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Reflections on the Trinity

On the last Sunday in May we celebrated Trinity Sunday. The Trinity is one of the central doctrines of Christianity, and yet the word and the concept were not invented until the fourth century AD in response to a debate over the divinity of Jesus. The doctrine says that there is one divine 'substance', which consists of the three 'persons' of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The idea of 'substance' came from Greek philosophy, and the doctrine was invented in response to the question of the divinity of Jesus.

What is important for us to remember is that the Trinity is not and never has been a complete description of God, but an attempt to define our human experience of God. The doctrine of the Trinity is like a rudimentary sketch of the mystery of God's nature, rather than a full description of what God is like.

One way of thinking about the Trinity is to do with our experience of God. When we talk about the Father we give voice to our sense of awe and wonder as we contemplate God. When we talk about the Son we recognise that God was truly and fully present in Jesus Christ, whose teaching and example give us insight into God's nature. When we talk about the Spirit, we acknowledge the experience of God's presence in our own lives.

Another way of thinking about the Trinity is to do with the activity of God: God creates, God redeems, and God sustains. These three divine activities are what Luke of Prague, the leading theologian of the Unitas Fratrum in the sixteenth century, defined as the first part of the essentials of the Christian faith. He said that the second part is our response to God in faith, hope and love.

Personally, I find much that I can relate to in what is known as progressive theology, which contains elements of the above understandings of the Trinity when it speaks of God as the Ground of Being, the Source of Life and the Source of Love. Worshipping God is then about being all that we can be, living fully, and loving abundantly, just as Jesus did, and by so doing, revealing the image of God that is within us.

Br Michael Newman

Unity Prayer Watch

Following the experience of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Herrnhut on 13th August 1727, a custom began where members kept unceasing prayer to the Lord. This lasted for over a century. Today the Unity Prayer Watch is shared by each Province in its turn, as we pray for our Moravian brothers and sisters around the world. Notes are provided to help those participating pray for the specific needs of each province.

This year we have been given the following times:

Gomersal

2am to 11am (9 hours) on Saturday 7th July

Fulneck

midnight to 10pm (22 hours) on Sunday 8th July

These times are during our Provincial Synod, so this is something else that you might want to pray for. If you can help, please put your name down on the list at the back of your church. If you want to pair up with someone to share an hour that is fine, and you can also do more than an hour if you so wish.

Thank you.

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

Fulneck News and Notices

Café Church

Harrison and Keiron had great fun at the Café Church on Sunday 6th May. The next one is on 3rd June.

Funeral

Sr Audrey Spanton passed away on 15th May. Her funeral will take place in church on Monday 4th June at 2pm followed by refreshments at the Golf Club. Our thoughts and prayers are with Br Chris Spanton and Br David Adsetts.

Infant Baptism of Jemima Baines Sunday 24th June at 10.30am

Jemima, daughter of Jenny and Andrew, and sister of Hannah, will be baptised during our Family Worship.

Bible Study

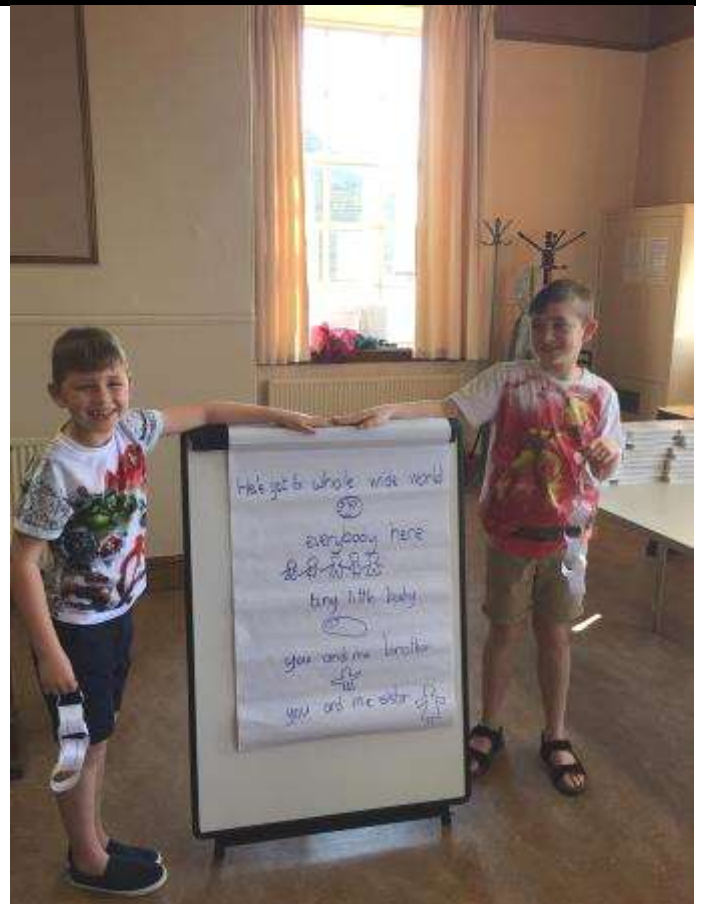
Wednesday 27th June, 7.00pm (venue to be arranged)

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

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.



Junior Church Festival and Cradle Roll Service

Sunday 1st July at 10.30am

All the children who have been baptised recently and their families will be invited to this special service when the updated cradle roll will be on display.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the Boys Brigade Building.



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
www.fulneck.org.uk



We are making poppies for a display on Heritage Open Day in September. Please see the display and instructions in the Bell Room.



