



ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

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Worship



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

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

4 th June	10.30 am	Jane Mansergh
12 th June	10.30 am	Rev. Stephen Caddy
19 th June	10.30 am	Rev. Tim Broughton Holy Communion
26 th June	10.30 am	Liz Whitfield
2 nd July	10.30 am	Wendy Holt

Circuit News

July 16th is earmarked for Stephen and Christine Caddy's farewell service. It is hoped that people from all of our churches will gather on the green at Newby at 12.30 pm for a family picnic to offer our thanks for their service in our circuit.

Rev. Kerry Tankard (our District Chair) will be coming to the circuit on Thursday 31st August to lead a "Welcome Service" for Rev. Tim in his new role as Superintendent (and minister for all 6 churches in our circuit).

Coffee Pot



Please join us at Coffee Pot on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12.0 noon – and bring your friends.

Our coffee mornings are much appreciated by many members of the local community. They also provide a regular source of income for the church as well as raising money for a variety of charities.

If you could help occasionally by serving tea/coffee and scones/cakes, your assistance would be much appreciated. Cakes do not have to be home-baked, and all expenses can be taken from the proceeds. If you would like to take responsibility for a Charity Coffee Pot on the 1st Wednesday of any month, you would be able to choose the charity to be supported. Please look

at the lists in the Coffee Lounge if you think that you could help.

Our May Charity Coffee Pot, held on 3rd May, raised £144.50 for Peertalk – the charity set up by Rev. Stephen Normanton to support people living with depression.

Christian Aid Week (14th-20th May)

A total of £2864.12 was raised, thanks to the generosity of members of our local community and the work of all the volunteers who organised events, delivered envelopes etc.

A number of special events were held during the course of the week. The amounts raised at these were as follows:

Tuesday Street Collection: £119
Saturday Street Collection: £117
Coffee Evening at St John's: £205
Big Butties at Parish Church: £400
Afternoon Tea in the Quaker Garden: £201



Plant sale: £76

Donations given in envelopes, Gift Aid and other donations accounted for the rest of the total raised.

This year, the focus of Christian Aid Week is on supporting local families in Malawi to grow cash crops to provide for their children's education. The effects of climate change on the size of their harvest, and inflation on the cost of everything, including school fees, is making the ability of parents to provide for their children very challenging. Our giving is helping to alleviate that stress.

Bible Book Club

Our next meeting will be held after Coffee Pot (at 12.0 noon) on Wednesday 14th June, when we will be looking at the book of Exodus, from Chapter 15 to the end. As usual, this will be led by Revd. Tim Broughton and background notes will be available at the back of church.

Bible Study / Fellowship Group

Our next meeting will be held in the lounge at Limestone View on Wednesday 28th June, starting at 2.30 pm. We will be looking at Matthew's gospel, chapter 3.

Members of St John's are welcome to come along and join in the discussions. For more information, please speak to Wendy Holt.

Church Social Events

17th June 6.0 pm Barbecue
8th July 3.30 – 5.0 pm Strawberry Tea
28th October 7.30 pm Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band Concert



Did you know that you can buy Fairtrade flowers?

Fairtrade flowers are available from several well-known outlets, including Co-op, Aldi, Lidl, Asda and M&S.

What's different about Fairtrade flowers?

Fairtrade flowers are traceable back to the original farm. Fairtrade-certified farms must ensure safety and good working conditions for their employees. These farms receive a Fairtrade Premium of 10% for every stem sold, which allows workers to invest in healthcare, education and other social benefits.

Where do Fairtrade flowers come from?

Fairtrade works with flower workers in countries including Kenya, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka and Uganda.

Why buy flowers which are grown so far away?

A 2018 study found that cut roses produced on Fairtrade farms in Kenya generate more than 5 times lower greenhouse gas emissions and more than 6 times lower energy demand than roses grown in the Netherlands, even taking into account air transport to Europe. That's because

countries near the equator have their own natural heat and light source, whereas British and European farms have to grow in greenhouses which are heated and sometimes lit with gas or electricity.

Please consider Fairtrade the next time you buy flowers, especially if you are buying for church. The next time you are in Bradford, do visit the cathedral where their magnificent flower displays are all Fairtrade.

Look out for the Fairtrade sign:



Three coronations and still counting

In 1937 I won first prize in Horton Fancy Dress Parade. I was very proud, but my mother quickly brought me down to size. "You don't deserve a prize after all the whining you have done." My father had made a large box and covered it in smart wallpaper. I was the "doll in the box," but by the time I had walked through the show field my legs were getting very chafed by the box. I don't remember much else, except that Alex Morphet (a local farmer's son at High Birkwith) had the farm cat in a cage on pram wheels and wore a loin cloth. I think he was Tarzan. The cat kept escaping, causing mayhem.

My second coronation was spent enjoying a day long Jacob's Join in the chapel Sunday School. Very few people had TV, so the village hired one from Garnett's and we sat on wooden forms to watch - when not indulging in the lovely food.

My third coronation - and I have made a right mess of things - was celebrated by a nasty fall. These things happen!

This was written by Dora Tatersall from her bed in Airedale hospital, where she is recovering from her fall. She is hoping to be transferred to Castleberg in Giggleswick but is still waiting for a space.

Dear God,

Looking back, I see we've considered the lilies (and why they are not suitable party garb), the birds of the air and why you spent so much time on creating a vast array of beetles. So, we'll just cut to the chase and deal with butterflies. Three special ones...

The first I saw in a museum display in Prague many years ago. It was in a display of pictures done by Jewish children in Terezin Ghetto during the second world war. It was a bleak picture, with a splash of colour. Apparently when asked about the butterfly the child replied that they'd included it because they'd seen one here once.

The second butterfly features in a story I heard about a woman who was working with Jewish children who had survived the trauma of the camps. As part of their rehabilitation programme, they were asked to paint pictures. One girl painted an incredibly detailed and brightly coloured butterfly. All the time she painted it, she talked about her childhood and her friends and family. The day it was finished she sat back, folded her arms and stared at it contentedly. The next day, she mixed a large pot of thick black paint and meticulously painted over every iota of her work, obliterating all the colour and all sense of shape until all she had was a sheet of black paper. She worked with silent determination. Only when she had then torn it to pieces and destroyed it completely did she say, "That was the camps".

The third butterfly was in a photograph I took in Lancaster Butterfly House. It was an absolutely stunning shade of turquoise and seemed to glitter as it flew. The keeper explained it was a blue morpho. Using some nectar he enticed it closer so that I could take a photo using a macro lens. Only then did I see that it was actually badly damaged: scales were torn, one wing was ragged, part of the delicate patterning was missing. It was not perfect, but that did not stop it from being perfectly beautiful.

Yours, in awe

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 1st of the month (preferably a few days before this!).



Topics for Prayer

Please pray for young people who are taking important examinations and approaching the end of their time at secondary school, college or university.