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## What is Love?

When I was a student, formal dinner in my college began with a Grace that had been used there for seven hundred years. A scholar, after invoking God's blessing, would quote the First Letter of St John, chapter 4, verse 16 - 'God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.' What an astonishing text! If we love, we live in God!

St Paul makes love supreme in chapter 13 of his First Letter to the Corinthians: 'If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.'

Paul tells us what love is: 'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'

In the Western world, we celebrate love on St Valentine's Day,

14 February. This practice seems to have begun in the third century AD as a Christian feast honouring a martyr named Valentine, who ministered to Christians who were being persecuted by the Roman government. Certainly, the 8th-century Gelasian Sacramentary (a service book) records the celebration of the Feast of Saint Valentine on February 14.

How did this remembrance of a man filled with Christian charity (derived from the Latin *caritas*, meaning care) become associated with romantic love? This seems to have happened in the 14th and 15th centuries, when notions of courtly love flourished. You can see here the start of the modern romantic notion of physical love as an emotion so strong that it sweeps all obstacles out of its way. This makes for good drama but can be very destructive in real life!

By the 18th-century in England, St Valentine's Day became a respectable occasion for couples to express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending romantic greeting cards. In the 19th century, handmade cards gave way to mass-produced ones.

Romantic love is great but, as my mother used to say, a marriage requires hard work! The psychologist Erich Fromm has much to say on this subject in his excellent little book, *The Art of Loving*. Fromm considered love to be an 'interpersonal creative capacity' rather than an emotion, and he distinguished this creative

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I am just starting a short course on the difficult passages of the first book of the Bible, Genesis. I love the cycle of stories there, the good, the bad and the ugly. In the midst of the mess of human life we see God's interaction. However, it is only looking back do we really see God's plan of salvation for us all weaving through the family stories in the Bible. It never ceases to amaze and encourage me how God can work even through such flawed individuals.

The Gospels tell of the life of the man who is God, Jesus from his birth to his death and resurrection. There are incidents in his life that are written down for us to understand how God reaches out to us, his power over nature, his desire for wholeness for all and his reconciling love. Our faith comes from these ancient stories that live in the present for us. We don't regard Jesus as a historical character but as a living presence with us who helps us navigate this life.

We go on to read in the rest of the New Testament about the life of the early Church and how faith changed them, guiding what they saw and did through that faith. We see the Church grow, spread and develop through the lives of those early Christians.

Further, we belong to a church that tells stories about its past. The past and how our forebears came to faith and how they practised that faith is incredibly important to us. We celebrate the founding of our Church; we wonder at the work of the early missionaries and the struggles that they had; and we observe Memorial Days that commemorate significant milestones in the life of our Church within the Church calendar.

I find that one of the most precious things about taking a funeral is the opportunity to hear the story of the loved one who has died. Then there is the privilege of retelling that story to the congregation particularly entwining in any element of faith in the narrative.

I have been part of a group of people encouraged by the

recent work of Rev Dr Jill Vogt, co-pastor of the Herrnhut congregation. She has been working to encourage people to write or record their life story including the faith aspect, so it can be read at funerals. The person's life and spiritual journey in their own words! People telling their own story of life and faith is incredibly powerful.

This is obviously something that resonates with other people. One of the most popular parts of the 'Moravian Messenger' is our regular email interview with members of the Church and we get the chance to learn more about them and their faith journey.

Our challenge for this year, and of course for every year is to share the stories that are deep within us about how we came to faith, gradually or suddenly. We need to have confidence in our own story that is part of the bigger story of the Church. We can share our certainties and our doubts knowing that our story strengthens the faith and understanding of those around us. We, and I include myself in this, have kept our stories hidden, we have not shared the times when Jesus has been very real to us, when God has met us in our deepest needs and worries and when the Holy Spirit has guided us. We don't need to be great heroes of faith, just ordinary men and women sharing the goodness of God and pointing others to the same source of grace, love and forgiveness that we have found.

**Sr Sarah Groves**  
Editorial Team



*If you want to learn more about writing up your life story or lebenslauf then join the Moravian Church in Ireland Historical and Heritage Society for their annual Zoom lecture on 11th March. This year it is given by Rev Dr Jill Vogt. More details in next month's 'Moravian Messenger'.*

# Love your neighbour as yourself

We all know the phrase: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' It rolls off the tongue easily, but let's be honest it's a lot harder to live out. Because our neighbour isn't always the friendly face next door. Sometimes our neighbour is a stranger. Sometimes our neighbour is the person who turns up in our town with nothing but a backpack, speaking a language we don't understand. And sometimes our neighbour is the person we've only ever seen in the headlines labelled 'asylum seeker', 'migrant', or even 'illegal'.

For years, immigration has dominated the headlines here in the UK. Every week there seems to be a new debate about 'small boats', asylum seekers in hotels, or promises from politicians to 'fix the system'. Behind those headlines, though, are real people. According to the Home Office, there are still tens of thousands of people waiting for decisions on their asylum claims. Some have been stuck in limbo for years - unable to work, unsure if they'll be allowed to stay, living in temporary housing that can change at short notice. But loving our neighbour means finding ways to help that are honest and humane.

The command, 'Love your neighbour as yourself', is rooted in Jewish and Christian teachings but asks for more than just thoughts and prayers. So, what does 'love your neighbour' look like then? Do we let fear shape us, or love?

Fear says:

*'There isn't enough space.'*

*'There isn't enough money.'*

*'There isn't enough to go around.'*

But love says:

*'Here is a person.'*

*'Here is a neighbour.'*

*'Here is someone made in the image of God.'*

When Jesus told us to love our neighbour, he didn't add: 'so long as they were born on your street.' He didn't say: 'so long as they look like you, or sound like you,

or vote like you.' He just said: 'Love them.'

And the truth is, when you meet people face-to-face, everything changes.

'Migrants' stop being a category. They become names and stories. A father who fled war. A mother hoping her children will be safe. A teenager who just wants to play football. That's when we realise our neighbours aren't threats they are just people longing for the same things we long for safety, dignity, and hope.