HERITAGE OPEN DAY SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018 PEACE AT LAST

By September our fabulous poppy arrangements will be ready for display around the balcony to commemorate 100 years since the ending of WW1.

On Heritage Day we will revisit the fascinating and moving stories of soldiers known to Fulneck members. There will also be displays relating to events following the peace treaty, especially medical developments.

During the day there will be readings of James Connor's letters written from the trenches, organ recitals and tours.

The museum has new displays of Benjamin Henry Latrobe and Charles Nelson, both Fulneck born architects. The parlour in the museum has had a make-over and has been renamed the 'Nelson Victorian parlour'.

A mystery trail of toy dogs will appeal to the children.

The refreshments are a huge and appreciated factor of the day and I hope that everyone will help by baking cakes, donating foodstuffs or donating money. It was a great help last year to have the sandwiches already made on the day. Sister Gillian Butterill will be in contact with people making sandwiches. Requests for food donations will be put up in the bell room nearer the time.

Music is an important feature of the day and Br. Lindley will be playing on the church organ whilst Br. Porter will be in the Boys Brigade playing WW1 favourites. Activities for children will be on offer too.

The archives and tours around the settlement continue to be enjoyed, contributing to an informative and pleasant experience for our visitors.

I am grateful for all your support and generosity which ensures the day goes well. Thankyou.

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Sr. Dickinson

Gomersal News and Notices

Fundraising

Thanks to everyone who supporting our fundraising events in May. The stall at the May Day Fayre raised £101. The Safari Supper raised £560 and the raffle on the night raised £61. The food quiz raised £57.



Spring and Summer **Wellbeing Wednesdays** at Gomersal Moravian Church

Walking for Health

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

6th June and 4th July at 10.30am

Julian Meeting

30 minutes of silent contemplation, followed by refreshments

13th June and 11th July at 10.30am



Walk and Yoga

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

20th June and 18th July at 10.00am



Carpet Bowls

for all abilities, includes refreshments

27th June at 10.30am



Churches Together

Gomersal Birkenshaw + East Bierley

Summer Fund Raising Event
(Bible Society)

Sunday 10th June at 3.00pm

Saint Mary's Parish Church
Film and Fellowship

"The Greatest Showman"
musical

Starring Hugh Jackman & Michelle Williams

Followed by tea, cakes and fellowship

Come along and bring friends

All donations to the Bible Society

NOTE – For those attending the Lovefeast and Communion service which also begins at 3pm, we will be finished in time for you to go to St Mary's for the refreshments after the film at approximately 4.45pm.



Gomersal Moravian Church
 Quarry Road, Gomersal
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GARDEN PARTY



CREAM TEAS AND STALLS

Saturday 30th June
 2.00pm 'til 4.30pm

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
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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.

Missions Sunday—Sunday 1st July



At both of our services on the 1st of July (don't forget that the Lovefeast and Communion has been moved forward because of Synod) we will be collecting for Moravian missions. There are stickers at the back of church for you to stick onto your chosen container ready to collect either for this year, or to start collecting for next year. The money raised goes to support Moravian projects around the world. Sr Lesley Thompson will receive the money and when it has all been collected and counted it will be sent down to Church House. Thank you for your help.

General Notices

PROVINCIAL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

ANNUAL RALLY.

TO BE HELD AT

**HORTON MORAVIAN CHURCH.
LITTLE HORTON, BRADFORD**

On SATURDAY 23rd JUNE 2018.

Cup of Tea at 12.30pm.

Commencing at 1pm.

**Theme : HOW THE OTHER
HALF LIVE.**

**THE WORK OF THE BRADFORD SOUP RUN, HELPING TO
FEED AND SUPPORT THE NEEDY PEOPLE OF THE
BRADFORD AREA.**

Speaker : John Tempest.

Founding Director of the Bradford Soup Run.

**Celebration of Holy
Communion.**

Cups of Tea served, bring a packed meal.

**District Pre-Synod Meeting
Tuesday 26th June, 7.30pm at Horton**

An opportunity for those going to Synod and others who are interested to have a look at and discuss the reports that will be presented and proposals that will be voted on.

Calendar

June

Sunday 3 rd	10.30am	Fulneck	Café Church in BB
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr R France
Monday 4 th	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Funeral of Sr Audrey Spanton
Wednesday 6 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
	7.30pm	Fulneck	MWA
Thursday 7 th	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 9 th	11.00am	Gomersal	Wedding of Denise Lane and David Horsfall
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Ladies' Festival Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion
Wednesday 13 th	3.00pm	Gomersal	CTGB&EB Film Show at St Mary's Gomersal
	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee in the Vestry
Thursday 14 th	7.45pm	Gomersal	MWA
	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
Saturday 16 th	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 17 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br K Evans
Tuesday 19 th	10.30am	Gomersal	All Age Worship led by Br M Newman
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers
Wednesday 20 th	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
Thursday 21 st	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	12.30pm	Provincial	Men's Fellowship Day at Horton
Saturday 23 rd	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship and Infant Baptism led by Br M Newman
Sunday 24 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft
	7.30pm	District	Pre-Synod Meeting at Horton
Tuesday 26 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Carpet Bowls
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
Wednesday 27 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Thursday 28 th	2.00pm	Gomersal	Garden Party
	2.00pm	Fulneck	
Saturday 30 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	
	2.00pm	Gomersal	

July

Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Fulneck	Junior Church Festival All Age Worship led by Br T Auty
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br R Hopcroft