



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 nd April	10.30 am	Jane Mansergh
9 th April	10.30 am	Rev. Tim Broughton
		Easter Holy Communion
16 th April	10.30 am	Rev. Stephen Caddy
23 rd April	10.30 am	Jane Mansergh
30 th April	10.30 am	Rev. Tim Broughton
		Holy Communion
7 th May	10.30 am	Worship Group

Holy Week

Palm Sunday	2 nd April	6.30 pm
		Reading the Passion Narrative
Maundy Thursday	6 th April	7.30 pm
		Holy Communion
Good Friday	7 th April	7.30 pm
		Service of Reflection



Good Friday 7th April

Journey to the Cross

A dramatic presentation in 4 parts		
10.30 am	The Last Supper – St John's	
10.50 am	Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane Millennium Gardens	
11.10 am	The Trial of Jesus – Market Place	
11.40 am	The Death of Jesus – Parish Church Grounds	

Coffee Pot



Keep warm at Coffee Pot on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12.0 noon – and bring your friends.

Our April Charity Coffee Pot, to be held on 5th April, will be in aid of NSPCC.

Bible Book Club

Our next meeting will be held at 12.0 noon on Wednesday **19th April**, when we will be looking at Exodus chapters 1-13.

Church Social Events

30 th April	12.0 noon	5 th Sunday lunch
13 th May	Time tba	Poetry and Puddings
17 th June	Time tba	Barbecue
28 th October	7.30 pm	Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band Concert

A Message from Maurice Walters

Many thanks for your good wishes as I reached 60 years as a Methodist preacher.

It has been a privilege to serve, to share fellowship and to proclaim Christ.

My certificate was presented at a service in which we also received a new preacher. I was wonderfully supported by family, members of our own Church and many prayers.

The next 60 years may be tough!

Of the 1900 services I have led, Settle Circuit has to endure only 231.

Best wishes, Maurice

Excerpt from 'Class Leaders' Assistant'

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

Whatever excellencies of life and happiness of heart you have attained, neither yourself nor any other creature must share in the glory. The whole must be rendered to Christ, by whom, and through whom, all have been given. As the inhabitants of heaven cast their crowns at His feet, and ascribe to Him all the majesty, dominion, power, thanks and glory, so must we on earth. Not only so; but the excellencies and happiness themselves must not be valued above Christ.

Jane Mansergh

(This is the last in the series. Our thanks to Jane for supplying them. Ed.)

Garden Update

How lovely the daffodils are looking in our garden. Thanks to the school Eco Group, the Eco Explorers and Steve for planting them. The hanging baskets, donated by Eileen and John, are now in place and will soon be filled.

Thank you to everyone who donated at Coffee Pot in support of the garden. Some of the money has been used to buy a bird feeding station, which you may already have seen. The structure has been made for us by Chris Holme of 'Sculptures by Chris Holme' whose work is on display at Lords Antiques Barn at Ingleton. We chose Chris because he uses recycled metals to make his sculptures. Ours is made from chain salvaged from a boat yard, a car brake disc, the legs from an old metal workbench and a sheet from the back of an old oven for the birds on top.

We had the option of leaving the feeder in a natural state to rust with time or having it painted. We chose the natural option, not realising that rusting would occur within a few days. After a re-think, Chris will now spray it with hammerite for us.

Huge thanks to John Lewis for making our hedgehog box. We are now pleased to offer a warm St John's welcome to hedgehogs in our garden.

In addition, we now have a raised bed in place for growing vegetables, and a greenhouse under construction. Sunflowers will be planted by our Time Together Tuesday Cafe group.

So, as you see, things are really happening in our garden. PLEASE DO HAVE A LOOK.

We are keen to welcome back last year's visitors and offer a very warm welcome to other community groups who would like to arrange to visit and use our space.

If you have a suggestion for the positioning of the hedgehog box or the bird feeder, or feel you can contribute in any way, please speak to Anne, Jill or Kath.

*Dear God,
So there I was, just having a normal sort of day, trying to do the usual sort of things: remembering to fit in half a dozen appointments, arrange to be available for various phone calls, get across town to be in the right place at the right time and generally juggle with various hospital departments and social service departments, fill in forms by various deadlines and remember the*

mantra : "Make sure that you make some time for yourself each day – if you are not well, you cannot support others!" Then I reach the bus-stop and realise that the bus has been cancelled because the roadworks and driver shortages mean that they can no longer operate to timetable! I bite back the frustration as I realise that this means I can't make the hospital appointment and will have to reschedule, which means that later in the day I won't be in the right place to pick up the things I urgently need for that night and... slowly I get that sinking feeling that I am now trying not just to juggle appointments but to juggle jelly, as my plans disintegrate around me and I am left trying to herd cats as I try to marshal life into some sort of order again.

Eventually, back home, with chocolate biscuits in hand, mug of coffee nearby and cat on knee, I realise how perfectly made cats are. Their heads are ideally sculpted to fit into your hand and allow you to stroke them without spilling your coffee, their gentle paws pad you in such a relaxing way that you forget the stresses of the day. They nuzzle up to you in such a manner that nothing else matters except making sure that they maintain that comforting purr. In short, they are the ultimate stress busters – and I have heard rumours from dog lovers that dogs too possess these qualities.

*Yours, taking time out,
Lil Nongle*



A Prayer for the Easter season

Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold.

Gracious God,

We praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.

We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.

We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day;

and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others.

Amen. (Michaela Youngson)

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!).