



ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

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Worship



Online services (morning and evening) continue via our Facebook page and on YouTube.

Our preachers in church at 10.30 a.m. for the next few weeks will be as follows:

2nd January Wendy Holt

9th January Revd. Tim Broughton

16th January Revd. Stephen Caddy
Holy Communion

23rd January Revd. Tim Broughton

30th January Margery Dowling

6th February Revd. Tim Broughton

Indoor Church Picnic

On 30th January, you are invited to stay for an indoor picnic after the morning service. Tea and coffee will be provided, but you are asked to bring your own food.

Coffee Pot



Coffee Pot is now open on **Wednesday** mornings, from 10.30 - 12.0 noon.

If you would be willing to help in the kitchen or by serving, please add your name to the rota in the Coffee Lounge.



We are now meeting every month. Our next meeting is January 6th at 2:00 p.m. It is an open meeting so if you would like to come along, please do. We will be

discussing our carbon footprint and aiming to set ourselves a target for improving it.

We have now made our application for the Eco Church silver award, and we look forward to getting the result within the next two months.

Regarding recycling, we are looking at setting up more stations which we think will suit the profile of our church users. Thank you for the amazing response to the Blister Pack appeal; we have already taken two huge bags to the recycling centre in Keighley. That's two bags which will not be buried in the ground but will eventually be made into plastic pellets and plastic park benches such as the ones on the High Road.

Dates for your diary – each Wednesday from 12th January at noon there will be a course of discussion groups based on Dr Ruth Valerio's book, "Saying Yes to Life". Over the 6 week course we will read Genesis 1 and use the days of the Creation to open our eyes to the world around us. We will see how each day features in the Bible and then consider its place in our contemporary world. Tim will be leading the sessions.

Finally, thanks for all the ECOMmit slips that you have posted in our Eco Bottle. The contributions have slowed in the last month. Let's see if we can make a New Year Resolution to make a difference. Please share your REUSE, REDUCE and RECYCLE ideas with others and let's see that bottle fill with colour.

Hymns you have probably never sung: No. 6

'For a Very Little Child'

O that it were my chief delight,
To do the things I ought!
Then let me try with all my might
To mind what I am taught.

Wherever I am told to go,
I'll cheerfully obey;
Nor will I mind it much, although
I leave a pretty play.

When I am bid I'll freely bring
Whatever I have got;
And never touch a pretty thing,
If mother tells me not.

When she permits me, I may tell
About my little toys;
But if she's busy or unwell,
I must not make a noise.

And when I learn my hymns to say
And work, and read, and spell,
I will not think about my play
But try to do it well.

For God looks down from heaven on high,
Our actions to behold;
And he is pleased when children try
To do as they are told.

From *Hymns for Infant Minds* by Ann and Jane Taylor
Jane Mansergh

Dear God

You know I have a thing about collecting new words and phrases. Well, I heard a gem the other day when a nurse hushed me as I was thanking her and said "Don't fret hen, we're all Jock Tampson's bairns," the implication being that we're all equal and should care for each other. I was incredibly moved

*by it and decided to look up its origin and found that actually there's a lot of mystery surrounding it. One version is that it refers to a minister, Rev John Thompson, in 19th century Edinburgh, who was so highly regarded that even those who were not from his parish would claim that they were "Jock Tampson's bairns". Another version refers to a notorious smuggler whose house was a safe house for other ne'er do wells. When the excise men came calling, his daughter would call out that "There's nobody here, we're all Jock Tampson's bairns!" – again suggesting that we're all one family. Whichever version is true, the idea developed of treating all people as if they were equal and family and that Jock Tampson is a father figure who cares for all. I think it's a great attitude to adopt, don't you? For my own part, having found myself in dire need amongst a town full of strangers it was incredibly comforting to know that actually I was not alone but surrounded by family I hadn't yet met because every person I came into contact with was also one of Jock Tampson's bairns.
Yours in deep appreciation
Old Lil Nongle.*

Time Together Tuesday (2.0-3.30pm)

A relaxed, friendly group for people living with dementia and their carers, meeting at St. John's every Tuesday, with tea, cake, games, activities and good company. Please contact Dementia Forward to register your interest. Local Helpline 03300 578592



Journey to the Cross

The first meeting for the cast of our annual Good

Friday witness will take place at St John's on Thursday 27th January at 7.0 p.m. Sally Waterson would still like to know of anyone else who would be willing to take part on 15th April. Covid restrictions meant that this could not take place in 2021, but for many years prior to that it proved to be a powerful witness in Settle.

We wish all our readers
a happy, healthy
and peaceful
New Year

Things children say

During the "children's sermon", the minister was talking about Communion and what it was all about.

"The Bible talks of Holy Communion being a 'joyful feast.' What does that mean? Well, 'joyful' means happy, right? And a feast is a meal. So a 'joyful feast' is a happy meal." He paused. "And what are the three things we need for a happy meal?"

A little boy put up his hand and said, "Hamburger, fries, and a regular soft drink?"

(From *A Barrel of Fun*, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books)

Church Hall

If you know of any groups which might be interested in hiring the hall (or one of the other rooms), please encourage them to get in touch with Anne Martin (01729 824661).

Newsletter

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this newsletter. Please send any material for inclusion to Philip or Wendy by the 1st of the month.



Prayer for a New Year:

May the grace of your presence strengthen our resolve, enlighten our minds, clarify our wills and inflame our hearts with love for you and for all people. Amen.

From a prayer by John Harvey