



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:

3 rd September	10.30 am	Jane Mansergh
10 th September	10.30 am	Mavis Speight
17 th September	10.30 am	Wendy Holt
		Holy Communion
24 th September	10.30 am	Revd. Tim Broughton
		Harvest Festival
	3.30 pm	Café-style Harvest
		Songs of Praise
1 st October	10.30 am	Worship Group

A Message from Revd. Tim

I am delighted that this year's Methodist Conference agreed to authorise Wendy Holt to lead services of Holy Communion. Wendy has previously held an authorisation in the circuit and has generously agreed to take this up again as we have reduced to a single ordained circuit minister.

Harvest Festival Weekend

The weekend will begin with a Harvest Supper (Pie and peas) on Saturday 23rd September (6.30 pm for 7.0 pm). Please invite family and friends but everyone will need a free ticket, available from Eileen Edwards, who also needs to know of any dietary requirements (vegetarian or gluten-free). Please let Eileen know how many tickets you require by Sunday 10th September. She would also appreciate any offers of desserts.

Revd. Tim Broughton will lead our Sunday morning celebration when you are invited to bring gifts of non-perishable food for one of our local foodbanks. Envelopes will also be available for donations to 'All We Can' – the Methodist Relief and Development agency which works in parts of the world hit by drought, famine etc.

At 3.30 pm we will have a relaxed, café-style Songs of Praise for harvest, with traditional hymns, short readings and refreshments – suitable for people of all ages including those living with dementia. As we often sing, 'All are welcome'!

Coffee Pot



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

Our August Charity Coffee Pot raised £139 for the Smile Train Charity, which supports care for children with cleft palates in over 70 countries.

Settle Hangout

All money raised at Coffee Pot on Wednesday 6th September will be used for equipment and resources to support this new venture. Donations can also be given to Revd. Tim.

Please continue to pray for this exciting new work – and encourage any young people you know to come along to St John's on Wednesday evenings, 7.0-9.0 pm, starting on 13th Sep. Sessions will include a Christian message as well as games, films etc.

Bible Book Club

Our next meeting will be held after Coffee Pot (at 12.0 noon) on Wednesday 13th September, when we will be looking at 1 Samuel from Chapter 8 to the end. As usual, this will be led by Revd. Tim Broughton; background notes can be found on the hymn book cupboard.

Bible Study / Fellowship Group

Our next meeting will be held at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 27th September in the lounge at Limestone View. We will be looking at Matthew's gospel, chapter 6. Non-residents are welcome.

LET'S TALK LOCAL

SEPTEMBER 17th, 2pm – 5pm

Please put this date in your diary. Following on from the huge success of 'Let's Talk Rubbish' last year, St. John's Eco Group are putting the emphasis on LOCAL this year.

Come along to church to see all that is wonderful about living in this part of the world. We encourage you to support our local businesses, our local talent and to make the most of what they have to offer. Shopping locally is great for the environment and by keeping these places open gives character and individuality to the area.

We have great speakers:

2.15pm Simon from Courtyard Dairy will show why they are world beating cheesemongers.

3.15pm John Dawson, who spoke to us in one of our services earlier this year, will be explaining why we should put our trust in local farmers and related businesses.

4.15pm Dan Nelson, the latest in a long family line of shoemakers in Settle, will be telling us about his craft, making the saying "Make do and Mend" into an art form.

Meanwhile in the other rooms in the building we will have stalls and displays from a wide range of shopkeepers, charity workers, craftspeople and other groups with LOCAL at the centre of their work – members of our town council, Settle Hub (remember their spicy rice pudding from last year!), our community police team, the food bank, Plastic Free Settle. If you haven't yet heard about the Settle Energy Club, experts will be on hand to explain it. Please use the occasion to talk to the stall holders and find out what is special about Settle and district.

Children will be able to watch and learn how to make pottery with Rachel. Judith (not ours) will show how to print your own postcards. There will be quizzes and other activities to keep the young ones busy.

As this is written, the full list is not yet known so there may be further surprises.

Do come along; maybe see if you can bring along someone who is not a churchgoer.

In good Methodist tradition, there will be refreshments available throughout the afternoon.



Walk and Prayers for the Environment

These walks take place on the 1st of each month. On 1st September, this will be a day trip to Haweswater, probably leaving Settle at 8.30 am and returning in late afternoon, sharing transport. Final details available from Judith Allinson.

Prayer Meeting

The next monthly gathering for united prayer for all our churches in Settle and District will be held at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 5th September, at SS Mary and Michael Catholic Church.

Eco Explorers

Lower Winskill Farm, above Langcliffe, was again the perfect venue for this year's Eco Explorer day camp, organised by Churches Together in Settle & District for families. 18 different families came along on one of the 2 days, with fine weather on both days. The team setting up the camp, including a camping trailer with awning, had dodged the heavy showers on the previous day, hoping that the weather would improve, which it did!

