



# 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:

2 <sup>nd</sup> October	10.30 am	Revd. Tim Broughton
9 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am	Jane Mansergh
16 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am	Revd. Tim Broughton
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	10.30 am	Revd. Stephen Caddy
		Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am	Marjorie Dowling
	6.30 pm	Revd. Tim Broughton
		Service for All Saints Day

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

## Bible Book Club

For our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, we will be looking at the book of Esther. Reading notes, some background information and some questions to get you started can be found in the Coffee Lounge or by searching for Esther on [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk).

Join us on Zoom at 7.45 pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
Meeting ID 889 3056 8068  
Password 81873  
or in church at 12.0 noon on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

## Our Church Vision

Last February we were all invited to join in discussing our vision for the future of St John's. What is our mission? What should we be doing to serve our community here in Settle? We talked about things which had been done well in the past (pre-Covid) which we would like to pick up again, and new things which we would like to do in the future.

At recent meetings of the Leadership Team and the Church Council, we 'took stock' of the progress we had made since then.

- Occasional evening services in a more reflective style have been included on the plan.
- The Worship Group has been revived – with several new members.
- Online services have continued and are appreciated by those who cannot get to church.
- Lent groups (at church and at Limestone View) and the Bible Study Course have provided opportunities for fellowship and bible study.
- A Bible Book Club has begun, online and in person.
- Monthly Social events have been arranged and attended by both church members and members of the local community.
- The Eco Evergreen Garden has been created, with the involvement of children from Settle Primary School.
- 2 large-scale community events have been arranged and hosted by the church – the Platinum Jubilee Showcase and Tea, and 'Let's Talk Rubbish'.
- The eco group are helping us all to be more aware of climate change as we work towards the Eco Church Gold Award.
- Our links with Dementia Forward and Limestone View continue.

We are grateful to all those who have helped to make these things happen. There are still things which we would like to do in the future, as and when resources (including volunteers) permit. If you think that you could help in any way, please speak to Tim or one of the church stewards.

## Social Events

There will be a 5<sup>th</sup> **Sunday lunch** (Jacob's Join) after the morning service on 30<sup>th</sup> October. The **Frank Flynn Trio** will return on 12<sup>th</sup> November, with a concert of jazz and light music. Please come along and invite family, friends and neighbours to join us. Donations to cover costs.

## Coffee Pot



Coffee Pot is open every Wednesday (10.30am -12.0 noon). Please join us for tea/coffee, cakes and chat - and bring your friends! This is an important part of our outreach into the community, as well as providing a time of friendship and fellowship for our own members. In addition to raising money for a number of charities, the donations received usually amount to over £50 per week, thus contributing at least £2000 per year to church funds.

The Charity Coffee Pot on 5<sup>th</sup> October will be in aid of the Rain Forest Fund.



Thank you to all those who helped in any way towards the "Let's Talk Rubbish" event. It was a great team effort which was rewarded with a wonderful turnout; over 100 people stepped over the threshold during the 3 hours and were treated to some very informative talks and 11 stalls where they could taste rice pudding cooked in an energy efficient hay oven or make a smoothie using only pedal power and leftover fruit. The three councils had representation where you could ask your questions about waste recycling. Sales of Fairtrade goods, pre-loved clothing from No. 29 of Gargrave and note-books hand made by Settle Primary School children all helped to raise awareness of the importance of the circular and ethical economy. Much networking took place in the hall.



Outside, our Eco garden was officially opened and we can now pride ourselves on having an outside space which is not only beautiful but ideal for silent contemplation or a quiet meeting spot for all our community. Do take time to make

use of it. It is always open and accessed by going around the back of the hall outside.



This month's Eco Tips:

1. Shrink your water footprint to save pennies and the planet. I have ordered free water-saving gadgets from United Utilities through their website. If you don't have access to the internet, try giving them a call and ask for them directly.
2. Think about using only fruit and veg which is in season. Salad and new potatoes always used to be a summer thing. Enjoy the autumn produce that is farmed in this country and avoid things which have been transported across the world at great cost to our planet.
3. Take a leaf out of the N. Yorkshire Rotters smoothie idea and make sure you use all your leftovers. Any old vegetables can make a perfect soup.



## Eco Explorers Club

The Eco Explorer after school club was started at the end of April 2022.

We started with local families who had attended the 2019 Eco Explorer camp at Lower Winskill farm and added families as they heard about it. During the summer, we went out to various venues but with the evenings drawing in, I asked if the club (run as a Churches Together in Settle & District outreach event) could use St. John's Church hall on a fortnightly basis.

We don't have large numbers; about 5 families at the moment, but relationships are being built. We usually have a faith-based song e.g. 'He's got the whole world in His hands' and our focus is always on the wonder of God's creation and our part in it.

I would greatly appreciate your prayers as this fledgling group moves forward, for friendships to grow & for the opportunity to share our faith on a one-to-one basis.

With thanks, Sally Waterson.



Churches Together in Settle and District,  
Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Justice and Peace Group Present a Workshop on

**“Exploring the Meanings of Peace in a  
Changing World’**

Led by Dr. Ute Kelly  
an **Associate Professor in Peace Studies** based  
in the Division of Peace Studies and International  
Development, Bradford University

at St Mary and St Michael Church, Tillman  
Close, Settle

6pm light supper

7pm workshop

All welcome. Just bring your curiosity for this  
timely opportunity to learn  
and explore what Peace might mean

**THE WELLBEING JOURNEY**

We have received the following invitation from  
Rev. Cameron Stirk in the Wharfedale and  
Aireborough Circuit:

Rev. Cameron Stirk will be leading ‘The  
Wellbeing Journey’ - a new Christian course that  
seeks to help churches, communities and  
individuals address the challenges of our  
times. Following the Covid pandemic, local  
churches are in a unique place to lead  
communities on this holistic journey to physical,  
mental and spiritual wellbeing. HOPE Together  
and KingsGate Church, Peterborough, have  
developed a video journey drawing on Dave  
Smith’s book: ‘God’s Plan for Your  
Wellbeing’. The course will be run on Zoom  
using videos presented by Simon Thomas (Prime  
Video Sport/ Sky Sports/ Blue Peter) and Joanna  
Adeyinka-Burford (BBC, Channel 5,  
Nickelodeon), and with contributions from  
leading experts in different fields, followed up by  
discussion and conversation.

The eight video sessions are:

Week one: *Introduction;*

Week two: *A wellbeing mindset;*

Week three: *Physical wellbeing;*

Week four: *Emotional wellbeing;*

Week five: *Spiritual wellbeing;*

Week six: *Relational wellbeing;*

Week seven: *Financial wellbeing;*

Week eight: *Vocational wellbeing.*

It’s open to anyone in the life of our Churches,  
Circuit and beyond – and may be a good course  
to invite people exploring faith to share in.

It will meet on Zoom on **Monday evenings,**  
**beginning at 7:00pm commencing on Monday**  
**24th October.**

If you want to attend the course and/or get more  
details, please contact Cameron on 01943 463258  
or 07981 072277 or [thestirks@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:thestirks@tiscali.co.uk)

For those signing up the Zoom link will then be  
released.

Even if you can’t make every session – do  
consider this an invitation to journey with  
Cameron as we think about the wholeness of our  
lives.



Care and Support for Life

**Dementia Awareness Sessions**  
**12th and 19th of October**  
**St John’s Methodist Church, Settle**  
**12noon - 1pm**

The leading North Yorkshire dementia  
charity, Dementia Forward, is offering  
awareness sessions for local businesses,  
community groups and individuals.  
The sessions will cover: what dementia  
is, identifying the impact of changing  
behaviours; and how we can all offer  
support for people living with dementia,  
both at home and in the local  
community.

For any further questions, please email  
[claire.burke@dementiaforward.org.uk](mailto:claire.burke@dementiaforward.org.uk)  
or ring 03300 578592

Dear God,

*I suppose every one of us will now always remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when we heard the news that Her Majesty had died. It is one of those moments which will stay with us. We'll recall why we were there, how we heard and how we felt upon hearing the news.*

*I heard it on the car radio when an announcer interrupted a song. We were driving back from Edinburgh Veterinary hospital with a very poorly cat and were on a road across a stretch of moorland. We pulled into the edge of the road to take in the news and around us other cars did the same and a strange silence fell as the vehicles stopped moving. It was as if the world had been shocked into stillness. On the radio the announcer said that there were no words to express the sorrow which the nation felt...*

*Except of course, there were! There were many, many words and in the days which followed the BBC never stopped repeating them as they showed programme upon programme recalling every aspect of the Queen's life, while interrupting them only to show live-stream footage of every minute detail of the events taking place. Then, when you thought there could be no more, they ran repeats of the programmes. The news was dominated by the events around the Royal Family and the mourning public, until it seemed as if there was nothing else happening anywhere else in the world. There were no other topics of conversation and page after page of newsprint repeated the message that the Queen was dead.*

*Until, finally, everything that could be said had been said. All that remained was the single moment of inner silence as each individual, be they Royal, politician, head of state, military, clergy or commoner, was left to confront the realisation that things had irrevocably changed. Change is never easy, but with love we can bear it.*

Love,  
Old Lil Nongle

### **Excerpt from 'Class Leaders' Assistant' 1865**

How it helps me on the way to heaven to know that I am included in the prayers of all Christ's people... Let us, as Christians, foster more diligently this spirit of mutual prayer.

(The Class Leaders' Assistant was a Wesleyan publication by John Bate, published in London by Hamilton, Adams & Co.)

Jane Mansergh



### **Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all whose families, homes and livelihoods have been affected by floods, hurricanes or famine. We give thanks for all that is being done to bring aid and relief and pray for all who work for aid agencies in difficult conditions. Amen.

### **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!).