



# ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

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## Worship



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

Our preachers in church for the next few weeks will be as follows:

- 10<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 am Susan Wilson  
17<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 am Revd. Tim Broughton  
Holy Communion  
24<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 am Wendy Holt  
31<sup>st</sup> July 10.30 am Revd. Tim Broughton  
7<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 am Jane Mansergh

## Bible Study

*The Bible Course* continues throughout July at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. This is for all those who want to know more about the Bible - whatever stage they are at. You are welcome to join us whenever you are free as we explore the BIG story and discover its relevance for today.

*The Bible Book Club* will be starting in September. Read one book of the bible over the course of a month and then join with others to share thoughts and inspiration. Notes and reading guides can be provided. Please speak to Tim if you would like to know more.

## Social Events

As part of our response to suggestions made at our Church Vision Day, we are planning a series of monthly social events which will help us to get to know one another better and enable us to invite family, friends and neighbours to join us.

Following on from our Quiz Night on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, we will be having a **Cheese and Chocolate Evening** on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7.0 pm. This will be held in the new Eco Garden area if the weather is good; if not, we will move indoors. Please come along and bring family, friends and neighbours. There will be no charge, but you are asked to bring something to share containing cheese or chocolate (or both!).

Please book the date of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September for our next event – details to follow.

We will be welcoming **Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band** for a concert on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## Charity Coffee Pots



Coffee Pot is open every Wednesday (10.30am -12.0 noon). Please join us for tea/coffee, cakes and chat - and bring your friends!

The Charity Coffee Pot held on 15<sup>th</sup> June raised £107 for MHA (Methodist Homes), in addition to £117 + Gift Aid contributed through the envelope collection. Thank you to all those who supported either of these.

Our next Charity Coffee Pot, to be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, will be in aid of Peertalk. This is the charity which was set up by Stephen and Philippa Normanton, to provide peer support for people living with depression and anxiety. Extra donations of baking would be welcome for a cake stall. Please come and join us.

If you would like to take responsibility for one Charity Coffee Pot and donate the proceeds to a charity of your choice, please sign the list in the Coffee Lounge.

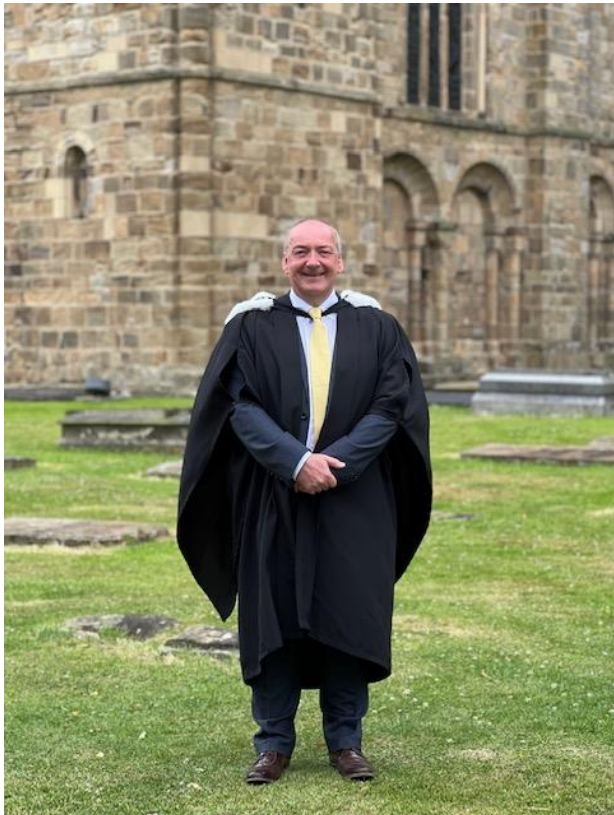
## Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee Showcase and Afternoon Tea were enjoyed by many members of the local community as well as church members, thanks to the hard work of all those involved.



## At last.....

Having had his ordination postponed twice before it could take place under Covid restrictions (no singing and just a few socially distanced guests!) and having had his degree ceremony postponed for a year because of Covid restrictions, Tim and Pam were finally able to enjoy his degree day at Durham Cathedral on 27<sup>th</sup> June.



