

# Calendar

## March

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|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | 10.30am<br>10.30am<br>2.30pm            | Fulneck<br>Gomersal<br>Fulneck             | All-Age Worship led by Br G Mallinson<br>Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft<br>Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman                                     |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>     | 1.30pm<br>7.30pm                        | Gomersal<br>Fulneck                        | Lent Study Course in the Upper Room<br>Women Together Swap Shop at the Parsonage   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am<br>2.00pm<br>7.30pm<br>7.45pm   | Gomersal<br>Fulneck<br>Fulneck<br>Gomersal | Julian Meeting and Cup of Hope in Church<br>MWA<br>Lent Service led by Br T Auty<br>MWA  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.45am<br>2.00pm<br>7.30pm              | Fulneck<br>Gomersal<br>District            | Morning Prayers in Church<br>Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith<br>Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>    | 12.00pm                                 | Fulneck                                    | Lent Lunch in the BB   |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am<br>10.30am<br>11.30am<br>3.00pm | Fulneck<br>Gomersal<br>Fulneck<br>Gomersal | Family Worship led by Br M Newman<br>Family Worship led by Br I Haggas<br>Café Church Planning Meeting in Church<br>Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>    | 1.30pm                                  | Gomersal                                   | Lent Study Course in the Upper Room  |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> | 2.00pm<br>7.30pm                        | Gomersal<br>Fulneck                        | CTGB&EB Meeting at Grove URC<br>Lent Service led by Br M Newman  |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.45am<br>2.00pm<br>7.30pm              | Fulneck<br>Gomersal<br>District            | Morning Prayers<br>Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith<br>Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>    | 12.00pm                                 | Fulneck                                    | Lent Lunch in the BB   |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am<br>10.30am<br>7.00pm            | Fulneck<br>Gomersal<br>District            | Family Worship led by Sr R France<br>Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford<br>Youth Group at Horton  |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>    | 1.30pm<br>7.15pm                        | Gomersal<br>Fulneck                        | Lent Study Course in the Upper Room<br>Church Committee in the Vestry  |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 8.00pm                                  | Gomersal                                   | Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers  |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 10.00am<br>7.30pm                       | Gomersal<br>Fulneck                        | Wellbeing Wednesday in Church<br>Lent Service led by Br M Newman   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 9.45am<br>2.00pm<br>7.30pm              | Fulneck<br>Gomersal<br>District            | Morning Prayers<br>Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith<br>Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>    | 12.00pm                                 | Fulneck                                    | Lent Lunch in the BB   |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | 7.00pm<br>10.30am<br>10.30am            | Gomersal<br>Fulneck<br>Gomersal            | Bunny Drive in Church<br>Mothering Sunday Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan<br>Mothering Sunday All Age Worship led by Br M Newman                           |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>    | 1.00pm<br>7.30pm                        | Gomersal<br>Fulneck                        | Rewind to Easter at Grove URC<br>CTP Meeting at Pudsey Baptist Church  |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>   | 1.00pm                                  | Gomersal                                   | Rewind to Easter at St Paul's Birkenshaw   |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am<br>7.30pm                       | Gomersal<br>Fulneck                        | Easter Flyer Delivering starting at Church<br>Lent Service led by Br M Newman  |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.45am<br>1.30pm<br>2.00pm<br>7.30pm    | Fulneck<br>Fulneck<br>Gomersal<br>District | Morning Prayers in Church<br>Easter Cracked in the BB<br>Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith<br>Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck                       |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>    | 12.00pm                                 | Fulneck                                    | Lent Lunch in the BB   |
| <b>April</b>               |   |  |  |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | 10.30am<br>10.30am<br>2.30pm<br>3.00pm  | Fulneck<br>Gomersal<br>Fulneck<br>Gomersal | Café Church in the BB<br>Family Worship led by Br G Mallinson<br>Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman<br>Lovefeast and Communion led by Br R Hopcroft    |

### Stop Press!

The annual meeting of **Fulneck Residents' Association** will take place on Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Boys Brigade.  
All Fulneck residents are welcome and the meeting will be followed by refreshments.

