



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:

- 6th November 10.30 am Worship Group
13th November **10.00 am** Remembrance Sunday
See below
20th November 10.30 am Revd. Tim Broughton
Holy Communion
27th November 10.30 am Revd. Stephen Caddy
Advent Sunday

Remembrance Sunday (13th Nov.)



There will be a united service at the Church of the Holy Ascension at 10.00 a.m., followed by an act of remembrance at the War Memorial at 11.00 a.m.

Bible Book Club

This month's 'live' meeting will be held at 12.00 noon on Wednesday **16th November**. Please note the change of date. We will be looking at the book of Nehemiah.

The online Book Club will meet at 7.45 p.m. on Monday 7th November.

Meeting ID 889 3056 8068

Password 81873

At that 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 on the book stand at the back of the church or by searching for Nehemiah (or Esther) on www.biblesociety.org.uk.

Social Events

The **Frank Flynn Trio** will return on 12th November, with a concert of jazz and light music. Please come along and invite family, friends and neighbours to join us. Admission free; 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!

The Charity Coffee Pot on 2nd November will be in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

World Mission Fund

Through our global relationships in the Methodist Church, the World Mission Fund is able to support 107 partner churches and organisations in Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific in their mission and ministry to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission, through evangelism, mission work, schools, hospitals, environmental projects, emergency situations, administration, training and much more.

If you would like to donate to this fund, please ask one of the stewards for an envelope and return it by 20th November. If you already have a World Mission Fund box at home, please give it to Judith Allinson, so that it can be emptied and the contents added to our other donations.



Eco Garden Winners: Rev. Tim and Jill Tiernan attended Settle Primary School assembly on 18th July to award certificates to our three winners for their outstanding art work and naming of our garden: Eco Evergreen Garden.

Visit to Eco Evergreen Garden at St John's

Since the opening of our garden, we have received a couple of visits from tiny visitors - not birds or mice, but young children from Freda's Playgroup. For two weeks running they have made a crocodile trip down to St John's for their playtime. We have loved having their visits. They have left us with some gifts - a brightly painted stone Caterpillar and two butterfly boxes. Take a look at the photographs of their visits in our Garden Notebook, which can be found in the Church entrance.



Dear God,

There's a wonderful scene in "Monty Python's Life of Brian" when members on the fringe of a crowd mishear Christ preaching. "Blessed are the peacemakers" is heard as "cheesemakers," prompting discussion as to whether it's just cheesemakers or any manufacturers of dairy products. I'm always reminded of this whenever I hear the perennial appeals in church for people to join rotas, apply for offices or generally give of their time and talents...

Blessed are those who sign up, doing all for the good of others - the ones who turn out in wind and rain to offer a welcome to others, who in turn complain about the weather.

Oppressed are the meek, for they have a tough time of things, are regularly taken for granted and always come in second place. By contrast, blessed are those who moan, for they shall be consulted and their opinions listened to for fear of offending them.

Blessed are those who smile, accepting every task assigned to them, for they shall be given more

tasks. Not until the day they refuse to do something will it be realised how much they do nor how they truly are irreplaceable.

Blessed are the music makers, those gifted with talents on guitar, piano and organ and those who sing with voices like angels, for thanks will eternally be heaped upon them and this flow of praise shall never be silent.

Blessed are those who can understand technology, for their skill is prized above gold! It is a skill in short supply though the need for it is great.

Blessed also are those who understand accounting for, unlike tax gatherers, their presence is revered among all.

Thrice blessed are the church secretaries, for their skills are as numerous as the stars and the calls on their time will be forever without end.

Highest of all and most blessed are the tea makers - amongst whom I include all those who make and serve refreshments, donate baking, arrange lunches and, in particular, makers of scones. They are truly "flours" of Heaven.

Yours with tongue firmly in cheek
Old Lil Nongle



YORKSHIRE WEST DISTRICT

"Waiting in faith and hope....."

A day of preparation for Advent with

Rev'd Ruth Crompton

on Friday, November 25th

at Guiseley Methodist Church,

Oxford Rd., Guiseley LS20 9EP

10.30am for 11am Gathering

11am-12.30pm Morning session

12.30pm-1.30pm Lunch (please bring packed lunch).

1.30pm-3pm Afternoon session

YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME!

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Christmas Angels

Last Christmas, members of local churches hid knitted angels around the

town for children (and adults!) to find. These were much appreciated, so we hope to do this again. If you would be willing to knit one or more angels, please bring your completed angels to St John's or take them to the Parish Church. A short greeting and prayer will then be inserted into each one before it is put in place.

Knitted Angel Pattern:

What you will need: some wool (in any yarn or colour), knitting needles (between size 10-8 (that's 3.25mm and 4mm)), darning needle (like a big sewing needle), small amount of stuffing. You will need a basic knowledge of knit and purl to make these angels but don't let that stop you if you haven't done it before. Find someone who can teach you and ask them to help you learn a new skill. And most of all have fun. The angels have been designed to be as simple and as flexible as possible so everyone from a beginner to a more advanced knitter can have a go. Feel free to adapt the pattern if you want by adding in different colours or making a larger angel. If you want a place to start, we have used size 9 needles with double yarn to knit some of ours.

Angel - Body

Cast on 48 sts

1. Knit row
2. Purl row
3. K2TOG, K10*, repeat until end
4. Purl row
5. Knit row
6. P2TOG, P9*, repeat until end
7. Knit row
8. Purl row
9. K2TOG, K8*, repeat until end
10. Purl row
11. Knit row
12. P2TOG, P7*, repeat until end
13. Knit Row
14. Purl Row
15. K2TOG, K6*, repeat until end
16. Purl row
17. Knit row
18. P2TOG, P5*, repeat until end
19. Knit row

20. Purl row
21. K2TOG, K4*, repeat until end - 20 sts
22. Purl row
23. Knit row
24. Purl row
25. Knit row
26. Purl row
27. Knit row

At this point, you can change your colour to create the face if you want.

28. Purl row
29. knit row
30. Purl row
31. Knit row
32. Purl row
33. Knit row
34. Purl row
35. K2TOG - repeat until end
36. Purl row
37. Knit row
38. P2TOG - repeat until end

Using a darning needle, thread the end of the yarn through the stitches and tighten to create the top of the head. Turn the angel inside out and sew up the head and the body.

Around the neck, take a small amount of stuffing and place at the top of the head, then thread some yarn between stitches and pull loosely together.

Angel - Wings

Cast on 27 sts

1. Knit row
2. Knit row
3. Decrease at each end (Knit)
4. Knit
5. Knit 12 rows, decrease at each end

Cast off.

Sew wings to body.

Excerpt from 'Class Leaders' Assistant' 1865

The C.L.A. was a Wesleyan publication by John Bate, published in London by Hamilton, Adams and Co.

God in His Word addresses Himself to each one, and it behoves each one to read and search the Word for himself. Study it as though you were the only one to whom it was sent, and in doing so it shall enlighten your mind, correct your errors, and thoroughly furnish you unto all good works.

Jane Mansergh

Late News!



Ingleton and Settle Methodist Churches invite you to enjoy a

Ceilidh

Saturday 19th November, 7pm

St John's Methodist Church Hall, Settle

Admission is free

Donations accepted on the night on behalf of
The Bethany Project, Tanzania

Book your free ticket by contacting Pam Broughton:
pam.broughton@hotmail.co.uk 07973862539



Prayer

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Collect for Remembrance Sunday from Methodist Worship Book

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!).