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Minister's Letter

At the end of September, Fulneck will be reading the whole of the Bible together (see article). But what exactly is the Bible, and what does it mean to Moravians?

The Bible contains the sacred scriptures of Christianity. It is made up of the Old Testament (the Hebrew Bible) written in ancient Israel, and the New Testament, which is from the time of the early Christian movement. The Hebrew Bible is also sacred to Judaism, and the whole of the Bible is sacred for Islam (though not of the same status as the Koran).

The books of the Bible were not sacred when they were written. Paul would probably have been amazed to know that his letters would become sacred scripture. To speak of something as sacred means that it has a special status within a religious community. The Bible contains the primary writings that define who we are in relation to God, as a community and as individuals. The Bible has shaped us and will continue to shape us.

The first five books of the Hebrew Bible (known as the Law, Torah or Pentateuch) were regarded as sacred by about 400 BC. The second part (the Prophets) had achieved sacred status by about 200 BC. The third part (the Writings) completed the canon of the Hebrew Bible by about 100 BC. For the New Testament, the process took about three centuries. Though most of the documents were written by 100 AD, the first list of the twenty-seven canonical books is from 367 AD.

Christians throughout history have referred to the Bible as the "Word of God". The stories and traditions contained in the Bible communicate the character and will of God. Modern scholarship often focuses on historical study of the Bible, as setting passages in their ancient context enables us to understand them better and see meanings that would otherwise remain hidden, allowing the Bible to speak with its own voice. However,

the Bible can also be the means by which the Spirit of God speaks to us in the present.

"The Moravian Church recognises the Word of the Cross as the centre of Holy Scripture and of all preaching of the Gospel and it sees it primary mission, and its reason for being, to consist in bearing witness to this joyful message." (The Ground of the Unity, #4)

Until about five hundred years ago, the Bible could be read only by the few people who knew Latin, Greek or Hebrew and who had access to expensive handwritten manuscripts. Two developments changed this. In the middle of the fifteenth century the printing press was invented. Less than a hundred years later, largely because of the Protestant Reformation, the Bible was translated into contemporary languages.

The Unitas Fratrum (the ancient Moravian Church) was involved in making the Bible more accessible to ordinary people in the Czech lands. Bishop Jan Blahoslav translated the New Testament into Czech in 1564. Between 1579 and 1588, the Old Testament was published in five volumes, and a revision of Blahoslav's New Testament was added in 1593. In addition to the Biblical text, the original six volume edition contained historical introductions and interpretative notes. A single volume edition, without the introductions and notes, was first published in 1596, revised in 1613, and became the standard Czech translation used by not only the Unity but all the Protestant churches. The Bibles were printed on the Unity's printing press at Kralice and so the translation became known as the Kralice Bible.

Following the Thirty Years War, which ended in 1648, Protestantism was outlawed, the Unity's printing press was destroyed, and copies of the Kralice Bible were burned. However, a few copies survived, and were used in the recovery of the Czech language during the nineteenth century. There are copies of the original six volume edition in the Moravian archives at Herrnhut in Germany and Bethlehem in Pennsylvania. 2018 is the 425th anniversary of it first being published.

In Essentials: Unity; In Non-Essentials: Liberty; In All Things: Love

Fulneck News and Notices

Renovated Canopy

The canopy above the Boys' Brigade Building entrance is looking good, thanks to renovation work done by Ivor Raistrick.



Baptism

Jemima Olivia Baines, daughter of Jenny and Andrew, and sister of Hannah, was baptised on Sunday 24th June.

Funerals

We have lost two much loved and respected members of the congregation in the last few weeks.

Sr Audrey Spanton passed away on 15th May. Her funeral took place in church on Monday 4th June at 2pm followed by refreshments at the Golf Club. Our thoughts and prayers are with Br Chris and Br David.

Sr Betty Throup passed away on 15th June. Her funeral was in church on Tuesday 26th June at 11am followed by refreshments at the Golf Club. Our thoughts and prayers are with Anne and Richard and the rest of the family.

Afternoon Teas

Wednesdays, 2pm to 4pm

The Afternoon Teas are a valuable fundraiser as well as an opportunity for fellowship mid-week. They will only be a success with your help. Sr Janet Newton is coordinating the teas and needs volunteers each week to prepare and serve. There is a list in the Bell Room for this. We also need you to come along when you can and to let family and friends know that we are open again on Wednesdays. Thank you.

New Member

At the Lovefeast and Communion service on 1st July we will be welcoming Br Ian Haggas into the congregation.

Summer Health Walks

This summer we will be having a series of Monday evening health walks, one every three weeks. Each walk will start outside the

Boys' Brigade at 7pm, last for up to an hour covering a mix of terrain, and will end back at the Boys' Brigade with refreshments. The dates are 2nd July, 23rd July, 13th August, 3rd September. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.



Café Church

Sunday 2nd September, 10.30am in the BB

Would you like to lead the next Café Church in September? It may be that you want to get a small

group together and do something on a particular theme. If you are interested, please speak to Br Newman, who has lots of resources available that might be useful. Thank you.





**HERITAGE OPEN DAY—SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018
PEACE AT LAST**

By September our fabulous poppy arrangements will be ready for display around the balcony to commemorate 100 years since the ending of WW1.

On Heritage Day we will revisit the fascinating and moving stories of soldiers known to Fulneck members. There will also be displays relating to events following the peace treaty, especially medical developments.

During the day there will be readings of James Connor's letters written from the trenches. The museum has new displays of Benjamin Henry Latrobe and Charles Nelson, both Fulneck born architects. The parlour in the museum has had a make-over and has been renamed the 'Nelson Victorian parlour'. A mystery trail of toy dogs will appeal to the children.

The refreshments are a huge and appreciated factor of the day and I hope that everyone will help by baking cakes, donating food-stuffs or donating money. It was a great help last year to have the sandwiches already made on the day. Sister Gillian Butterill will be in contact with people making sandwiches. Requests for food donations will be put up in the bell room nearer the time.

Music is an important feature of the day and Br. Lindley will be playing on the church organ whilst Br. Porter will be in the Boys Brigade playing WW1 favourites. Activities for children will be on offer too. The archives and tours around the settlement continue to be enjoyed, contributing to an informative and pleasant experience for our visitors.

During August, a list for volunteers will be put up as usual. I will also be organising a day or evening when we can put together the poppy displays for in church. I am grateful for all your support and generosity which ensures the day goes well. Thankyou.

Sr. Myra Dickinson



**FULNECK
MORAVIAN MUSEUM**

OPENS ON

WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL 2018

2 - 4PM



**EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY 2-4PM
UNTIL
8TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

**NEW EXHIBITION OF TWO FULNECK
ARCHITECTS**

**Tours contact tours@fulneck.org.uk
www.fulneck.org.uk**

Fulneck Reads the Bible

30th September to 7th October

In the autumn, we are going to have a week when Fulneck is going to read the whole of the Bible. This might sound like a huge undertaking, but in actual fact, reading it all out loud takes about 70 hours. We will begin with a special service on the evening of Sunday 30th September and end at the All Age Worship on Sunday 7th October. In between, people will be assigned different passages to read and between us, by the end of the week, someone will have read every verse of the whole Bible.

This is something that everyone can take part in. It doesn't matter where or when you read your passages, or what translation you use, as long as it is done during that week. Over the summer we will be asking for volunteers so that we can allocate the passages. The school have also been invited to take part.

If you would like to know more, please speak Br Newman or Allison Turner, who is helping to organise this event having done something similar before at another church.

Gomersal News and Notices

Spring and Summer

Wellbeing Wednesdays at Gomersal Moravian Church

Walking for Health

45-60 minute walk, dogs on lead welcome, followed by refreshments

4th July at 10.30am



Julian Meeting

30 minutes of silent contemplation, followed by refreshments

11th July at 10.30am



Walk and Yoga

for all abilities, includes refreshments (charge of £4 per session)

18th July at 10.00am

Carpet Bowls

for all abilities, includes refreshments

25th July at 10.30am

Gomersal Moravian Church

Plants

Beat the Garden Centre prices and get your plants from us this year



Order forms available at the back of church or speak to Mary Horsfall on 01274 873278

Profits to the Building Fund
Registered Charity Number 251211

Missions Sunday—Sunday 1st July



At both of our services on the 1st of July (don't forget that the Lovefeast and Communion has been moved forward because of Synod) we will be collecting for Moravian missions. There are stickers at the back of church for you to stick onto your chosen container ready to collect either for this year, or to start collecting for next year. The money raised goes to support Moravian projects around the world. Sr Lesley Thompson will receive the money and when it has all been collected and counted it will be sent down to Church House. Thank you for your help.

Wedding

Congratulations to David and Denise Horsfall who were married in church on Saturday 9th June.



Upper Room

The far end of the Upper Room was in danger of becoming a dumping ground but has now been cleared and tidied. Please help us to keep it that way by only storing items that will definitely be used again. Thank you.

Church Anniversary Sunday 22nd July



Revd Ralph Davidson will be leading our family worship. Following the service, it is our gift day and anniversary lunch. There is a list at the back of church for donations to the lunch.

General Notices

Yorkshire District Special Meeting



Mission *Exploration* Evening *

Do you have a passion to share the Gospel?

Do you have thoughts and ideas to share?

The Moravian Church has a rich history and heritage. We have so much to offer. The question that we should all engage with is how are we to share the Gospel message and something of our church with those around us?

Let us explore the answer together.

Starting with a blank piece of paper we would like to invite you to start this process.

When: Monday 10th September, 7.30pm

Where: Lower Wyke, in the church

Calendar (1 of 2)

July

Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Fulneck	Junior Church Festival All Age Worship led by Br T Auty
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br R Hopcroft
Monday 2 nd	7.00pm	Fulneck	Summer Health Walk
Wednesday 4 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Junior School Speech Day in Church
	7.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Committee in the BB
Thursday 5 th	7.30pm	Fulneck	MWA
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Friday 6 th to Monday 9 th	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
		Provincial	Provincial Synod at The Hayes, Swanwick
Saturday 7 th	2.00am	Gomersal	Prayer Watch (until 11.00am)
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 8 th	12.00am	Fulneck	Prayer Watch (until 10.00pm)
	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br I Haggas
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr D Thornton
Tuesday 10 th	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee in the Vestry
Wednesday 11 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
	7.45pm	Gomersal	MWA
Thursday 12 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 14 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
Wednesday 18 th	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
Thursday 19 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 21 st	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Church Anniversary Service led by Br R Davidson
Monday 23 rd	7.00pm	Fulneck	Summer Health Walk
	7.30pm	Fulneck	History Meeting at the home of Sr V Hayton
Tuesday 24 th	7.30pm	Gomersal	Church Committee in Church
Wednesday 25 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Carpet Bowls
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
	7.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Study at the home of Sr H Smith
Thursday 26 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 28 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 29 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br P Gubi
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br T Auty

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August

Wednesday 1 st	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
Thursday 2 nd	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
Saturday 4 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sat 4 th to Sat 11 th		Provincial	Summer Camp at Dovedale House, Ilam
Sunday 5 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship and Communion led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by
Wednesday 8 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
Thursday 9 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Saturday 11 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 12 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br G Mallinson
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
Monday 13 th	7.00pm	Fulneck	Summer Health Walk
Wednesday 15 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
Thursday 16 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Saturday 18 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 19 th	10.30am	Ful & Gom	Unit Service at Gomersal led by Br M Newman
Wednesday 22 nd	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
Thursday 23 rd	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Saturday 25 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Sr H Smith
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by
Monday 27 th	4.00pm	Fulneck	Baroque Festival Concert by St Peter's Singers
Wednesday 29 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in BB and Museum open
Thursday 30 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers

September

Saturday 1 st	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 2 nd	10.30am	Fulneck	Café Church in the BB
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
Monday 3 rd	7.00pm	Fulneck	Summer Health Walk

Unity Prayer Watch

Following the experience of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Herrnhut on 13th August 1727, a custom began where members kept unceasing prayer to the Lord. This lasted for over a century. Today the Unity Prayer Watch is shared by each Province in its turn, as we pray for our Moravian brothers and sisters around the world. Notes are provided to help those participating pray for the specific needs of each province.

This year we have been given the following times:

Gomersal—2am to 11am (9 hours) on Saturday 7th July

Fulneck—midnight to 10pm (22 hours) on Sunday 8th July

These times are during our Provincial Synod, so this is something else that you might want to pray for. If you can help, please put your name down on the list at the back of your church. If you want to pair up with someone to share an hour that is fine, and you can also do more than an hour if you so wish.

Thank you.