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Minister's Letter

At the end of July, we went on holiday to Lincolnshire in our new caravan. As is often the case on our holidays, on one of the days we visited a castle. This time it was Tattershall Castle, a National Trust property. The dominant feature of this castle is a very well-preserved keep built in the 15th century by Lord Ralph Cromwell. What is unusual is that it is not built from stone but is one of the earliest surviving examples of medieval brickwork. Because Lincolnshire is so flat you can this impressive and imposing keep from miles away.



Castles are a classic example of physical defences. They keep those inside the walls safe from the threat of those outside the walls. There are, of course, other examples of defensive walls being built over the centuries, from the Great Wall of China, to Hadrian's Wall, to the Israeli West Bank wall. There are also non-physical boundaries that are sometimes used when people feel under threat. Rules are often tightened, and practices that identify those who belong to a particular group of people are reinforced, defining who is included and who is excluded.

This tightening of rules was the case in Israel at the time of Jesus. The Jewish way of life was being threatened from different places, not least the Roman occupation of that territory. The Jewish purity laws were one way of showing which people were true Jews, and groups like the Pharisees made sure that they were stuck to. So, when Jesus and his disciples were seen not to be observing these purity laws, the Pharisees questioned Jesus over it.

In response, Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites, quoting words from Isaiah: "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines" (Mark 7: 6b-7). Jesus was critical of the purity laws because they were being used to divide and to

exclude people. The focus of his mission and ministry was on unity and inclusiveness. The kingdom of God is not a place of walls but of open doors.

Jesus went on to say, "There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile... For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come" (7: 15, 21a). Other than being the muscle that pumps blood around the body, we usually think of the heart in connection with emotions. But in the

Bible, that is not the case. The stomach or bowels were thought to be the seat of emotions. Broadly speaking, the heart in the Bible is the seat of experience, reason, volition and morality – things we would associate with the mind today. With this insight, passages about the heart take on a different meaning.

When Jesus spoke about purity of heart, it really means purity of thinking. The kingdom of God is a place of peace, justice, compassion and love. Those are the qualities that should be present in our thinking and, as a consequence, in our actions. When our thinking is not guided by those qualities, that is when our lives become defiled. Paul sums this up when he writes: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12: 2).

Our task as Christians is not to judge and condemn others, as the Pharisees did. That is not the behaviour of someone acting out of love and compassion. Our task is to set an example to others of an alternative way of life, the way that Jesus taught and lived, the way that leads to the kingdom of God. This way of life is based on the inner purity that comes from a genuine relationship with the God we know in and through Jesus Christ.

Br Michael Newman (based on address given at Gomersal on Sunday 2nd December)

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

Fulneck News and Notices

Heritage Open Day, Saturday 8th September

Thankyou to everyone who contributed towards a successful event on Heritage Day, despite the downpour of rain. Over £650 was raised!

The poppy display was a moving tribute to those who fought in WW1. Many thanks to the poppy knitters who willingly spent many hours making the poppies. Over 1000 poppies were used to make the wreaths and the swags to decorate the church. The numbers used on the banking are to be placed in a display on Birkenshaw roundabout to be seen by many motorists. The wreaths will be displayed again on November 11th in church and can be purchased after the service at the special "Thankyou 100", fund raising coffee morning to be held in the B.B. for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. More notices about this to follow.



The displays, tours, recitals, dramatic readings, organ music in the BB, museum tours and archives were appreciated by our visitors. With so

much to see and do around the settlement, the delicious sandwiches and cakes provided a welcome rest enjoyed by many. An estimate of 250 people came on the day. More than ever! They arrived from local and distant places and left us many positive comments.

"What an amazing display"

"Found it really heart warming"

"Very emotional and moving"

I am glad that our comments reflected such a positive reaction to the real life stories of men and women who served during the war and those who made contributions to creating better medical conditions after the armistice or carried forward the cause for women's equality.

Well done to a fabulous community effort. Thankyou for your support.

Myra



Sixth Form Activities for Residents and Church Members

The Sixth Form Leadership Team would like to say a big Thank You to all the residents who attended our Tea and Coffee afternoon. We hope the afternoon of teas, coffees and sweet treats was entertaining for all of you! More importantly we hope that the experience was the beginning of building relationships between residents of Fulneck and students of Fulneck, starting with simple conversation.



Thank you also to those who attended the Computer Skills afternoon on Wednesday 26th September in the Sixth Form Centre. We hope to see you soon for our Games Afternoon!

Games Afternoon

The leadership team would like to invite you to a jam-packed afternoon full of fun and games!

Venue: Boys Brigade
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Date: 10th October

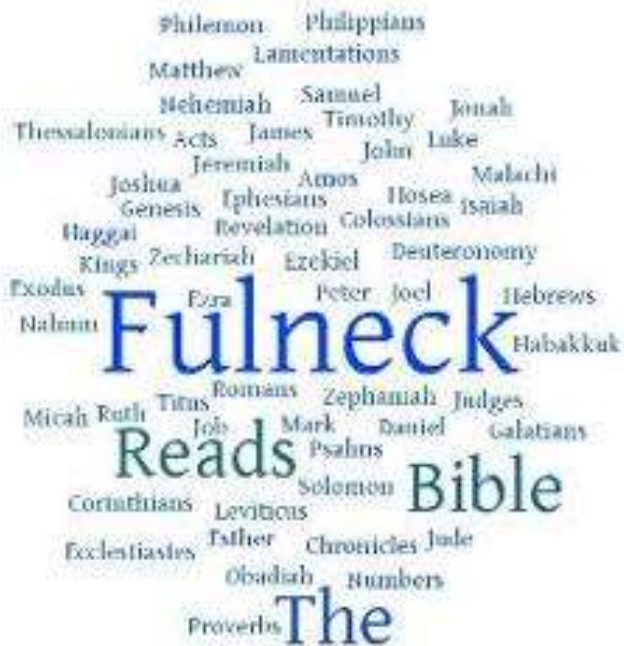


Fulneck Moravian Church, Congregation Council Meeting
Monday 15th October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Boys' Brigade Hall

"It is the right and duty of every member to take part in the meetings of the Council, with the interests of the congregation at heart." (Book of Order, 13.3b)

Agenda

1. Opening Devotions
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes of the last Council Meeting on 19th February 2018 (distributed beforehand)
5. Matters Arising
 - a. Fulneck Reads the Bible
6. Reports
 - a. Minister
 - b. Property Stewards
 - c. Treasurer
7. Dates for 2019
 - a. Congregation Council meetings on Monday 18th February and Monday 21st October
 - b. Changes to Services and Unit Services:
 - i. Unit Maundy Thursday Communion on Thursday 18th April at Fulneck at 7.30pm
 - ii. Morning Communion on Sunday 4th August
 - iii. Unit Service on Sunday 18th August at Fulneck
 - iv. Morning Communion on Sunday 1st December (Choral Festival in evening)
 - v. Unit Service on Sunday 29th December at Gomersal
 - c. Special Services:
 - i. District Lovefeast and Communion on Sunday 24th February at 3pm
 - ii. Marriage Celebration Service on Sunday 28th April
 - iii. Sisters' Festival on Sunday 19th May
 - iv. Junior Church Festival on Sunday 30th June
 - v. Museum 50th Anniversary Service on Sunday 14th July
 - vi. Harvest Festival on Sunday 29th September
 - vii. Brethren's Festival on Sunday 13th October
 - viii. Nativity Play on Sunday 15th December
 - d. Other Events
 - i. Heritage Open Day
 - ii. Christmas Tree Festival
8. New Business
 - a. Christingle Making (Christmas Eve is a Monday)
 - b. Harvest Offertory
 - c. Toilet Twinning
 - d. Boys' Brigade Parking
9. Any Other Business (notified in writing to Br Newman by Monday 8th October)
10. Closing Devotions



30th September – 7th October

Sunday 30th at 6pm - the opening service.

Tuesday 2nd at 2.30pm - the Junior School will be acting out some of the parables in the East Hall, and members of the church are invited. Access is through the main school entrance.

Wednesday 3rd at 11am - The Organ Recital will include a piece from 'Daniel in Babylon' by Francis Jackson.

Wednesday 3rd from 2pm to 4pm - refreshments will be served in the Boys' Brigade and we will be reading some of the Bible together.

Thursday 4th at 9.45am - Morning Prayers will tie in with the Bible reading theme.

Sunday 7th at 10.30am - The event will end at our All-Age Worship.

Through the week, at each of the events, there will be the chance to see our Bible display, including a Kralitz Bible from 1596, and a Tibetan Bible from 1948; Bibles that have played a significant part in Moravian history.

Brethren's Festival Sunday 21st October

The men of the congregation are invited to breakfast at Number 54 Café at 9.00am. There is a list in the Bellroom for you to sign up. This will be followed by Family Worship at 10.30am in Church.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Traidcraft Stall

Sunday 28th October, 11.30am in the BB

Br Stuart Brierley from Salem will be bringing his Traidcraft stall to Fulneck. This will be available during the after-church refreshments on the last Sunday in October. If you would like to pre-order anything please see Sr Vi Hayton.



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Anniversary Celebrations

Alan and I will be celebrating our twentieth wedding anniversary at the end of October this year. We have booked the Boys Brigade for a celebration gathering on Sunday 4th November for after the Lovefeast and Holy Communion. We are putting on afternoon tea, with wine and prosecco. There is an open invitation to the congregation.

Sr Sue Minshull

Gomersal News and Notices

Heritage Open Day, Sun. 9th September

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Heritage Day. We had 12 people visit the church for the first time, and there were positive comments in the visitors' book about the welcome they received.

Scattergories Quiz, Sat. 15th September

Thanks to everyone who helped with and supported the Scattergories Quiz and Supper. It was great to see so many people and we raised £116 for church funds.

CTGB&EB Invitation to Choral Evensong
Sunday 14th October, 4pm at St Paul's, Birkenshaw

St Paul's have invited members of the CTGB&EB churches to a Choral Evensong as part of the 2018 Birkenshaw Music Festival. The Evensong will be led by Voces Seraphorum, a choir from Harrogate. Our Lovefeast and Communion at 3pm will end in time to allow people to attend both services if they wish.

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3. Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes of the last Council Meeting on 26th February 2018 (distributed beforehand)
5. Matters Arising
6. Reports
 - a. Minister
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Property
 - d. Junior Church
7. Dates for 2019
 - a. Congregation Council meetings on Monday 25th February and Monday 28th October
 - b. Changes to Services and Unit Services:
 - i. Unit Maundy Thursday Communion on Thursday 18th April at Fulneck
 - ii. Lovefeast on Sunday 2nd June (CTGB&EB Pentecost Praise on 9th June)
 - iii. Unit Service on Sunday 18th August at Fulneck
 - iv. Unit Service on Sunday 29th December at Gomersal
 - c. Special Services:
 - i. Junior Church Anniversary on Sunday 19th May
 - ii. Ladies' Festival on Sunday 9th June
 - iii. Church Anniversary on Sunday 21st July
 - iv. Harvest Festival on Sunday 29th September
 - v. Wellbeing Service on Sunday 20th October
 - vi. Junior Church Prize-giving on Sunday 1st December
 - vii. Christingle on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm
8. New Business
 - a. Building Fundraising Ideas
 - b. Flower List
9. Any Other Business (notified in writing to Br Newman by Monday 22nd October)
10. Closing Devotions

Autumn
Wellbeing Wednesdays
at Gomersal Moravian Church

Walking for Health

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

3rd Oct, 7th Nov and 5th Dec at 10.30am

Julian Meeting

30 minutes of silent contemplation,
followed by refreshments

**10th Oct, 14th Nov and 12th Dec at
10.30am**

Walk and Yoga

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

**17th Oct, 21st Nov and 19th Dec at
10.30am**

Carpet Bowls

for all abilities,
includes refreshments

24th Oct and 28th Nov at 10.30am



Gomersal Moravian Church
Quarry Road, Gomersal
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BINGO



AND PIZZA

Friday 26th October
7.00pm in the Church
£4 adults £2 children

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Sr Shirley Holroyd and her husband Rick on 50 years of marriage, which they will be celebrating on the 5th of October.