You might have heard or read about Craftivism. Craftivism is activism through craft, things like sewing, embroidery, knitting. Instead of loud protests, it's gentle, creative protest. Sarah Corbett, who writes about it, calls it 'gentle protest'. And I think it's a beautiful picture of what love-your-neighbour activism can look like. Craftivism invites us to slow down, to use our hands as well as our hearts, and to create something that speaks of justice, dignity, and belonging.



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It is resistance expressed through beauty. It is prayer made visible.

This picture is of a tree I embroidered that was used as part of a large Craftivism project called 'Stitch A Tree' by Thread Bearing Witness in 2017.

The project aims to connect communities and individuals globally to show support for displaced people around the world. The trees were arranged into a large embroidery called **Forest** with over 10,000 stitched trees by artist Alice Kettle.

<https://threadbearingwitness.com/stitch-a-tree-project/>

Here are some Craftivism suggestions you could consider doing, on your own or as a group:

- Sew or knit squares with words of love, hope, and welcome using colours, fabrics, or images that represent the diversity of your community, symbolising how each unique piece forms part of a greater whole. These can then be stitched together into a communal banner for your church or neighbourhood.
- Write and decorate prayer cards for racial justice, which could be placed around your church, given to neighbours, or tied to a prayer tree.
- Paint or embroider symbols of unity e.g. hands clasped, circles interwoven, rivers meeting, reminders of our interconnectedness.

These small acts may seem simple, but they carry meaning. A handmade object speaks of care, time, and love. It is an invitation to conversation and a spark for deeper reflection. Craftivism reminds us that justice is not only fought in courts and parliaments it is also nurtured in kitchens, living rooms, church halls, and community groups where hearts are softened and new stories are told.

Neighbours aren't just the people we choose. They're the people we're given. And how we treat them says everything about who we are. In a Britain that feels divided and defensive maybe the most radical thing we can do is to live as if 'love your neighbour' really means what it says.

*One stitch at a time.*

*One welcome at a time.*

*One neighbour at a time.*

**Sr Lorraine Shorten**

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Taken from the CTBI's Racial Justice Sunday resource for 2026: <https://ctbi.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>.

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capacity from what he considered to be various forms of narcissism (or sado-masochism) that are commonly held up as proof of so-called 'true love'. Fromm viewed the experience of 'falling in love' as evidence of one's failure to understand the true nature of love, which he believed was always built on care, responsibility, respect, and knowledge.

One merit of Fromm's position is that it allows us to find a link between personal types of love and community types. Indeed, the sort of love he describes is very similar to what St Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13, where he uses the Greek word *agape* to indicate a self-sacrificing love that is reciprocated, i.e., mutual love as the basis of community.

So, how is Jesus challenging us to love our fellow human beings better here and now? Charity begins at home as an old saying goes, so we should all consider how we can help our families and friends to flourish and put to good use the talents that God has given them. We should also watch out for when our friends, families and indeed our communities are stumbling under the weight of the Cross - and give them a helping hand like Simon of Cyrene.

**Br Duncan Wood**



## Corrections

A copy of the letter of Bishop John McOwat that was published in last month's 'Moravian Messenger' on p.5, contained three errors, the corrections for which are highlighted in bold below:

- The title should be: '**A letter for Church Service Sunday**';
- In the final paragraph, the fourth sentence should be: '**Do remember that the Gospels were not written when Jesus was alive but forty to seventy years after his death**'
- At the end it should be: '**Episcopus Fratrum**'.

## Project 32 Update:

# What is happening with Natural Church Development (NCD)?

Over the last 18 months, the majority of the Moravian churches in the British Province have been going through the Natural Church Development Process. After eight reports in the last two months, here is a further update from three more churches, and what difference it has made.

### Harlesden United Reformed and Moravian Church

Harlesden United Reformed and Moravian Church started their NCD process in January 2024 and completed the survey in June 2024. It was challenging to get members to fill out surveys in a timely manner but with patience and determination we managed it. There were 51 members who completed the survey. Some found the survey questions daunting (unclear in some parts) and this was helped by people receiving guidance.

Our results showed **Passionate Spirituality** was high and **Small Groups** was the minimal factor. The reason for this was due to our 'Caribbean culture' - you don't tell people your business! This is embedded in us, so hence not everyone likes to share their problems with others, but will share with those they feel close to. As we are an aged congregation, our small groups are small. The women's fellowship has nine people, meeting every third Sunday after church. We attended the women fellowship day and share with

other churches. Our own charity is a food bank in partnership with another church nearby who distribute to those in need. Our Men's Fellowship meet monthly with six members. They support various charities and lead worship annually. A number of members are aged so it can be a challenge to attend the Men Fellowship Rally.

I enjoy being a champion because it challenged me to overcome hurdles which seem impossible. God has done so much in my life. Being a Champion is allowing me to grow. I am enjoying Preaching the word of God in my church and in one other. I maintain an active role, I am encouraging and helping others to serve the Lord.

Some areas we have considered and changed:

- We need and want to work together more to encourage others, share ideas and give suggestions.
- Our spiritual life is very strong, but we should not be complacent as we need to remain healthy.

- Our Bible study has improved tremendously with good attendance and participation. Our prayer meeting is held weekly plus once a month.
  - We are endeavouring to invite others to attend Church with us, so that we spread the word and encourage others to attend and visit. Sometimes flowers are presented to first time visitors and acknowledgement of them during service, yet not all members show that love and warmth.
  - To encourage others to join us, I sent invitations to members that have not been to church in a while and to those on our visitors list. This proved fruitful. Seven individuals attended our service through these invitations.
  - We also have three attendees interested in becoming a member.
  - We have sadly lost four members during the past year.
  - Our congregation is open to singing new songs and exploring new ideas.
- Although spiritual passion was our high factor, there is still room for improvement

by everyone participating in a small groups, making make our spiritual life healthier, working together to improve togetherness and encourage others. The Bible reminds us that we are all one body and each part plays a vital role (e.g., we need two hands to clap if we are to make a sound).

Our aged congregation continue to love the Lord and enjoy attending services.

**Heather Anderson**

September 2025

### University Road Moravian Church

Maximum Factor: Loving Relationships  
Minimum Factor: Passionate Spirituality  
University Road was delighted to be part of the first tranche of congregations completing NCD surveys in April 2024. The congregation embraced the opportunity to share their experiences, with several specific meetings held post Sunday services to discuss further over coffee and light lunches.

We agreed to use the survey insights and formulated a Growth plan that both doubled down on our strengths and looked at where we had most opportunity to 'improve'.

Our three areas of focus for 2025/26 are spirituality, outreach and awakening, with leads assigned to each. Some highlights are included below and we're looking

forward to retaking the survey later in the year to temp check our progress.

Outcomes so far:

- 10+ new members, associates and children through confirmation, adult baptism, received into membership, christenings and new regular attendance.
- Our harvest collection delivered 16.4 stone in weight of food and toiletries amounting to 249 meals for our local foodbank.
- Local community groups and students are now invited to our Christingle services.
- 42 members and friends joined us at a post-Christmas outing to the Pantomime.
- We have held services dedicated to songs/prayers/testimonials, a direct call out from our Survey. These are well received with members sending in their favourite hymns and meanings behind them.

**Lynsey Cunningham**

December 2025

### Wellhouse Moravian Church

The Wellhouse congregation has 10 members. These members, along with a few friends of the congregation, completed the NCD survey in July 2024. The congregation's strongest characteristic was '**Gift-based Ministry**',

followed closely by '**Loving Relationships**'. The congregation's weakest or minimal factor characteristic was '**Passionate Spirituality**', followed closely by '**Need-oriented Evangelism**'. The congregation has taken a number of steps to address this situation.

- Every few months, we have a more interactive/Bible study type service, which replaces our regular Sunday service.
- We have a Prayer Basket to put confidential prayer requests in.
- Each Sunday, at our regular service, the person leading the worship takes hold of the basket and offers a general prayer for all the requests in the basket.
- We have free commercially produced prayer cards available in church, on a variety of subjects, for people to take home, either for themselves or to pass on to other people.
- We have begun to hold a Service for Remembering Loved Ones each year and,
- A monthly Coffee Morning.

All of this has been good for the congregation and has encouraged extra people to attend some of our worship services.

**Rev Philip Cooper**

January 2026

## Provincial Board

The British Province is seeking new Provincial Board members from Synod 2026. There are three positions to elect: one stipendiary and two non-stipendiary.

As a Provincial Board Member, you will help lead and oversee the life and work of the Moravian Church in the British Province. This includes governance, administration, pastoral oversight, and representing the Church in ecumenical and Unity settings.

### Key Responsibilities of the Board:

- Administer provincial affairs and implement Synod decisions.
- Supervise ministers and staff and maintain links with congregations.
- Ensure charity compliance as trustees of the Moravian Church.
- Manage finances and property as directors of Moravian Union.
- Manage Church House, archives, and publications (stipendiary members).
- Represent the Province on the Unity Board.

### Qualifications & Experience:

- Must be a member of the Moravian Church in the British Province.
- Eligible to serve as a charity trustee and company director.
- Commitment to Moravian principles and spiritual leadership.
- Experience in church governance or leadership roles.
- Skills in administration, communication, and conflict resolution.

### Desirable:

- Financial or property management experience.
- Knowledge of Moravian history and ecumenical engagement.

## Non-Stipendiary Members

Term: 4 years (up to 3 terms)

### Time Commitment:

- Attend monthly two-day Provincial Board meetings (typically in person).
- Participate in occasional additional meetings as needed (typically online).
- Join selected provincial standing committees (online and in person).
- Take part in twice-yearly district conferences (online and in person).
- Attend the biennial four-day Provincial Synod (in person).

### Benefits:

- Expenses provided.

## Stipendiary Members

Term: 4 years (up to 3 terms)

### Time Commitment:

- Full-time role (minimum 40 hours per week) based at Church House.

### Benefits:

- Accommodation and stipend provided, along with expenses.
- Transitional support available for full-time lay members upon completion of term.

For more information, please contact [roberta.hoey@moravian.org.uk](mailto:roberta.hoey@moravian.org.uk) or any Provincial Board member. All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

## Provincial Standing Committees

### Finance and Property

The British Province is seeking new members to serve on its Finance and Property Committee from Synod 2026. There are at least three positions to elect.

This Committee supports the stewardship of the Church's financial resources and buildings, advising the Provincial Board and Synod on matters such as major property decisions, financial planning, and support for congregations. It also administers the Church Extension (Loan) Fund, which helps congregations with loans for churches, manses, and related buildings.

You do not need to be an expert in both finance and property. We are looking for people with a range of skills and experience - financial, property-related, governance, or simply a willingness to engage thoughtfully and serve collaboratively. A commitment to the life and mission of the Moravian Church is essential and you must be a member of the Moravian Church in the British Province.

Members are elected by Synod for a four-year term, with meetings held during the inter-synodal period (a mix of online and in-person).

If you feel you may have something to offer, or would like to find out more, please contact [livingstone.thompson@moravian.org.uk](mailto:livingstone.thompson@moravian.org.uk) or any Provincial Board member. All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

## Notice of Provincial Synod 2026

The Provincial Board hereby give notice that Synod in 2026 will be held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick between Thursday 9th July and Monday 13th July 2026 inclusive.

The timetable for submission of Credentials, Memorials, Nominations, Proposals and Reports is as follows: -

1. Congregation Deputies' Credential Form to be at Church House by 31st March 2026 (2.3.a.3).
2. Proposals changing or impacting the Book of Order must be notified to the Provincial Board by 10th April 2026 (2.3.b.1).
3. Other proposals must be notified to the Provincial Board by 21st May 2026 (2.3.b.2).
4. Reports and Memorials must be sent to Church House by 21st May 2026 (2.3.b.2).
5. Nomination Forms for Provincial Board and Provincial Committees to be at Church House by 28th May 2026 (2.4.i.5.i).

Synod Papers will be distributed sent out all those attending by 19th June 2026.

*Note: Proposals which have not been duly notified under the Book of Order 2.3.b.2 above will only be given a place on the agenda paper if:*

- a. They are regarding matters which have arisen since the last date for the submission of proposals, or
- b. They are in response to issues current at the time of Synod, or
- c. They arise at Synod, and
- d. Synod agrees by show of hands that they be included on the agenda paper.

