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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT **26th February to 11th March**

Will you open more doors to Fairtrade?



Marcial Quintero, member of Coobana, a Fairtrade banana co-operative in Panama.

“Before joining Fairtrade we didn’t see any benefits, development or profit. The price we used to receive per box wasn’t enough to cover our costs – and for 17 years the price didn’t change. Since starting with Fairtrade it’s made a mega-revolution in our lives.

“For hundreds of years we were taught to serve, to be workers. Now with Fairtrade, we are entrepreneurs.”

It’s a scandalous reality that millions of farmers and workers are being ripped off despite working hard to provide the products we love. Unfairness in global trade is rooted in centuries of exploitation. Yet across the globe, millions of hard-working producers like Marcial are unravelling this legacy. They’re fighting for a fair deal, supported by Fairtrade, earning their way out of poverty and transforming their communities.

Together we’re stronger, and more people choosing, sharing and shouting about Fairtrade in the UK means more power to producers like Marcial to break the stranglehold of poverty prices. There’s never been a more important time to stand with producers through Fairtrade – to protect the progress you’ve achieved and to welcome more producers in to Fairtrade.

This Fairtrade Fortnight, stand with producers like Marcial to close the door on exploitation, and welcome more people in to Fairtrade.

www.fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight



FAIRTRADE
FOUNDATION

Passion Week and Easter Services

The following services are at both Fulneck and Gomersal unless indicated:

Sunday 25th March	Palm Sunday Family Worship at 10.30am District Palm Sunday Service at 6.00pm at Horton
Monday 26th March	Passion Week Readings at 7.30pm
Tuesday 27th March	Passion Week Readings at 7.30pm
Wednesday 28th March	Passion Week Readings at 7.30pm
Thursday 29th March	Unit Maundy Thursday Communion at 7.30pm at Gomersal
Friday 30th March	Good Friday Liturgy at 7.30pm
Sunday 1st April	Easter Liturgy at 7.00am followed by Breakfast Easter Family Worship at 10.30am (with Communion at Fulneck)

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

Fulneck News and Notices

Congregation Council Meeting Monday 19th February

28 members attended the recent Council Meeting. Among the elections, Br Trevor Kernohan and Br John Holmes were elected to Church Committee. Two of the decisions made at the meeting were to hold Afternoon Teas on Wednesdays from Easter until Heritage Open Day in September, and that Church Committee should proceed with plans for a disabled toilet in the creche room.



Wednesdays at 7.30pm 'Returning Home: Christian Faith in Encounter with Other Faiths'

Using material from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, we will explore how Christian faith has been deepened and enriched by encounters with people of different religions.

The theologian John Cobb described his encounter with Buddhism in terms of a journey to another land and culture: the newness, sometimes strangeness of the other, can be an enriching experience. However, when we return to the familiar, home is viewed with different eyes and a deeper, perhaps more profound, appreciation. **This is why the course is called "Returning Home"**.

21st February
A journey into the wilderness

28th February
The remembrance of God's name

5th March
Fasting

12th March
Greed, Non-Attachment and Compassion

19th March
The crucified Jew

Lent Lunches Fridays at 12pm, until 30th March



Light lunches raising money for church funds and charitable causes. There is a list in the Bell Room for anyone who is willing to assist in any way. For more information please contact Sr Brenda Pearson.

Easter Cracked School Activities Thursday 22nd March 1.30pm in the Boys' Brigade



As we did this time last year, we are going to spend an afternoon with the Fulneck year 6 pupils. Easter Cracked is a series of presentations and activities from Scripture Union, aimed at children of all faiths or none, explaining why Easter is an important festival for Christians. If you can help with this, please speak to Br Newman. You will need to have a DBS disclosure, but if you don't have one yet it is a quick process to get this done, so please don't let this put you off.

New Member

At the Lovefeast on Sunday 4th March we will be formally welcoming Russell Williams into the congregation. Russell and his son Kwame have been worshipping with us for quite a while now and are already very much part of the church family.

Afternoon Teas
Wednesdays, 2pm to 4pm
Starting on 4th April

The Afternoon Teas are a valuable fundraiser as well as an opportunity for fellowship mid-week. They will only be a success with your help. Sr Janet Newton is coordinating the teas and needs volunteers each week to prepare and serve. We also need you to come along when you can and to let family and friends know that we are open again on Wednesdays. Thank you.

Poppy Project

My inspiration for the Fulneck poppy project came whilst visiting the Lower Wyke display of poppies on their Remembrance weekend. Hilary, Margaret and myself went on a glorious Sunday afternoon to view the amazing display of 3500 knitted poppies lining the path to the church and continuing around the interior of the church. The impact was striking and was created in memory of Marilyn Greenough's uncle who died in WW1. Marilyn very kindly gave me encouragement and practical information to do something similar at Fulneck for Heritage Open Day in September, maybe not as grand a scale though.

Whilst not anticipating 3500 poppies, it would not be too ambitious to form a series of swags made up of poppies to arrange around the balcony. The theme for H.O.D. will feature WW1 as we did in 2014 and some of the events following the war. The first official poppy event was in 1921 and was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae. If we could make 500 poppies we should be able to make something effective to hang from the balcony.



On a practical level, different shades of red help to create depth so don't worry trying for exact colour match. Patterns are available from Sr.Oddie, Sr.Dickinson and Maureen Ingham. Sr.Oddie will collect them and make them into swags. If you have already tried the ribbed pattern you may have realized it needs to be quite a loose knit but the fluted pattern is nice and flat. Any other pattern you have that is fairly flat will do to. They sell red wool in the key shop next to B&M in Pudsey and also in most Wilko stores.

I hope you can support this venture with your knitting skills. Mine are non-existent so I can only trust those who can read the patterns and produce a poppy. I might try the felt poppy though, which is an alternative.

With thanks and hope,
Sr. Myra Dickinson



FULNECK
MORAVIAN MUSEUM

OPENS ON

WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL 2018

2 - 4PM



EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY 2-4PM
UNTIL
8th SEPTEMBER 2018

NEW EXHIBITION OF TWO FULNECK
ARCHITECTS

Tours contact tours@fulneck.org.uk
www.fulneck.org.uk

Museum Preview

Following the refreshments in the B.B. on March 25th, there will be an opportunity for the museum volunteers to visit the museum and view the exhibition changes for the 2018 season. If you are not already a volunteer, please come along and join us. You will be most welcome, as new volunteers are always needed to ensure the museum can remain open and staffed for visitors.

Fulneck Reads the Bible



In the autumn, we are going to have a week when Fulneck is going to read the whole of the Bible. This might sound like a huge undertaking, but in actual fact, reading it all out loud takes about 70 hours.

We will begin with a special service on the evening of Sunday 30th September and end at the All Age Worship on Sunday 7th October. In between, people will be assigned different passages to read and between us, by the end of the week, someone will have read every verse of the whole Bible.

This is something that everyone can take part in. It doesn't matter where or when you read your passages, or what translation you use, as long as it is done during that week. In fact, we would encourage you to consider using a translation that you are less familiar with. A bit closer to the time, we will be asking who would like to take part so that we can allocate the passages, and the school will also be invited to take part.

If you would like to know more, please speak Br Newman or Allison Turner, who is helping to organise this event having done something similar before at another church.

Gomersal News and Notices



Mondays at 1.30pm in the Upstairs Room

We will be using the York Course entitled 'Tough Talk: Hard Sayings of Jesus'. Each session starts by listening to a CD with contributions from Steve Chalke, Gerard Hughes and Tom Wright, followed by questions for us to think about.

**19th February
Shrinking and Growing**

**26th February
Giving and Using**

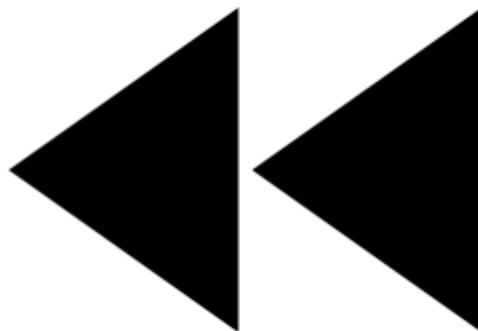
**5th March
Praying and Forgiving**

**12th March
Loving and Telling**

**19th March
Trusting and Entertaining**

Rewind to Easter

**Tuesday 20th March from 1.15pm
in Church**



At a recent CTGB&EB the Rewind school activities were described as the jewel in the crown of our Churches Together activities. This year we are hosting the Gomersal part of Rewind, and so it would be good to have as many volunteers as we can to help. Please speak to Br Newman if you are interested.

