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



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Diocese of Leeds



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November Church Services

5 th November	9.15am Holy Communion at South Crosland 10.00am Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church 10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
12 th November	Remembrance Services 9.15am Holy Communion at South Crosland 9.15am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge 10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
19 th November	9.15am Holy Communion at South Crosland 10.00am Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church 10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
26 th November	9.15am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge 10.00am Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church 10.30am Morning Worship at Berry Brow Methodist Church
3 rd December	9.15am Christingle service at South Crosland 10am Morning Worship at Netherton Methodist Church 10.30am Holy Communion at Berry Brow Methodist Church

November Mid Week Services

1 November	42 Beaumont Park Road, Beaumont Park.
8 November	Netherleigh, Butternab Road Beaumont Park.
15 November	11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton.
22 November	Netherleigh, Butternab Road Beaumont Park.
29 November	42 Beaumont Park Road, Beaumont Park

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.

Rector's Ramblings

Some of our best evenings are spent reminiscing with family or old friends, perhaps with a drink in hand, laughing over our shared memories, and wondering at how much and yet how little life has changed. There is something comforting and transforming about looking back at the past: what once felt like a stressful predicament has now become an anecdote that makes you smile. Remembering casts a light on our past, and so helps us to make sense of who we are in the present. November is a month for remembering. It begins with All Saints' Day, when we remember past heroes of our faith, and All Souls', where we remember the lives of all who have died. We 'remember, remember' the fifth of November with fireworks and toffee apples. Then comes Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, when we remember the lives lost in war and the horrors of conflict. People of faith are especially accustomed to remembering. Each Sunday we gather to call to mind Jesus' death and resurrection, breaking bread and sharing wine in fulfilment of Jesus' commandment to 'do this in remembrance of me'. This practice of recollecting what God has done is rooted in the Jewish tradition. When, in the book of Exodus, God institutes the festival of Passover, it is given as a 'day of remembrance' for the people of Israel, forever reminding them of their liberation from Egypt. To this day, when Jews gather for the Passover Seder, the story is recounted again, passed down to the next generation.

By holding onto our history, we find our identity. Our acts of remembrance – All Saints' Day, Remembrance Sunday, the Eucharist – are not simply times to recall past events, in the way we might recall what the weather was like last week. Such occasions can, at their best, allow us not only to enter into the experiences of the past, but to see how they can speak to us in the present and beckon us towards a better future. How do the lives of the saints inspire us to lead faithful lives in the modern world? How should our recollection of past conflicts on Remembrance Sunday inform our response to the war in Ukraine and the Gaza Strip? How does our memorial of God's generosity through Jesus, who shares himself in bread and wine, call us to show generosity to those suffering in the cost-of-living crisis?

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But if people of faith are especially accustomed to remembering, we are also especially vulnerable to its dangers. It is all too easy to become nostalgic and remember how “we always did it this way”. We ask why do things have to change? But things do have to change if we are to survive, and history can help us to see that if we use it properly.

As you may know I am moving on at the end of December and things here will change. But if the opportunity is used well, it will be all for the good; because as you move forward you have an opportunity to grow closer together as churches and as brothers and sisters in Christ. I have loved every moment of being here and have seen just how easily you all adapt to change and how willing you are to try new things. I have also experienced the love and support that you have given me, and it has been a joy and a privilege to serve you all as your Rector. I am moving on because I believe that God has another job for me to do, in helping 4 other churches to come together as you do and realise that they are one family. I am both sad and excited all at the same time. I hope that when you remember me and my time here it will be with fondness and a smile and please know that you will all be in my prayers as you discover what God has in store for you all. My last working day here will be Christmas Day, but my celebration service will be on Sunday 17th December followed by a shared lunch. You are all invited to come along and celebrate my time here.

Always remember that our past should guide us, but we cannot let it control us. Be open to what God is saying and allow him to show you the way. When we take time to remember all that God has done, we are reminded that the God who has been ‘our help in ages past’, is also ‘our hope for years to come’. May the next few months, with all of its mixed emotions – a time of both sorrow and thankfulness – be for all of us a time of listening and acting on God’s plan and let us look into the future with hope.

Julie.

Dear Friends,

I know I can count on you to pray for world issues. This month we are hoping that you will pray for the warfare in the Middle East and for the next climate conference this time in Dubai.

Please don't stop praying for Ukraine and for a change of heart and mindset for Putin and the Russians.

Thank you

Debby

ISRAEL and GAZA

We will all be praying daily for the current conflict in Israel and Gaza and mindful of how it could spread across the Middle East and beyond. This prayer comes from the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem. In the words of Archbishop Hosam, with people around the world, we pray:

O God of all justice and peace

we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering;

we pray for people of all faiths –

Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace,

we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom

where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children

for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

COP28

The 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of the Parties of the UNCCC, more commonly referred to as **COP28**, will be the 28th United Nations Climate Change conference, held from November 30 until December 12, 2023, at the Expo City, Dubai. It is important that we pray for this.

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Here is a prayer for the COP28 climate summit to be held in Dubai

God of blessings, the universe sings of your glory.

Deepen our gratitude for all you have made
and awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.

Inspire world leaders at COP28, with openness
to listen to those most affected by climate change
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed and restored
and all people & generations to come, may delight in it. Amen.

Community Charity shop, Newsome

Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way in contributing to the pop-up shop on 30th September. It was a resounding success, with lots of happy customers clutching their bargains, eating bacon butties and chatting to friends and neighbours. After costs, we managed to add £650 to the Community Shop funds and the Explorer scouts made over £200 on refreshments.

The next pop-up shop will be held at Newsome Scout Hut on Saturday 11th November, 10am-1pm.

The November event will be a Christmas Special Shop, with all things Christmas – trees, lights, cards, gifts, party clothes, Christmas jumpers, handbags, shoes etc. There will also be books, DVDs, bric-a-brac, picture frames, jigsaws, games etc on sale, all at bargain prices. By popular demand, the Explorer scouts will once again be providing bacon butties, cakes and tea & coffee.

Get the date in your diary! Come and grab your Christmas bargains and enjoy some fellowship over delicious refreshments!

Caroline Jones



Remembrance Sunday 12th November



There will be 4 services of Remembrance this year in our [communities](#)

Rev Debby Plummer will be at Armitage Bridge at 9.15am

Rev David Kent will be at South Crosland at 9.15am

Netherton Methodist Church will be holding a service at 10am

Rev Julie Anderson will be at Berry Brow Methodist Church at 10.30am with the uniformed organisations.

It's almost time to make your poppies to go in the window to show our thanks and commitment to the memory of those who have died in war. They should be displayed for the whole of November. Perhaps you have a child or [grand-child](#) who could draw one for you and colour it in or maybe you are a dab hand at making things and could make one for your window and perhaps offer one to a neighbour.



It is always good to show our appreciation of people who have dedicated their lives to improving ours and I hope by displaying a poppy of hope we will do just that and give thanks to all those who fought for our freedom!!

Julie

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Coffee Mornings

Holy Trinity Church holds a coffee morning on the second Saturday of each month at South Crosland Junior School, Moor Lane, Netherton. The proceeds raised at the October coffee morning were £164.60.

The next coffee morning will take place on 11 November 2023 at 10.00am. Many thanks for all the raffle prizes donated and the helpers.

Stella

Shoebox appeal 2023

Lots of you have already taken a wrapped shoebox and explanatory leaflet for this year's shoebox appeal and have contributed to postage costs and fillers.

Thank you!

The Christmas shoebox appeal coordinated by T4U (Teams for You) will be going ahead as normal in November 2023 at St James' church, Meltham Mills. It will be open 6-24 November for us to deliver and process your boxes, so I would be grateful if you could get them to me by Sunday 12th November (Remembrance Sunday) at the latest. 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
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**Advent is time when we prepare ourselves for
Christmas**

We want to celebrate this journey together

So why not come and join us for our

Christingle Service



Sunday 3rd December 2023

At South Crosland Church

9.15am



**It is a chance to come together and thank God for
sending Jesus to be the light of the world!**

Diary Dates

11 November: Pop up shop in the Scout Hut at Newsome, 10.00am

18 November: Final date for copy December Focus, 12 Noon.

Items received after this time will probably miss the cut.

Armitage Bridge Ringers

St Mary's, East Bergholt

Like everyone else “covid” restrictions had curbed plans over the last few years, birthdays and anniversaries had all gone by with very little family celebration. This year it was arranged to have a holiday in Suffolk where 15 family members could get together to enjoy a week’s holiday in beautiful surroundings. As luck would have it Taylors Bell Foundry just happened to be servicing the ring of 5 bells at St. Mary’s church in East Bergholt during that week and David Pygott kindly invited us to go along and have a look.

East Bergholt is situated in the south of the county about 10 miles southwest of Ipswich off the A12 in the middle of Constable Country (Flatford Mill is about 2 miles further south). The Constable family tomb is in the churchyard where Constables parents are interred, the artist himself is buried in Hampstead cemetery in London.

What is unique about the 5 bells at St Mary’s is that they are housed in a “Bell Cage” in the churchyard and not in a bell tower, the bells are rung not by a rope



and wheel but by force of hand on large wooden headstocks. Christians have worshipped on this site for over 1,000 years, the current building started in about 1350 and was completed in 1550, however one vital part of the church was missing – a bell tower.

The building of a tower was started in 1525 with help promised from Cardinal Wolsey, however due to his demise shortly afterwards work was stopped in 1530. A temporary cage was erected in 1531 to house the bells. Originally situated in the eastern end of the churchyard the cage and bells were moved and rebuilt in the 17th century at the expense of Mr. Joseph Chaplin, as the noise was disliked by the family at Old Hall.

These cages are not unknown, but East Bergholt is the only place where the bells are rung by force of hand directly to the bell via a wooden blue coloured headstock attached to the bell with hand holes to enable the ringer (complete with ear defenders) to operate it. Unfortunately, due to current Health and Safety regulations the cage is not generally open to the public and you must be trained on site to be able to ring them. This means that Mr Trebble has not had the pleasure of having a go, BUT Mrs Trebble has, on a school field trip in 1976, staying in “Willie Lott’s Cottage” at Flatford.



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These are the heaviest ring of 5 bells currently being rung in England, the weight of the tenor bell (largest) is listed as 1ton. 6cwt. 0qtr. 8lb has a diameter of 4ft 6ins, manufactured by John Stephens of Norwich in 1727. The combined weight of the bells is around 4.1/4 tons or 4,400 kilos and are hung in an oak frame. Essential work to the cage in 1972 meant the bells had to be removed, being then rehung on ball bearings, further maintenance, H and S requirements was carried out during 2000/20001.

Ringling takes place in the summer months on a Wednesday evening and for Sunday Service.

Lorraine and Alan

A Warm Space



South Huddersfield Churches Together
extend

A WARM WELCOME TO **ALL**

at



Berry Brow Church and Community Centre
Birch Road, HD4 7LP

Every Tuesday from 12.30—3.30 pm from

6th December to March 28th

A light lunch will be available, hot drinks throughout the afternoon and there will be facilities for card and board games or to sit and chatter and stay warm.

Want to know more? Contact Carol on 07740425093 or Pam Kent 07949810088

Lifts available—give us a call.

No Charge! (but donations welcome if you are able)

With thanks to the Ahmadhiyya Muslim Community for their support.

Support your local community and visit
the

Together

Christmas Pop Up Shop

Newsome Scout Hut

Saturday 11th November

Raffle!

10am – 1 pm



Following the success
Of the previous 3 events
Newsome Charity Shop
are hosting another
Pop Up Shop!



Newsome Explorer Scouts
raising funds offering
light refreshments including—
bacon butties!

Recycle

**Save the
Environment**

Grab some Bargains!

Free Entry

Local churches working together

Contact 07740425093

Film Café

At **Berry Brow Methodist
Church**



**Saturday
November 18th
Start: 2 p.m.**

**Come along for a family
friendly film,
with light refreshments for
all ages.**

**Free admission
Donations welcome**



Contact 07740425093



NOW AVAILABLE

FREE COFFEE CHAFF



Our coffee starts its life as a coffee cherry which has a few layers to be removed to reveal the coffee bean.

They are then shipped to us as green or unroasted beans and still have one layer, a silver skin, which is then removed during roasting.

Our roastery produces up to 5 big bags of this skin, also known as chaff, after each day of production, so to reduce our waste and pass on its benefits to the local community, we will now be offering a collection service for this useful byproduct.

To be added to our list for a free bag of coffee chaff, please send an email to bfg@bewleys.co.uk and we will let you know when you can collect this from our roastery.

Benefits and Uses:

- **Fertilising your garden**

It is rich in nitrogen and can improve soils quality and plant growth.

- **Composting**

Can be added to compost pile to create organic matter for your garden.

- **Repelling insects and pests**

It has a strong smell that can deter ants, snails, slugs and other pests.

- **Neutralising odours**

It can absorb and eliminate unpleasant smells from your fridge, car, shoes, or rubbish bins.

- **Exfoliating skin**

Can be mixed with oil or soap to create natural scrub.



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A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX CONCERT

HONLEY LADIES CHOIR

WITH SIMEON WOOD



TICKETS £ 10

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 7PM
ST JAMES' CHURCH, MELTHAM MILLS



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
DIMPS BY VILLI HAIRDRESSERS MELTHAM
OR SHOEBOX TEAM MEMBERS

November 2023 Readings and prayers

Sunday 5th November 4th Sunday before Advent & All Saints

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 and Matthew 24: 1-14

Prayer for the Day - God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 12th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent & Remembrance Sunday

Micah 4: 1-5 or Ephesians 6: 10-18 & 23-24 and Matthew 25: 1-13

Prayer for the Day – God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 19th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 and Matthew 24: 14-30

Prayer for the Day - Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 26th November – Christ the King – Ephesians 1: 15-end and Matthew 25: 31-end

Prayer for the Day - God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

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