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## Fairtrade Fortnight 27th February to 12th March

Olivia Mwombeki is a Fairtrade coffee farmer and member of Kagera Co-operative Union (KCU), a group of around 60,000 producers in north-west Tanzania.



Farmers in Olivia's region generally own small plots of land, with an average farm size of just 0.8 hectares. Coffee is the main cash crop, grown alongside small quantities of food crops, including matoke (green bananas), cassava, beans, yams, maize and vegetables. Some also keep livestock such as cattle, pigs and chickens. The region is characterised by poverty, with limited access to clean water, healthcare and education. Farmers have invested their Fairtrade Premium in these areas, and in supporting farmers to improve the quality of their coffee so that they can attract a better price. In addition to farming her own coffee trees, Olivia is also employed as a field officer at KCU to support training.

**'There is general poverty in the region but with training the farmers are able to rise above it. My job is to train others and help them not go hungry. If their crops can meet the specifications, the coffee gets good prices and they have a good livelihood.'**

Earning enough to provide for their families is a

constant balancing act for millions of smallholder farmers like Olivia. For many, cash crops like coffee provide part of their income. They also earn money from selling other food products locally, and rely on income from family members. Cash crops can provide a significant contribution to household incomes, when a fair price is paid. However, over-reliance can also lead to food insecurity when crops fail, or the price paid doesn't cover the costs of production. Before Fairtrade, Olivia didn't earn enough from coffee farming to support her family, and faced tough choices every day to try and make ends meet.

**'There are times I have really struggled and have had to work extra hard. I had to juggle 24 hours a day when the children were younger to put food on the table. If I couldn't feed my children this would encourage them to steal so I can't let that happen.'**

After her husband passed away in 2003, Olivia got into debt trying to feed her family as well as pay her children's school fees.

**'I needed to spend my money on my children's education... I have debts because of this and I have not been able to afford a tin roof on my house.'**

On top of ensuring at least the Fairtrade Minimum Price is paid to farmers (calculated to cover the average sustainable cost of production), working to improve the quality of their coffee is one way Fairtrade supports farmers like Olivia to earn a better income.

**'With Fairtrade we have improved facilities here and enhanced quality and production – we couldn't have achieved them without it.'**

The Fairtrade Premium also eases the pressure on farmer incomes by investing in social projects, such as healthcare and education, which would otherwise cost money to access and often involve lots of travel. Farmers can also invest in increasing efficiency and growing their businesses. Olivia's co-operative needed essential infrastructure to connect farming communities and coffee production areas. KCU have invested

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**In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love**

## Fulneck News and Notices

### Congregation Council Meeting Monday 20th February

Among the elections, Br Jonathan Saynor and Sr Linda Wood were re-elected to Church Committee, and Br David Adsetts is our new events coordinator. There were some small changes made to the burial ground rules and the new version will be posted in the Bell Room.



### Organ Celebration and Rededication Service Sunday 26th February

### Lent Services Wednesdays at 7.30pm, starting on 1st March

This year's Lent services will include reflections on the Ground of the Unity, which is a statement of the foundational principles of the Moravian Unity.

- 1<sup>st</sup> March – Introduction and Conclusion
- 8<sup>th</sup> March – The Belief of the Church and Personal Belief (led by Br Trevor Auty)
- 15<sup>th</sup> March – God's Word and Doctrine
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Creeds and Confessions
- 29<sup>th</sup> March – The Unity
- 5<sup>th</sup> April – The Church (led by Br John McOwat)

### LENT LUNCHES

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COMMENCING  
FRIDAY 3rd  
MARCH at  
12:00pm in  
BOYS BRIGADE  
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Light lunches 12pm every Friday, raising money for church funds and the Adi Eblal charity working in Ethiopia. *There is a list in the Bell Room for anyone who is willing to help. For more information please contact Sr Brenda Pearson.*

**Women Together Swap Shop**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm  
at the home of Sr Claire Newman,  
38 Fulneck

The cost, which includes a light supper, will be £5. There will be a list in the Bell Room a few weeks before the meeting for those wishing to attend.



### Flippin' Marvellous Pancake Party!



**Saturday 4th March**  
**10:30 to 12:00**  
**in the Boys Brigade**  
**Everyone welcome!**  
**Fun and Games!**



The **Methodist Church**



**My Heart  
Strangely  
Warmed**

The Lutheran, Moravian and Methodist Churches are pleased to invite you to join us for a day of music, workshops, academic discussion and worship.

The theme of the day has a special focus on music, particularly hymnody. Congregational singing has been an important part of most churches as a vehicle to develop spirituality, convey theology, and of course as a deep and moving form of communal worship.

People of all or no faith are invited to join us to explore these and other developments and influences through plenary lectures, interactive workshops, and academic papers. More details will be available in spring 2017 when you will be able to express your preference regarding which workshops and papers you wish to attend.

Date: **Saturday**  
**20<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

From 10.00am to  
5.15pm

Location:  
**Moravian  
Church and  
School, Fulneck,**  
Pudsey, Leeds,  
LS28 8NT

*Travel is possible by air  
(to Leeds Bradford  
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Pudsey station:  
minibuses will be  
arranged if required).*

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## General Notices

### Unity Prayer Day

A Unity Mission Conference is being planned to take place in Cape Town, South Africa from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2017. The theme is Moravian Unity in Mission: Giving Heed to God's Call in the 21st Century. Provinces will be asked to send delegates, but visitors will also be welcome. This year's Unity Prayer Day offering, the special offering taken up throughout the Unity on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March each year for a particular area of Moravian work, will be devoted to defraying some of the costs of running this conference. Envelopes will be available on the first two Sundays in March for your donations.

### Provincial Committees

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There are a number of committees with vacancies and the Book of Order states that if this occurs in an inter-synodal period the Provincial Board can fill the vacancy.

The Committees which do not have the full complement are:

- Church Book Committee (prepares the Synod agenda and maintains the Book of Order);
- Finance Committee (advises PEC on financial matters and administers loans);
- Church Service Committee (advises PEC on training, reviews progress and organises continuing training);
- Faith & Order and Ecumenical Relations Committee (advises province on faith & order and ecumenical matters);
- Mission and Society Committee (encourages province in the five marks of mission);
- World Mission Committee (supports PEC in world mission matters and encourages provincial support)

If anyone is interested in being on any of these committees, please will you write to the Board with a short outline of why you would like to be on that committee and what you think you would bring to the committee. **Closing date for applications is 3rd April.**

Please remember that you can only serve on two committees but this excludes Church Book Committee. Also, any appointment will only be until Synod 2018 when the usual nomination process will take place.

### Yours in Christ's Service

**Sr Gillian Taylor, on Behalf of the Provincial Board of the Moravian Church**

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Fairtrade Premium in roads and bridges, saving valuable time and expense for farmers in getting their coffee to market. The Fairtrade Premium has also been used to build and improve schools and health centres. When farmers are able to process their raw commodity, they can capture more of the value of the final product. Thanks to people choosing Fairtrade coffee, KCU have even used Fairtrade Premium to help build their own instant coffee factory, the first in Tanzania.

**'My message to people in the UK is please buy more Fairtrade so you can keep remembering the farmers over here who grow the coffee.'**



### Future dates for your diary:

District Palm Sunday Service – Gomersal on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm

District Mission Evening on Surinam – Lower Wyke on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm



## Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30pm in the Boys Brigade Building

Back in December we did Scripture Union's 'Christmas Unwrapped' activities with the year 6 pupils. Now we are doing 'Easter Cracked', which gets past the eggs to look at the real meaning of Easter. **If you can help please speak to Br Newman. Because of safeguarding rules, you will need to have a DBS disclosure but if you haven't got one this can easily be applied for and takes about a week to process.**

### Churches Together in Pudsey Update

Rev Paul Ayers has now moved to take up a diocesan post, leaving Pudsey Parish Church without a vicar for the time being. He was also the chairman of Churches Together in Pudsey, but this post has now been filled by Roy Webster from the URC. Roy was inducted into this role at the United Service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January which marked the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. That morning had seen the annual pulpit exchange with Ann Hayward from the Baptist Church coming to Fulneck and Br Newman heading in the opposite direction. The next Churches Together event is the Good Friday Walk of Witness on the Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, which will start at the Baptist Church at midday.



**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**



**Join the FULNECK SCHOOL BOARDERS, who will be serving afternoon tea in the Boy's Brigade, Fulneck from 11:30 am [after Church] .....**

..... Helping to raise money for 'Yorkshire Cancer' and 'St George's Crypt'.

**Please come along and support these fantastic charities and meet our boarders. Everyone is welcome.**



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10.30am in the Boys Brigade Building  
(Planning Meeting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March in church at 11.30am)**

The next Café Church is in April. There will be a planning meeting after the morning service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to help but can't attend the meeting please let Br Newman know.

Following the wonderful contribution made by the Fulneck senior and junior school choirs to the Fulneck Organ Rededication service on 26th February, it's a genuine delight to advise that the choirs have asked to sing at future Fulneck Sunday services; starting with the Junior School Choir on Sunday 19th March with a performance of *The Peace of God*.

## Gomersal News and Notices

### Congregation Council Meeting Monday 27th February

Br Les Machell and Sr Margaret Ives were re-elected to Church Committee.



### ALL AGE DRU YOGA INCLUDING CHAIR YOGA AND WALKING GROUP

COME TO  
**WELLBEING WEDNESDAY**  
HELD AT  
GOMERSAL MORAVIAN  
CHURCH  
10AM ON

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Wednesday 26th April 2017

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Wednesday 21st June 2017

Wednesday 19th July 2017

**£4.00 (INCLUDING  
REFRESHMENTS)**

ALL AGES ALL WELCOME  
(ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY)  
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### THE JULIAN MEETINGS

Be still and know that I am God  
Be still and know that I am...  
Be still and know...  
Be still...  
Be...

A time of meditation and contemplative  
prayer, followed by refreshments

At Gomersal Moravian Church on

Jan 11th Feb 8th

Mar 8th No meeting in April

May 10th Jun 14th

Starting at 10am

Followed by Cup of Hope Coffee Morning

Part of our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' programme of activities

Contemplative Prayer  
in the Christian Tradition  
www.julianmeetings.org



**Lent Study Course**  
Mondays at 1.30pm in the Upper Room,

We will be using the York Course  
entitled 'Build on the Rock: Faith, Doubt –  
and Jesus'.

Each session starts by listening to a CD  
with contributions from well-known Chris-  
tian leaders, followed by questions for us to  
think about.

6<sup>th</sup> March – Jesus our Teacher  
13<sup>th</sup> March – Jesus our Saviour  
20<sup>th</sup> March – Jesus – Conqueror of death  
27<sup>th</sup> March – NO SESSION DUE TO  
REWIND TO EASTER AT GROVE URC  
3<sup>rd</sup> April – Jesus – Lord and Brother

### Rewind to Easter

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm at  
Grove URC, Gomersal**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm at  
St Paul's, Birkenshaw**



**Rewind is one of the best things that  
we do as Churches Together. If you  
can help with one or both of these  
children's activity afternoons, and  
have a DBS disclosure, please speak  
to Br Newman.**



**Bunny Drive  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
March at 7pm  
in Church**

Like a Beetle  
Drive, but with  
bunnies instead.  
Fun for all ages!