

# The Magazine for Fulneck and Gomersal Moravian Churches



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## MINISTER'S LETTER



### Christian Aid Week: Together we're stronger than the storms

In Haiti, Marcelin raised his three daughters alone. They've endured some of the worst natural disasters on earth. They're not just survivors. They're fighters. But they're only so strong. They won't survive the next hurricane without your help.

This Christian Aid Week, you can be in their corner. You can help them build a home that will weather the next storm, so they won't need to fight to survive anymore. Christian Aid Week unites kingdom builders like you from all walks of life. We step out in mission for our neighbours like Marcelin, because we believe in life before death. We believe God's kingdom is stronger than the storms.

£210 could pay for two days' construction training for a local builder in Haiti. The builder could then build secure, comfortable homes for people like Marcelin, giving them a safe place to weather the

next disaster, and a fighting chance to build a better life.

### Join us

This Christian Aid Week, 13-19 May, both our congregations are collecting for Christian Aid. Will you join us by delivering and collecting envelopes in and around Fulneck? Speak to Sr Vi Hayton today. Gomersal will have envelopes available in church. Together we can be stronger than the storms.

*Photo credit: Christian Aid*



Marcelin Abellard and his daughters Ketia, Linda and Keshna (left to right in the photo) still haven't recovered from Hurricane Matthew.

Marcelin doesn't expect them to survive if another hurricane hits.

**Br. M. Newman**

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

# Fulneck News and Notices

## Adi Eblal

***Half of the money raised at the Lent Lunches goes to the Adi Eblal charity. Here is the latest update on their work.***

It seems such a long time since we wrote to you after our visit to Ethiopia last September but by waiting we have encouraging results to report to you. In our last report we were grappling with the problems of cost and inflation before committing to the water connection to the Priest's village. These were resolved by significantly scaling back the project to provide one communal tap, not the 6 we had intended.

As it happened we spent the same amount of money as had been budgeted for - £4500 (plus another £17 to be exact). This would have almost totally exhausted funds in hand (£4643 at 23.9.17) had it not been for various donations which arrived unsolicited. This generosity gave us the confidence to commence the work as we had a cushion should any further unexpected costs arise. In fact to protect ourselves against cost rises we broke down the work into sections but we need not have worried too much as once the work started, albeit this was not until mid-January, they completed matters quite quickly and we had the good news that a tap was running.

Blessed as we are with loyal supporters, we have been able to extend the original 1,000m of pipeline by another 500 to provide a second tap to this very scattered community. The technical side of this also ran smoothly so we are greatly relieved to report that we have fully completed this water connection. It is not as extensive as originally hoped but it is vastly better than leaving these people dependent on river water.

Unfortunately, because of the delay in completing the work, we did not visit Ethiopia in January. We only wanted to go once the work was finished. Now we have run out of available time in our diary over the next few months – John is fully recovered now so we have taken on various short trips abroad as he resumes normal levels of

activities and travel. Of course we have been in regular contact with Mengesha by phone and we are satisfied that there is no pressing need for us to visit in the immediate future.

With this water connection completed we have been giving thought to where we go next with the project. There is no work outstanding and, joy of joys, all the connections and the flour mill are working very well. Throughout the last 8 years we have been concerned whether the various works would prove to be long lasting. Thus far the answer to that is yes. All the taps are running, the bridge is still standing, the lights are on and the mills are milling!

The school deserves some more assistance by way of extra tables and chairs for the library and renovation of classroom desks. Happily we have an adequate balance left over and will now see to this. There are no further water connections pending because we have dealt with all options available from the original pipeline. For the first time we would actually have to go looking for new possibilities and this requires us to visit the water authority manager for discussions. Thus we feel we have reached a natural break in the work of modernising Adi Eblal and surrounding villages.

To be honest a pause in the on-going responsibilities of the project is welcome to us. The last connection was a worry because of escalating prices and juggling to get the work done quickly enough to keep to the budget. This situation is unlikely to ease in the foreseeable future. Ethiopia is again subject to a Government declared State of Emergency because of unrest amongst different ethnic groups. Indeed only this week a new Prime Minister will take office and it is hoped this development will quell some of the complaints from the numerous Oromo people. We have no worries about our personal safety in the country but economically there is great volatility. We are vulnerable on the question of the cost of raw materials as so much of what we buy is imported and subject to exchange rate fluctuations plus in-country mark ups.

