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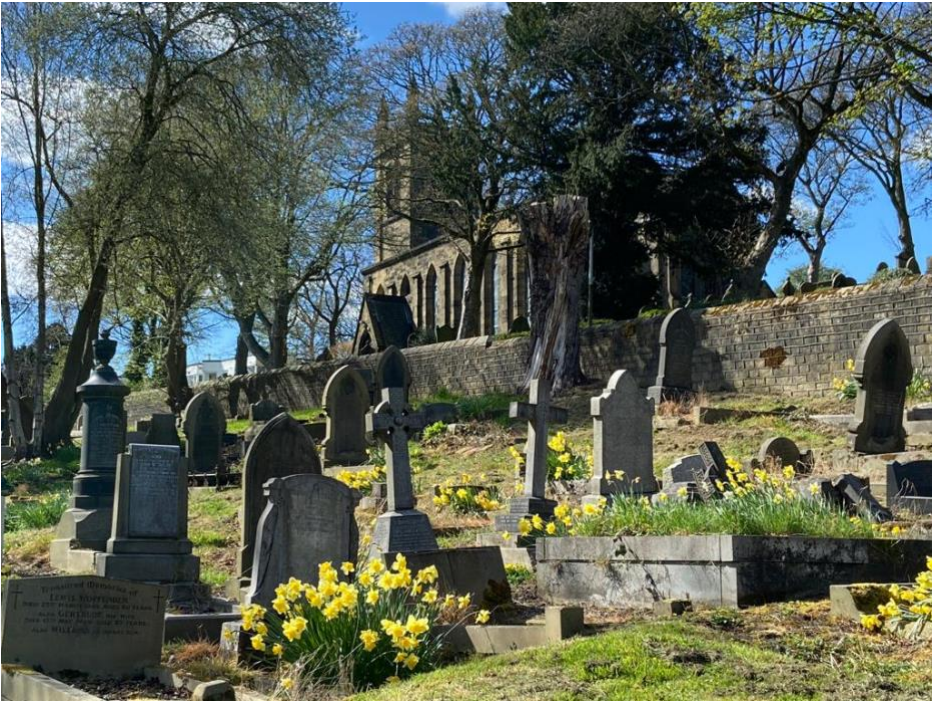
May 2023

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Diocese of Leeds

**The monthly magazine of the Emmanuel
Benefice, Berry Brow Methodist Church,
and Netherton Methodist Church.**



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May Church Services

- 7 May 10.00am Morning worship at Berry Brow Methodists
- 14 May 9.15am Holy Communion, St Paul's ,Armitage Bridge.
10.15am Morning worship at Netherton Methodists
10.30am Morning worship at Berry Brow Methodists
- 21 May 9.15am Holy Communion at South Crosland
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10.30am Morning worship at Berry Brow Methodists
- 28 May 10.00am Holy Communion Unity Service at South Crosland

May Mid Week Services

- 3 May 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton.
- 10 May 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton.
- 17 May Netherleigh, Butternab Road Beaumont Park.
- 24 May 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton.
- 31 May 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.

Dear Friends

April showers bring May flowers - and more vegetables and fruit, I hope, this year! I am writing this on the afternoon of Earth Day (April 22nd). This morning a good crowd (14 adults and youngsters) of our folk, plus Cllrs Karen Allison and Sue Lee-Richards, took part in a hugely rewarding litter pick. The photo of one of our two piles of rubbish with 5 of us will give you an idea of how much we have recovered. A lot of the bags contain recyclable aluminium cans. So thank you and well done everyone - you have done good service to the community. And helped wildlife by clearing their homes.

As we prepare for the Coronation of our King, it is a chance to reflect on what royalty is. I can't remember the late Queen's Coronation although my father had either me or my baby sister (now 70 years old) on his shoulders in the crowd that day. It is good that King Charles continues to have a strong sense of being a servant like his mother, whose little book "the Servant Queen and the God she serves" was given by us to many local schoolchildren. Royalty is not about entitlement but is a call to service, involving many hours of work, much "soft" diplomacy and visionary thinking.



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In King Charles' life, he as Prince of Wales became a fluent speaker of Welsh, he has been a great advocate of promoting the lives and ambitions of young people through the Prince's Trust and is a keen and knowledgeable environmentalist. He deserves our prayers as his mother did.

The day after the Coronation, on May 7th, our congregations are all coming together at 10am at Berry Brow Newsome Church to reflect on our King and our country in a special service. This will be followed by a street party, like the one we held for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth. You are all welcome - again we will be bringing our lunch and sharing in food and good company on what we hope will be a glorious early summer day! God save the King!

Throughout May, our church services continue to rejoice in resurrection joy and hope - we are in the Easter Season until Pentecost (Whitsunday) on 28th May. And the days get longer and more summery. Do come and join us at Stirley Community Farm YWT on May 14th, Rogation Sunday for our Big Blessing Open Air Service at 2pm. Bring photos of any animals you care for - there will be a chance to hold your photos and for your animals to be prayed for.

Our Risen Lord Jesus is the Servant King, and we are called to imitate him in the way we live our lives. May we all know our own call to service of God, neighbour and indeed the whole of creation.

Peace and all good,

Debby



**World Council
of Churches**

**PILGRIM PRAYER
THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE**

One of the recent weeks of this prayer cycle has included prayers from Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine. This book was published before the outbreak of the war between Russia and Ukraine, and they seem to me particularly relevant to us now. You may like to use them in a weekly cycle:

DAY 1

Christ, our God,
sun of righteousness,
by your divine touch
you gave light to the eyes of the blind man
who had been deprived of light since birth.
Enlighten also the eyes of our souls,
and make us sons and daughters of light
so that we cry out to you in faith:
great and beyond words is your compassion towards us!
Loving Lord, glory to you!

DAY 2

Prayer of St Seraphim of Sarov

Lord, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.
There is no way to measure my sin; have mercy on me.
Lord, forgive the many times I disobey thee.
Master, I bow down before thy cross and glorify thy resurrection.
Lord, when I seen in what I say and do, have mercy on me because of thy great compassion.

DAY3

Prayer at the beginning of the day

Oh lord, grant to me to greet the coming day in peace.
Help me in all things to rely upon your holy will.
In every hour of the day reveal your world to me.
Bless my dealings with all who surround me

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Teach me to treat all comes to me.

throughout the day.

with peace of soul,

and with firm conviction that you will governs all.

In all my deeds and words guide my thoughts and feelings.

In unforeseen events let me not forget that all are sent by you.

Teach me to act firmly and wisely,

without embittering and embarrassing others.

Give me the strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day

with all that it shall bring.

Direct my will, teach me to pray, pray you yourself in me. Amen.

DAY4

Come, my light, and illumine my darkness.

Come, my life, and revive me from death.

Come, my physician, and heal my wounds.

Come, flame of divine love, and burn up the thorn of my sins,

kindling my heart, with the flame of your love.

Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there.

For you alone are my King and my Lord.

DAY 5

Prayer for enemies

Lord Jesus Christ,

You commanded us to love our enemies,

and those who defame and injure us,

and to pray for them and forgive them.

You are yourself prayed for your enemies, who crucified you:

Grant us, we pray, the spirit of Christian reconciliation and meekness,

that we may heartily forgive every injury and be reconciled with our enemies.

Grant has to overcome the malevolence and offences of people

with Christian meekness and true love of our neighbour.

DAY 6

We further beseech you, O Lord,

To grant to our enemies true peace and forgiveness of sins;
and do not allow them to leave this life
without true faith and sincere conversion.
And help us repay evil with goodness,
and to remain safe from the temptations of the devil,
And from all the perils which threaten us,
in the form of visible and invisible enemies.

DAY 7

Will you enlighten me so that I can recognise your light and perceive your love?
My God, give me a heart to love you and eyes to see you.
Give me ears to hear your voice and lips to speak about you.
Give me taste to appreciate you, the sense of smell to catch your perfume.
Give me hands to touch you and feet to follow you.
On earth, and in heaven, I desire only you, my God.
You are my soul desire, my consolation, the end of all anguish and suffering.

Jeremy

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 next coffee morning will take place on 13 May 2023 at 10.00am.

Stella

Diary Dates

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| 3 May | Reminder South Crosland Womans Society will join 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. Everyone Welcome. |
| 20 May: | Final date for copy June Focus, 12 Noon.
Items received after this time will probably miss the cut. |

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Thirty Sixth Art and Craft Exhibition – 2023

This will be held at St. Paul's Church: Armitage Bridge from Thursday to Saturday, 8th-10th June 2023 and the opening times are:

Thursday and Friday - 2pm to 4pm and 7pm-9pm
Saturday - 10am to 4pm

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, 6th June 2023 between 2pm and 8pm.**

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, 10th June 2023 between 4.45pm and 5.30pm.**

Entry forms are now available from Armitage Bridge Church, Huddersfield Library at the Civic Centre and Calder Graphics or alternatively you can visit our Facebook page via @armitagebridgeart or the Emmanuel Team website www.theemmanuelteam.org.uk

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

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

CORONATION
big lunch

You are cordially invited to:

A (possibly indoor) PICNIC
To Celebrate
**THE CORONATION OF
KING CHARLES III**

WHICH WILL FOLLOW THE 10 O'CLOCK SERVICE
ON 7TH MAY

Children's activities 12 noon Quizzes
at Games

Berry Brow Methodist Church
Birch Road HD4 7LP

Tea/coffee/juice available.

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Christian Aid Service

At St. Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge.

Sunday, May 14th at 9.15am.

This will be followed by a breakfast, including:

Bacon and sausage sandwiches or

Beans on toast.

For a lighter snack enjoy coffee and a cake.

If the service is too early for you, or you wish to attend another church service, feel free to join us from 10.15am.

Last orders by 12noon please.

All profits to Christian Aid.

The Great Global Clean-up comes to Armitage Bridge.

To celebrate Earth Day 2023, a group from St Paul's, Holy Trinity and the local councillors spent a few hours cleaning the area of rubbish. This was part of the Great Global Clean-up initiative.

Litter pickers and bin bags were distributed, and we hit the streets! In all, there were nearly 20 of us involved throughout the morning; We covered the area around St Paul's, Stockwell Vale and the riverbank where accessible, the route to Holme Park flats, the woodland on Carriage Drive; and worst of all, the land at the bottom of Wingate and behind the shops.

We removed over 20 bags of rubbish from the general area. Our enthusiastic collectors collected not only the standard waste you'd expect but also 75 litres (approx 15 gallons) of used engine oil, bits from a car, a toilet seat and over ten bags of beer cans! We segregated the cans and all took some home. Katherine had a great time trying to get our haul in our recycling bin.

Thank you to everyone who came along and Debby, Andrew, Karen and Sue for keeping us on track!

Chris



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Focus

We are using new printers for Focus and as you can imagine there are one or two teething problems during the transition. I will strive to get each issue to churches for the last Sunday of the month but this may not always be possible.

You can be assured of receiving your copy digitally though. Just email me at rsouten@gmail.com and I will add your name to the email list.

Copies are emailed 'blind' so no-one sees one another's email address. The digital copy often runs to more pages as we are not constricted by the vagaries of printing. Of course, the photos are in wonderful technicolour too.

You can also download Focus from the Emmanuel team website <https://www.theemmanuelteam.org.uk> and from a Church Near You . <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18055>

Rena

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga with Laura on Tuesdays, 2.00pm until 2.45pm.



Armitage Bridge Ringers

We were recently handed a document from a friend of ours who is currently studying in Birmingham. These papers related to a striking competition which took place in Huddersfield on 25 September 1865. Rebecca was given this historical record by the ringers of St Martins in the Bull Ring to pass on to us. As can be seen the prize money was a not insignificant amount for the times; this is reflected in the strict rules and 'test' piece to be rung. Kent Treble Bob would have been popular at the time and to ring either 1600 or 2,000 changes would have taken the best part of 2 hours.

One could ask how this "Trial of Skill on 10 bells" ended up in a cupboard in Birmingham. We can only assume that a team from St Martins entered the competition. We do not know who took part or what the result was. We have approached the Editor of the Examiner to see if they have any records of this in their files.

Gentlemen composing the Honorary Committee.

Mr. F. BRIERLEY,	Mr. A. BROOK,
Mr. STANSFIELD,	Mr. J. E. BEAUMONT,
Mr. J. BROOK,	Mr. A. ANDERSON,
Mr. T. A. BOTTOMLEY,	Mr. H. WILLIAMSON,
Mr. J. B. WALKER,	Mr. JOE WOOD,
Mr. R. GARNER,	Mr. GEORGE MILNES,
Mr. A. SPIVEY,	Mr. J. T. WIGNEY,
Mr. G. TAYLOR,	Mr. J. ARMITAGE,
Mr. H. WIGNEY,	Mr. D. SCHOFIELD.

Each Company will be allowed Three Treble Leads for a practice on the 25th September, when they enter the tower to ring for the Prizes.

The Entrance Money—5s. for each Company—will be required to be sent in on or before the 18th September, or otherwise they will not be allowed to ring.

Joint Companies will be allowed; but no person to ring with more than one Company.

The Ballot for priority of ringing will take place at Seven o'clock in the morning; and any Company not being ready to enter the tower when called upon, will be left over till the last.

The Committee will sit at the house of Mr. George Shaw, the Ramsden's Arms Inn, Cross Church Street, where the Ballot will take place.

Each Company will have four full pulls for each Bell, commencing at the Treble, and so on in rotation to the Tenor. Any Company exceeding four full pulls for each Bell, will have ten faults put on for every full pull over.

After each man has had his four pulls, two minutes will be allowed for round ringing, and then ring the three leads, to stand at the full pull after the single, then two minutes will be allowed for round ringing before commencing the peal, to stand at the end of the peal, the full pull after single.

If a rope strips the wheel and the Bell will not come back, the Company ringing will be allowed to commence again, and no faults taken up to the time the accident happened; but if the Bell comes back again, and the man cannot get into the peal again, the Company will be disqualified.

If two Bells change places and are put right in the same course before reaching the course end, the peal will be considered true; but if not, the peal will be considered false, and the Company disqualified to the Prizes.

One competent man from the Huddersfield Company, along with a Conductor from the other Companies, will sit in the tower with each Company, and Conductors will have to sit in the following order, viz; the last but one with the first, the last with second, the first with third, the second with fourth, the third with fifth, and so in rotation, any Conductor not entering the tower with the Company he is named for, his Company will have 50 faults put on.

Any Company not ringing through their Peal, and the Conductor refusing to enter the tower with the Company he is named to go in with, his Company will be disqualified to all moneys.

If any Company has a mistake during their Peal, and four clear belis cannot be heard out of the ten, 10 faults will be put on for every change, as long as it continues.

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If any difference arises in the tower, the two men who are in at the time are responsible, and their word decisive.

After the ringing is over, and faults added up, the number of faults, and the names of the Companies to whom the Prizes are awarded, will be read out of the window of the Ramsden's Arms Inn, and the money distributed to the Conductor of each Company by the Committee in the same house.

These Rules and Regulations are sent out to avoid the inconvenience of reading them on the day of the contest, and will be strictly adhered to. Should any of them not be distinctly understood, it is particularly requested that enquiries should be made, on or before the day of entrance.

Our bells are in good condition. Weight of Tenor 18 cwt.

It is most particularly desired that all Companies who may enter for the Prizes, will conduct themselves with the strictest propriety, so as to give satisfaction to all concerned.

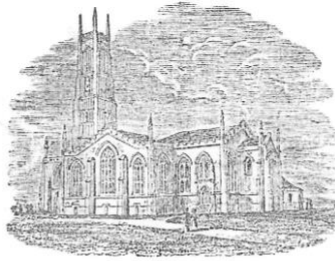
All communications and entrance money must be forwarded to Mr. John Garner, 39, West Parade, Huddersfield.

Being only for one day, we shall want to have the first Company ringing by a few minutes after Seven o'clock, a.m.

We remain,

Yours respectfully,

THE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS, HUDDERSFIELD.



A TRIAL OF SKILL
IN THE
Art of Change Ringing upon Ten Bells.

GENTLEMEN,

We respectfully inform you that a Trial of Skill in the art of Change Ringing, upon Ten Bells, will take place in the Tower of St. Peter's Church, Huddersfield, on Monday, the 25th day of September, 1865, when the following Prizes will be awarded for the best True Peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal, consisting of 2,000 Changes—or 1,600 Changes—according to the number of Companies that may enter:—

		2,000	THE PEAL.	1,600	THE PEAL.		
		M. W. H.			M. W. H.		
1st Prize,	Twelve Guineas	64352	1 . 1	62534	2 1 2		
2nd "	Nine "	52436	1 2 2	54326	1 1 2		
3rd "	Six "	54326	. 1 2	23456	. 2 2		
4th "	Three "	23456	. 2 2				

A Sum of Money will be given to each Company that does not obtain any of the above Prizes, as the Committee may think proper.

Our Bells will be open for practice up to 10th September, on Saturdays and Sundays; but no practice will be allowed on Saturdays after Seven o'clock.

Lorraine and Alan Trebble

May 2023 Readings and prayers

Sunday 7th May – Easter 5 - Acts 7: 55-60 and John 14: 1-14

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 14th May - Easter 6 - Acts 17: 22-31 and John 14: 15-21

Prayer for the Day - 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 21st May - Sunday after Ascension Day - Acts 1: 6-14 and John 17: 1-11

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.

Sunday 28th May - Pentecost - Acts 2: 1-21 and John 7: 37-39

Prayer for Today - Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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