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Minister's Letter

The Lent services at Fulneck this year were on the theme of Christian faith in encounter with other faiths. We considered what we can learn from the beliefs and practices of Jews, Sikhs, Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists. The material had been prepared by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland last year, recognising that we live in a multi-religious world.

Another ecumenical document that has been produced fairly recently (2011) is called 'Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World: Recommendations for Conduct'. It is the product of three worldwide bodies working together over five years: the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, the World Council of Churches (of which the Moravian Church is a member), and the World Evangelical Alliance. At the Moravian Unity Mission Conference back in November, this document was endorsed, and it has some useful principles which can be applied at all levels, including in our own relationships and encounters with people of other faiths and no faith.

The document says that all Christians should adhere to the following principles:

- Acting in God's love - loving our neighbour as ourselves;
- Imitating Jesus Christ - sharing his love, giving glory and honour to the Father in the power of the Spirit;
- Christian virtues - conducting ourselves with integrity, charity, compassion and humility;
- Acts of service and justice - serving others and recognising Christ in the least of our sisters and brothers;
- Discernment in ministries of healing - respecting human dignity and not exploiting the vulnerable;
- Rejection of violence - rejecting all forms of violence, including by any religious or secular authority;

- Freedom of religion and belief - allowing all people to profess, practice, propagate and change their religion;
- Mutual respect and solidarity - working with all people to promote justice, peace and the common good;
- Respect for all people - respecting all people even when the gospel challenges aspects of their culture;
- Renouncing false witness - speaking sincerely and listening in order to understand the beliefs and practices of others;
- Ensuring personal discernment - acknowledging that changing religion requires adequate reflection and must be done freely;
- Building interreligious relationships - developing deeper mutual understanding, reconciliation and cooperation.

I am reminded of what Jesus said when asked about the greatest commandment. You will probably know that he replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 22: 37-38). The first two of the above principles seem to sum up these two commandments, and the rest flow from them, filling in the details of what it means to love our neighbour when they are of another faith.

I'm not sure who first said it, but it is often true that "we fear what we don't understand". As the material used in the Lent services showed, when we positively engage with people of other faiths we come to a better understanding of those faiths and those people, helping to reduce tensions and break down barriers. Not only that, but we also come to a better understanding of our own faith, and that is always a good thing.



Br Michael Newman

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

Fulneck News and Notices



FULNECK MORAVIAN MUSEUM

Opens at 02:00pm
WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL 2018



OPEN 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

Lent Lunches

A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in helping with Lent Lunches, especially those who have done the cooking, and those who have done the eating and donating! Thank you also to those who have not been able to attend for various reasons but have still made generous donations! We have suffered a bit from the terrible weather we experienced in March, having to cancel one Friday lunch, but we have managed to raise £667.45.

Sr Brenda Pearson

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.

New Member

At the Palm Sunday service on Sunday 25th March we formally welcomed Br Russell Williams into the congregation.

Café Church in the Boys' Brigade
Sunday 6th May

If you would like to help with this service, there will be a planning meeting during the refreshments after church on Sunday 29th April.

Sisters' Festival
Sunday 20th May

Sisters' Festival this year will begin with breakfast at Number 54 café. There will be a list in the Bell Room later in April, and a further notice in the May magazine with the details, but for now please put the date in your diaries so that as many women of our church as possible can celebrate together.

Sr Myra Dickinson



Wednesday 25th April, 7.00pm at the home of Sr Hilary Smith

We are beginning a new course called "The Psalms: Prayers for Today's Church".

All are welcome to join the group.

The ancient poems we call Psalms are over 2000 years old, but these songs have stood the test of time for they address many of the problems we still face: violence, injustice, anger – and bewilderment. Why do the wicked prosper? Where is God when we suffer?

In five sessions, Bishop Stephen Cottrell reflects on the psalms, with contributions from Dominican Friar Fr Timothy Radcliffe, Revd John Bell of the Iona Community, the Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons Revd Prebendary Rose-Hudson Wilkin, and the Principal of Wesley House Cambridge Revd Dr Jane Leach.



25 Fulneck

This two-bedroom house is available to let for £575 pcm.

Full details can be found on the notice in the Bell Room.

To arrange viewing please contact Br Trevor Kernohan.

Poppy Project

We are making poppies for a display on Heritage Open Day in September.

Please see the display and instructions in the Bell Room.



Fulneck Residents' Association
Annual Meeting

Monday 16th April at 7:30pm in the BB followed by light refreshments

Spring and Summer

Wellbeing

on Wednesdays

at Gomersal Moravian Church

NEW — Walking Group

2nd May, 6th June and 4th July at 10.30am

Julian Meeting

silent contemplation

9th May, 13th June and 11th July at 10.30am

Walk and Yoga

including chair yoga

18th April, 16th May, 20th June and 18th July at
10.00am

NEW — Carpet Bowls

23rd May and 27th June at 10.30am

Chicken Drive and Supper

Thank you to everyone who supported the Chicken Drive on Friday 23rd March which raised nearly £90 for church funds.



and



Saturday 14th April
10am 'til 11.30am

Please come along to enjoy
the drinks, cakes and
fellowship.

Property Steward

Br John Addison has been our property steward for many years, but now wishes to stand down from this role.

The main task of the property steward is to complete annual property reports every September; and if any work is needed they organise someone to do it.

If you think that you would be interested in taking on this important role, please speak to a member of the Church Committee. Thank you..



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.



General Notices

Provincial Committees

One of the tasks of the Provincial Synod from 6th to 9th July is to elect members of the Provincial Board and the provincial standing committees, normally elected for a four-year term.

The standing committees usually meet two or three times a year. If you are interested in being on one of the committees, or on the Provincial Board, please speak to Br Newman who can supply a nomination form. Forms need to be in by the 25th of May.

Provincial Board members are either full or part time, which in effect means stipendiary or non-stipendiary. They are the elders, trustees and managers of the Province between Synods.

The work of the standing committees is as follows:

Church Book

Prepares the Synod agenda paper. Prepares the official record of the organisation and acts of the synod, including all resolutions. Makes revisions to the Book of Order as directed by the Synod.

Finance

Advises the Provincial Board in regard to major transactions and other matters touching property and finance. Recommends to the Synod the level of stipend and the rate of assessment on congregations. Advises on matters of mission finance and business. Administers church loans.

Church Service

Promotes and encourages all areas of church service. Advises on the selection and training of candidates for church service and keeps under review the progress of candidates in training. Plans and organises the continuing training of ministers and lay workers. Oversees the training of lay preachers and lay leaders.

Youth and Children

Promotes, co-ordinates and advises on youth and children's work. Fosters ecumenical links with youth and children's departments of other denominations. Ensures that the Moravian Church is a safe place for children and young people. Supports the PYCO.

Faith and Order and Ecumenical Relations

Advises the Province on questions of faith and order and ecumenical matters. Arranges representation of the Province at ecumenical meetings as appropriate.

Mission and Society

Encourages the Church in the Five Marks of Mission. Publishes information within the Province about the current work of the committee.

World Mission

Supports the Provincial Board in matters relating to World Mission. Encourages the Province in prayerful action and giving for the work of the wider Moravian Unity, Christian Aid and Christian mission generally. Publishes information within the Province about Moravian work overseas.

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.

Human Sexuality

The sixth paper, looking at the situation in the wider Moravian Unity, has been available for a few weeks. There will be a chance to discuss this last paper following the services at Fulneck on 15th April and at Gomersal on 22nd April. The District Youth Group will be discussing the papers when they next meet on Sunday 22nd April.

The Women's World Day of Prayer

Please note

The service that was snowed off in March has been rearranged for Wednesday 18th April, 2pm at St Andrew's Methodist Church.

Calendar

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 Family Communion led by Sr H Smith
	10.30am	Gomersal	Easter Family Worship led by Br M Newman
Wednesday 4 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in the BB and Museum open
	7.30pm	Fulneck	MWA
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
Thursday 5 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
Saturday 7 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 8 th	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
Wednesday 11 th	10.00am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting (no Cup of Hope in April)
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in the BB and Museum open
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee in the Vestry
	7.45pm	Gomersal	MWA
Thursday 12 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Saturday 14 th	10.00am	Gomersal	Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br P Greenhough
	11.30am	Fulneck	Human Sexuality Discussion in the BB
Monday 16 th	7.30pm	Fulneck	History Meeting at the home of Sr Vi Hayton
Tuesday 17 th	8.00pm	Gomersal	Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers
Wednesday 18 th	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in the BB and Museum open
Thursday 19 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers AGM in the BB
Friday 20 th	7.00pm	Fulneck	Chapel Servants' Meeting and Meal at Number 54
Saturday 21 st	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br I Haggas
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	11.30am	Gomersal	Human Sexuality Discussion
	7.00pm	District	Youth Group at Lower Wyke
Monday 23 rd	1.30pm	Gomersal	CTGB&EB Meeting at St Paul's Birkenshaw
Wednesday 25 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in the BB and Museum open
	7.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Study at the home of Sr H Smith
Thursday 26 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Sunday 29 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship and Marriage Celebration led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft
	11.30am	Fulneck	Café Church Planning Meeting
Monday 30 th	7.30pm	Gomersal	Social Event Planning Meeting
Mon 30 th to Thu 3 rd		Province	Ministers' Retreat at High Leigh Conference Centre

May

Wednesday 2 nd	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
Thursday 3 rd	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Saturday 5 th	12.30pm	Fulneck	Wedding
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 6 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Café Church in the BB
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman