



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 for the next few weeks will be as follows:

- 1st May 10.30 am Susan Wilson
- 8th May 10.30 am Revd. Tim Broughton
- 15th May 10.30 am Liz Whitfield
- 22nd May 10.30 am Worship Group
6.30 pm Revd. Tim Broughton
- 29th May 10.30 am Revd. Tim Broughton
Holy Communion

Ascension Day - 26th May

There will be a service (probably outdoors) at 11.00 am. More details to follow!

Church Social Events

One of the things we used to love at St John's was the range of missional, social and fellowship events that enabled us to get to know one another better and to invite friends, neighbours and family to the church. The church vision day that we held showed a strong desire to put together a new programme of events that we might enjoy going forward. There will be a meeting for anyone with thoughts / suggestions / ideas on Wednesday 18th May at 12:00 noon (after Coffee Pot) to get together and help put together a schedule across the Summer. Coming to the meeting does NOT commit you to being the event organiser!! At this stage we are looking for suggestions and ideas that we can use going forward. These may be events that we have held in the past that you have enjoyed, or they may be new ideas that you have for things we can do. If you can't attend the meeting on the day but you have thoughts or ideas, then please do share them with Tim or one of the Church Stewards and we will make sure they are shared at the meeting!



15th - 21st May

Most of our usual events will take place, including 2 street collections (on Tuesday & Saturday) organised by Richard Pike (volunteers needed!) and the plant sale in the Quaker Garden, organised by Marian McNicholl, which proved popular during lockdown.

On Wed. 18th May there will be the usual Coffee Evening from 6-7.30pm at St John's. If you could help to serve on this occasion, please contact Sally Waterson (822311).

Any other events will be advertised on the Sunday notice sheet.

Dates for your Diary

May 21st Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band Concert at St. John's.

May 28th St. John's Showcase - an opportunity for all our user groups to show off their talents and wares.

May 29th 5th Sunday lunch - pie and peas.

June 5th Jubilee Street Party and Afternoon Tea.

Charity Coffee Pots



Coffee Pot is open every Wednesday (10.30am -12.0 noon). Please join us for tea/coffee, cakes and chat - and bring your friends!

Thank you to all those who supported the Coffee Pot arranged by Tim and Pam for the Ukrainian Emergency Appeal, which raised £500.

On Wednesday 4th May, Coffee Pot is being arranged by Sean and friends, in aid of Cancer Support Yorkshire.

If you would like to take responsibility for one Charity Coffee Pot and donate the proceeds to a charity of your choice, please sign the list in the Coffee Lounge.

May's ECO Tips:

This month we are focusing on reducing food wastage and below are some simple tips for you to consider.

There are plenty of ways to re-use food before considering throwing it away.

For example:

- Roast apple or potato peels for a crunchy snack
- Use Broccoli stems for baking, stir fries or raw in salads
- Use left over pickles to pickle other vegetables quickly
- Left over chutney can be added to brighten up a gravy
- Make a veggie broth by using onion, carrot peelings or celery stems
- Use stale bread to make crunchy croutons for soups and salads. Use some of these tricks to bring stale bread to life:
 - i. sprinkle with water before giving the bread a short bake in the oven
 - ii. drizzle with Olive Oil.

Alternatively, consider the way you are saving food in the fridge. One option is to cover food with Beeswax wraps. Why not have a go and make your own? You will need:

- Beeswax grade pellets
- 100% Cotton Fabric
- Scissors or pinking shears
- Brush
- Parchment Paper
- Baking Sheet
- Hanger
- Pegs

1. Cut the cotton fabric to the desired size and lie it flat on a sheet of baking paper on top of a heat resistant surface.
2. Grate a thin even layer of beeswax over the cotton. If you are using pellets, sprinkle a thin layer of beeswax.
3. Cover the beeswax with another piece of baking paper.
4. Use an iron on wool setting or around 150C.
5. Gently iron over the top sheet of baking paper to melt wax into the cotton and use it to gently push the wax to the edges.
6. If there are any gaps, sprinkle on a little more wax and melt with iron.

7. Leave the beeswax wrap to cool, then peel it off the paper. Remove any excess wax left on the paper or clinging to the edges of the wrap and use it to make another.

Use your newly created wrap to cover food while it is stored in the fridge. Using the warmth of your hands, press the wrap around the food or container to mould it into shape. Make sure the food is cool before wrapping.

To re-use your wrap, wash it with a mild soap and cool water. Leave flat to dry before reusing.



Why not buy local? Cottontail Crafts in Settle sell handy packs with all the necessary items to make your own. Each pack costs approximately £13.

Living out our faith: A practical response to climate change

Saturday 7th May 10am - 12.30pm at Settle Parish Church. Open to all!

We are now living with a changing climate. What does personal discipleship and the mission and ministry of the local church look like in this context? Where should we start?

Jemima Parker, Environment Officer for the Diocese of Leeds will guide us through practical actions and strategies for everyday life and explore what the Church of England's call to be carbon net zero by 2030 means. She will introduce us to the Diocese's Saving Creation Strategy and the Six Steps to Carbon Net Zero Toolkit for Church.

Jemima Parker has worked as the Diocesan Environment Officer, for the Diocese of Leeds since 2012. She sits as the DEO representative on the national C of E Environmental Working Group and has helped the Diocese lead nationally in developing a Carbon Net Zero action plan, a church carbon calculator and the Green Journey energy package for churches.

She co-founded the charity Hope for the Future to generate more climate action from churches in the political sphere. She is passionate about the church being active in the local community on environmental matters and in a personal capacity she chairs a climate action charity Zero Carbon Harrogate. With her family she enjoys the Yorkshire countryside out running, orienteering or on a mountain bike.

Memories of Horton School (Part 2)

Free school milk was provided and this I loathed. Milk was delivered in a crate of bottles holding about 1/3 of a pint of milk. Each bottle was topped by a cardboard disc which we punctured and drank the milk through a straw. In winter the crates had to stand by a radiator or they froze, in summer in a cold corridor or the milk went sour. Consequently, the milk was never at its best.

My other pet hate was a visit to the lavatories which were in a shed across the yard. Open air stalls for the boys but no cisterns or chains to pull. Every few hours came a very loud roaring and then a mighty rush of water. I am sure I was not the only infant who had small accidents, but I was convinced that if the flood came whilst I was using the facilities I would be gobbled up - first stop Preston via the Ribble.

By the time we advanced to the junior class, times were not so scary. Miss Carey was kind and very patient. My most vivid memory of juniors was late afternoon, when Miss Carey read aloud to us, reading poetry or sometimes classics or suitable articles from the newspaper.

Visitors came to school – the doctor, the school dentist and of course the nit nurse. If a tooth needed a filling, the drill was powered by a treadle resembling the one on a sewing machine. Sometimes Miss Harrison, who taught gym at Settle Girls' High School, came for a day to teach us different exercises and country dancing. A gentleman called Mr Cheetham, who lived in Austwick, came on a large tandem and he talked to us of flowers, birds and other wildlife. After war broke out the village policeman (Mr Blow) came regularly to ensure our gas masks were in good working order. As the school was a church endowed school, the vicar came for morning prayers once a week and to give us religious education.

I never went up into the senior class as I was fortunate enough to go to Settle Girls High School, but memories of Horton School live on. They were happy days and you won't be surprised to know that I feel very sad when I walk past the now disused school and the once village green which was our playground and is now a virtually neglected carpark.

Dora Tattersall (nee Sarginson)

The 23rd Psalm (Japanese version)

The Lord is my pacesetter, I shall not rush.
He makes me pause and rest for quiet intervals
which restore my serenity.

He leads me in ways of efficiency through
calmness of spirit, and His guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to do
each day I will not fret, for his presence here, His
timelessness, His all importance, keep me
balanced.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst
of activity by anointing my mind with His oil of
tranquillity.

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely harmony and usefulness shall be the fruits
of my hours, for I shall walk at the pace of my
Lord, and dwell in His House for ever.

Тоki Miyashiro

Psalm 23 (American Indian Version)

The great Father above me is the Shepherd Chief.
I am his, and with him I want not.

He throws me a rope and the name of the rope is
Love.

He draws me to where the grass is green and the
water is not dangerous, and I eat and lie down
and am satisfied.

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down,
but he lifts me up and draws me into a good road.
His name is Wonderful.

Some time, it may be very soon, it may be a long,
long time, he will draw me into a place between
the mountains. It is dark there - but I will not
draw back, I will not be afraid, for it is there
between these mountains that the Shepherd Chief
will meet me and the hunger that I have felt in my
heart all through my life will be satisfied.

Sometimes he makes his love-rope into a whip,
but afterwards he gives me a staff to lean upon.

He spreads a table before me with all kinds of
foods.

He puts his hand on my head and all tiredness is
gone.

My cup he fills till it runs over.

What I tell you is true, I lie not.

These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with
me through this life and after; and afterwards I
will go to live in the big Teepee and sit down with
the Shepherd Chief for ever.

Hopi Bible

Dear God,

Recently I've been doing a lot of bird-watching. Not full-scale, binoculars-round-the-neck twitching, simply watching birds more than before. This may be because with so many other changes and huge upheavals having taken place in my life, I now find I'm more aware of the smaller things in life.

At nearby Loch Doon a pair of ospreys arrive each April. They nest and raise their family in Scotland before flying back to Africa. Via a webcam in a local café, you can watch their nest. Or with binoculars you can catch glimpses of them sweeping over the loch and diving for fish to feed their young – a wonderful spectacle.

Not far away is a feeding station where, every day, red kites congregate to be fed at 2pm. From noon they gather, filling the trees and circling overhead. By feeding time there are over a hundred birds, swooping over the field and filling the air with mewing cries. The aerial acrobatics are amazing, never brushing wings but creating a mass of synchronised movement. When the food is brought out, they stay well above the field until a dominant member gives the go ahead and they plummet through the air, twisting and turning, then rising once more to begin circling again to await the next signal to dive.

Closer to home we've got a pair of magpies nesting in the trees that border our garden. Watching them constructing the nest has been fascinating as they intricately create a tightly woven structure with a roof over it, giving the appearance of a hooded pram.

I've been giving a lot of thought to these everyday miracles: the navigational skills that bring the ospreys halfway across the world to exactly the same place; the communication and flight skills that allow the red kites not only to tell the time but to work together to build a domed nest. If birds can carry out such complex actions against huge odds, then why should we humans feel so daunted in the face of change...

*Yours, with eyes now wide open,
Old Lil Nongle*



A Prayer (adapted from the Methodist Worship Book)

Almighty and everlasting God, you raised our Lord Jesus Christ to your right hand on high. We pray that you will fill us with his Spirit, that we may go into our community and faithfully proclaim the gospel. We ask this in his name. Amen.

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 (preferably a few days before this!).