



# ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

Number 2

Welcome to our 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter. We hope you enjoyed our 1<sup>st</sup> attempt. Suggestions and contributions for the future are welcome and should be sent to Philip at [philip@castlebergh.plus.com](mailto:philip@castlebergh.plus.com)

Tuesday 10th Nov. 9.30a.m. to 2p.m.,  
Wednesday 11th 2p.m. to 5.30p.m.,  
Thursday 12th 9a.m. to 5p.m.,  
Friday 13th 9.30a.m. to 5p.m.  
Saturday 14th 8a.m. to 2p.m.

More details and labels for the boxes can be downloaded from [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk).

## Worship:



Social distancing restrictions will prevent us from joining members of other churches at the Parish Church and the War Memorial on

Remembrance Sunday this year (8<sup>th</sup> Nov.). We will therefore have our own service at 10.30 a.m., which will include the 2 minutes silence as well as contributions from church members.



On 15 Nov, our morning service will be led by Wendy Holt.

Online morning services led by Tim (10.30 a.m.) and short services of Evening Prayer (6.30 p.m.) will be posted on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/settlemethodist](https://facebook.com/settlemethodist)) every Sunday.

## Toy Service



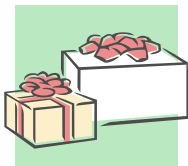
Our annual Toy Service will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November. There will be more families than usual unable to spend money on presents this year, so all gifts will gratefully be received.

## Eco Church



You may remember that as part of our bronze award, we agreed to use only FairTrade tea, coffee, sugar etc in St. John's kitchen and to encourage other users of the kitchen to do the same. Our Tuesday morning Coffee Pot still continues though on Zoom only. It would be good and responsible of us to carry on supporting the work of FairTrade by buying their products in our own homes. Look out for the logo (above) and help make a fairer world.

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal



There will be no Circuit shoebox collection this year. There are two options for people who want to continue supporting Operation

Christmas Child:

You can fill a shoe box online. There are a range of things to choose from, or you can choose a pre-packed box. Follow this link: <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

OR You can wrap and fill a shoebox as usual and drop it off yourself at Barber on the Yard, Unit 3a, Commerical Yard, Duke Street, Settle at one of the following times:

*A LETTER TO GOD: 22 October 2020*

*Dear God,*

*I was watching a turkey the other day. It was out for a wander with its partner and their 3 chicks. He was an immensely proud dad - strutting along and clearly enjoying showing off his family. Then suddenly he caught sight of his reflection in a parked car...*

*What a change came over him! Immediately he began to fan his tail and drag his wings. The snood (I believe that's the correct name*

for the long floppy bit of red skin that dangles down!) started to inflate and waggle and he made a huge row, gobbling and squawking madly to make himself seem bigger. Then he began to attack, heedless of the chick that was getting in the way... Apparently he thought his reflection was a competitor trying to insult him and attempting to muscle in on his hen. The whole sight made me howl with laughter. Then I thought that so many people are like that turkey, so quick to take offence when none is meant and ready to fly off the handle without checking the facts. Then there are the ones who think that the more noise they make the more important they'll seem to everyone else. Yet all the time, there was no need for the fuss... Perhaps we should all do a bit less tail fanning and snood wagging...

Interesting birds, turkeys!

Best wishes

Old Lil Nongle

### **Wartime memory**

My first memory of the war was going downstairs early in the morning to find mum sitting by a roaring fire. She had really bad asthma and was having difficulty breathing. Our next door neighbour Arthur in his RAF uniform would be there to see that she was OK. It must have been Christmas time, as the tree was on the cabinet where it had pride of place.

Margaret Cullingworth

### **Follow that Star!**

If you're searching for a star in the East, perhaps Mars will do. It is shining very brightly at the moment. Look over towards Malham/Long Preston in the early evening. Even with our light pollution it is clearly visible.

### **Heard in the vestry**

Steward: "Do you think they'll mind all these changes?"

Minister: "No!!!!!! As long as it doesn't make any difference."

### **FAMILY NEWS**

Welcome to Luke Albert, born on 16 Oct, 8lbs 4ozs. Jumper created by the very proud greatgrannie, Eileen Edwards. Congratulations to everyone concerned.



### **From Audrey to Philip**

My childhood home was in a village not far from Settle and when you asked me if I had any childhood memories suitable for this time of year (Remembrance), my response was an irreverent giggle.

When I regained my composure, I told you this: It must have been about 1944-5 and I must have been a little earwig!

Food was rationed but one of the farmers killed a pig; this was a big event, most of the village shared in the 'pork' which arrived on their doorstep – no ration books involved.

Word went round that the Black Market Inspectors were on their way, their suspicions having been aroused somehow.

The farmer showed them round and when they got to his bedroom he advised them that his wife had a bad dose of flu and, sure enough, her bright red feverish face looked up at them.

The dead pig was sharing her bed.

The inspectors were escorted to their train and off they went, a bit puzzled perhaps.

This has stuck in my mind but note, all those involved are now dead, and to this day I am not telling you the name of the farmer concerned.

MORAL – careless talk costs lives – REMEMBER?



### **Prayer for the week**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service: in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen**