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Benefice of Newsome and Armitage
Bridge and South Crosland, Huddersfield**

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May Church Services.

1 st May 9.15am	Holy Communion at South Crosland
1 st May 10.00am	Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church
1 st May 11.15am	Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
8 th May 9.15am	Morning Worship at Armitage Bridge
8 th May 10.00am	Holy Communion at Netherton Methodist Church
8 th May 11.15am	Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
15 th May 9.15am	Holy Communion at South Crosland
15 th May 10.00am	Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church.
15 th May 11.15am	Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
22 nd May 9.15am	Morning Worship at Armitage Bridge
22 nd May 10.00am	Holy Communion at Netherton Methodist Church
22 nd May 11.15am	Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
29 th May 10.15am	All together service at Netherton Methodist Church

Mid Week Worship

Mid Week Communion, at 10.00am on the following dates

4 th May	–	43 Delph Lane, Netherton
11 th May	–	Netherleigh, Butternab Road, Beaumont Park
18 th May	–	11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton
25 th May	–	14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

Ramblings from the Rectory

Do you find yourself rushing about trying to do too many jobs with not enough time to get them done? Me too!! I often wonder if it has always been like that. I believe it is our modern lifestyle that makes time an increasingly rare and valuable commodity that must be guarded and cherished in a way that our parents and grand- parents really don't understand. They always seemed to have time for everything and had some left over to relax and enjoy.

These days our lives are divided into sections. Work time, family time, recreation time, quality time, down time etc. Every minute of our days and lives is so precious that it is something that must be guarded and protected and accounted for so that it is not wasted. Well, that's how it feels. After all if it is not accounted for, not put to use, it is gone for ever, never to return: an opportunity missed. The chance for learning and to experience new things not put to good use. We hear it all the time; 'I haven't got time to do that'. 'I haven't got time to stop and talk now'. 'I haven't got time to go to church'. 'I haven't got time to visit you as I am very busy.' Surely there has to come a time when we have to stop being busy and just enjoy life.

If we are always busy we miss so much – when I am at my busiest I often find myself singing this song by Bing Crosby and wishing I could be busy doing nothing!!

We're busy doin' nothin' workin' the whole day through
Tryin' to find lots of things not to do
We're busy goin' nowhere isn't it just a crime
We'd like to be unhappy, but
We never do have the time

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I have to watch the river to see that it doesn't stop
And stick around the rosebuds
So they'll know when to pop
And keep the crickets cheerful
They're really a solemn bunch
Hustle, bustle
And only an hour for lunch

I have to wake the Sun up he's liable to sleep all day
And then inspect the rainbows
So they'll be bright and gay
I must rehearse the songbirds
To see that they sing in key
Hustle, bustle
And never a moment free

I have to meet a turtle I'm teachin' him how to swim
Then I have to shine the dewdrops
You know they're looking rather dim
I told my friend, the robin
I'd buy him a brand new vest
Hustle, bustle
We never get time to rest

But what is it that stops us from just enjoying time and doing nothing?!

If we look at Jesus who is our example of how to live then what we see is a man who had time for everyone – even when he was busy. Remember the story of Jairus' daughter – Jesus was going to heal the child when a woman touched his cloak because she wanted to be healed. Jesus didn't shrug it off and keep going – he stopped and asked who had touched him and then he blessed the woman and made her whole again!

And then there was the time when the crowd were hungry and instead of sending them away to find food he fed them – he spent time distributing food so that they were all fed and it came from a little boy's packed lunch!

Jesus stopped to heal people all the time and he spent endless hours trying to help the disciples understand what he was doing and why! He gave time to the rich and the poor, the old and the young, the sick and the healthy, those who were well liked and those considered outcasts. Jesus made time for everyone – he never had to look at his diary to see when he could fit them in – he made time there and then because people are very important to him. We can learn a great and valuable lesson from him.

Now I need to be honest here and say that I can tell others how to manage their time so that they can enjoy life but I find it very difficult to do it myself but a very good friend once said to me that the only person who puts things into my diary is me – so the only person who makes my life hectic is me. It's worth thinking about isn't it! The only person that puts stuff in your diary is you – so you are in control of how you manage your time!! I know I have said this before too but Bishop Nick keeps on telling us that just because we can doesn't mean we must!!

So maybe listen to Bing Crosby and get busy doing nothing or better still look to Jesus and give yourself to him and make time to enjoy the journey you are on in life – it worth every second you can give it.

Julie

Prayer guide for the care of creation

Here are a few “Prayer Points” from a recent copy of the Green Christian Prayer Guide.

First, some comments about how it was in Kuwait last Summer:

It was so hot in Kuwait last summer that birds dropped dead from the sky, writes Isabel Debre. Sea horses boiled to death in the bay. Dead clams coated the rocks, their shells popped open like they’d been steamed. Kuwait reached a scorching temperature of 53.2 degrees Celsius (127.7 degrees Fahrenheit), making it among the hottest places on earth... By the end of the century, scientists say being outside in Kuwait City could be life-threatening — not only to birds. A recent study also linked 67% of heat-related deaths in the capital to climate change.

<https://apnews.com/article/climate-science-business-environment-europe-ff45e6b98e6af459b21d47a6df403475>

And some thoughts about electric vehicles:

Booming electric vehicle sales have spurred a growing demand for lithium. But the light metal, which is essential for making power-packed rechargeable batteries, isn't abundant. Now, researchers report a major step toward tapping a virtually limitless lithium supply: pulling it straight out of seawater, writes Robert F Service in

Science.org... The world's oceans contain an estimated 180 billion tons of lithium. But it's dilute, present at roughly 0.2 parts per million. <https://www.science.org/content/article/seawater-could-provide-nearly-unlimited-amounts-critical-battery-material>

And also opening an octopus farm:

Recently a Spanish company announced its intention to open a new industrial octopus farm, with a goal of producing 3,000 tonnes of octopus a year. This raises huge concerns for animal welfare – because there can be no doubt that octopuses are complex and intelligent animals... For many scientists, [the researchers'] findings merely reaffirmed what they already believed: that octopuses are conscious animals with feelings and inner lives, just like vertebrates... <https://theconversation.com/octopus-farms-raise-huge-animal-welfare-concerns-and-theyre-unsustainable-too-179134>



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And finally, some info about Major Banks and their climate targets:

Banking giants Barclays and NatWest have confirmed that shareholders will get the chance to vote on their climate targets at their forthcoming AGMs, for the first time. At NatWest, shareholders will be asked whether they support the bank's "strategic direction" on climate at its AGM in Edinburgh [in April]. The company set a 2050 net-zero target back in 2020, along with an interim commitment to at least halve the climate impact of financial activities and decisions by 2030... and look at this link information about Barclays:

<https://www.edie.net/news/14/Barclays-and-NatWest-to-give-shareholders--say-on-climate/>

For your prayers !

Jeremy



South Crosland APCM



South Crosland APCM will be held on Sunday 15th May at 10.30am.

All are welcome to the election of Churchwardens and all those on the Electoral Roll are welcome to the whole meeting.

Our churches cannot function properly without a good PCC and so please do pray about whether God is calling you to get involved in looking at new ways to take our churches forward following this pandemic. You might be the one person we need to help us become the beacon of hope we should be in our communities.

If you are interested in joining the PCC please contact Julie or Helen Pearson for details.

Coffee Morning

Holy Trinity Church holds a coffee morning on the second Saturday of each month at South Crosland Junior School, Moor Lane, Netherton.

Why don't you join us there? It would be great to see you.

Here are the dates for the coffee mornings.

11 June 2022

14 May 2022

9 July 2022

April Coffee Morning raised £229 . 15 and a £20 donation from Renata, from her home sales.

So £249 . 15, a very good result!!

A big thank you to Renata; also for the raffle gifts that keep coming in.



Coffee Morning



In aid of the Ukraine Emergency Fund

Saturday May 14th South Crosland Junior School 10.00 – 11.30am

In May, the Holy Trinity Church monthly coffee morning is in aid of raising much needed funds for the Ukraine Emergency Appeal.

Why don't you join us there? It would be great to see you there for fellowship, refreshments, a raffle and homemade cakes.

Proceeds this month to go to the humanitarian appeal in the Ukraine.

Don't miss out!

SHOWSTOPPERS!



**Thursday 26th May, straight after school
at 3.15pm in South Crosland Junior
School Hall**



A fun packed hour for all ages (0 - 11!) to come together and join in and have lots of fun with stories, games, music and craft!

All children must be accompanied throughout the Showstoppers by an adult. It's a great chance to share in doing something positive with your child/ren and it's free!

**For more information contact Rev Julie Anderson
962184**



Diary Dates

2 May: Together Charity Pop up shop at Newsome Scout hut 10-2 p.m. Refreshments served by the Scouts. Come and grab a bargain!

21 May: Cafe Church @ Berry Brow/Newsome Church 4p.m -5.30 p.m

3 June: Jubilee Celebration @ Berry Brow/Newsome Church from 12 noon with activities for all the family. Bring a picnic and let's celebrate together.

18 June: Berry Brow Carnival from 1 p.m. Come along after the Art and Craft Fair or if you want to help, tombola and/or raffle items, cakes and help with setting up and clearing up, staffing stalls on the day.

Thirty Fifth Art and Craft Exhibition – We are back!

This will be held at St. Paul's Church: Armitage Bridge from Thursday to Saturday, 16th-18th June 2022 and the opening times are:

Thursday and Friday - 2pm to 4pm and 7pm-9pm

Saturday - 10am to 5pm

Refreshments will be available each day and admission to the exhibition will be £1.00.

Exhibits for either the Art or Craft sections must be delivered to Armitage Bridge Church on Tuesday, 14th June 2022 between 2pm and 8pm.

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Entry fees are £1.00 per exhibit in the Art Section (maximum ten exhibits) and 50p per exhibit in the Craft section. (No maximum).

Artists are requested to collect their works and sales proceeds (less 15% donation to Armitage Bridge Church) on Saturday evening, 18th June 2022 between 5.45pm and 6.30pm.

Entry forms are now available from Armitage Bridge Church, Huddersfield Library and Calder Graphics or alternatively you can visit our Facebook page via @armitagebridgeart or the Emmanuel Team website www.themanuelteam.org.uk (see publications)

Exhibitors are asked to adhere strictly to the times and dates specified above.

Come and visit us and help us make the thirty fifth Art and Craft Exhibition a great success!



Armitage Bridge Ringers

Our article last month chronicled the first peal rung on our bells, our latest efforts are published below. This will not appear in the local press as in days gone by, instead “Bellboard” and “The Ringing World” will print it for all to see.

Since that first success in November 1856 there have been 16 recorded peal performances. Tastes in methods have changed over the years, but the basic format is the same being the required 7 extents each comprising of the 720 available different rows making a total of 5040 changes to be rung. Its interesting to note the time of the first peal taking 2hrs and 51 minutes to complete whereas 2hrs and 32 minutes in modern times would not seem unduly quick.

What doesn't change is retiring to “Berry Brow Lib Club” afterwards for a couple of beers, before moving on to Martha's birthday party, to sit down to a substantial buffet provided by Martha's grandparents. Its also satisfying to hear of the many compliments from locals who enjoyed listening to our efforts, looking forward to hearing our bells ringing out regularly.

Alan, Lorraine and Oliver and wife Sally are all members of the local band Peter is tower captain at Lightcliffe and rings with wife Carole and daughter Rebecca, who is currently studying in Birmingham. Alex learnt to ring at Brighouse, after studying at University and his recent marriage has settled in Huddersfield. Along with his wife Andrea, both are a fantastic addition, joining St. Peters and helping local towers.

Sam is Oliver's elder brother, residing over in East Yorkshire with wife Sian, also a talented ringer and their three children.



Yorkshire Association

On Saturday 26 March 2022 in 2h 32

Armitage Bridge, West Yorkshire
St Paul's

Tenor : 9-2-20 in G

5040 Surprise Minor (7m)

720 each WQells, London,Norwich, Ipswich, Beverley,
Surfleet,Cambridge

- 1.Lorraine M Trebble
- 2.Alan M Trebble
- 3.Peter C Kirby
- 4.Alex M Austin (C)
- 5.Oliver M Austin (C)
- 6.Samuel M Austin

Rung to celebrate the 1st birthday of Martha Austin



Eco Matters

What do we do with the leftovers?

“After everyone had eaten all they wanted, Jesus' disciples picked up twelve large baskets of leftovers.” Matthew 14:20

The Feeding of the 5000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to be recorded in all four gospels, so it must be an important one. It speaks of God's generosity and God's ability to supply abundantly all that we need. But have you ever wondered what happened to those 12 baskets of leftovers? Did they feed them to the birds? Or perhaps take them to the next village and share them out there?



One thing I am pretty certain of is that they will not have simply been ‘thrown out’. (Where is ‘out’, by the way?) Wasting food was definitely not the done thing back then: “Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the children’s’ table.” *Mark 7:28*

Food waste today is a very different story. Some of it is wasted on farms, some in the production process, and some within our homes as we forget what is in the fridge or scrape leftovers into the bin.

Here are a few random facts about food waste for you, some of which really ‘boggled’ my mind:

- *30%-50% of food produced for human consumption is wasted annually*
- *The average family in Great Britain wastes nearly £60 a month by throwing away food, in some cases almost an entire meal a day*
- *Food waste that goes to landfill produces methane, a global warming gas much more harmful than carbon dioxide*
- *Food waste is responsible for 8% of global warming gases, about twice that of the aviation industry*
- *Food waste is responsible for over 170 trillion litres of water annually*

So what can we do to help address the problem? Here are my ‘top tips’:

1. Plan your meals and make a shopping list so that you buy only what will be eaten.
2. Deal with any leftovers you still have by investing in a suitable compost bin, if you have the space (No methane produced this way).
3. If you have a garden, grow some of your own vegetables and pick what you need as you need it.
4. Buy the ‘wonky’ fruit and veg which would otherwise be wasted. It’s often cheaper too.
5. If you have a smartphone then download the ‘OLIO’ app and offer the food you are not going to eat in time to other people (I once over-catered for a family gathering and was

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able to pass on a large tray of sandwiches and snacks this way).

By trying to reduce our food waste we can help to keep global warming as low as possible, save money, save water and almost certainly feed more people – as long as we remember to share.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if, by small changes to our habits, we could point the way to a well-fed, sustainable world –pointing the way to God's kingdom where all life flourishes.

Jan Goodair

Area Environment Champion, Leeds

The Big Plastic Count.

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

We're all doing our bit to recycle, but plastic waste is still everywhere. Something doesn't add up... and we need your help to prove it. Join The Big Plastic Count and help push the government, brands and supermarkets to take bold action to tackle the plastic crisis.

The idea is that you count your plastic use for one week, 16-22 May.

There are over 75,000 folk signed up including some of us in the Emmanuel Team. Why don't you join us?

May 2022 Readings and prayers

Sunday 1st May – Easter 3 – Acts 9: 1-6 and John 21: 1-19

Prayer for the Day

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Sunday 8th May – Easter 4 – Acts 9: 36-end and John 10: 22-30

Prayer for the Day

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. We praise you for the light and the peace with which you flood our lives and for the truth that makes each day worthwhile.

Sunday 15th May – Easter 5 – Acts 11: 1-18 and John 13: 31-35

Prayer for the Day

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Sunday 22nd May – Easter 6 – Acts 16: 9-15 and John 5: 1-9

Prayer for the Day (Collect)

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Sunday 29th May – Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension) Acts 16: 16-34 and John 17: 20-end

Prayer for the Day

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

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