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Minister's Letter

Last year, 195 countries signed a climate agreement in Paris that endeavours to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C. Now the UK needs to show the world that tackling climate change is still a priority, despite uncertainty elsewhere. It can show this by ratifying the Paris agreement, and by delivering an ambitious low carbon investment plan. By speaking up this October we can ensure that the UK Government sees public appetite for action to tackle climate change just as the plan is being drafted.

The Speak Up week of action will involve thousands of local people across the country in the week of **8-16th October**. From nature walks to tea parties, community energy visits to school activities, people from all walks of life will make sure their politicians see how much their constituents care about what we could lose to climate change. Following our events at Fulneck and Gomersal we will be sending photos and information to our local MPs (in the case of Gomersal this will be after the election has taken place). For details of how you can speak up and get involved at Fulneck and Gomersal, see the posters inside this issue.

The Speak Up week of action is organised by The Climate Coalition – a group of over 100 organisations including Christian Aid, RSPB, WWF, Islamic Relief, CAFOD, WI as well as local groups.

Br Michael Newman



Magazine Editor

Br Chris Shorten has been the Fulneck and Gomersal magazine editor for the last three and a half years. He has done a great job and we are very grateful for the time and effort he has put in. However, with Lorraine nearing the end of her course, Chris has decided that his last magazine as editor will be the December issue. We are therefore looking for a new editor from January. If anyone is interested please speak to Br Michael Newman. Chris has written the following to explain what is involved:

Editing the magazine usually occurs in the week before the last Sunday of the month. Nearly all of the information is collected by Michael, who then organises it into a meaningful order, including his Minister's Letter and the Diary summary. Michael then forwards this as a word document, with any posters and pictures, to the editor. The editor is responsible for how these items are arranged and displayed in the magazine. For this task, I've used Microsoft Office Publisher 2007, which is compatible with Michael's software. Layout is a challenge, as articles and notices vary from month to month. They may range from a single sentence to a few paragraphs, and the posters and photos arrive in all sorts of file formats – doc, jpg, pdf, png etc – but it always seems to come together. With practice, it only takes a few hours to do. There is a good sense of satisfaction when the layout is completed. I then check it one last time for errors, before sending Michael the draft copy. Occasionally, there may be a late change or a last minute item for Michael to add, before he prints off the copies for the congregation, and uploads a copy to the Church website.

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

SPEAK UP, FULNECK!



**Speak Up with us to protect the people, places
and things we love from climate change**

**Join us on Saturday 15th October
at the Boys' Brigade Building**

10am – Nature Walk

for all ages, followed by refreshments

11am – Minecraft Creation

children's activity

See our Facebook page for the latest information

Fulneck News and Notices

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

I would like to express my thanks and congratulations to everyone for their immense efforts in making the Friday and Saturday Heritage Open Days in September a wonderful and successful event.

Appreciation must be given to the Fulneck pupils who contributed so professionally to the display, and thanks to the staff for all their help in the practical preparations. Also, thanks to Abigail who stepped in at short notice to play the part of Queen Victoria for the younger pupils on Friday, when over 150 pupils visited the exhibition and spinning wheel demonstration.

On Saturday there were in the region of 230 visitors, who enjoyed viewing the church displays, the archives, the museum, the tours, and then sampling the homemade cakes in the BB building. Everyone should be proud of welcoming so many people, and I thank you for being so willing to make it happen, because without your continued support it wouldn't be possible.

Thank you again.
Sr Myra Dickinson

Some comments from the Visitors' Book:

"What a gem, hidden from the world; wonderful! Everyone is so interesting and loves where they live."

"Once again a delightful and interesting exhibition. Well done everyone."

"Mind blowingly amazing. Our visit from York was just so enjoyable and informative. A day we will always remember."

£431 was raised for museum funds.

CONCERT BY LAURIE BRIGGS

A big thank you to Laurie for coming to perform at Fulneck on Friday, 16th September. All who attended enjoyed it very much, and **£175** was raised for church funds.

Laurie will be back at Fulneck for a Christmas Concert on **Wednesday 7th December**. More details will be available soon.

THE FULNECK ORGAN

Work on the organ began on Wednesday 14th September. During this time the balcony will be closed off except for use as a fire exit from the Junior Church rooms. There won't be an organ recital in October, but we are hoping that the work will have been completed in time for the following recital on **Thursday 3rd November**.

NEW MEMBERS

Br Trevor and Sr Elaine Auty will be received into the congregation at the Lovefeast service on **3rd October**.



Women Together—Dates for your Diary

Ladies' Accessories Evening
Thursday 6th October at 7.30pm
at the home of Sr A Kernohan
Cost is £5 including supper

Christmas Party
Tuesday 6th December
at the home of Sr M Dickinson

Fulneck News and Notices (continued)

Monday 10th October - 7.30pm in the BB CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

The agenda for this meeting is posted in the Bellroom, and copies of the papers will be available soon. The main business is hearing the annual reports and setting dates for the 2017 calendar. Any items for the agenda must be with Br Newman by 3rd October.

Monday 17th October, 7.30pm HISTORY MEETING at the home of Sr Hayton

The speaker will be Sr Hilary Smith

Saturday 29th October, 2pm in Church SERVICE OF SONG

This service is being organised by Sr Isa Hercules and Br Newman, and all are invited to join for an afternoon of singing. More details will be in the notices very soon.

Sunday 30th October BRETHREN'S FESTIVAL

The Brethren's Breakfast will be followed by a special service marking 100 years since the birth of one of Fulneck's most famous residents, England cricket captain Sir Len Hutton. The preacher will be Rt Revd Richard Frith, the Bishop of Hereford.

Saturday 19th November CHRISTMAS FAIR 10am in the BB

Please put this date in your diaries. Sr Janet Newton is receiving items for the Chocolate tombola stall. More details will follow soon.

FRIENDS OF FULNECK MUSEUM

The Fulneck Museum Committee held an Afternoon Tea for the Friends of Fulneck Museum on Sunday afternoon on the 18th of September at the Boys' Brigade building in Fulneck and 32 people came. 55 invitations had been sent out to people who had supported the Museum either by way of donations or by helping in the Museum. David Keighley, the Chair of the new committee, thanked everyone for their support and said that the committee had had a very busy year both behind the scenes and inside the Museum. Their aim for the future was to build on their work so far, learn more about how to run the Museum and continue the rich heritage for which they were now responsible. Maureen Ingham, a member of the committee, told the Friends about the visitor numbers this year and read some extracts from the visitor's book, which showed how much visitors valued their introduction to Fulneck and Moravian history. The Friends were told of the ways which were being considered to open the Museum for special events, encourage more tours and talks and promote the Museum and visits to Fulneck Settlement to an appropriate wider audience, potentially all year round. Friends were encouraged to tell their friends, family, neighbours, members of their Congregations and anyone they thought might be interested in visiting or hearing about Fulneck's rich heritage.

Besides the Museum, the Friends were asked to think of: Tours, Talks, Teas, Tracing (Moravian ancestry).

Friends can expect to receive 2 newsletters each year, one at the end of the Museum open season and one before the Museum re-opens in April. It is the committee's intention to run a similar event for the Friends of the Fulneck Museum on an annual basis and new Friends will be given a very warm welcome. Anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a Friend can contact:

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Gomersal News and Notices



Thank you for coming along to the Macmillan Cancer Support "Cup of Hope" coffee morning.
Together we raised £82 for the charity.
Many thanks again for your support, it is very much appreciated 😊



Thank you to all those who helped in so many different ways towards making the Heritage Open Day at Gomersal Moravian Church a great success.

Your support is very much appreciated 😊

THE JULIAN MEETINGS

Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am...
Be still and know...
Be still...
Be...

A time of meditation and contemplative prayer, followed by refreshments

At Gomersal Moravian Church on

Wednesday 13th July
Wed 14th Sept supporting MacMillan
Wednesday 12th October
Wednesday 9th November
Wednesday 14th December

Starting at 10am

Followed by Cup of Hope Coffee Morning

Part of our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' programme of activities

Contemplative Prayer
in the Christian Tradition
www.julianmeetings.org

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

HELD AT

GOMERSAL MORAVIAN CHURCH

10 am

Wednesday 20th July 2016

Wednesday 21st September 2016

Wednesday 19th October 2016

Wednesday 16th November 2016

ALL WELCOME



ALSO COME AND JOIN

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

AT

FULNECK MORAVIAN CHURCH

10 am

Wednesday 7th September 2016

ALL WELCOME



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Sunday 9th October BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

We encourage members of the congregation to invite a friend to church and discover the warm welcome that awaits everyone who comes to our church.

Sunday 3rd November FOODBANK COLLECTION

We will be having a collection for the Foodbank which is based at the Salvation Army in Batley. There will be a box for this purpose at the back of church.

REFUGEES AND THE BIBLE: WELCOMING THE STRANGER Four Week Course on Mondays at 2pm, starting on 31st October

Refugees fleeing for their lives from war torn areas appear almost daily on our televisions, and in our newspapers. It is hard not to feel a lurch of compassion for the people we see who have lost everything but, beyond that, how should we respond? This four-part course from the Bible Society invites you to spend some time studying the Bible, praying and talking about your response to refugees. There will be no easy answers to the hard questions you face – if there were someone would have provided them already – but there are some passages in the Bible which help us to think more deeply about the issue and about what we might want to say about a Christian response to the refugee crisis. This is not to say that Christians will all automatically agree on exactly what we should do to solve the crisis but it is important to take the time to think and pray through what your attitude is and, once you've worked this out, what you are going to do about it.

If you can help with either after church coffee or the church cleaning please put your name down on the rotas. The coffee rota is next to the hatch in church, and the cleaning rota is in the porch. Thank you for your help.

General Notices

MORAVIAN SINGERS

Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Boys' Brigade at Fulneck. New singers for all parts are welcome. This year's Choral Festival will be at Fulneck on **Sunday 27th December** at 6pm.

Sunday 16th October, 7pm at Gomersal YOUTH GROUP FILM NIGHT

We next meet at Gomersal for a film night. Post your film suggestions on our Facebook page.

Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Saturday 20th May 2017 at Fulneck

In May next year there will be a conference and special service to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The theme will be the place of hymnody in the churches, and the event will involve the Moravian Church, Methodist Church, and Lutheran Churches. Tickets for the conference will be available in due course, but for now, if this is something you are interested in, please put the date in your diary.

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10am – Prayer Walk

Wear something green

11am – Cup of Hope

with organic home-made soup

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October

Sunday 2 nd	10.30am	Fulneck	All-Age Worship led by Sr D Thornton
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
Monday 3 rd	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
	1.30pm	Gomersal	Mission and Society Meeting
Wednesday 5 th	7.30pm	Fulneck	CTP Meeting at Pudsey Baptist Church
	7.30pm	Fulneck	MWA
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
Thursday 6 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Women Together at the home of Sr A Kernohan
Saturday 8 th	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck
	9.00am	District	Yorkshire District Conference at Lower Wyke
	1.00pm	Fulneck	Wedding of Dan Atkins and Jodie Mladenovic
Sunday 9 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr M Greenhough
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
Monday 10 th	7.30pm	Fulneck	Congregation Council Meeting in the BB
Wednesday 12 th	10.00am	Gomersal	Climate Change Prayer Walk and Homemade Soup
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee
	7.30pm	Gomersal	MWA
Thursday 13 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck
Friday 14 th	7.00pm	Gomersal	Beetle Drive
Saturday 15 th	10.00am	Fulneck	Climate Change Nature Walk and Minecraft Creation
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br R Ingham
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship and Baptism led by Br M Newman
	7.00pm	District	Youth Group at Gomersal
Monday 17 th	7.30pm	Fulneck	History Meeting at the home of Sr V Hayton
	7.30pm	Gomersal	Congregation Council Meeting
Wednesday 19 th	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
Thursday 20 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br P Greenhough
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br G Mallinson
Tuesday 25 th	7.30pm	Gomersal	Church Committee
Wednesday 26 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Committee in the BB
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Bible Study in the BB
Thursday 27 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck
Saturday 29 th	3.00pm	Fulneck	Service of Song
Sunday 30 th	9.00am	Fulneck	Brethren's Breakfast in the BB
	10.30am	Fulneck	Brethren's Festival & Sir Len Hutton Memorial Service
Monday 31 st	2.00pm	Gomersal	Refugees and the Bible Session 1

November

Wednesday 2 nd	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
Thursday 3 rd	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck
Sunday 6 th	10.30am	Fulneck	All-Age Worship led by Br G Mallinson
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br P Greenhough
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman