

News from our Churches

St John's Settle

Sunday worship

3 rd Mar	10:30am	Rev. S Normanton
10 th Mar	10:30am	Rev. T Broughton
17 th Mar	10:30am	Mavis Speight
24 th Mar	10:30am	Liz Whitfield
31 st Mar	10:30am	Jane Mansergh & Wendy Holt

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 24th Mar 6:30pm Reading of the Passion story

Maundy Thursday 28th Mar 7:00pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 29th Mar 10:30am
Journey to the Cross, see below
7:30pm

Reflective Service in the church garden

Coffee Pot

Every Wednesday 10:30am – 12:00 noon.
Tea, coffee, cakes etc.

The first Coffee Pot of each month is always in aid of a charity. In February this raised £250 for UK-Med. On 6th March it will be in aid of the Rainforest Fund.

Bible study group

Meeting in the lounge at Limestone View at 2:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, led by Wendy Holt, this is open to both residents and non-residents. On 20th March we will be looking at Matthew chapter 27.

Bible book club

Led by Revd. Tim Broughton and held at 12:00 noon after Coffee Pot on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. On 13th March we will be looking at Lamentations.

World Day of Prayer

This year's service, will be held at 7.30 pm on Friday 1st March at Settle Christian Fellowship. Entitled 'I beg you, bear with one another in love,' it has been prepared by an ecumenical group of women from Palestine.

Warm space film club

We will be showing a film in the church at 2:30pm every Thursday afternoon in March. Refreshments will be served from 2pm. A warm welcome (in every sense!) is guaranteed.



Walk and Prayer for the Environment

This takes place on the 1st of each month. Details

available from Judith Allinson

Prayer Meeting

Members of all churches in Settle meet for prayer at the Catholic Church of St Mary and St Michael on Tillman Close at 12.00 noon on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Journey to the Cross: Good Friday

A 4 part drama starting with the Last Supper at St. John's at 10.30 am before moving on to the Millennium Gardens for the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Market Place for the trial scene and the grounds of the Parish Church for the Crucifixion. People can join in at any point along the route. Hot cross buns will be served in the Parish Church afterwards.

Bentham Methodist Church

Sunday worship

3 rd Mar	10:30am	Harry Hutchinson
10 th Mar	10:30am	Michelle Hodgson
17 th Mar	10:30am	Wendy Holt, HC
24 th Mar	10:30am	OA: Olive Calverly
31 st Mar	10:30am	Mavis Speight

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday 10:00am Revd. T Broughton

Churches Together in Bentham at Easter

Good Friday 10:30am Open air service at School Hill.

Easter Day Sunrise Service 6:30am at the Big Stone, warm clothes & wellies recommended.

Toddle In

Toddler group meet every Monday in term time 10am to 11:30am, new volunteers welcome – contact Sue Broadbent

Bentham Praise

Practice in church on Monday at 2pm

Men's Breakfast

Meet twice per month at Bowland View, contact David Bayes for details, 8:30am, 12th & 26th March.

Farming Community Network Shed

Wednesday morning at Bentham Auction Mart, supported by Churches Together in Bentham

Bentham Pantry Club

Open 11am-12:30pm and 3:30pm-4:30pm every Wednesday run by Churches Together in Bentham. There is a collection box for donations in the porch.

Coffee Morning

Thursday 14th 10am to 12noon. Donations for refreshments to Alzheimer's Society. Market Place Books will be attending for the last time before the shop in Kendal closes.

Newby Chapel

Sunday worship

3 rd Mar	6:30pm	Evening easy church, a short uncomplicated hour of conversation
10 th Mar	11am	Revd. D Philo, HC
10 th Mar	7pm	Church in the Pub, The New Inn, Clapham
24 th Mar	2pm	Margery Dowling

Ingleton Methodist Church

Sunday worship

3 rd Mar	10:30am	Rachel Whitfield
10 th Mar	10:30am	Si Park
17 th Mar	10:30am	Revd. T Broughton, AAW
24 th Mar	10:30am	Pauline Wright
31 st Mar	10:30am	Revd. Kerry Tankard, HC

Warm Spaces

Coffee mornings, Fridays 9:30 – 11:30am

Burton In Lonsdale

Sunday worship at All Saints Parish Church

3 rd Mar	11am	Revd. T Broughton
10 th Mar	9:30am	Margery Dowling
17 th Mar	11:00am	United
24 th Mar	9:30am	Jane Mansergh
31 st Mar	11:00am	United Easter service

Hellifield Chapel

Sunday worship

3 rd Mar	2pm	Liz Whitfield
10 th Mar	10:30am	Pauline Wright, Lego Church
	2pm	Revd. T Broughton
17 th Mar	2pm	Jane Mansergh
24 th Mar	2pm	Revd. T Broughton, café style service
31 st Mar	2pm	Revd. T Broughton, HC

Welcome Mat Mondays 4th and 18th
March, 2:30 – 4pm

Strong and steady sessions Mondays 11th
and 25th March, 3:30 to 4:30pm

Drop in Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at
noon.

