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**Sunday
30th
September**

- *making every effort, personally and within our Church, to reduce air pollution and energy consumption resulting from the use of cars and planes, through avoidance of unnecessary travel and use of energy-efficient vehicles, car sharing and public transport;*
- *joining with other denominations, public bodies and groups that campaign on these issues.*

Harvest is the time when we give thanks for the food that we eat. In recent times, Harvest is also one of the occasions on which we think about our responsibility to care for God's creation. In the last decade, there have been (at least) two resolutions passed by our Provincial Synod that relate to this.

In 2008 there was a resolution passed with the title "Our Stewardship of Creation" which remains as relevant today as it was then. The last part of that resolution says:

We commit ourselves to:

- *promoting awareness among our congregations of these principles and objectives and of the biblical values underpinning them;*
- *ensuring energy is used efficiently and whenever possible reducing its use; and encouraging the increased use of renewable energy;*
- *reducing our waste and encouraging the re-use, repair and re-cycling of materials;*
- *buying, wherever possible, products which are made in a sustainable way;*
- *using locally-made or produced goods and food as far as this is possible and practicable;*
- *taking appropriate opportunities to conserve and enhance the natural and built environment;*

This year, following a growing awareness of the problem of plastic waste polluting the oceans, a resolution was passed that ties in with the third of the bullet points in part five of the 2008 resolution:

Be it resolved that congregations reduce the use of single use plastics in all areas of church life. As a first step towards this goal all congregations are asked to reduce the following items (but not limited to) to 0% by 2020: cutlery, plastic or plastic-coated paper plates, plastic carrier bags, cling film, plastic water bottles, Styrofoam cups, Styrofoam plates and plastic straws.

As a Province, we have decided that this is something positive and practical that we can do as congregations as part of our commitment to make a difference. The benefits for the planet as a whole are worth a little effort on our part. I am sure that you will all help to make this happen over the next couple of years.

Br Michael Newman

Fulneck

Harvest Family Worship at 10.30am
led by Br Trevor Kernohan
Food gifts will go to St George's Crypt,
loose cash collection to Moravian missions

Gomersal

Harvest Family Worship at 10.30am
led by Br Michael Newman
Gifts of tinned and dried goods will go to
the North Kirklees Women's Refuge

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

Ordination of Sr Lorraine Shorten

Sr Lorraine Shorten will be ordained as a Deacon at Hall Green United Community Church at 3.00pm on Saturday 3rd November. Br John McOwat will be the officiating Bishop. Please keep Sr Shorten in your prayers as she prepares for this, the next chapter in her service of our Lord.

If there is enough interest, there will be a coach from the Yorkshire District. Please put your name on the list in the Bell Room at Fulneck or the porch at Gomersal if you would like to take advantage of this. The cost will be between £12 and £15 depending on numbers.

News from Provincial Synod

At the recent Synod, Sr Sarah Groves was elected as a Bishop. The consecration service will take place at Gracehill on Friday 16th November. Resolutions were passed to say that Sr Jane Dixon and Br James Woolford will both be consecrated as Presbyters, and we are awaiting notice of when and where these services will take place.

Synod expressed its thanks to Sr Gillian Taylor and Br Bob Hopcroft who have both retired from the Provincial Board. It was decided to increase the number of part-time Provincial Board members from two to four. The three new part-time members are Br Paul Holdsworth, Br David Howarth, and Br Livingstone Thompson. There is a vacancy for a full-time Provincial Board member for which there will be a postal ballot.

Fulneck News and Notices

Summer Health Walks



Through the summer we have been having a series of early evening health walks. The last one is on Monday 3rd September, starting outside the Boys' Brigade at 7pm, lasting for about an hour covering a mix of terrain, and ending back at the Boys' Brigade with refreshments. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

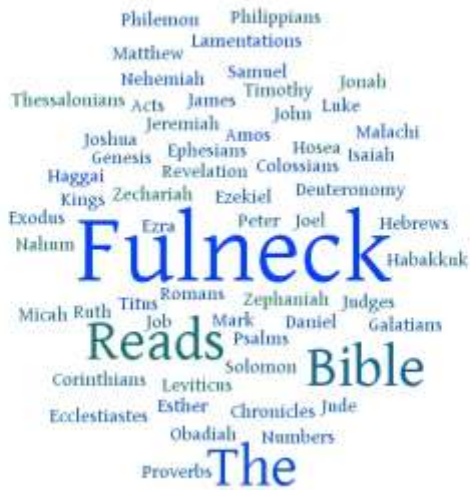
Residents' Activities run by the School Pupils

The new head boy and head girl of Fulneck School are Angus Li and Christina Pullin, who have both been boarders at Fulneck for a number of years. One of the things that they would like to do in the coming year is some activities with the residents and church members.

The first of these activities will be on Wednesday 12th September when there will be refreshments served in the Boys' Brigade and a small presentation of their ideas going forward. On Wednesday 10th October there will be a games afternoon, and another on Wednesday 28th November. There are also plans to run some computer skills classes on the 26th of September and 14th of November which will be in the Sixth Form Centre. More details will be in the notices nearer to the time.

I am sure you will agree that this is a great initiative and I hope that you will be able to support these activities.

Br Michael Newman



Sun 30th September to Sun 7th October

We're all familiar with the Bible – but are we? We know the popular stories, we hear passages at church and read selected passages from the Daily Watchword but there is so much else we don't often read. What is in the verses or chapters that are missed out? Now is our opportunity to put this right and between us we will read the whole Bible. This may sound daunting, but did you know that it only takes 70 hours and 40 minutes to read the Bible through at 'pulpit rate' and aloud. It takes only 52 hours and 20 minutes to read the Old testament, and just 18 hours and 20 minutes to read the New Testament.

So how are we going to do this? We'd like to invite as many or you as possible to take part during the week of 30 September to 7 October. You will be given a specific part of the Bible to read. You can do this at home on your own or several of you could meet up to read your passages together. The more of us who take part, the less we'll each have to read. If we can get 30 people then we'll only have a little over 2 hours to read during the whole week or 22 minutes a day each!

The week will begin with a special evening service in church when a copy of the Kralice Bible will be on display. On the Wednesday afternoon we will be serving refreshments in the Boys' Brigade as we read some of the Bible together. On the Thursday morning the organ recital will include part of Dr Francis Jackson's 'Daniel in Babylon'. The week will conclude at our all-age worship when we will reflect on the whole event. We are hoping that the Junior school will be able to prepare some Bible stories to act out in church too.

All you need to do is sign up on the list in the bell room or give your name to me. Your reading will be given to you before the week starts. This is our opportunity to increase our knowledge and understanding of the Bible and in some way pay tribute to those who have made it so accessible to us today. Let's not take that for granted anymore!



HERITAGE OPEN DAY SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018 10:00am to 04:00pm

As you read this it will only be a week before Heritage Open Day. I hope most volunteers will be aware of their place on the rota, but if unsure there will be a copy in the Bell Room. If you would like to volunteer and haven't been allocated a role, please let me know.

The arrangements for refreshments are similar to last year and the sandwiches will be made by prior arrangement. However, we would be grateful for donations of homemade cakes which can be sliced. There is also a list in the Bell Room of further foodstuffs needed on the day, so if you could put your name by any of these items it would be greatly appreciated, or any donations of money towards these things would help too.

Let's hope for a fine day and another successful event. Thank you for your support.

Sr Myra Dickinson



heritage open days

Fulneck

'Peace at Last'

Peace time progress after WW1

SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018 10am to 4pm

FREE ENTRY

REFRESHMENTS

RECITALS

ACTIVITIES

MUSEUM

EXHIBITION

DRAMA

GUIDED TOURS

www.fulneck.org.uk postcode LS28 8NT



GOMERSAL MORAVIAN CHURCH
Quarry Road, Gomersal

HERITAGE DAY

SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
1- 4 pm

- **Displays:**

- **History of the Church**
- **Links with the Taylors of Red House**
- **Links with the Brontës & Jane Eyre**
- **Gomersal and the Great War**
- **Moravian Traditions**

- **Hymn singing**

- **Children's activities**

- **Refreshments**



If anyone can help on the day, there is a list at the back of church for you to put your name down. Thank you.

Gomersal News and Notices

Moravian Missions Collection

You may recall that, back at the beginning of July, we were collecting for Moravian missions. Thanks to your generous contributions, Sr Lesley Thompson has sent £425 to Church House.

Church Anniversary, Sunday 22nd July

Unfortunately, Rev'd Ralph Davidson was unable to lead the service, so Br Bob Hopcroft kindly stepped in. The service was followed by our gift day and anniversary lunch which raised over £600 for church funds. Thanks to everyone who supported this.

St Luke's Church, East Bierley

St Luke's will be closing in September. The final service is on Sunday 9th September at 6.30pm. Please keep Revd Ralph Davidson and all the congregation in your prayers.

Gomersal Moravian Church

SCATTERGORIES QUIZ WITH PIE AND PEA SUPPER

**Saturday 15th Sept.
7.00pm in the Church
£4 per person (children £2)**



Late Summer and Autumn

Wellbeing Wednesdays at Gomersal Moravian Church

Walking for Health

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

5th Sept, 3rd Oct, 7th Nov and 5th Dec at 10.30am



Julian Meeting

30 minutes of silent contemplation,
followed by refreshments

12th Sept, 10th Oct, 14th Nov and 12th Dec at 10.30am



Walk and Yoga

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

19th Sept, 17th Oct, 21st Nov and 19th Dec at 10.30am

Carpet Bowls

for all abilities,
includes refreshments

26th Sept, 24th Oct and 28th Nov at 10.30am

Yorkshire District Notices



Yorkshire District Retreat Day
Saturday 6th October 2018
Scargill House, Kettlewell



Retreat to Advance

Looking at our response to Mission, Renewal and Outreach

Provisional Programme

10.00am Opening Devotions
10.15am Session One
11.00am Coffee
11.30am Session Two
1.00pm Lunch (provided)
2.00pm Session Three

Option a) Guided Walk to Conistone Pile (approx. 2 hours round trip)

Option b) Participant led garden walk or into the local village

Option c) Craft Activity at the house

4.00pm Drawing to a close and afternoon Tea

6.30pm Evening Meal (optional)

Costs: Day rate **£20.75**

or Day rate including evening meal (optional) **£28.25**

Spaces limited so early booking is recommended!

Booking Forms available from your minister with a **£10 non-refundable deposit**
(Balance due Sunday 23rd September 2018)

Scargill House
Kettlewell, Skipton
North Yorkshire
BD23 5HU

Transport not provided but to be arranged with participating individuals dependent upon time of departure
(i.e. before or after evening meal etc.)

MISSION & VISION



Mission Exploration

Evening*

Do you have a passion to share the Gospel?
Do you have thoughts and ideas to share?

The Moravian Church has a rich history and heritage. We have so much to offer. The question that we should **all** engage with is how are we to share the Gospel message and something of our church with those around us?

Let us explore the answer together.

Starting with a blank piece of paper we would like to invite you to start this process.

When: Monday 10th September, 7.30pm

Where: Lower Wyke, in the church

Calendar

September

Saturday 1 st	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 2 nd	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
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Sr K Woolford
Monday 3 rd	7.00pm	Fulneck	Summer Health Walk
Wednesday 5 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in the BB and Museum open
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee in the Vestry
	7.30pm	Fulneck	MWA
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
Thursday 6 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 8 th	10.00am	Fulneck	Heritage Open Day (until 4pm)
Sunday 9 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
	1.00pm	Gomersal	Heritage Open Day (until 4pm)
Monday 10 th	7.30pm	District	Mission Exploration Evening at Lower Wyke
Wednesday 12 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	1.30pm	Fulneck	Refreshments by School Pupils in the BB
	7.45pm	Gomersal	MWA
Thursday 13 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 15 th	3.00pm	Fulneck	Wedding of Andrew Keenan and Aimee Watson
	7.00pm	Gomersal	Quiz Night and Supper
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Sr D Thornton
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship and Communion led by Br M Newman
Tuesday 18 th	8.00pm	Gomersal	Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers
Wednesday 19 th	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
	7.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Study at the home of Sr H Smith
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Junior Church Meeting at the home of Sr A Rivers
Thursday 20 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft
	1.30pm	Gomersal	CTGB&EB Meeting at St Paul's Birkenshaw
Wednesday 26 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Carpet Bowls
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee Meeting in the Vestry
Thursday 27 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 29 th	9.00am	District	District Conference at Gomersal
Sunday 30 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Harvest Festival Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
	10.30am	Gomersal	Harvest Festival Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	6.00pm	Fulneck	'Fulneck Reads the Bible' Service led by Br M Newman

October

Wednesday 3 rd	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
	2.00pm	Fulneck	'Fulneck Reads the Bible' Afternoon Teas
Thursday 4 th	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 6 th	10.00am	District	District Retreat at Scargill House
Sunday 7 th	10.30am	Fulneck	All Age Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br K Evans
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman