



ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

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Worship



We are now meeting **in church** at 10.30 a.m. every Sunday. Please bring a mask and remember that social distancing is still required.

Although the rules are being relaxed, we are still being asked to minimise the amount of time spent together indoors, so please try not to arrive too early or linger for too long after the service.

Sadly, we are not yet able to sing or serve refreshments after the service.

Our preachers for the next few weeks will be

6th June Revd Tim Broughton

13th June Revd. Kerry Tankard

20th June Susan Wilson

27th June Jane Mansergh

4th July Wendy Holt

For those of you who do not yet feel ready to come to church, online services (morning and evening) will continue on our Facebook page and on YouTube.

Volunteers needed!

As we reopen for worship, we need

Welcome/Door Stewards and people who are willing to provide **flowers** for one or more Sundays - perhaps to mark a special anniversary. If you could help in either of these ways, please speak to Eileen Edwards (822669). *For those who have already offered help, please note that the vases are now kept in the kitchen.*

We are hoping that we will soon be able to meet for fellowship and to extend a welcome to visitors and members of the local community at **Coffee Pot**, but we need to know how many people would be willing and able to help with baking and/or serving. If you think that you could help, please contact Chris Taylor (823975) as soon as possible.



Coffee Pot

Don't forget our 'virtual'

Coffee Pot 10.30 -11.30 a.m.

every Tuesday. Full details are posted on our Facebook page.

Circuit Time of Prayer

You are invited to join in a Circuit Prayer Meeting at 8.00 p.m. on 8th June. Online details will be available on our Facebook page. If you are unable to join online, you are still invited to spend a few minutes praying for our churches and for the needs of the wider world, in the knowledge that others will be doing so at the same time.

Win and Maurice Walters

On Pentecost Sunday we said 'Goodbye' to Win and Maurice after thanking them for all that they have done at St John's over the past 15 years. Their new address (from 9th June) will be 17 Toulouse Drive, Brickhill Village, Norton, Worcester WR5 2SA

JPIT (Joint Public Issues Team) Green Conference 12th June

*Climate Change Emergency:
Resources for a Green Church.*

If you think that the Climate Change Crisis really is an emergency, and that the Church has an important part to play in helping people transition to new ways of living more gently with God's world, then please register for the JPIT Yorkshire online conference via sue.cutting1209@gmail.com

Yorkshire Preachers: no.14

Sarah Brayshaw: (1808 - 1890): Primitive Methodist

Methodists are not noted for their attachment to relics but the shawl which Sarah wore when preaching was being lovingly preserved twenty years after her death. (Where is it now?) Addingham born and bred, she was a poorly educated, highly-strung shopkeeper who needed a great deal of persuading to become a local preacher which she did in 1831.

Sarah was reckoned to have travelled seven thousand miles, mostly on foot, to her appointments in her own and neighbouring circuits. For the last few years of her life she was blind.

Jane Mansergh



Join "30 Days Wild" this June

One of our firm beliefs at A Rocha UK is that we are more likely to nurture and defend God's creation if we first spend time enjoying it. The Wildlife Trusts' "30 Days Wild" challenge in June is a great chance to engage with nature as an individual or a household. Download the "30 Days Wild" app for inspiration throughout the month and sign up for the challenge.

A spirit-filled gift?

Knowing that the minister was very fond of cherry brandy, one of the church elders offered to present him with a bottle on one consideration - that the pastor acknowledge receipt of the gift in the church paper.

"Gladly" responded the good man.

When the church magazine came out a few days later, the elder turned at once to the 'appreciation' column. There he read: "The minister extends his thanks to Elder Brown for his gift of fruit and for the spirit in which it was given."

(From *A Bucket of Surprises*, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books)

Vaccination News

Several of St. John's family have been volunteering at the vaccination centre: car park duties, booking people in, guiding people through the process. It has been a very satisfying activity, meeting so many people whether the regular volunteers or the thousands of people who have taken advantage of our lovely vaccination centre. From June onwards, we will be open on both Thursdays and Saturdays as we invite younger adults to receive their 1st vaccine and welcome back previous patients for their 2nd one. **Extra volunteers will be needed.** If you would like to join us in this important work, please contact Tim who will explain the details to you.

Christian Aid Week

The total amount raised by Churches Together in Settle and District was £3,176, including £317.84 in Gift Aid. In addition to online donations and envelope collections, the plant sale raised nearly £400 and the street collection (organised by Richard Pike) amounted to £300. Thanks to everyone involved.

In addition, we have received about £275 in donations from patients at the vaccination centre as part of the "Give Thanks for my Vaccine Campaign".

Newsletter

Thank you to all those who have contributed to our newsletters. Future editions will be produced once a month; weekly notice sheets will be available on Sundays as necessary to keep everyone up-to-date. Please send any items for the newsletter to Philip or Wendy by the 1st of the month, and let Wendy know of any items for the weekly notices by the previous Friday.

World Refugee Day (20th June)

World Refugee Day aims to raise awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world. In March 2021 All We Can's partner in the Rohingya refugee camps confirmed that the fire which engulfed part of the Kutupalong mega camp is estimated to have displaced more than 45,000 people and left 429 people unaccounted for. It's as yet unclear how many lives the fire claimed and the cause of the fire remains unknown. We are reminded in the following prayer that these are not just numbers; they are people, made in God's image, like all of us. They are our neighbours, seeking a home.



Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that you are Lord of Creation and that no-one and nowhere is outside of your loving care, for you made us all in your image. As life here in the UK returns towards normal, may that normal be a more understanding, more tolerant, more welcoming society, and help us to be part of that transformation.

Amen