Community Pantry Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th &
22nd from 2pm to 3pm.

Warm Spaces

Every Monday to end of March, 12noon to
1:30pm with soup and sandwiches in the
Wesley Centre.

Every Friday to end of March, 1pm to 3pm
warm space with hot drinks.

Online services & reflections

Don't forget that online services and
evening reflections can be found on our
YouTube channel

www.youtube.com/@SettleMethodistCircuit

Thank you to all who contributed to this
issue, please send all future news &
events to Lucy on 07518 517 901 or
settlemethodistcircuit@outlook.com

If you have any questions or comments
about this newsletter, please don't
hesitate to get on touch.



Hellifield have just been awarded their
Bronze Award, congratulations!

St John's have made it onto The Methodist
Church Blog!! Read the full article here:
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/the-methodist-blog/st-john-s-church-yorkshire-get-a-rocha-gold/>

This Lenten period gives us the
opportunity to reflect on the practice of
fasting and commit to giving up something
that brings a real benefit to nature and
help address climate change. Keep reading
for ideas to use as a church, family or as
an individual.

- **Go plastic free:** make it your goal at
least to reduce your use of plastic.

- **Switch off from digital:** try technology
free times. Instead of reaching for the
phone or the laptop, what about reaching
for the Bible as your device. Some might
even try "Switch-off Sundays".

- **Become zero waste:** Slowly try to reduce
your waste a bit every week. Consider
giving a home-made gift instead of buying
a present at Easter.

- **Invite wildlife into our garden or church
green space (with permission):** this spring
allow parts of the garden to grow wild.
Invite others in the community to be part
of the journey-maybe encouraging
children to plant seeds or help build and
stock a hedgehog home.

Philip

An Easter Message from Revd. Tim Broughton

I wonder if you feel, sometimes, that Easter Sunday was such a long time ago, how can it possibly have any relevance to us, here in Settle Circuit, in the 21st Century. At the heart of the story is the life and death of a truly remarkable man, the likes of which we have never seen before or since. But surrounding him, everywhere you look, are ordinary folk – people like us.

There is Mary, a woman grieving. The one she looked to, trusted in, in whom her hopes for the future were tied up, is taken from her. She is saddened and grieving as she goes to the tomb on that Sunday morning, her beloved Jesus lost.

The disciples are fearful, wondering about their uncertain future. Suddenly, it seems, their world has fallen apart. They marched into Jerusalem just a few days before with such hopes, such expectations and now their dreams have been dismantled. They are hiding for fear of the consequences of even being associated with Jesus, worried about news and gossip.

Thomas is a man who needs certainty. He's heard rumours, talk of something that's happened, but he can't bring himself to believe it. The hope is too much, what if he is disappointed again? Better to not believe, than to commit his heart again and be disappointed.

Peter is a disciple whose deep sense of guilt made him feel that he could never be received again by Jesus. He'd followed him for three years, committed his all and his future to him, even confessed him to be the Messiah, the son of God. Now his denials weighed heavy on his mind and his heart. He wondered if he could ever return.

Perhaps we find ourselves, this Easter season, in need of comfort in a time of grief, hope in a time of uncertainty or faith in a time of doubt or with a sense of guilt for things we wish we had done or said. Seasons of faith match the seasons of our soul, but the Easter story tells us that there is one, one remarkable man, in whom we can trust, can believe, can hope, one who doesn't turn us away because of our past.

This year, as every year since that remarkable Sunday morning, 2,000 years ago, our churches will tell and retell this story of doubt and faith, of despair and hope, of death and resurrection. We share it and retell it because it is our story. Perhaps it is your story too?

Advanced Safeguarding Training 9th March 2024

Invitations have been sent out for this training day on Saturday 9th March 2024, 10am to 3pm at St John's Methodist Church, Settle. Please can all attendees bring their own lunch.

Unconscious Bias Training

This training is available online for anyone who would like it, but it is required training for members of church councils, the circuit meeting and the invitations committee. If you hold one of these roles please check if you need this training and contact Lucy for the link to book a place. It takes 75 minutes and the dates it is offered are:

Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7:00pm and Friday 7th June 2024 at 7:00pm