The families who came enjoyed family games, a nature walk, bug investigations, a geology workshop, art in the field with painting and weaving, plus face painting and parachute games. Picnics for 90 were enjoyed outside in the sunshine, over the 2 days!

It was a successful event, enjoyed by all.



Regular fortnightly meetings will start again on Monday 11th September, from 4.0 – 5.45 pm, when they will be preparing a "Nature Table" ready for the "Let's talk Local" Afternoon at St. John's on 17 Sep. This may involve collecting brambles if the weather is fine. If you know any children aged 4-11 years, please encourage them to come along; all children must be accompanied by an adult. More details available from Judith Allinson or [Settle Eco-Explorers | Facebook](#).

Justice and Peace Group

The Churches Together Justice and Peace group will show the film 'Everything Must Change' at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 12th September, at 7.30 pm (admission free).

Cost of living, climate change, food, housing, land: the multiple crises we face are deeply interlinked, which means the solutions are too. 'Everything Must Change' draws on the experience of numerous inspiring social movements. The film argues that we need to concentrate much more on emissions arising at the point of production, rather than at the level of consumption. This means building a global movement ourselves to enact that transition, as a matter of priority.

The maker of the film will be present and will lead a discussion afterwards about the concrete steps which can be taken.

Limestone View Harvest Songs of Praise

You are invited to join residents of Limestone View at 3.0 pm on Wed. 20th September for their Harvest Songs of Praise. This will be held in the Atrium. As always, additional voices are very welcome!

A letter from Christine Caddy

Dear friends

I arrived in Bentham (reasonably) fit and well and looking forward to a new challenge. We felt 'at home' very quickly and have loved our time living and working with you all. It was something of a shock to find, following a concern from my lovely hairdresser Jemma, that I received a diagnosis of a cancerous and aggressive tumour on my forehead. The next day I went to lead worship at Westhouse (Cornerstone) and felt loved and cared for and able to share the diagnosis with them, which began a wonderful period of being supported in prayer and, as the news spread around the Circuit, we received so much uplifting prayer and support in all sorts of practical ways. Some delivered meals, some drove me to radiotherapy appointments. Some visited or wrote and sent cards. We felt so loved.

Then came Covid with all its challenges, finding new ways of supporting one another pastorally and new ways to worship, apart and yet together.

Living in Bentham has been a joy. The area so beautiful, the people welcoming, caring, hard-working and friendly. A fine manse. Lovely local

shops and good local coffee shops. An excellent GP practice, with Dr McKirdy, and the nursing staff, who supported me in all my health problems.

This year has been very difficult. We knew, with retirement coming and a house move that it would be a busy year but: in March, visiting Manchester with Emilie, I fell. I shattered my right humerus into 6 pieces and dislodged it from my shoulder. Fixing it required complex surgery and I spent some time in hospital in Lancaster. Much physio will be needed for some time. However, in May I suddenly collapsed, was rushed to hospital, and knew nothing for 5 days and nights, sedated and ventilated in Intensive Care. It was a terrible time for Stephen and Emilie who were called in to say 'goodbye' as I hovered between life and death. A sepsis infection had attacked my body and damaged my kidneys which needed surgery and a long stay in hospital. The NHS were wonderful, and they pulled me through, though I will need further surgery later in the year. Then a few weeks later (right on top of the move) I collapsed again. Back to Intensive Care, this time in York, and then to Coronary Care. Blood thickening caused by the sepsis had caused a large Pulmonary Embolism in my lung which shifted and stopped the blood flow to my heart. A doctor described me as 'very poorly'.

I am home now, in our new home, recovering. Sadly, I didn't get to return to Bentham to say my goodbyes, hence this letter.

I wanted to write as widely as possible to send my love to you all and to say a huge 'Thank You' for all you have done for Stephen and me over the last 5 years. We will look back very fondly to our time in the Settle Circuit, the joy for me of being part of the worshipping congregation at Newby and the wonder of living in one of God's most beautiful places on Earth.

For those who would like it I have added our new contact details. If you are ever in the East Riding give us a ring and come and visit; we would love to see you. I will one day return to Bentham!

Selah

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Our prayers are with them both as they settle into their new life.

Dates for your diary

28th October 7.30 pm Giggleswick and Settle
Brass Band Concert
18th November 7.00 pm Quiz Night
3rd December 10.30 am Church Anniversary
Service
11th December 7.00 pm Soupacarol

Topics for Prayer



Please pray for Eco Explorers and Settle Hangout and for all children and young people moving into new schools, colleges and universities during the coming days and weeks.

Newsletter

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this newsletter. Our good friend Old Lil Nongle is having a well-deserved break, but we hope to hear from her soon. Please send any material for inclusion in our next edition to Philip or Wendy by the **25th September**.