



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:

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| 1 st January | 10.30 am | Songs of Praise |
| 8 th January | 10.30 am | Jane Mansergh |
| 15 th January | 10.30 am | Revd. Tim Broughton
Holy Communion |
| 22 nd January | 10.30 am | Revd. Roger Fox |
| | 6.30 pm | Revd. Tim Broughton
Quiet service of Holy Communion |
| 29 th January | 10.30 am | Jane Mansergh |
| 5 th February | 10.30 am | Revd. Stephen Caddy |

Church Lunch

Please join us for our **5th Sunday lunch** (Jacob's Join) after the morning service on 29th January.

Bible Book Club

Our next meeting will be held at 12.0 noon on Wednesday 11th January, when we will be looking at Mark's gospel. Notes on this can be found at the back of the church.

Coffee Pot



Keep warm at Coffee Pot on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12.0 noon – and bring your friends.

The Charity Coffee Pot held on 7th December raised a total of £252 for Dementia Forward (£170 for refreshments and £82 for craft and merchandise).

If you would like to take responsibility for one of our Charity Coffee Pots on the 1st Wednesday of any month and donate the profits to a charity of your choice, please sign the list in the Coffee Lounge.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

Sunday 22nd January 3.00pm
St Mary & St Michael Catholic Church
Tillman Close, Settle
Our theme is Racial Justice
It has been prepared by Christians of Minneapolis
Introduction - BE-LONGING
For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. Through this resource, the CTBI writers' group has also focussed our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice, undertaken in Stephen's memory, continues to inspire and change lives for the better.

As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer, we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

You are also warmly invited to the Friends Meeting House for their mid-week meeting on Tuesday 24th Jan. 12.15-12.45 pm, when they are hoping to have a display for Holocaust Memorial Day (Friday 27th Jan.).



Justice and Peace Group

After the successful meeting during One World Week, a planning meeting has been arranged to discuss the way forward for this group. This will be held at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 24th January in the Small Meeting Room at the Settle Quaker Meeting House. All are welcome.



As we say goodbye to another year, let's reflect on the contribution St. John's has made to our Eco Friendly mission:

Many of you have continued to complete the **Ecommit Slips** and popped them in the glass jar.....this is the best way to show our commitment to improving our environment and shows how well we are doing.

We are now a **Fairtrade Church**, so selecting Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar can go a long way to celebrating the Green Way as well as protecting workers' rights.

Heating the church: Being mindful when using the Hall about monitoring the thermostat saves us money and helps the planet. Turning lights off in rooms such as toilets when not in use will help the cause too.

Celebrating our Eco Evergreen Garden: A lovely space to spend time and reflect.

Warm Space: We are contributing to the warm space initiative in the community, joining with places like the Friends Meeting House and the Waiting Room at Settle Station. We are now open on both Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

Tools for Self Reliance: This is a charity that sends hand tools to Africa where they are repurposed and recycled. Why not check out your attic space, tool shed or garage to see if there is something that you haven't used for years? Alison Tyas, who lives only two doors away from church, will accept items left on her doorstep or arrange collection. Please contact her at 2, Tillman Close or on 01729 822677, or email alisontyas@gmail.com

Excerpt from 'Class Leaders' Assistant' 1865

The C.L.A. was a Wesleyan publication by John Bate, published in London by Hamilton, Adams and Co.

If in sailing over life's sea you pass through a storm, He is at the helm of your back. He holds the winds in His power. He contains the waters in the hollow of His hand; and He will command the ship, the wind and the waters to preserve you safe and help you on the sooner to your desired haven.

Jane Mansergh

Time Together Tuesday

This is a relaxed Café for both people living with Dementia and their carers, held at St John's every Tuesday from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. We reopen on 10th January, 2023. It is a friendly space where we chat, listen, laugh a lot, share friendship and eat cake! We have jigsaws, sing, play music, read poetry and provide a warm space too. The group is supported by Dementia Forward (a North Yorkshire charity) and a group of lovely volunteers. For further information, talk with Janet Wigfield, Richard Pike, Sue Bould, Robin Corbett or Jill Tiernan. As we say at St John's ... all are welcome.

Dear God,

Every year I compose my Christmas letter – then wonder how it will be received. I enjoy receiving Christmas letters from others, but it is an odd tradition. I've lost track of when I actually last saw my former neighbour's children but was thrilled to learn that the youngest has just become a buyer for a top auction house and the youngest one's daughter starred as an angel in a nativity play. Then there's that couple from years back whom we met on holiday, and every year they write to let us know where they've been recently. There's also a former pupil who is now something important at some company and globetrots all year for work but spends Christmas with an elderly relative.

I wonder how the early churches felt when the epistles arrived? "I see Paul's been gadding about again, been all over the Med..."

"Timothy's doing well for himself, he always was going to go far..." "Peter says here that he's been to Rome but that Mark's age is beginning to catch up with him; he's struggling a bit with his back..." "Silas has had a tough year and been imprisoned again..."

So why do we do it? Is it to help us reflect on our own year? Does it give us a sense of place and purpose? Do we like the idea of connection and continuity. Is it a way of sharing in each other's lives and getting a sense of support and unity as we all go through life together? Is it a reassurance that we're all in this together... I don't know, but I know emails and Facebook posts don't work the same way. So next November I'll sit down and do it again

Yours

Old Lil Nongle



Prayer for a New Year

Immortal God, your goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our life. Grant that we may enter this new year trusting in your unfailing love and may serve you with grateful and obedient hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!).