Page; at present we still need more volunteers to help, either in the kitchen or by serving. Cakes and scones can either be home-made or shop bought and it is up to the people providing refreshments whether they bring scones, a limited selection of cakes (including a gluten-free option), or both.

Hymns you have probably never sung: No. 2

"My Shepherd is the Lord,
He will for me provide;
Since all good things in Him are stored,
My wants shall be supplied.

In pastures of His grace,
I feed and rest and grow;
His spirit leads me to the place
Where living waters flow.

He does my soul possess,
And there His image trace;
In ways of righteousness
He leads me by His grace.

Though through death's vale I tread,
No evil will I fear;
His comforts overcome all dread,
For He is ever near.

The gospel feast is spread
In presence of my foes,
On me is oil of gladness shed,
My cup with joy o'erflows.

His mercy and His love
Shall me through life attend;
And I shall dwell in heaven above,
In bliss that knows no end.

This simple paraphrase of Psalm 23 was written by Francis H. Holmes, an Anglican living in High Bentham. He published "Hymns for the Israel of God" in 1893, a collection of 229 of his hymns and paraphrases. So far as I know, none of his hymns found their way into mainstream hymnody.

Jane Mansergh

Dementia Forward

There is something exciting happening in Settle: *Time Together Tuesday* and *Be Settled in Settle*.

As restrictions ease, Dementia Forward, a charity commissioned to deliver Dementia Support across North Yorkshire, have plans to open a Café. *Time Together Tuesday* will open on 5th October at St John's Methodist Church. The Café and wellbeing group will run every Tuesday afternoon from 2pm – 3:30pm and will be an opportunity for people living with Dementia and their carers to come together, share experiences and support each other over a cup of tea and a piece of cake. There will be tabletop activities, games and lots of fun.

Time Together Tuesday has been developed in conjunction with our church and will be run by a Dementia Support Adviser, supported by Jill Tiernan and volunteers. So, if you

- offer a listening ear
- can support people to join in activities
- offer companionship
- are a dab hand in the kitchen

and have a little time on your hands we would love to hear from you. No experience of Dementia is necessary as awareness training will be available.

Jill will be talking about *Time Together Tuesday* at St John's morning service on Sunday 19th September. If you'd like to get involved as a volunteer or want more information, contact Dementia Forward Helpline on 03300 578592 or Jill Tiernan on 07894 534494.

Be settled in Settle

In addition to *Time Together Tuesday* Café, Dementia Forward are working with The Place in Settle, Age UK and Friends of Settle Carlisle Line (FoSCL) on a new initiative, working with and for the local community to promote Settle as a safe, accessible, dementia-friendly environment for all who live here, work here or come to visit.

You can find out more about this exciting project at the following awareness events:

Settle Market: Tuesday 21 September from 10am. Learn more about the project and register your interest.

Dementia Awareness Session: St John's Methodist Church 22nd September 7pm – 9pm. A free dementia awareness session aimed at businesses, community groups and individuals, delivered by Dementia Forward.

Both of these initiatives will help make Settle dementia aware. This is an opportunity for everyone to play a part in making a difference.

This is your community; can you or someone you know make the difference and play your part?

Jill Tiernan

Harvest Praise at Hellifield Station

Members of Hellifield Methodist Church invite you to join them for a Harvest Songs of Praise at Hellifield station on Sunday 5th September at 2pm. Led by Revd. Tim Broughton, the hymns will be accompanied by Giggleswick and Settle Brass band. Refreshments can be purchased afterwards at the station café - and a steam train will be stopping at the station if any enthusiasts want to arrive a little earlier.

Traidcraft

A small range of Traidcraft Goods is available just inside the porch at St Mary and St Michael Catholic Church whenever the church is open i.e. before and after weekday masses (see notice board for details) and also before and after weekend masses (Saturday at 5.30pm and Sunday at 11.15am).

Please help yourself and leave money in the jar.

If you know of other Traidcraft items you would like (see their website, where there are amazing sales at the moment), please email Susan Houston at

s.houston317@btinternet.com

Dear God,

*This evening's sunset is stunning,
the sky painted with pink and gold.*

*Already though there's a slight
chill. Not much, just sufficient for
me to slip a cardigan around my
shoulders as I sit reading and
contemplating a blackbird eyeing
up the ripening blackberries.*

*When I was a teacher, this was the
week when I sat down to write the
school Christmas play and plan
winter activities. I knew that once
back in the classroom there was no
leisure time for creative Christmas
planning as I'd be too busy settling
in new classes.*

*I do love this time of year, however;
the sense of being balanced on the
cusp of the changing seasons always
seems so exciting. There are poppies
in the fields and a light mist over
the river in the mornings and the
knowledge that the harvest is not
far away. The gold of Summer will
fade into the jewelled leaves of
Autumn and then into the sparkle
of silvered ice in Winter. It always
reminds me of the passage in
Ecclesiastes 3, "To everything there
is a season, and a time for every
purpose under the heaven: " - a
reminder that nothing ever stays
quite the same; things will move on
and change for that is the way of
life. Which is as it should be,
because if we were always on the
edge of Autumn then we'd never
know the thrill of Winter and the
joys of Spring. Life's good because*

*it's always varied and full of new
experiences.*

Yours pensively

Old Lil Nongle

The Woodworkers Ballad

All that is moulded from iron,
Has led to destruction and blood,
But the things that are honoured of Zion,
Are most of them made from wood.

Stone can be chiselled to beauty,
And iron shines bright for defence
But when Mother Earth pondered her duty,
She brought forth the forest, from whence

Come tables, come chairs, come crosses,
Little things that a hot fire warps,
Old ships that the blue wave tosses,
And fiddles for music, and harps.

Oak boards where the carved ferns mingle,
Monks shrines in the wilderness,
Snug little huts in the dingle,
All things that the sad poets bless.

King Arthur had a wood table,
And our Lord blessed wood, for you see,
He was born in a wooden stable,
And he died on a wooden tree.

And he sailed in a wooden vessel,
On the waters of Galilee,
And he worked at a wooden trestle,
At his wonderful carpentry.

Oh, all that is moulded from iron,
Has led to destruction and blood,
But the things that are honoured of Zion,
Are most of them made from wood.

Herbert Edward Palmer

This poem was sent in by Dora Tattersall,
who says that she has always liked it -
possibly because her father, 2 uncles,
grandfather and great grandfather were all
carpenters, wheelwrights, or wooden dish
turners.

Things that children say...

A minister was telling the story of the Prodigal Son and wishing to emphasise the disagreeable attitude of the elder brother on that occasion.

After describing the rejoicing of the household over the return of the prodigal son, he spoke of one who, in the midst of the festivities, failed to share in the joy of the occasion.

“Can anybody,” he asked, “tell me who this was?”

A small boy, who had been listening intently to the story, put up his hand.

“I know,” he beamed. “It was the fatted calf.”

(From *A Bucket of Surprises*, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books)

Newsletter

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this newsletter, which is now being produced monthly. Please send any material for inclusion to Philip or Wendy by the 1st of the month. Wendy is also providing weekly notice sheets as and when necessary; please let her have any items for this by the previous Friday.

Eco Tip



Remember wildlife this September.

Cooler temperatures, darker evenings, falling leaves, Autumn is fast approaching! There are a number of things that we can do to provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year.

- Resist the temptation to clear up your garden; allow vegetation to die back naturally and leave seedheads, especially on plants such as teasels, thistles and sunflowers. This provides food and shelter for birds through the coldest months.
- Don't totally cut back your perennial plants but trim them instead and leave plenty of foliage at or near ground

level for insects and birds. Piling up leaves and other vegetation to create an open compost heap could provide the perfect hibernation spot too.

- Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of breeding season. A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead.

- For early spring 2022 flowers, plant alliums, daffodils, tulips, grape hyacinth, crocus, snakes head fritillary, and bluebells this Autumn. Other wildflower seeds which can all be sown now include: cowslip, chamomile, common knapweed, betony or meadow buttercup.

Alternatively, you can buy a wildflower mix which includes all of these.

An Ecumenical Service

For the Season of Creation

St Mary and St Michael

Tillman Close

7pm

Thursday 16th September

(Tea, coffee and biscuits following service)

Prayer for Creation month:



Lord of all creation, thank you for the perfect planet on which we live. Thank you for the sun and the seasons, the moon and the mountains, the valleys and volcanoes, the oceans and organisms.

We pray that in these difficult times, we do not lose sight of the importance of caring for your earth, and that together we might be able to work towards a better world, free from environmental destruction.

(James Appleby)