Leaving politics aside, what about news of the real people who benefit from these lifestyle improvements? At the moment everyone is focussed on Easter. Under the Julian calendar which applies in Ethiopia, the Festival is a week later than ours this year. Lent lasts fifty-five days and they have been fasting during this period. This means no meat or dairy products at all, and some days no food at all. Palm Sunday is a very big event with a colourful procession of clergy from the churches carrying golden crosses under spangled umbrellas accompanied by the chanting of deacons and debteras who sing songs passed down by traditions centuries old. In due course, after the all night Easter services are finished, everyone will go home and FEAST! Really Easter is more significant than Christmas in Orthodox Ethiopia.

Before farmers' minds turn to the start of the rainy season the next few weeks are quiet in the fields and so there is time for wedding ceremonies. This year Mengesha's son will marry and already they have been planning the event. Many guests will attend from far and wide, all of whom have to be provided for. The ceremony and celebrations will last over many days. We can all be happy for the young couple who will set up home in Adi Eblal, now a modern environment boasting running water and electricity. We can also feel glad for Mengesha's wife who has the flour mill on hand conveniently to mill the great quantities of flour and teff she will need to feed everyone! We were invited to attend the wedding but will postpone delivering our congratulations until we can arrange a proper visit with time to assess the local situation to decide what might happen next. Thus it will be a short while until we write again with further news.

We hope this finds you well,

Best wishes, Jean and John

### **Bible Study**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 7.00pm (venue to be arranged)**

We are continuing our course called "The Psalms: Prayers for Today's Church". All are welcome to join the group.

### **Café Church in the Boys' Brigade Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

If you would like to help with this service, there will be a planning meeting during the refreshments after church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Afternoon Teas**

**Wednesdays, 2pm to 4pm**

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. There is a list in the Bell Room for this. 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**

Thank you to all the talented and generous people making poppies.

The first collection of poppies needs to be in by May 13th. They can either be given to me or placed in the box in the bell room.  
BUT DON'T STOP KNITTING!!! .....

The second collection will be on 29th July to give enough time for the garlands to be made up.

Thank you,  
Sr Dickinson



**Our Facebook pages  
'Fulneck Moravian Church' and  
'Fulneck Heritage Open Day' and  
the Facebook group,  
'Fulneck Moravian Museum',  
are well worth a "follow".**

## SISTERS' FESTIVAL

Dear Sisters.

I invite you all to join together for Sisters' Breakfast on Sunday 20th May at 9.0 pm at Cafe 54 Fulneck. Our Festival will be led by Sister Jane Dixon who will also join us for breakfast.

The cost will be £6.50 and please put your name on the list in the bell room.

Last year 25 sisters shared a delicious breakfast followed by the cup of covenant.

If there are any sisters who have not been to a sisters' festival I encourage you to be there.

The breakfast is the only occasion that sisters of all ages come together to share a meal. To me it is an affirmation of our Moravian fellowship and mission. It may be an old tradition initiated by Count Zinzendorf but the refreshing strength gained from such fellowship is inspiring. The thread joining us together comes from knowing we are all serving God in the best way we can. We are all individually contributing towards being a vibrant force in our church, our community and our lives.

Let's celebrate this as we come together to rededicate ourselves.

Sr Dickinson



## FULNECK MORAVIAN MUSEUM



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

NEW EXHIBITION OF TWO FULNECK ARCHITECTS  
Tours contact [tours@fulneck.org.uk](mailto:tours@fulneck.org.uk)

[www.fulneck.org.uk](http://www.fulneck.org.uk)

## Gomersal News and Notices

### **CTGB&EB Pentecost Praise Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm**

This year we are hosting the Churches Together Pentecost Service. If the weather is good this will take place outside.

Please come along to share in a service of Pentecost hymns and readings with our friends from the other churches.

### **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.



## Environment Sunday Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

On the first Sunday in June we will be collecting items to be re-used or recycled, as we have done for the last couple of years. The items that we are collecting (please ensure that things are clean and in good condition where appropriate) and the charities they help are as follows:

Aqua Box – pillow cases and sheets  
Christian African Relief Trust – bedding, plastic mugs and plates  
Jacob's Well Appeal – medical equipment and supplies, medicines (with at least a year left before expiry date), children's hats, scarves and gloves  
Leprosy Mission – stamps, foreign notes and coins, postcards, tea packet cards, old matchboxes  
Philippines Community Trust – ring pulls from cans  
Polio Plus – inkjet cartridges  
Soundseekers – hearing aids (not digital)  
Tools for Self Reliance – old tools (not electric), sewing machines  
Water Aid – mobile phones (remove SIM card)  
Zikomo Trust – bedding, clothes, spectacles (with cases if possible)

Gomersal Moravian Church

# Plants

Beat the Garden Centre prices and get your plants from us this year



Order forms available at the back of church or speak to Mary Horsfall on 01274 873278

Profits to the Building Fund  
Registered Charity Number 251211

Spring and Summer

## Wellbeing Wednesdays

at Gomersal Moravian Church

### Walking for Health

45-60 minute walk, dogs on lead welcome, followed by refreshments

2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am



### Julian Meeting

30 minutes of silent contemplation, followed by refreshments

9<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am



### Walk and Yoga

for all abilities, includes refreshments (charge of £4 per session)

16<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> June and 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am

### Carpet Bowls

for all abilities, includes refreshments

23<sup>rd</sup> May and 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am

The British Province of the United Fraternities (Moravian Church), Registered Charity Number 251211

## General Notices



Yorkshire District of the Moravian Church

# Mission Evening

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm  
Boys Brigade, Fulneck



# Review of the Unity Mission Conference in Cape Town

## **Provincial Committees**

Provincial Synod is held every two years, and the next one is from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. One of the tasks of the Synod is to elect the provincial committees. Members are normally elected for a four-year term, and meetings are usually twice a year. If you are interested in being on one of the committees, please speak to Br Newman who will supply a nomination form. Forms need to be in by the 25th of May. The committees are as follows:

### Church Book Committee

The committee prepares the Synod agenda paper. After the Synod, it prepares the official record of the organisation and acts of the synod, including all the resolutions. The committee makes revisions to the Book of Order as directed by the Synod.

### Finance Committee

The committee advises the Provincial Board in regard to major transactions and other matters touching property and finance. It recommends to the Synod the level of stipend and the rate of assessment on congregations. It advises, when requested, on matters of mission finance and business. It also administers church loans.

### Church Service Committee

The committee promotes and encourages all areas of church service. It advises on the selection and training of candidates for church service and keeps under review the progress of candidates in training. It plans and organises the continuing training of ministers and lay workers. It oversees the training of lay preachers and lay leaders.

### Youth and Children's Committee

The committee promotes, co-ordinates and advises on youth and children's work. It fosters ecumenical links with youth and children's departments of other denominations. It ensures that the Moravian Church is a safe place for children and young people. It supports the Youth and Children's Officer.

### Faith and Order and Ecumenical Relations Committee

The committee advises the Province on questions of faith and order and ecumenical matters. It arranges representation of the Province at ecumenical meetings as appropriate.

### Mission and Society Committee

The committee encourages the Church in the Five Marks of Mission. It publishes information within the Province about the current work of the committee.

### World Mission Committee

The committee supports the Provincial Board in matters relating to World Mission. It encourages the Province in prayerful action and giving for the work of the wider Moravian Unity, Christian Aid and Christian mission generally. It publishes information within the Province about Moravian work overseas.

# Calendar

## May

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Café Church in BB
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
	7.30pm	Fulneck	MWA
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm	Gomersal	MWA
	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Ascension Day Service led by Br M Newman
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	School Speech Day
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Gomersal	Safari Supper
	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford
	11.30am	Fulneck	Refreshments for MacMillan in BB
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Gomersal	Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.00pm	District	Yorkshire District Mission Evening in BB
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Fulneck	Sisters' Breakfast at Number 54
	10.30am	Fulneck	Pentecost & Ladies' Festival led by Sr J Dixon
	10.30am	Gomersal	Pentecost/Junior Church Anniversary led by Br M Newman
	2.00pm	Gomersal	CTGB&EB Pentecost Praise led by Br M Newman
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Carpet Bowls
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
	7.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Study at TBA
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Trinity Sunday & Church Anniversary led by Sr H Smith
	10.30am	Gomersal	Trinity Sunday Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Fulneck	Refreshments / Café Church Planning Meeting in BB
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith

## June

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Café Church in BB
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr R France
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman