



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:

- 5th June 10.30 am Jane Mansergh
Day of Pentecost
- 12th June 10.30 am Revd. Stephen Caddy
Holy Communion
- 19th June 10.30 am Revd. Tim Broughton
- 26th June 10.30 am Liz Whitfield
- 3rd July 10.30 am Margery Dowling
6.30 pm Revd. Tim Broughton
Quiet service of Holy Communion

The Bible Course - Explore the Big Story

The Bible Course is for all those who want to know more about the Bible - whatever stage they are at. It shows how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills that help apply the Bible to everyday life. Each session includes video content, discussion time, personal reflection and daily readings.

Revd. Tim Broughton will be running this 8 week course in church at 7.30 pm on Wednesday evenings, starting on 15th June. Join us as we explore the BIG story and discover its relevance for today.

Quiz Night

Please join us at 7.00 pm on Saturday 2nd July for a Quiz Night. Tim Broughton will be your quizmaster. Come as a team with friends and neighbours or come by yourself and make up a team on the night. Admission free.

Social Events

We hope that the Quiz Night will be the first in a series of monthly social events which will help us to get to know one another better and enable us to invite family, friends and neighbours to join us. Future events are being planned for 30th July and 3rd September, so book the dates now!

If you have any suggestions of events which you have enjoyed in the past or which you would like to take place in the future, please speak to Tim or any member of the Church Leadership Team.

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 on 4th May arranged by Sean and friends in aid of Cancer Support UK. This raised £520.

Our next Charity Coffee Pot will be held on 15th June, in aid of MHA (Methodist Homes).

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.



A magnificent total of £2500.29 was raised locally.

As well as envelopes collected by volunteers or handed in at Lamberts News or Booths, this included the following amounts

- Coffee Evening: £250
Big Brekkie: £120
Afternoon Tea: £200
Plants: £260
Street collection (Tues & Sat): £240
Gift Aid: £618.50

Thank you to all those who helped in any way.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We would like to thank all those who have been involved in arranging our Showcase, Pie and Peas Lunch and Afternoon Tea.



As we celebrate the Jubilee, we have been sent this picture of Roger Marshall (Anne's son), who prepared a meal for the Queen and Prince Philip in 1995.

Apparently she cleaned the plate!

Coronation Day June 2nd 1953

I spent an idyllic childhood living in the village of Airton near Malham. My family had all come together and bought the Manor Hotel so that we could look after grandad Mitchell. It is no longer a hotel facing the village green. But I remember it as an old big house, good for playing hide and seek, but always busy doing afternoon teas, ham/egg suppers and looking after residents. June 2nd 1953 was a different day. It was Coronation Day, and I was 9 years old. Mum had planted red peonies, White alyssum and blue lobelia in the wall baskets by the front door and gate. Everyone around the green had bunting up. I had red, white and blue ribbons in my hair bunches and round my socks. I remember feeling rather special.

Do you remember the Waterfalls, the travel agents on Sheep Street, Skipton? They lived in the Quaker meeting house and were the only people in the village with a TV. A 12" TV, black and white. The whole village was invited to watch the ceremony and the whole village did!! How we all got into their front room I don't know. Afterwards the old wooden trestle tables had been borrowed from chapel for the tea. Everyone brought something. A lovely meal I'm sure, but the thing that sticks in my mind was not the jelly and ice cream but the pottery. There weren't enough paper plates for everyone. Mrs Waterfall got out her Indian Tree pots that she kept for best. I was given the tea plate from the top of the pile, and it was covered in thick dust. I was so embarrassed about it that I ate the dust with every mouthful of cake so no-one

would see it. Happy days! The dust hasn't done me any harm. All the children had been given a Coronation cup, saucer and plate at school. I wasn't allowed to use mine. They were put up on the pot shelf around the dining room where all the best pottery went. We children had tied red, white and blue balloons on our bike handlebars and rode around the village green and I seem to remember cardboard crowns, cut out and coloured at school ready to wear on that day. A happy, happy day.

Long live our Queen!!!

Lesley Emsley

Dear God,

This week I have been considering the lilies, not to mention the roses, clematis and verbascum – after all it is currently Chelsea Flower Show. I'm incredibly pleased to discover that foxgloves are a 2022 garden "must have". Admittedly mine aren't harmonised colours strategically placed to add architectural interest, being mainly purples and white and springing up wherever they happen to have fallen. Fortunately, another trend at Chelsea this year is to "re-wild" by allowing a space for nature, encouraging wild plants to grow unfettered to create a naturalistic retreat. Clearly, I'm way ahead of the trend! Having spent Spring enjoying the blossoms on the trees in our new garden, we went away for a week, returning to a garden which had happily "re-wilded" itself into a jungle of weeds! Which isn't to say it isn't very pretty; with its drifts of dandelion clocks, pockets of colour from the wild chives and buttercups and delicate pastel aquilegia it has a rustic charm. However, the sticky-grass clinging to everything and the beds of nettles have rather less appeal. The experience has however made me look at things anew: we'll be turning over an area to wild meadow flowers and the aquilegia and foxgloves are definitely staying. I'm not yet sure about the thistles...

A weed is only a weed when growing somewhere unintended and I know from experience that it is the unintentional encounters and unexpected opportunities which bring the greatest richness to life. Regardless of Solomon's glory, I'm not persuaded by the idea of being clothed like a lily, as I don't feel I have either the figure or the confidence to flaunt myself arrayed only in a few strategically arranged petals - the climate is certainly not conducive to such behaviour!

Yours practically clad

Old Lil Nongle

Since the last newsletter we have been busy out and about, at Church and across North Yorkshire.

Christine Taylor, Kath Mason, Tim and Pam Broughton, Robin Corbett's son and Judith Allinson went on a visit to Allerton Waste Recovery Park near Knaresborough on 12th May and were shown around by Emile Knight (Community and Communications Manager).



The household waste from our green bins is taken to Skipton, then to Allerton. Here more material is extracted for recycling and the remainder is

incinerated. Recyclable material sent here fetches a much lower price than the material we send direct to recycling.



We had a talk by a lady called Emily which taught us a lot about recycling, how the machinery works, and many useful facts e.g. If you put waste in a black plastic bag, make sure it is not greater than 40cm diameter as the recycling machinery ignores larger bags and they go straight into the incinerator without recyclable

material being extracted.

We were led on a tour of the recycling place and saw the machinery, but due to a shut down the previous day it was still switched off, so we did not see the parts moving. It was still impressive and interesting.

Over the past four weeks Steve, our caretaker, has been a very busy bee building wooden garden furniture and planters for our Eco Garden at the rear of St John's Church. To help our Garden grow and make it joyful to sit in, we launched our Garden Pledge scheme. You can make a pledge to donate a range of items to make our garden come to life e.g. donating cash to pay for wood. We have just had a delivery of wood which cost £120. We have had a donation of garden soil as filler for our planters, but we will need compost to make a garden grow. You can make a promise to provide hand garden tools, water butt, watering cans, hardy plants, standard trees, bird boxes.... the list is endless. If you are unsure what you can do, please speak with Anne Martin, Kath Mason or Jill Tiernan.

We were invited to visit Settle Primary School assembly and received an amazing welcome. They are going to help in creating a name for our garden, creating eco art which will be recreated on the side of the garage by Chris Taylor and finally design and

help build a monster bug hotel. Groups who use our church, such as the Weavers and Spinners, are going to create some yarn art and Dementia Forward Relaxed Café have planted flower and vegetable seeds in pots. You will see these on the windowsills in the hall and back meeting room.

Take a look at the notice board in the Church Hall to find out more and support us in any way you can.

Our three Eco tips for June are:

What is Ecology?

Want to know more about being Eco Aware? Educating yourself further is one of the best things you can do, building your knowledge of the history of environmental challenges, struggles and solutions around the world. Listen to others e.g. younger people, families: what does this mean to them and the world they live in?

Travel by train Instead of using air travel

Staying grounded will look different for different people. Why not sit back and relax and travel by train? Purchase a rail card which usually costs £30 per year and reduces rail travel by one third each time you travel. So, help your blood pressure, improve your well-being and let the train take the strain.

Eat locally grown vegetables and fruit

or, if you can, grow your own for both flavour and reducing your carbon footprint. In a small way Dementia Forward are growing vegetables from seeds: watch them grow on the windowsills in the Hall.

Judith Allinson and Jill Tiernan

The 23rd Psalm (adapted)

Lord, you are my constant companion.

There is no need that you cannot fulfil.

Whether your course for me points to the mountaintops of glorious ecstasy or to the valleys of human suffering, you are by my side; you are ever present with me.

You are close beside me when I tread the dark streets of danger.

Even when I flirt with death itself, you will not leave me.

When the pain is severe, you are near to comfort me.

When the burden is heavy, you are there to lean upon.

When depression darkens my soul, you will touch me with eternal joy.

When I feel empty and alone, you fill the aching vacuum with your power.

My security is in your promise to be near me always, and in the knowledge that you will never let me go.

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!).



A Prayer for the season of Pentecost

Spirit of God, powerful and unpredictable as the wind, come upon us and become the driving force of our lives. Amen.

Caryl Micklem