## Worship Leaders Training

Our Ministers, Stephen and Tim, will be offering **WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING** this Autumn in seven sessions.

This course is open to:

- those Methodist Members who wish to train as Worship Leaders in their own church or wider in the Circuit.
- those who are already Worship Leaders who want a refresher.
- those Local Preachers who want to use this for Continuing Local Preacher Development.
- anyone wishing to develop their understanding of Worship.

The first step is to register your interest with either Stephen or Tim so that they can order the “Worship: Foundations” book for you and so that they can find the best time of day and the best day of the week to do the training!



## Eco Explorers

The Eco Explorer Adventure Camp will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

July at Lower Winskill Farm, BD 24 9PZ (off the road above Langcliffe). Families of any size (and their friends) are welcome, but the group must include one adult.

The Day camps begin at 10am & include a picnic lunch.

Leave at 9.30 from St John's Methodist Church in Settle if transport is required. Finish mid-afternoon after workshops in the field and a picnic lunch. We will explore different eco themes, have a gathering session with songs & sharing, and a help yourself picnic lunch, or byo if you prefer. Donation is £1/person/day: come one day or both. **PLACES/TRANSPORT MUST BE BOOKED**, either to [sally@thewatersons.org](mailto:sally@thewatersons.org) Tel 01729 822311 or via [www.ctisad.org.uk](http://www.ctisad.org.uk) (Activities in barn if wet).

If you could help with transport, activities or catering, please contact Sally on 01729 822311.

## THE HOLY ISLAND VERSION OF PSALM 23

Gill and Eddie O'Donnell found this version of Psalm 23 whilst visiting Lindisfarne last month. It was framed on the wall of a café.

The Lord is my coxswain, I shall not stray,  
He guideth me across the blue ocean.  
In the deepest waters, he is my pilot;  
He keepeth my chart, and guides me  
by the rock of steadfastness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I drift through the storms of life,  
I fear no peril.  
He is the keeper of my faith,  
His love will always protect me, whatever life  
may have to give.  
He preparest a haven in his bosom for those who  
have gone ahead.  
Surely his goodness and teachings will prepare us  
for the path we still have to tread,  
finally resting in the harbour of untroubled  
waters.

Attributed to G E Douglas : 1994

Dear God,

Undoubtedly, you're familiar with "Zen And The Art Of Motor Cycle Maintenance." Recently, however, I've been trying to master a new philosophy: "Li'l and The Art Of Wee Toatie Bits."

"What's a "toatie bit?" you ask. There's no dictionary or online definition. It's a dialect term for a bit that is smaller than a "wee" bit.

Therefore a "**wee toatie** bit" is smaller than a regular toatie bit.

I recently visited a nurse for a regular check-up. She sighed, announcing gravely "You've been trying to do too much!" In the past it was nothing for me to do 3 jobs, while volunteering for organisations and using my spare time to run a craft stall. Recently, though, I feel I've slowed down so much that I'm constantly being overtaken by snails and tortoises who stop to ask if I need help. "Your problem," she continued sagely, "is that you're one of those people who think it's wrong to rest. You try to do everything at once." I kept silent, thinking back to times when I burnt the candle at both ends (and in the middle too) but could keep all the plates spinning in the air while still tap-dancing on water. I realised that there might, possibly, be a remote grain of truth in her words. "You need to learn how to do wee toatie bits." I must have looked puzzled because she explained the phrase and said she'd see me in a month. So since then I've been working hard on doing small things. It's been amazingly satisfying to rest and step back from the need to do everything immediately. So I'm spreading the word, because we all often feel like we need to re-invent the whole of creation in 7 days, when in fact it may be better to sit back a while, take stock and proceed in wee toatie bits. Right, that's all – time for a cuppa!

Old Lil Nongle

## Newsletter

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this newsletter. Please send any material for inclusion to Philip or Wendy by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month (preferably a few days before this!).



### A Prayer for the summer

Creator God, we thank you for continent and climate; for transport and travel; for bonds of friendship and family. We pray for all those going on holiday this summer and for those staying at home, asking that it will be a time of relaxation and re-creation for all. Amen.