Food Safety Forms

A reminder that if you are preparing food, whether at home or on church premises, for sale or consumption on church premises, you should fill in a Food Hygiene Checklist. The forms are available in the kitchen in the folder by the microwave and only take a couple of minutes to complete. Thank you.



**On the second Wednesday
of each month
(except August)
Starting at 10am**

Wellbeing Wednesdays

21st March
18th April
16th May



ALL WELCOME

Congregation Council Meeting Monday 26th February

22 members attended the recent Council Meeting. Among the elections, Sr Anne Addison and Sr Christine Butcher were elected to Church Committee. The July Lovefast has been moved to the first Sunday to avoid Synod.

Facebook Page

Our old Facebook group has now been closed. Please find and like our new page: 'Gomersal Moravian Church'.

Birthday Calendars - SALE

St Mary's have produced some birthday calendars with pictures of the churches and pubs of Gomersal, including Gomersal Moravian Church, to help raise funds for their tower appeal. Each month has its own page with a list of dates for you to put down people's birthdays. Because the days of the week are not on the calendar it can be used year after year and will not be out of date. These calendars, which are available at the back of church, have now been reduced from £9.50 to £8 – a bargain! Please give your payment to Br Les Machell.



Gomersal Moravian Church
Quarry Road, Gomersal
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CHICKEN DRIVE



AND SUPPER

**Friday 23rd March
7.00pm in the Church
£3 per person**

General Notices

Summer Camp 4th to 11th August at Dovedale House



Moravian Summer Camp is a residential holiday for young people aged 10-17 who have contact with the Moravian Church. It is overseen by Joy Raynor, the paid youth and children's worker, but the hard work is done by volunteers who are members of the Moravian Church across England and Northern Ireland.

Camp is divided into two groups by age – Juniors and Seniors – each with age appropriate activities. However, the camp is together for many activities and the leadership team try to ensure that the different age groups spend time together as well as apart. Worship and meals are always spent together and there will be games sessions and activities done together too.

2018 Summer Camp is returning to the Peak District. Dovedale House is set in the beauty of the Derbyshire peaks, surrounded by countryside. The accommodation is in dormitories equipped with bunk beds and plenty of storage space. The bedrooms are on two floors, so boys and girls will be on different floors. The young people can choose who they share a room with although we do try to keep Juniors and Seniors in separate rooms. The showers and toilets are in blocks on each floor. Bedding is supplied. More information and pictures of the house can be seen on <http://www.dovedalehouse.org/>.

Forms are available from Br Newman.

**The Provincial
Mission and Society
Committee invite
everybody to a**

**One day
workshop
focussing
on renewal
and growth
in the British
Province**

**At Ockbrook
Saturday 10th March
from 10.30am to 4pm**

**Drinks provided,
please bring your
own lunch**

**Further information from:
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mdixon68@hotmail.co.uk
Elisabeth Hollindrake (Secretary)
e.hollindrake@btinternet.com**

Call

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Provincial Board are pleased to announce that Sr Claire Maxwell has received and accepted a call to serve the Fetter Lane Congregation and research and develop a Pioneer Ministry in the London area. Sr Maxwell will take up her duties on 1st October, 2018.

Please keep Sr Maxwell and her husband Steve in your prayers as she answers the call of the Church and begins her ministry.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Gillian Taylor
On Behalf of the Provincial Board

Unity Prayer Day Offering

The Unity Prayer Day Offering for 2018 will benefit purchase of a piece of land for a church office, the first to be owned by the Moravian Church in Peru.

The Moravian Church Peru is one of the newest mission areas in the worldwide Unity. So far, the Moravian Churches in Peru rent space for their worship services and other ministries. From a sustainability point of view this is not the best approach. The Peru Moravian Board has asked if it would be possible to obtain a one-time larger donation that could be used to purchase some land in Chiclayo, Peru. That is where the headquarters is located, but presently the office is situated in the home of the president of the church. The Moravians in Peru believe that if they have a piece of land, they can slowly work toward developing it. They have said that even if they would use a tent or a tarpaulin in the early stages, at least there would be a place that could be identified as the "Moravian Church." Four sustainability projects in Peru are going well - especially the "Moravian Bubbles" laundry service in Lima and the Moravian Mariachi Band in Chiclayo. The income from those projects can be used for developing the land if it is purchased. The Unity Prayer Day Offering 2018 will therefore support the witness of the Moravian Church in Peru and will help to further the mission of the Moravian Church in Peru.

