



ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

Number 1

Welcome to the 1st edition of our church newsletter. If YOU would like to contribute in the future, please get in touch with either Wendy or Philip.

If Tim already has your email address, we will use that. If anyone else has an email address which can be used, please tell Tim or Philip (philip@castlebergh.plus.com), as this is the cheapest and easiest means of distribution!

Worship

Services are now being held in church at 10.30 a.m. every Sunday. Tim will be leading our service on 25th October.



Online services led by Tim (live or pre-recorded) are also posted on our Facebook page - [facebook.com/settlemethodist](https://www.facebook.com/settlemethodist) at 10.30 every Sunday; these are also available on YouTube later in the day. Short services of Evening Prayer are also posted on Facebook at 6.30 p.m. every Sunday. On 25th October this will be led by Revd. Stephen Caddy.

Coffee Pot



If you have access to Zoom, why not join us for a time of fellowship at our 'virtual' Coffee Pot every Tuesday from 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.? If you don't know how to Zoom or need the password details, please ask Tim or one of the stewards. You'll have to supply your own coffee and cake!!

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who brought Harvest gifts to be taken to Skipton Food Bank. There were so many gifts that they



wouldn't all fit in the boot of Tim's car and overflowed onto the back seat! They were gratefully received.

We were also able to send £223 to All We Can, the Methodist Relief and Development Fund. £120 was gift aided, making a total of £253. Money raised by this year's Harvest Appeal will be used to provide bicycles for people in some of the poorest parts of the world.

One World Week (18th-25th October)

Each year, thousands of people take part in One World Week events across the country, although that is more difficult than usual in present circumstances. Their common aim is to share understanding about some of the global issues that affect us all and to recognise that we can all make a difference. The theme this year is 'It's our world - Let's make it better.' More information is available at www.oneworldweek.org.

Peertalk

Peertalk, the charity established by Stephen and Philippa Normanton to support people facing depression, are holding a series of 3 talks at St John's to help people understand some of the issues faced by our neighbours. The 1st of these was held on Wed. 14th October. The remaining ones, to be held at 7.30 p.m. are as follows:

Wed. 21st October 'The Black Lives Matter Movement' with Revd. Dr Inderjit Bhogal (a former President of the Methodist Conference). Wed. 28th October. 'LGBTQI+: what do the letters mean and how do we support our LGBTQI+ community' If you would like to attend either or both of these events, you will need a free ticket from [www.eventbrite.co.uk/peertalk - 31254829969](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/peertalk-31254829969)

Churches Together in Settle

Everyone is invited to the AGM, which will be held at the Parish Church on 27th October, at 7.00 p.m. (and on Zoom). For more information, please speak to one of our church reps, Judith, Richard and Lesley.

A LETTER TO GOD: 14 October 2020

Dear God,

I heard in church this week that there are 400,000 beetle species known on earth (Wikipedia doesn't say if there are any on other planets!), which strikes me as rather overdoing things! I don't have anything against beetles personally - but I'm not overly keen on them. However, if you created the whole universe in just 7 days it does seem an extraordinarily disproportionate amount of time to spend faffing about with beetles. Would a time and motion manager view it as a viable project and efficient use of your time? Just think, if instead of designing all those varieties you had put more time into some useful adaptations for humans... I'm sure most teachers have longed for children to be fitted with a mute button and it would certainly be useful when babies are teething or for toddlers who insist on screaming in cafes. If starfish, corals and salamanders can regenerate missing body parts then why can't we? As we get older it would be so useful to have a "grow your own" facility for dodgy knees and hips! Why not add a slot discreetly hidden on human heads, so that we could insert additional memory cards as we age. That way we wouldn't have the problem of walking into rooms and forgetting what we went in for or where we put something that we were using just a few minutes earlier? Being able to access extra memory would be helpful at exam revision time

too! I'm pretty sure that there are lots of other useful quirks you could've included in your designs - a way of making men able to multi-task would seem the most obvious one.

Maybe as evolution continues, you might like to give these some consideration...

Best wishes,

Old Lil Nongle

PS. In a similar vein, if you could create the whole universe in 7 days then why does it take the gas board over 2 weeks to reply to a phone call?

Wild flowers of St John's Church Settle October 2020

You may think there is not much in St John's Church, mostly tarmac churchyard - but I assure you if you go round with a hand-lens and an inquisitive mind, there is. Twelve different wild flowers today, (18 Oct).

I have been writing my blog about "Settle Wildflowers seen during lockdown", and am up to day 92. <http://www.bit.ly/Settle-Wildflowers>

I will include in it these two flowers now flowering outside the church new to my list: flowers number 258 and 259.

Creeping Pearlwort - Looks like moss but has green -white flowers - on the tarmac outside the Large Meeting Room.

Ivy - now in full flower behind the Shed. Ivy is vital to honey bees and other insect pollinators in autumn.

Judith

Overheard in the vestry

"The congregation's a bit thin this week", said the minister. "I hope you told them I was preaching?"

"No, I didn't", replied the steward. "But you know how things get out."



Prayer for the week

Give us the courage to fight for justice, to protect the weak, to speak for the ignored, to care for the poor, and to feed the hungry.

Amen