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### **August Church Services**

Sunday service for July are all United services between Anglican and Methodist Churches.

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| 6 August    | 10.00am Holy Communion at South Crosland.              |
| 13 August   | 10.00am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge .            |
| 20 August   | 10.00am Holy Communion at Netherton Methodist Church.  |
| 27 August   | 10.00am Holy Communion at Berry Brow Methodist Church. |
| 3 September | 10.00am Holy Communion at South Crosland.              |

Normal service times will resume from 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### **August Mid Week Services**

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| 2 August  | 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton .             |
| 9 August  | Netherleigh, Butternab Road Beaumont Park. |
| 16 August | 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton.              |
| 23 August | Netherleigh, Butternab Road Beaumont Park. |
| 30 August | 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton.              |

Every Wednesday at St Paul's

9.15 Morning Worship, 30 minutes of worship and prayer. All welcome.

Every Thursday at St Paul's

5.20 Christian Meditation.30 minutes of Quiet Contemplation. All welcome.

## The Minister's Letter

Dear Friends

Summer is well and truly here, and August is a time when many of us will be going away on holiday. This year I have treated myself to a portable radio to take with me so I can listen to the sport whilst sitting on the beach. The question I had to answer was which one? Looking on a well-known website I discovered there were so many to choose from, some makes I knew, others I had not heard of. I decided to go with a make I knew, Lloytron (although other makes of radio are available). As a student I had a black and white portable television by that make, and it was still working years later. It also had two other important qualities, firstly it did not cost a fortune so I would be happy to use it anywhere, and secondly as well as Radio 5 Live on Medium Wave it had Long Wave with a setting for Test Match Special.

Having something that will be reliable that does the job you want can be important. My radio let me keep up to date with the 5th test when on holiday and I can tune into the new football season as it starts in August.

When it comes to our faith, having a reliable way to hear from God is I believe important. So how can we tune in more to God? One way I would suggest is when we are taking our holidays. This will often be a time that takes us away from our familiar settings, to see and experience new things. Do we take the opportunity to tune in to God on such occasions? Perhaps appreciating the beauty of the countryside, the majesty of waves lapping or crashing on the shore, an unexpected sunset or sunrise. The second is through what we read. Holidays take us away from the busyness of day-to-day life at home and so we have more time for reading. There are many books we can read to help us understand the Bible and our faith more. As well as taking that thriller or romance away perhaps we can also tuck in our case or add to our e reader something that will help us tune into the word of God. We might be surprised by what we find. I well remember picking up a copy of "The Reason for God" by Timothy Keller at a seaside bookshop one year, I had not heard of Keller

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before but was so blessed by reading it I went on to read many more of his books, being blessed time and again.

Whatever you do this August I pray that you will find ways to tune into the God who wants to communicate with us all and find great blessings as you do.

Every blessing

*Tim*

Rev Tim Francis

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## Coffee Morning

Holy Trinity Church holds a coffee morning on the second Saturday of each month at South Crosland Junior School, Moor Lane, Netherton. The coffee morning in July raised £188; thank you everyone. £185 was donated to the school as a 'thankyou' for the use of their premises.

The next coffee morning will take place on 9 September 2023 at 10.00am.

*Stella*

## Diary Dates

2 August           Reminder South Crosland Woman's Society has joined the 1st Wednesday group at 2.0pm at Netherton Methodist Church. This will be 1st Wednesday of every month until the end of the year. On 2 August Steve Gledhill will give a talk on his years in the Classroom. Everyone Welcome.

19 August:        Final date for copy September Focus, 12 Noon.  
Items received after this time will probably miss the cut.

## **Prayer guide for the care of creation**

**Here are some “Prayer Points” from the July edition of the ‘Prayer guide for the care of creation’ published by ‘Green Christian’, the registered trading name of ‘Christian Ecology Link’**

UN Environment Programme expresses grave concern over the detention of environmental human rights defender Hoang Thi Minh Hong in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. Hoang Thi Minh Hong is the fifth known environmental human rights defender arrested for alleged tax evasion in the last two years in Viet Nam. The arrest of Hong appears to represent a continuing trend of charges against individuals from civil society working on environmental issues in Viet Nam. The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) is deeply concerned about the arrests and intimidation of environmental human rights defenders.

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/statements/detention-environmental-human-rights-defender-hoang-thi-minh-hong>

A collaborative effort of scientists and Hawaiian culture-keepers is preparing to undertake the largest restoration of coral reefs in the island chain’s history, writes Andy Corbley. While the scientists work to propagate and study the corals below, a cultural organization called the Kohala Center will work on land to educate how terrestrial activities impact the corals that give such rich life to Hawaiian seas... Compared to other famously rich seas, the Hawaiian Islands have lost only about 7% of their hard corals since research began. The initial core focus for restorative work will be on the western side of the Big Island, comprising 120 miles of reef and one of the largest coral communities in the Hawaiian Archipelago. Collectively, the West Hawaii coastline harbors a huge range of human and coral conditions.

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/25-million-donation-launches-largest-coral-restoration-project-in-hawaii-to-renew-120-miles-of-reef/>

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The World Economic Forum has launched a global initiative to transform airports into clean energy hubs in a bid to achieve carbon-neutral aviation, unifying more than 50 executives from the aviation sector, writes Sidhi Mittal. The new Airports of Tomorrow initiative will enable airports to harness the potential of new technologies such as hydrogen and battery electric flight, sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), as well as the electrification of airport operations. The members of Airports of Tomorrow encompass 52 leading organisations including Airbus, Arup, Atkins, Boeing, Mott MacDonald, Neste, LanzaJet, Dufry, Menzies Aviation, Dallas Fort Worth (DFW), Mundys, Aeroporti di Roma, London Heathrow. The World Economic Forum's head of climate strategy, Lauren Uppink, said: *"If the right planning and investment decisions are made today, airports can play a pivotal role in shaping a sustainable future for aviation as well as other transport sectors. The Airports of Tomorrow initiative will help airports harness these opportunities, enabling them to fulfil their potential as clean energy hubs and standard-bearers for the net-zero economy."* According to the International Energy Agency (IEA) report, aviation accounted for more than 2% of global energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2021.

<https://www.edie.net/world-economic-forum-launches-global-green-aviation-initiative/>

The lack of enforcement by the local council and the Welsh Government, preventing ongoing coaling activity at a Welsh mine is "arguably unlawful", according to legal experts. Catherine Early writes: Merthyr (South Wales) Ltd failed in its bid to extend planning permission for the Ffos-y-Fran mine on 25 April. Councillors at Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (CBC) voted unanimously to block the application, which they deemed to be in breach of Welsh government planning policy banning new or extended coal mining unless in exceptional circumstances... However, [by the end of June] Merthyr South Wales Ltd had not stopped mining activity, neither since its original planning permission for the site expired in September, nor once its planning application was refused. Drone footage and photography obtained by local residents clearly shows ongoing mining at the site.

<https://theecologist.org/2023/jun/26/maladministration-and-terrible-precedent>

If you would like to receive the prayer diary each month by email (free), please fill in the sign up form at <https://greenchristian.org.uk/about/contact-us/> or email: [prayer-guide@greenchristian.org.uk](mailto:prayer-guide@greenchristian.org.uk)

*Jeremy*

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### **Foundation Governor at South Crosland Junior School.**

At South Crosland CofE (A) Junior School we are still in need of more foundation governors. These are governors who are regular worshippers and would serve on the governing body supporting the school and upholding the school's Christian ethos and values. This is a voluntary position, but it is very rewarding. If anyone from any of our churches is interested or would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact me through school and I will happily have a chat with you. (01484 667075)

*Janice Dorrington*

### **Change for Church**

About 25 years ago the children were asked to do something to raise funds for the Jubilee room. Adam brought along the bottle for people to put their loose change in. After the build was finished, it was decided to keep the bottle going to raise extra funds for the Church, we think the time has now come to discontinue putting the bottle out, so it has been emptied and the cash totalled £132.29. A great big thankyou to all who have contributed over the years.

***Keith.***

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Dear Friends,

Like Julie in her Focus article last month, I always look forward to the relaxed time we have during August each year, when our school communities are on holiday and there are less meetings of all kinds. Okay, we then seem to hit the ground running in September, but it is usually a lovely month, and we seem energised by having had a bit of a break.

There are some good local events coming up in August. Play Day happens on Wednesday 2 August both in Beaumont Park and Hillside School grounds in Newsome. Stirley Farm has a Wild Life Fair on Saturday 5 August, a Wild Day Out on Saturday 12 August and a Food Festival on Saturday September 2.

And then it is Creationtide from September 1 - October 4! Our annual time to celebrate the beautiful planet we live on and to commit ourselves to being good neighbours to the other species we share Earth with. Our Environment Service will be the 9.15am Holy Communion at St Paul's Armitage Bridge on September 24. And we can celebrate our achievement - we have reached Silver Award with Eco Church!

Have a great summer

Peace and all good

*Debby*

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### **First Aid Course**

The course is supplied by Meditrain, a locally based company. It will take place on Saturday 9th September at Netherton Methodist Church, Chapel Street Netherton Huddersfield HD4 7ES

The cost is £48.00 per person.

Registration at 9.30am with refreshments.

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Further information can be given by Josette Bailly, Director of Meditrain phone 01484 514260 [www.meditrain.co.uk](http://www.meditrain.co.uk).



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### **Community Charity shop, Newsome**

We held our latest pop-up shop on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, which again proved to be very popular. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> we have held, and they are becoming a regular event for many local people, with the opportunity to share refreshments and fellowship and grab a few bargains, too! Huge and heartfelt thanks go to all the people who volunteer to help in any way – without you, it just wouldn't happen!

The next pop-up shop will be at Newsome scout hut on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 10am-1pm, in aid of Community Shop funds. There will be clothes, shoes, books, DVDs, bric-a-brac, picture frames, jigsaws, games etc on sale, all at bargain prices. Is it too early to mention Christmas shopping? The Explorer scouts will be providing bacon butties, cakes and tea & coffee again, which I know were very popular last time!

Come and grab your bargains and enjoy some fellowship over delicious refreshments! See you there, hopefully.

***Caroline Jones***

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### **Shoebox appeal 2023**

The Christmas shoebox appeal coordinated by T4U (Teams for You) will be going ahead as normal in November 2023. Preparatory work, lead by Judith Powell, is already happening at St James' church, Meltham Mills. I know many of you have contributed to this appeal for many years and are keen to get involved again.

So, how can you help? You could fill a shoebox for a child. I have access to plenty of shoeboxes already covered in Christmas wrapping paper, so if you need any to get started, give me a shout. I also have a stock of leaflets with the label to put on the shoebox lid, which I will take to our churches. You

could also contribute items (“fillers”) for the packing team at St James’ to put in shoeboxes.

What to put in your box or provide as fillers (examples)

Practical supplies

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Hairbrush/comb

Facecloth and soap

Stationery/pens/pencils/paper

Gloves/hats/scarves

Craft Pack

Sewing Kit.

A few small gifts

A soft toy

A doll

Ball

Game or puzzle

Bubbles

Musical instrument i.e. harmonica/recorder



St James’ church will be open 13-30 November for us to deliver your boxes, so I would be grateful if you could get them to me by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. I can collect them from church or just let me know if you want me to collect from your house.

If you don’t feel you can fill a shoebox but would still like to help, you could pay £15 for someone else to fill a shoebox on your behalf or pay £3 to help with the ever-increasing transport costs.

Last year, T4U sent over 62,500 shoeboxes to various countries in Eastern Europe, including over 4,000 from Meltham. This year, the shoeboxes will be heading to the Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania, and we are hoping to bring “love in a shoebox” to even more needy children.

More details can be found on the website: <https://teams4u.com/>

Many thanks for your continued support of this appeal.

*Caroline Jones*

*07810 323246*



### Family Picnic at Beaumont Park 2023

Whatever happened to the sun? All that hot weather we had and soaring temperatures in Europe and we have a weekend of wet and windy weather!

Although I was feeling optimistic that there would be a respite from the rain for the picnic to take place, I realised that it would be very windy and the grass and the children's play equipment would be too wet so I made the decision to cancel the picnic.

I am disappointed that we were not able to meet one another at Beaumont Park but we have rescheduled for September!

The picnic will take place (weather permitting!) on Sunday 10 September at 12.30 onwards at Beaumont Park.

**Hope you can come and join us.**

Please contact Melody on 07956442001 or 01484 666205 if you're interested or for more details

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## Armitage Bridge Ringers

### **Bell Ringers Summer Outing**

9:15am Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June saw a number of cars swiftly leaving Armitage Bridge, Meltham and Holmfirth on our visit to 4 churches in Derbyshire

Being organised by Joanna Martin of Meltham/Holmfirth, this was the first such outing undertaken by a number of ringers who learnt to ring shortly before or after the covid lockdown.

Our first tower was St. Giles, Matlock, where we all met up ready to ring on the 8 bells. With a tenor weighing in at 14 cwt (about 700 kilos) it was vital to settle everyone's nerves, keeping the ringing simple and steady.

Driving then through some wonderful Derbyshire countryside our next tower was All Saints, Bradbourne. Having been let in by the local ringer, cum gardener, cum odd job man (we know the feeling well), we spent a short while in the churchyard which was filled with bright red poppies. Actor Alan Bates is buried here.



St. James, Bonsall was next where we were able to sit in the grounds for lunch. The local church café was open making us very welcome. The church itself dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. One of the 6 bells dates back to 1656.

Our last tower was at Elton (All Saints). The ring of 6 bells here are on plain bearings and hung in a timber frame. The oldest bell being the tenor bell weighing slightly over 5 cwt was cast by Henry Dand in 1580.

An enjoyable day, lovely weather and beautiful countryside.

*Lorraine and Alan Trebble*

## **August 2023 Readings and prayers**

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 9 – Romans 9: 1-5 and Matthew 14: 13-21**

Prayer for the Day - Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 10 – Romans 10: 5-15 and Matthew 14: 22-33**

Prayer for the Day - Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 11 – Romans 11: 1-2a & 29-32 and Matthew 15: 10-28**

Prayer for the Day - God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 12 – Romans 12: 1-8 and Matthew 16: 13-20**

Prayer for the Day - God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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