# Hurricane Melissa and the Moravian Community in Jamaica - the recovery and rebuilding challenge

## Introduction

Hurricane Melissa swept through Jamaica on 28 October 2025 as a Category 5 storm. It was the strongest storm in recorded history to ever make landfall on the island with winds reaching 252 miles per hour, surpassing Hurricane Gilbert in 1988.

Melissa left a trail of destruction on the Jamaican Moravian community with extensive damage to church properties, homes and community infrastructure. The western parishes of Westmoreland and St Elizabeth, where many Moravian congregations are concentrated, experienced some of the most severe destruction. Some historic church sites were reduced to rubble.

This article highlights the scale of the damage, the challenge for rebuilding and restoring the church estate to normal use, and the urgent need to support congregation members whose livelihoods have been disrupted.

## Impact Assessment

Work is still in progress to assess the full impact of the hurricane on the island and the Moravian community. A total of 54 deaths were reported across the island, with most of the casualties in the parishes of Westmorland and St Elizabeth. Significant agricultural and infrastructure damage occurred in these regions due to storm surge, flooding, and high wind gusts. The World Bank, in conjunction with the Inter-American Development Bank, assessed the physical damage across residential and non-residential properties, social infrastructure and the agricultural sectors at US\$8.8 billion. This is equivalent to 41 % of the country's Gross Domestic Product in 2024 (**World Bank, IDB, Estimate Hurricane Melissa Damage to Jamaica Totals All-Time High of US\$8.8 billion, Washington, November 19, 2025**).

The strong winds and heavy rainfall resulted in extensive and significant damage throughout the Moravian Church province in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. It adversely affected 37 of the 64 congregations which make up the province. The hurricane made landfall in New Hope, Westmoreland, the site of the Moravian Camp. It swept across the parishes of St Elizabeth, Westmoreland, St James and Manchester. These are areas with a large concentration of Moravians. When the Moravian Church started in Jamaica in the 18th century, the first set of missionaries (Zacharias Caries, Thomas Shallcross and Gotlieb Haberecht) deliberately shunned the towns and opted to serve the large slave populations in these rural settings. St Elizabeth (Central District Conference) has 19 congregations, while Westmoreland and St James (Western District Conference) have 17 congregations. Out of 36 congregations in the Central and Western District Conferences, five were destroyed and the rest suffered varying levels of damage (**Hurricane Impact Update - Moravian Church in Jamaica, October 2025**).

The following churches were reduced to rubble - Carmel, Salem, Beaufort, Springfield and Faith Moravian Church. The destruction of these buildings marks the end of an era. Built in 1847, Springfield Moravian Church was one of the oldest congregations and a historic witness to the Moravian presence in Jamaica. The scale of the damage is evident from the image below of Springfield Moravian Church before and after Melissa:

The following table provides a further indication of the nature and scale of the damage. Most of the damage relates to roof loss and structural issues (including windows, doors, electrical infrastructure and water damage).



## Damage Assessment

Churches completely destroyed	Carmel Salem Beaufort	Springfield Faith Moravian Church
<b>Churches with significant damage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Hope Moravian Church and Manse (Both buildings have lost most, and in the case of the manse, all its roof)</li> <li>Petersville congregation: severe roof damage</li> <li>Lacovia Moravian Church: Roof destroyed</li> <li>Dober Congregation: Severe roof and structural damage</li> <li>Middle Quarters Congregation: Complete roof loss</li> <li>New Fulneck Congregation: Extensive roof damage</li> <li>New Fulneck Manse: Complete roof loss</li> <li>Carisbrook Congregation: Significant roof and structural damage</li> <li>Langton Moravian Church: Main building remains intact, but the attached Basic School lost nearly 50% of its zinc roofing</li> <li>Ockbrook congregation: severe roof damage</li> <li>Bethlehem Manse: damage to roof</li> <li>Springfield Primary School: Approximately 60% of the roof destroyed</li> <li>Grace Field congregation: suffered significant damage to structural and roof damages.</li> <li>Claremont congregation: significant roof damage</li> <li>Tate wood fellowship: roof and other structural damage</li> <li>New Irwin Manse: significant roof damage.</li> <li>Bethany Manse: damaged</li> <li>Kilmarnock: Total loss of roof, doors and windows</li> <li>New Works: Total roof loss</li> <li>Content: Total roof loss</li> <li>Cairn Curran - Total roof loss</li> <li>Ashton: Severe roof damage</li> </ul>	
<b>Minimal or no damage</b>	New Irwin Albion Rose Mount Gardens New Eden Grace Hill	Dublin Beersheba Lititz Ballards Valley

## Hurricane Melissa Appeal

The British Province is supporting recovery efforts following devastation left by Hurricane Melissa. To donate now, please contact Church House or go to [www.justgiving.com/campaign/hurricanemelissaappeal](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/hurricanemelissaappeal)

## Recovery Challenge

The damages have left many congregations without safe spaces for worship, ministry and community outreach activities. Beyond church buildings, the hurricane damaged the homes of congregation members, displacing thousands of families and creating urgent need for shelter, food, and clean water. At the time of writing, displacement persists, with around 90,000 households across western and south-central Jamaica (approximately 279,000 people) still unable to return home.

It is estimated that US\$6 million will be needed over the coming seven years for the long-term recovery of the Moravian Church in Jamaica following the widespread devastation caused by the hurricane (**Hurricane Melissa Appeal, British Province - Moravian Church**). Some of the buildings will require full reconstruction and structural reinforcement to meet higher wind standards. There is an urgent need to repair and rebuild uninhabitable manses, stabilise exposed structures, restore essential utilities, and help church members to get back on their feet. Many congregation members have also lost the source of their livelihoods; given the widespread loss of agricultural crops, livestock and household belongings. Relief and recovery efforts so far have been hampered by damage to community infrastructure (roads, utilities, and schools).

## Conclusion - How you can help

Hurricane Melissa has brought devastation to the Moravian community in Jamaica. It has left many congregations in crisis and in urgent need of help and support. Funds are urgently needed to help with the restoration and rebuilding of these places of worship, ministry and community life. Funds received will go directly to the Jamaican Province and trusted partners on the ground to ensure that the resources are used efficiently and effectively.

Apart from financial contributions, support in kind and technical assistance would be also welcome. There is a need for structural engineers, builders, building materials and supplies, household supplies, and other practical support.

If you would like to make a donation to support the relief and rebuilding effort, please contact The British Province of the Moravian Church who launched an appeal to provide critical relief to communities and provincial coordination. Funds will be sent through the Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, and trusted partners.

The direct appeal is available: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/hurricanemelissaappeal> and through our website [www.moravian.org.uk/hurricane-melissa-appeal](http://www.moravian.org.uk/hurricane-melissa-appeal), or you can contact Moravian Church House at: 020 8883 3409.

If you would like further details about this appeal, please contact Roberta Hoey at: [roberta.hoey@moravian.org.uk](mailto:roberta.hoey@moravian.org.uk).

**Dr Courtney Smith**  
Trustee, Mrs E.M. Bates Trust

## The First Moravian Christingle at the Geneva Moravian Fellowship



Six years ago, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, the Rev Dr Winelle Kirton-Roberts, launched out in faith and began the Geneva Moravian Fellowship (GMF). It is now a global ecumenical congregation that meets at least twice monthly for corporate worship. On Sunday December 14, 2025, for the Third Sunday in Advent, the congregation had its annual Nine Lessons and Carols worship service. The scripture readings were done in seven different languages with students from the Bossey Ecumenical Institute and others from the congregation.

However, this year's worship included for the first time a celebration of a Moravian Christingle. This was prepared and led by Sr Emma Kingman, a Moravian from the University Road congregation in Northern Ireland, who now works in Geneva. Given that most of the congregants are not of Moravian origins, it was a very special and memorable worship experience for everyone, as we shared in our first Moravian Christingle. Few members of the congregation had gathered a few days prior to assist Sr Emma in preparing the Christingle. She also took the opportunity to provide a brief background of this Moravian Christmas tradition and the spiritual meaning of the various Christingle elements - the orange; the red ribbon; the candle; and the four sticks with sweets and savoury strategically placed.

After all the candles were lit, the congregation of approximately forty-four persons, stood in a circle and sang the well-known hymn, *Jesus bids us shine*. Though this was the first year that the GMF incorporated the Moravian Christingle into its Nine Lessons and Carols Advent service, we can now look ahead with joy to this year's celebration in December 2026.

**Br Mikie Roberts**  
Geneva, Switzerland

## MORYAC 2026

Training Opportunity for Youth, Family and Sunday School Leaders  
Theme: Cultural Preparation - how to prepare your church for a thriving youth and families ministry.

**Hayes Centre, Swanwick DE55 1AU**  
**from 9th to 11th October 2026**  
**25 Places Available**  
**£50**

**2 spaces are being held for each congregation initially at booking.**

**If your Sunday School / Youth team is bigger than 2 we will attempt to accommodate you once we have established numbers.**

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# Forever Fulneck:

## Br Paul Gubi's Memories of Fulneck School 1947-1948



© Fulneck School

Having arrived after fourteen days at sea from Antigua to Liverpool, the family were headed for Ockbrook mission flat for my father's furlough to begin. There was little time to be wasted in settling my sisters and myself in Fulneck school. Having previously had three years at Harrison college in Barbados and two more in Antigua Grammar school, Fulneck was to be a new experience as a boarder. The weekend in which we arrived at Fulneck the service in the church was a Holy Communion. The family found it an interesting set up with sisters seated on one side of the church and the brethren on the other side. Our family of five sat near the front erring towards the side of the sisters. I sat between my mother and father and when it came to the distribution of the wine and wafers the headmaster of the boys' school who was Br Jack Britton, helped with the distribution. The minister was Br John Foy. When he got to me, having been confirmed earlier in the year in Antigua, I put my hand out in the usual way, but he skipped over me. After the service my Dad had mentioned to him so my first connection with the headmaster was an apology from him! Being only twelve years old, he hadn't realised that I was a communicant member. So that was a good start.

One of the things we were expected to do at the weekend was writing home and I duly did my bit. Mrs Britton was helping supervise the boys in their writing and she seemed impressed by my effort and gave me a shilling which was her prize. Without reading it aloud she held it aloft and showed the boys what Gubi had written and said it was a prize example of letter writing. This was my first shilling. Sunday afternoon included 'sisters' walk which meant that boys could walk with their sisters who were at the girls' school. It took place on the south terrace between the sisters at one end of the terrace and the boys at the other. I was able to meet with Dorothy and Frances. I remember one occasion when the boys were given the opportunity to listen to a programme on the radio in the junior room. We were listening to the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip. I recall one of the hymns they sang was Praise my Soul the King of Heaven.

Going back to the beginning of the day. It began with lining up on the stone flags of the ground floor which was cool some

mornings. We were then ushered into the dining room for breakfast. Whilst waiting in line we could hear footsteps coming along which sounded like boots marching as Willy Mort came past to stoke up the boilers. He was greeted individually by each boy who said, 'morning Willy' one after the other as he passed. This sound lingers in my memory.

My first breakfast included a boiled egg, which I enjoyed but one or two of the lads on the same table couldn't believe that I didn't use salt or pepper on it. Food was still rationed so the boys were given their ration coupons to use in the local tuck shop. I am told that the girls weren't given theirs and had to make do with what they were given.

Saturday morning was given over to homework and studies. In the afternoon we went up to the sports field where hockey (not football) was played in the winter. It was my first experience of hockey. It was during this match, when I was playing as full back, that I stopped the ball with my unprotected shin. This was a painful introduction to the game. For some time afterwards I had a lump on my shin which thankfully, 90 years on, leaves no trace.

Another occasion was the whole school being expected to do the cross country run down into the valley, along the other side of the River Beck and back up to the school. I duly took part and found out from the other lads where you could stop and walk without being seen. When I went to cross the water to get back to the other side I waded through knee high water and made my way back up the hillside to where we were checked in by Mrs Britton who said 'Well done Gubi' which was generous as I was about 71st out of 74!

One of the first things I had to get used to when I arrived in Fulneck was going to bed when it was daylight. Having spent twelve years in the tropics where it went dark around six every day, this was a strange experience. I also had to queue up for 'bath medicine' which was our name for 'Syrup of Figs' that was doled out regularly (to keep us regular!). This was administered by matron Rigby who was a cheerful motherly person who came from Westwood in Oldham.

Morning assembly in the hall included singing. There was an organ which was played by Br Harold Jones the music master and one or two of the older boys

who had been learning to play. Br Jones and I were quite good friends in later life. The school choir was led by two prominent trebles. One of these was Br John McOwat and the other Br Michael Robinson. John and I were students together on the same course when training for the ministry. Occasionally, when I conducted the communion service in Swindon, Michael Robinson would play the organ. This was during my time as a serving minister in the Western District.

One of the things that interested me in the morning assembly was the honours board of old boys from the school. This was as far back as the records began. One of these was Asquith who was prime minister in the first world war and another Robinson who was president of the Royal Society. There was also the famous James Montgomery, writer of many hymns and also editor of The Sheffield Iris newspaper. He wasn't afraid to suffer prison due to standing up for what he believed in. He published a poem celebrating the fall of the Bastille and a political letter which earned him two prison sentences. He was an advocate for the abolition of slavery, child labour reforms and better working conditions. My GP for four years, Dr Ivan Pirrie was also on the honours board at Fulneck. The reason he was on the honours board was that he had been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in action on the front line as a medic during the first world war, I believe. It was a joy to have that familiar connection with a fellow Moravian making him not just a name on a board.

As well as the Honours board there was also a Victor Ludorum board on which were at least two names that I knew in later life. They had each held the cup for overall best performance on several occasions during their time at Fulneck. One was Br Gerald Farar who I succeeded in Bath and who became a good friend in retirement. The other was Br E W Porter who became a bishop and who was a neighbour when I lived in Fairfield Square. Some of the masters in the boys' school also came across our paths in later years. Br A J Lewis was a visiting minister from Lower Wyke who taught Religious Education. The history master was Br Robin Hutton. In Bath I was the agent for the Moravian Watchword and in Weston there is Partis College which is

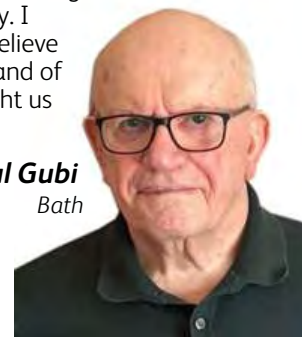
residential accommodation for Anglican Women. I used to deliver a copy to a lady who wanted to be kept updated on the Moravians. She mentioned Br Robin Hutton who was her cousin and she was very interested to know that he was my history master when I was at school.

When I was called to serve the Baildon congregation in Yorkshire I succeeded Br Bob Burd who had been elected to the Provincial Board and gone to London. He telephoned me to ask if I would take his place on a quiz night in Baildon because he had been part of the team. I agreed to stand in for him. While we were assembling the team we were waiting for one other to arrive who was the headmaster at Salts Grammar School in Saltaire. When he arrived, it was my old French teacher from Fulneck who had left around the time that I left the school. He went on to the university in Paris to further his education.

After three years being educated in Harrison College, Barbados and two in Antigua Grammar, my one year at Fulneck was a valuable but unintentionally short part of my life. It was the end of my formal education for which, in my ninetieth year I look back upon with true affection and gratitude.

One important matter is that in my first year in the ministry in Upton Manor London, I met the young lady who was to become my wife. She happened to be the godmother of the first baby I baptised. This baby was the son of her sister who, by coincidence, was born on my birthday. She happened to have been at Fulneck during my time at the boys' school and was head Girl for two years sometime after I had left. She recalls seeing me walking up and down with my sisters. This had caused some intrigue with the girls as to who the new boy was, and it was quite rare that there were brothers and sisters at the schools at that time. We have been happily married and still are. As I write, we are approaching our 65th Wedding anniversary. I seriously believe that the hand of God brought us together.

Br Paul Gubi Bath



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# CONGREGATION NEWS

## Winter Wrap-up at Fetter Lane, London

It was a busy end to 2025 for Fetter Lane, starting with a half term of children's activities at the very end of October as the days got shorter. We called the session 'Shine' and focused on letting in the light. We did recognise that the next day was Halloween, so we focused on the things that might be a bit scary - the dark, spiders, that sort of thing. We draped the four fig trees with white yarn and produced a giant, beautiful spider's web - not so scary - and we made paper lanterns to provide light. Our usual final song, 'Shine so the world can see You live in me' was especially appropriate. Thanks to Abby and Phil from the Chelsea Salvation Army for being such great partners.



© Sr Cynthia Dize

November at Moravian Close means leaves - truck loads of them, produced by 40+ plane trees. The children from the local nursery who visit us had a great time. A blessing for some; a nuisance for others.

Then December arrived and we worked again with our Salvation Army friends to host Carols in the Close, an early evening event with a puppet show including camels, an impromptu Nativity play, carols and a few crafts activities. This event attracted families with very young children (one was just a week old) as well as our more mature neighbours from the nearby sheltered housing scheme.

Shortly after, we enjoyed a very well attended Christingle. Br Michael Newman led the service with a fair bit of audience participation from very knowledgeable children. Sr Minette's grandchildren provided some additional live music. A joyful way to move up to Christmas Day.

We started 2026 with a Love Feast and a few plans to address some of our Project 32 challenges, including a 'bring-and-share-your-culture' lunch. Building on some of the ideas we've read about in 'Moravian Messenger' such as Wild Church, we hope to have a go at building Church around some of the families we've met during our half-term activities. A busy time ahead.

A belated Happy New Year from all at Fetter Lane.

Sr Cynthia Dize

## Kilwarlin, Northern Ireland

The Christingle service at Kilwarlin was a lovely time as usual. The Christmas tree was lit and the church full of happy people. Lights were dimmed and the light from the candles reflects on the faces of the children, they sang old familiar carols. Everyone was happy as they enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

May the happiness of Christmas stay with us during the coming year, and we pray that all will have a healthy and safe 2026.

Sr Esther Law



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### Christmas services at Bath (Weston)

Here we are at the end of our journey, following Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus. The wise men have not arrived at our crib yet, they are still moving along the windowsills at a slow rate, hopefully arrive by Epiphany, or they may find it has disappeared!

#### This is Bath (Weston) Journey

Rev Lorraine was holding a four-week Advent course on Zoom for everyone who would like to join in the Spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus.

Our Christmas Services started early this year due to a very busy December, so the carol service was on 30th November, which was the first Sunday of Advent. Before the main service started, we had a get together outside to light up the crochet Christmas tree. The Boys Brigade band accompanied us for the couple of carols we sang. Our service was not the usual nine lessons and carols; Sr Lorraine had modernised it, which was an enjoyable change. When the church is full the singing sounds wonderful. The usual refreshments of homemade mince pies, mulled wine, tea/coffee were served after in the hall.

On Saturday 13th December a craft fair was held - this is not put on by the church, but we provide refreshments, which goes down very well. It was also great to see people turn up from our other congregations in the Western District.



© Br Ben Shorten

The Christingle Service is one of the most attended and this year outdid last year's total. Sr Lorraine disappeared for a few minutes and returned dressed as a Christmas tree, which amused everyone. A short talk on the thoughts of a Christmas tree was read by Sr Lorraine, which led to explaining all about the reason for Christmas. Carols were sung, Christingle's given out, and all went home happy. Christmas Day Service was at the early time of 10am. Even with a few of the regular attendees away, there was still a good turnout. Our minister Lorraine is usually a happy bunny, but when the church is full, you can see the happiness in her looks and smiles. It does not matter that the people do not come to our church services, but they do come into the church for different occasions, which pleases our minister no end.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2026

**Sr Carole Young**

The monthly meeting of the carpet bowls, which meets every third Wednesday of the month, was held on Wednesday 19th November in church. We are a small group of people from church and the local community. We have lots of fun and laughter besides tea, coffee and biscuits, with a great deal of talking too.

The Christingle Service on Sunday 21st December was very well attended, and all the children and ladies were very pleased to receive their own Christingles.

**Sr Norma Machell**



© Sr Norma Machell

refreshments to encourage people to browse a little longer. Overall, for the effort put in the footfall was disappointing. On the plus side all items were brought to the college, so no collecting was necessary, and it was the largest amount of total jumble ever donated. All leftover clothes, footwear and bags were sold to a dealer who sends them to Africa for reuse, leftover books were taken for resale and anything remaining was taken to charity shops. A total sum of over £600 was raised, which is the highest income raised at a jumble sale here at Fairfield.

On Saturday 22nd November we had our Christmas Fair. Again, a lot of organising was involved to run another successful event which saw the church community work together to welcome visitors to Fairfield and share the warmth of our fellowship. It was lovely to get the opportunity to speak with visitors and in my case to be able to greet some visitors who first came to Fairfield for the Jam and Jackets event in 2024. Another great fund raiser, but a lot of work for which we are ever grateful to be still able to deliver.

**Sr Margery Sutcliffe**

### East Tytherton, Wiltshire

I begin my news from a chilly East Tytherton, bathed in winter sunshine reflecting on our first sprinkling of snow, by wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2026.

Looking back at 2025 it seems very much like previous years, however it has been a positive one for us in which we welcomed five new members, some of whom have been friends of the church for some years but felt ready for a new commitment.

Sr Jane was in America over Easter, so I led the early Easter Liturgy in the burial ground, accompanied by bird song, on a bright and thankfully dry day.

Thank you to Father Benji for taking our Harvest Festival service this year. As always fresh produce was sold, and tins were taken to Door Way Foodbank.

Our ever-popular soup lunches continue with increasing numbers. It's good to be serving soup and cake to the sound of chatter and laughter. It really has become a great community gathering.

Our Craft and Chat sessions continue on the last Friday of the month. In October we set up a mini 'production line' with East Tytherton WI to make dental health bags to help the homeless and we ended the year making Christmas wreaths, encouraged with glasses of mulled wine and mince pies!

We were blessed once again with a sunny day for our annual Cream Tea on the lawn. A huge thank you to Pat Holtham for donating once again 150 of her lovely scones and to all who came from near and far to join us. This year we set up a game of croquet on the lawn with useful advice on rules from an English Croquet Champion, living in the village!

In December our beautifully decorated church was full on two



© Sr Jane Carter

occasions. The first, our Village Carols and Christingles. Thanks as always to Nic Pillow for organising the programme, bringing a wonderful choir and enthusiasm as we sang familiar carols and listened to the choir perform less well-known ones. We even had an experiment: in the Bleak Mid-Winter sung to the tune of Onward Christian Soldiers ... interesting. This received a mixed reaction! The second was our Lessons, Carols and Christingle

service when we welcomed a very special visitor, Vino, a miniature therapy horse from Happy Hooves in the village. Laura has several miniature horses some of which she shows and others are therapy horses who regularly visit hospitals and retirement homes bringing hope, love and happiness. So on a cold, sunny, day Vino and Laura welcomed people at the door. We couldn't believe the response as the church began filling with adults and children (around 60 in all). Vino joined us in the church for the service, and the children were invited to meet her at the end. A big and sincere thank you to Vino (and Laura) for lighting up the church and for bringing her magic and joy to both young and old. A special and memorable event.

As always, a big thank you to those who help me with the grounds, Lynda for playing the organ for us and all her hard work, to Jane for her continued encouragement and for keeping us on course.

**Sr Anne Mellowes Waldron**



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### Gomersal, Yorkshire

Congratulations and best wishes go to two couples who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary within a week of each other: on the 2nd of October Br Les and Sr Norma Machell; and on the 9th of October Br Cyril and Sr Mary Smith. Both couples had wonderful anniversaries, and both received a card from King Charles and Queen Camilla.

### Fairfield, Greater Manchester

October started with a great social event organised by Sr Ann and Br Mel Wood. The first Jam and Jackets event took place in October 2024 and was so successful that they organised another event for 4th October 2025. Although ticket sales were good, the awful weather on the day kept some away, but nevertheless the turnout was good enough to eat their way through several large pans of chilli with jacket potatoes and what seemed to be their combined body weight in homemade cake. We were entertained by the Glossop Ukulele Group and a quiz and raffle. A great social event where we find church members outnumbered by friends from the wider community, some returning after enjoying the event last year.

Later that month we held a jumble sale. This year the organisers decided to try a new approach and rather than have just a 'jumble sale', they put in a lot of effort to organise a Jumble, Vintage and Good-as-new sale with all items being sorted and displayed in one of those categories, they also offered light

### David Paul MacLeavy (1947-2025)

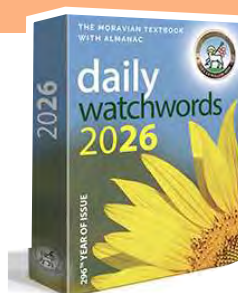
David Paul MacLeavy, son of Br Basil and Sr Vera MacLeavy who served in Jamaica, peacefully passed away on Thursday 4th December 2025 aged 78. A cherished father, much loved grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and wonderful friend, Paul was a magical entertainer, who brought joy to countless lives.

His funeral was held on Tuesday 30th December with a burial at St Andrews Church in Backwell followed by a thanksgiving service at Nailsea Methodist Church which can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPgEoIf3EQw>. We keep Paul's family and friends in our prayers.

### Daily Watchwords 2026

The Daily Watchwords for 2026 are available to order from Church House and are available to order. The cost per each copy is £8.00, plus postage and packaging, but we will endeavour to deliver as many as possible via what many of us know as 'Moravian Mail', i.e., when someone visits Church House or when a member of the Provincial Board is in a particular part of the Province.

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#### FROM CHURCH HOUSE

##### Provincial Diary for February

- 28 Jan-6 Feb Unity Women's Desk Consultation Arusha, Tanzania
- 3 Church Service Committee Meeting Online
- 12 Insurance Webinar Online
- 14 Midlands District Conference Online
- 14 Yorkshire District Conference Yorkshire
- 21 Irish District Conference Ballinderry
- 22 Navan Fellowship Service County Meath
- 26 Faith & Order and Ecumenical Relations Committee Meeting Online

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1-7 World Interfaith Harmony Week ([worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/](http://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/))
- 2 Moravian Annual Prayer Day for those affected by slavery
- 8 Racial Justice Sunday ([www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk))
- 11 World Day for the Sick
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Chinese New Year
- Shrove Tuesday
- Ramadan begins - Muslim
- 18 Ash Wednesday

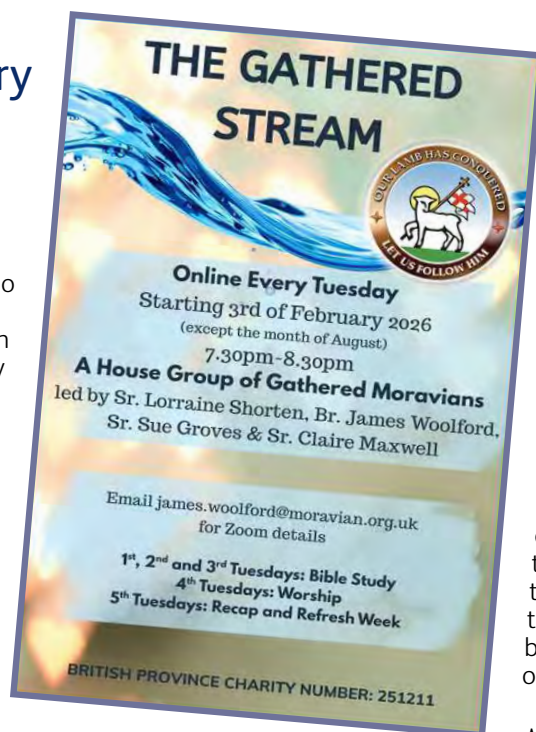
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4th Jan 2026	Eric Gill	Fairfield
4th Jan 2026	John Wilkinson	Fairfield
4th Jan 2026	Peter Yeoman	Fairfield
<b>Deaths</b>		
16th Dec 2025	Valerie (Val)	
	Anne Mansfield	Fairfield

## Launching in February this year is *Gathered Stream*

What is it? Well, the hope is that The Gathered Stream will be made up of Moravians across the British Province who wish to develop their relationship with God and connection with each other in a form of online Bible Study with every fourth week being a shared time of worship.

The initiative for this is motivated by the NCD study which has shown areas for development which include 'Passionate Spirituality' and 'Loving Relationships' and the way the Bible is a 'source of inspiration in my life'. However, it's also inspired by the work that Sr Lindsey Newens headed up in relation to the diaspora for many years, reminding us of the need to



create space and find ways of connecting those who live all over the U.K. but call the Moravian Church their home.

The team beginning this new initiative together are: Sr Lorraine Shorten, Br James Woolford, Sr Sue Groves and Sr Claire Maxwell. Please do not hesitate to be in contact with any of us via our Moravian.org e-mail if you have any questions or using the poster details let us know you are coming so that we can send you a link to our online meetings.

We will meet each week on Tuesdays, and our hope is to form a supportive community of Moravians who want to come together and share a bit of life together each week. We are excited as a team to be starting this new initiative with the support of Provincial Board and will be beginning with a Bible Study which focuses on the book 'Our Moravian Treasures'.

**Sr Claire Maxwell**

*Minister of Lower Wyke and Horton Moravian*



## Join Us for a Fetter Lane (London) Men's Fellowship event in 2026

Good things bear repeating. At our first Fetter Lane Men's fellowship event in November 2025, we gathered to consider the story of Jan Amos Comenius (Kominsky) last Bishop of the Unity of the Brethren, philosopher, refugee and

champion of modern education. We enjoyed ourselves so much we have decided to make this a series of events, each different but returning to themes inspired by Comenius.

Whether you know Comenius' story or not we encourage you to join us for a Men's Fellowship Event where we will hold a reflective meeting discussing Comenius, his life, work and relevance today. Exploring different ideas, we will also consider topics in education more generally - the area of his lasting and universal contribution.

After our meeting we will travel to a pub a few miles away to enjoy a pint of 'Amos' - a beer brewed exclusively by Czech artisan brewers in London. Remembering the restless life of Amos the refugee, some of us will travel there on foot through Battersea Park but local bus routes are also available.

Our next two meetings will be held on:

- **Sunday 8th February at 1pm**
- **Sunday 1st March 2026 at 3pm**

both at the John Gambold room, Moravian Close, 381 Kings Road, Chelsea, SW10 0LP.

Then roughly an hour and a half later at: The Queens Arms, 139 St. Philip Street, Battersea, London, SW8 3SS.



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