



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:

- 7th August 10.30 am Jane Mansergh
14th August 10.30 am Revd. Tim Broughton
Holy Communion
21st August 10.30 am Wendy Holt
28th August 10.30 am Liz Whitfield

Bible Book Club

The first book we will be talking about in our Bible Book Club is JONAH!

The idea is that you read the book over the next three or four weeks and then we will meet to have a natter and share our thoughts and impressions over a brew. It is intended to be a fun and friendly time for us to meet together and read the Bible with friends.

If you need some help getting started, then reading notes, some background information and a few questions to get you started can be found by going to www.biblesociety.org.uk and searching for Jonah.

Our first meeting will be on Monday 5th September at 7:45pm on Zoom. We will share the link a little nearer the time.

For those who can't meet online but would still like to join in the fun, the Book Club will also run in person at St John's Methodist Church on the 2nd Wednesday of each month between midday and 1pm (straight after Coffee Pot) in church.

Social Events

On Saturday 3rd September, at 7.00 p.m., we will have a Board Games Evening. Do come along and bring friends and family for an evening of fun and fellowship. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

We will be welcoming **Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band** for a concert on 1st October. Tickets (£10 including refreshments) will be available nearer the time

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!

The Charity Coffee Pot held on 6th July raised £205 for Peertalk. Thank you to all those who supported this.

Our next Charity Coffee Pot, to be held on Wednesday 3rd August, will be in aid of The Smile Train. Smile Train is an international children's charity with a sustainable approach to a single, solvable issue: a cleft lip and palate. More than 200,000 new babies are born with clefts every year globally, causing the child to have difficulty with breathing and feeding. £150 can cover the cost of cleft surgery, which takes approximately 45 minutes and can change the child's life forever, but many families don't have the money to pay. Smile Train provides a full range of cleft treatment services which a child may not otherwise receive.

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.

Worship Leaders Training

You are reminded that our Ministers, Stephen and Tim, will be offering WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING this Autumn in seven sessions. Please speak to Tim as soon as possible if you are interested in leading worship (and that doesn't mean taking the whole service or preaching!) or if you would like to develop your understanding of worship.



Eco Explorers

The Eco Explorer Adventure Camp which was originally planned for 25th and

26th July has been postponed until Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th August. It will be held at Lower Winskill Farm, BD 24 9PZ (off the road above Langcliffe). Families of any size (and their friends) are welcome, but the group must include one adult.

The Day camps begin at 10am & include a picnic lunch.

Leave at 9.30 from St John's Methodist Church in Settle if transport is required. Finish mid-afternoon after workshops in the field and a picnic lunch. We will explore different eco themes, have a gathering session with songs & sharing, and a help yourself picnic lunch, or buy if you prefer. Donation is £1/person/day: come one day or both. PLACES/TRANSPORT MUST BE BOOKED, either to sally@thewatersons.org Tel 01729 822311 or via www.ctisad.org.uk (Activities in barn if wet).

If you could help with transport, activities or catering, please contact Sally.



Our Eco Garden is growing each day so do pop around to the back of the Church on Sunday or any day of the week to take a look at what is happening.

- Steve, our caretaker, has been building seats and planters.
- Two water butts have arrived and will help with watering our garden.
- Steve noticed a bargain and we have purchased a BBQ and Pizza Oven.
- Chris Taylor has been painting the storage shed with art work drawn by Gracie Fryer and Betsy Fryer. Aidan Parker has come up with a name for our garden. All these children attend Settle Primary School. During August and September, if you are we will build our Bug Hotel and wormery in readiness for our grand opening, when the children will receive their certificates and prizes as a thank you.

- A BIG thank you to those people who have donated plants..... if you are splitting any plants in your garden, please let Anne Martin, Kath Mason or Jill Tiernan know. We would love to give them a home.
- When visiting our garden, if you are able, why not pick up a watering can and help us to look after our little piece of heaven?
- Take a look at our little green garden book and read how our garden came into being. If you have contributed to the garden, whether it be watering or donating, please write in the book.

Our garden will be opened officially on Saturday 24th September at our Let's Talk Rubbish event to be held at St John's. If you want to find out more about how you can do your bit for the environment, it would be lovely to see you. Look out for further information about this special event in the church notices and newsletter.

August Eco Tips: Small changes to make your home more eco friendly

- Wash clothes on a lower temperature: up to 90% of the energy used by a washing machine goes towards heating water.
- Skip the dryer when possible..... if you are able, peg your washing out outside. During dry and sunny months, it's a shame not to dry your laundry outside either on a line or airer.
- Swap regular light bulbs for LED bulbs: Investing in the right energy efficient light bulbs makes a huge difference. You will not only use less electricity, but you will make your home environmentally friendly
- Decorate your house with plants: Potted plants are effective for indoor air cleaning.

Jill Tiernan

St John's Church Organ

Those of you who remember the pipe organ from the 'old' St. John's Church will be interested to hear that it has finally found a new home in a church in the Philippines! It wasn't an easy journey as the pipes all had to be carefully packed and transported in crates especially made from certified timber. We hope that one day we may get a photograph of it in its new home.

Settle Community Library Home Library Service

Can't come to the library? We'll come to you. As volunteers for the Home Library Service we would like to increase the use of the service within our community.

The service is for people of any age who, for whatever reason, find it difficult to get to the library or to carry books. Our book deliverers, as you might expect, are a friendly, sympathetic bunch and their visits are welcomed by our customers.

So, if you, or anyone you know – relative, friend or neighbour – would like help in borrowing books, audio books or DVDs, please get in touch via the contact information given below.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Dear God,

Sitting in A&E recently, I found myself counting chairs, then I counted ceiling tiles, then multiplied the chairs by the ceiling tiles and divided the answer by the number of people sitting on the chairs. There was no purpose to this, but it filled the time! Next I resorted to sitting reading my e-book – having first checked my average speed for reading a page. Armed with this information I calculated how many pages I'd be able to read in exactly an hour. An hour later I checked and found I'd exceeded my prediction. Again, I hadn't learned anything, but I had passed another hour. So, I contemplated the mystery of time itself. I began mentally listing every Shakespeare quote I knew about time (Macbeth is full of them!) finally reaching: "Time travels in divers paces with divers persons. I'll tell you who Time ambles withal, who Time trots withal, who Time gallops withal, and who he stands still withal" (As You Like It). Looking round I realised that for the staff it was another hectic shift. For some waiting it was probably the longest night of their lives, worrying about loved ones, wondering if this was the night that would change their lives forever. For patients admitted by ambulance, time might be racing away from them as they feared these might be their last hours. Some were longing for time to stand still,

to allow them to hold back the minutes as they slipped inexorably away. Others were desperate for the long wait to be over, and others were simply trying to get through another shift. Yet for everyone time actual passed at the same speed. How difficult it is to look out over infinity and know that no matter what the situation, this too will pass – and yet how comforting also to know that it truly will.

Yours, lost in thought

Old Lil Nongle

Editor's note: Old Lil assures me that both she and her husband (who was the patient waiting to be seen) are ok!



A Prayer for drought-stricken East Africa

Loving and compassionate God, when famine stalks the land, nothing grows. Plants cannot, people cannot, ideas and dreams cannot; everything withers and dies. God of the flourishing field, there is enough to feed us all. Help us feed each other. Amen.
(Christian Aid).

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!).