Special Unity Prayer Day envelopes will be available on Sundays 4th and 11th of March for your donations. Thank you.

Human Sexuality

The fifth paper and an appendix to the fifth paper, both looking at people's experiences, have been available for a few weeks. There will be a chance to discuss this paper following the morning service at Gomersal on 4th March and the afternoon Lovefeast at Fulneck on 4th March. The sixth and final paper, looking at the situation in the wider unity, will be available in mid-March and will be discussed in April.



Yorkshire District Palm Sunday Service Sunday 25th March at 6pm at Horton

A reflective service of music and readings to begin Passion Week, with the Moravian Singers.

Calendar (continued)

April

Sunday 1 st	7.00am	Fulneck	Easter Liturgy led by Br M Newman followed by breakfast
	7.00am	Gomersal	Easter Liturgy led by Br R Hopcroft followed by breakfast
	10.30am	Fulneck	Easter Worship and Communion led by Sr H Smith
Thursday 5th	10.30am	Gomersal	Easter Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
Sunday 8th 7	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br G Mallinson
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman

Calendar

March

Sunday 4 th	10.30am	Fulneck	All Age Worship led by Br P Greenhough
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	11.45am	Gomersal	Discussion of Human Sexuality Paper 5
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
	3.45pm	Fulneck	Discussion of Human Sexuality Paper 5 in the BB
Monday 5 th	7.00pm	District	Youth Group (venue TBA)
	1.30pm	Gomersal	Lent Course in the Upstairs Room
Wednesday 7 th	7.30pm	Gomersal	Social Event Planning Meeting
	2.00pm	Fulneck	MWA
Thursday 8 th	7.30pm	Fulneck	Lent Service led by Br M Newman
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Friday 9 th	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck
Saturday 10 th	12.00pm	Fulneck	Lent Lunch in the BB
Sunday 11 th	10.00am	Provincial	Renewal and Growth Workshop at Ockbrook
Monday 12 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Mothering Sunday Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Mothering Sunday Worship led by Br R Hopcroft
	2.30pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
Wednesday 14 th	1.30pm	Gomersal	Lent Course in the Upstairs Room
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee in the Vestry
	10.00am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting in Church
Thursday 15 th	10.45am	Gomersal	Cup of Hope Coffee Morning
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Lent Service led by Br M Newman
	7.45pm	Gomersal	MWA
Friday 16 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Sunday 18 th	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck
Monday 19 th	12.00pm	Fulneck	Lent Lunch in the BB
	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
Tuesday 20 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
Wednesday 21 st	11.30am	Fulneck	Charity Coffee Morning by the School Boarders
	1.30pm	Gomersal	Lent Course in the Upstairs Room
Thursday 22 nd	1.15pm	Gomersal	Rewind to Easter in Church
	7.30pm	Gomersal	Church Committee in Church
Friday 23 rd	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday in Church
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Lent Service led by Br M Newman
Saturday 24 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Sunday 25 th	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers at Horton
Monday 26 th	12.00pm	Fulneck	Lent Lunch in the BB
	7.00pm	Gomersal	Chicken Drive and Supper in Church
Tuesday 27 th	10.00am	Fulneck	Burial Ground Tidy Up
	CLOCKS GO FORWARD		
Wednesday 28 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Palm Sunday Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Palm Sunday Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford
Thursday 29 th	6.00pm	District	District Palm Sunday Service at Horton
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Passion Week Readings
Friday 30 th	7.30pm	Gomersal	Passion Week Readings
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Passion Week Readings
Saturday 31 st	7.30pm	Gomersal	Passion Week Readings
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Passion Week Readings
Sunday 1 st	7.30pm	Gomersal	Passion Week Readings
	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Monday 2 nd	7.30pm	Gomersal	Maundy Thursday Communion at Gomersal
	12.00pm	Fulneck	CTP Walk of Witness from the Baptist Church
Tuesday 3 rd	12.00pm	Fulneck	Lent Lunch in the BB
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Good Friday Liturgy
Wednesday 4 th	7.30pm	Gomersal	Good Friday Liturgy