



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:

4th September 10.30 am Wendy Holt
11th September 10.30 am Jane Mansergh
18th September 10.30 am Revd. Tim Broughton

Covenant Service

25th September 10.30 am Wendy Holt

Harvest Festival

6.30 pm Revd. Tim Broughton

Celtic Service of Holy Communion

2nd October 10.30 am Revd. Tim Broughton

Throughout September we will be celebrating the Season of Creation.

October will be Bible Month, when we will be looking at the book of Isaiah in our services.

Bible Book Club

We will begin by looking at the book of Jonah. Reading notes, some background information and some questions to get you started can be found in the Coffee Lounge or by searching for Jonah on www.biblesociety.org.uk.

Join us on Zoom at 7.45 pm on Monday 5th September

Meeting ID 889 3056 8068

Password 81873

or in church at 12.0 noon on Wednesday 14th September.

Harvest Festival - 25th September

Gifts of non-perishable food will be received during the service and donated to the Foodbank. Envelopes will also be available for those of you who would like to make a donation to the work of All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development charity) as they support people in need in many other parts of the world.



LET'S TALK RUBBISH

Saturday 24th September. 10.00am - 1.00pm

Do you want to know which bin to put that brown plastic lasagna pack in? Does the Co-op recycle my empty crisp packets? Can I put my tea bags in my compost bin?

Come along to church to our Eco Event and find out. You can ask the experts themselves.

At 10.00am Lizzie from Craven District Council will be telling us all what the different bins can and can't be used for.

At 11.00am Emilie from North Yorkshire County Council will be showing us what happens to our rubbish when the contents of our bins leave Settle.

At 12.15pm Jess from Everyday Essentials will talk about re-fillables and more.....

Finally, at 12.35pm, the North Yorkshire Rotters group will give us advice about home composting.

In the middle of all this, at noon, we have the official opening of our Jubilee Eco Garden. The ribbon will be cut and the prizes will be presented to the primary school pupils who were winners of the design competitions.

Throughout the event, there will be displays in the hall by:

North Yorkshire County Council

Craven District Council

Settle Town Council

ACE (Action for Climate Emergency)

St. John's Eco Group

Everyday Essentials, Ingleton (Eco friendly cleaning products and much more)

Number 29 Clothing Agency, Gargrave (pre-loved clothing)

North Yorkshire Rotters (Composting ideas and equipment) with kids activities

FairTrade - sale of Tea and Coffee

Settle Business and Community Hub (slow cooking without electricity or gas)

Friends Meeting House - sale of Palestinian olive oil

Activities for adults and children, and many people on hand to answer all your questions. So come along, bring your friends (old and young) and talk about rubbish over a brew and a bite to eat.

Social Events

There will be a **Church Barbeque** in the garden (weather permitting!) at 6.30pm on Saturday 24th September. Indoors if wet.

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

Tickets, (Adults £10 Students £5 Under 11s free) including refreshments, will be available from Philip Taylor in advance or on the door.

The **Frank Flynn Trio** will return on 12th November, with a concert of jazz and light music.

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 3rd August raised over £120 for the Smile Train charity. Thank you to all those who supported this.

The Charity Coffee Pot on 7th September will be raising funds for Long Preston Over 70's. The group provides summer and winter lunches and a Christmas gift for those who live alone or are unable to attend.



Eco Explorers

The Eco Explorer camp took place at Lower Winskill Farm on Tuesday &

Wednesday, 16 & 17 August. Tent, gazebo & camping trailer with awning were erected on Monday morning, when we made the decision to run the camp on Tuesday, as the thunderstorm forecast had abated: Tom Lord didn't think it a good idea to come if there were storms, as we were not able to use his barn this year. In fact, it was a lovely sunny day. 8 families came (10 adults & 13 children) and enjoyed family games, art work, geology, looking at bird flight, and a nature walk. Snack & lunch items were prepared by 2 helpers.

Wednesday early morning was extremely windy, so Keith & I went to the farm at 6.30am to sort out the tent (pegs pulled out of the shallow, stony

ground) and gazebo, which had collapsed! The trailer tent & awning were thankfully not affected, so we moved activity materials over there from the tent, in case the strong wind persisted. In fact, it was abating as we left at 7.40 and the day became warmer and bright for our guests.

We had a big crowd: 12 families with 16 adults and 28 children. There was a happy, busy atmosphere for the activities, with stream dipping in the afternoon attracting most of them, despite the walk to Catrigg Beck. The team of 3 catered for us all very well, with all the food consumed.

It was a successful event, despite the weather problems, which didn't actually impinge on the families, just on the organisers!

Many thanks for your prayers.

Shalom, *Sally*

Totals: 20 families (though 4 returns, so 16 different):

26 adults, 41 children.

23 guests Tuesday, 44 guests Wednesday

Morecambe Gospel Bayfest

Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th September at the Platform Theatre, Morecambe.

For tickets and information, visit

www.gospelbayfest.com.

Shall I write to Craven District Council?

When the site which Booths now occupies was a field, much of the boundary wall was topped with triangular stones. These stones were regularly vandalised and thrown on the ground. This really annoyed my brother, who knew that these stones would be very costly to replace.

After Ian's death I decided to do something about the situation in his memory, so I wrote to the Craven District Council but never received a reply. Many weeks later, I was walking into Settle and encountered two workmen mixing cement and firmly replacing the top stones. I cheerfully said "Hello. I am so pleased something is being done about those stones." I was silenced by their somewhat brusque reply: "Yes. Some silly B___H in Giggleswick has written in about them." I continued my walk into Settle.

Dora Tattersall

N.B. Many of the stones are still in place around the new skate park and on the wall opposite the entrance to the cricket field.

Excerpt from 'Class Leaders' Assistant' 1865

You must not think, because you are passing through a little darkness, therefore you are not a child of God.....You may for a time be as a tree in winter whose sap is gone into the earth and has no fruit or leaves; but, like the tree, when the spring and summer weather comes, you shall revive and flourish and bear much fruit.

Jane Mansergh

Dear God,

These days, it seems to me that in some circles – political, local or on social media – if a thing is repeated often enough then it begins to be assumed to be true. Personally, I've always been influenced by this, particularly if the message is reassuring - Disney lyrics for example. Like Pinocchio I've wished on stars, secure in the knowledge that my dreams will come true, and whistled and always let my conscience be my guide. However, doubts are setting in with regard to one favourite song: in the 1950s, Folk singer Pete Seeger wrote a song based on a biblical passage which went on to reach number 26 in the charts in 1965. The first line of "Turn! Turn! Turn!" states "to everything there is a season." However, the trees in my garden are already shedding leaves in what the weathermen are calling a "false autumn," while the primroses are bursting into flower in what the same weathermen are calling "a second spring" – so which is it? The eco-warriors amongst us claim it is global warming while experienced gardeners say it's just nature being contrary. Others say we've forgotten the old ways and need to stop using chemicals. Whatever the reason, despite numerous repetitions, the song is currently incorrect. If, though, repetition is equivalent to truth, can I remind everyone that in 1978 astrophysicist B. May along with F. Mercury postulated a theory that the Earth's rotation was maintained and enhanced by the strenuous efforts of ladies of large posterior proportions. Now after more than 40 years without having been disproven, refuted, or really even seriously questioned, and following vast repetitions internationally, this must be considered scientific fact. Therefore all Queen fans can rejoice that fat-bottomed girls really do make the rocking world go round!

Yours, still rocking Old Lil Nongle



Prayers for the new educational year

Please pray for

- children starting school or moving to new schools
- students going to College or University for the first time
- young people starting work or looking for employment
- all the staff in our schools and colleges

Newsletter

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