Yorkshire District Notices

Ordination of Sr Lorraine Shorten
Saturday 3rd November, 3.00pm at Hall Green

Sr Lorraine Shorten will be ordained as a Deacon at Hall Green United Community Church at 3.00pm on Saturday 3rd November. There is a coach going from the Yorkshire District which will set off from Gomersal. **Payment of £15 is required to book your place.** Please can you give this to Br Newman as soon as possible. Thank you.

Calendar

October

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| Monday 1 st | 7.30pm | Fulneck | CTP Meeting at Pudsey Baptist Church |
| Tuesday 2 nd | 2.30pm | Fulneck | Junior School Parables in the East Hall |
| Wednesday 3 rd | 10.30am | Gomersal | Walking for Health |
| | 11.00am | Fulneck | Organ Recital |
| Thursday 4 th | 2.00pm | Fulneck | Afternoon Teas in the BB |
| | 8.00pm | Gomersal | Ladies' Fellowship |
| | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| Saturday 6 th | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| | 10.00am | District | District Retreat at Scargill House |
| Sunday 7 th | 10.30am | Fulneck | All Age Worship led by Br M Newman |
| | 10.30am | Gomersal | Family Worship led by Br K Evans |
| Wednesday 10 th | 2.30pm | Fulneck | Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman |
| | 10.30am | Gomersal | Julian Meeting |
| | 2.00pm | Fulneck | Games Afternoon with the Sixth Formers in the BB |
| | 7.15pm | Fulneck | Church Committee |
| | 7.30pm | Fulneck | MWA |
| Thursday 11 th | 8.00pm | Gomersal | MWA |
| | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| Sunday 14 th | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| | 7.30pm | District | Moravian Singers in the BB |
| | 10.30am | Fulneck | Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford |
| | 10.30am | Gomersal | Family Worship led by Br M Newman |
| | 3.00pm | Gomersal | Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman |
| Monday 15 th | 4.00pm | Gomersal | CTGB&EB Choral Evensong at St Paul's, Birkenshaw |
| | 7.30pm | Fulneck | Congregation Council Meeting in the BB |
| Tuesday 16 th | 8.00pm | Gomersal | Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers |
| Wednesday 17 th | 10.00am | Gomersal | Wellbeing Wednesday |
| | 2.00pm | Fulneck | Museum Anniversary Committee Meeting in the BB |
| Thursday 18 th | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| Friday 19 th | 7.30pm | District | Moravian Singers in the BB |
| | 2.30pm | Fulneck | Junior School Harvest Festival Service |
| Sunday 21 st | 9.00am | Fulneck | Brethren's Breakfast at Number 54 |
| | 10.30am | Fulneck | Brethren's Festival Service led by Br M Newman |
| | 10.30am | Gomersal | Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford |
| Wednesday 24 th | 10.30am | Gomersal | Carpet Bowls |
| Thursday 25 th | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| Friday 26 th | 7.30pm | District | Moravian Singers in the BB |
| | 7.00pm | Gomersal | Bingo and Pizza Night |
| Sunday 28 th | 10.30am | Fulneck | Family Worship led by Sr H Smith |
| | 10.30am | Gomersal | Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft |
| | 11.30am | Fulneck | Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall in the BB |
| Monday 29 th | 7.30pm | Gomersal | Congregation Council Meeting |
| Wednesday 31 st | 2.00pm | Fulneck | Bible Study at the home of Sr H Smith |
| November | | | |
| Thursday 1 st | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| Saturday 3 rd | 7.30pm | District | Moravian Singers in the BB |
| | 3.00pm | Province | Ordination of Sr Lorraine Shorten at Hall Green |
| Sunday 4 th | 10.30am | Fulneck | All Age Worship led by Br Paul Greenhough |
| | 10.30am | Gomersal | Family Worship led by Br M Newman |
| | 2.30pm | Fulneck | Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman |
| | 3.45pm | Fulneck | Minshulls' Anniversary Afternoon Tea in the BB |