

# The Magazine for Fulneck and Gomersal Moravian Churches



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## Minister's Letter

Christmas is a time of great joy. We wish each other a happy or a merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many of us

enjoy spending time with family and friends, exchanging gifts, eating and drinking more than usual, and attending Christingle and carol services.

One of the things that many of us will do is watch or take part in a nativity play. Because the story is so familiar to us, we sometimes forget the important details. Luke's Gospel provides most of the nativity story that we know and love. He tells how the Romans ordered a census, so Mary and Joseph had to travel far away from their home. There was no room at the inn, so when Mary gave birth, they placed Jesus in a manger (the word 'stable' does not appear). The first people to visit the baby Jesus were shepherds, rough and ready men who were often looked down on, to whom the angel brought "good news of great joy for all the people."

As many of us enjoy ourselves this Christmas, let us not forget the difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph, the humble birth of Jesus, and the lowly status of his first visitors. If we remember these things, how can we ignore those who, this Christmas, need some joy and light themselves? For those who have lost loved ones, Christmas can be a particularly difficult time as that loss is felt more sharply. For those who are away from home, Christmas can be the time when they miss it the most. Many parents find Christmas a difficult time as they struggle to afford presents for their children. Throughout the Christmas period there will still be those who rely on foodbanks and who sleep on the streets.

There is a wonderful prayer that is part of our Christmas liturgy, and it is one that I hope we will take to heart in the coming weeks:

*God of love, hear us as we remember those for whom the joys of this Christmas season will be shadowed: the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the bereaved, the lonely, the unloved, those who are ill and those who have no help. May all who know your love show compassion and kindness, that having freely received they may also freely give, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### Fulneck

Nativity Play – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am  
Lessons and Carols – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00pm  
Christingle Service – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm  
Christmas Day  
Family Worship – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am

### Gomersal

Lessons and Carols – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am  
Nativity Play and Christingle Service – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4.00pm  
Christmas Midnight Communion – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.30pm



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

# Fulneck News and Notices



## Bible Book Club

'Fulneck Reads the Bible' took place at the beginning of October. Many of those who took part commented on how interesting it had been to read parts of the Bible they had not read before, and also to read books in their entirety rather than the relatively short passages that we read in church on Sundays.

As a follow up to this, we have decided to set up a Bible Book Club. Like other book clubs, we will read a book in our own time, and then come together to discuss the experience. The difference, of course, is that we will be reading books of the Bible, and for each book that we read there are notes from the Bible Society that give a bit of background information to help us on our way.

The first book that we are reading is Paul's letter to the Romans (copies of the notes will be available in the Bellroom). You are invited to meet with us for our next Bible Book Club at Number 54 Tearoom on Wednesday 16th January at 2pm to share our experiences of reading Romans, and to decide what book to read before the following meeting of the Bible Book Club on Wednesday 13th February.

I hope that you will be able to join us. Even if you can't, I encourage you to read the books anyway so that Fulneck continues to read the Bible.

Br Michael Newman

## Christmas Unwrapped

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm in the Boys' Brigade**

As we did last year, we are going to spend an afternoon with the Fulneck year 6 pupils. Christmas Unwrapped is a series of presentations and activities from Scripture Union, aimed at children of all faiths or none, explaining why Christmas is an important festival for Christians. If you can help with this, please speak to Br Newman. You will need to have a DBS disclosure.



## Moravian Women's Association (MWA)

The MWA invites all women to share fellowship. We meet on the Wednesday after Communion Sunday every month at 2pm in the winter months and at 7.30pm in the summer. You will find a warm welcome at the home of Sr Mollie Hinchcliffe. This year's theme is 'Let it Shine'. The charities supported include Dignity Kits, Summer Camp, United Nations Population Fund, Key Life and Moravian Elim Home. The next meeting is on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## CAROL SINGING THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER

*We will begin our evening of carol singing on Oakdene Close at 6.30pm where there will also be refreshments. At approximately 7.30pm we will begin to make our way along Fulneck, stopping at various points. We will end the evening at the Bankhouse Inn at 8.30pm where we will sing carols inside the pub and then stay for some well-earned drinks. Everyone is welcome to join us for some or all of the evening.*



## BOYS' BRIGADE BOOKINGS

A reminder that all church events in the Boys' Brigade need to be booked with Sr Janet Newton, including setting up time. This is necessary as we also have outside bookings which provide income for the church, and so we need to know exactly when the rooms are available. Thanks for your help.



**Fulneck Museum Christmas Cracker  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the  
Boys' Brigade**

The Museum Committee is hosting a Christmas themed evening in aid of Museum funds. There will be a three course meal (bring your own drinks), entertainment, a quiz and raffle. Tickets are £10 each and restricted to 40 in number and are available from the committee members: Ruth Dacre, Myra Dickinson, Maureen Ingham, David Ingham, David Keighley, Ann Kernohan, and Bruce Newton. We hope you will join us for a pleasant evening.

**Christmas Party**

**Friday 14th December at 7.30pm**

**in the Boys' Brigade**

*£10 per person. Please put  
your name on the list in the  
Bellroom.*

# Wellbeing Wednesdays

at Gomersal Moravian Church in 2019

## Walking for Health

60 minute walk, dogs on lead welcome, followed by refreshments, starting at 10.30am

NOT JAN, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> Mar, 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> Jun, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul



## Julian Meeting

30 minutes of silent contemplation, followed by refreshments, starting at 10.30am

9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 13<sup>th</sup> Mar, NOT APR, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> Jun, 10<sup>th</sup> Jul



## Walk and Yoga

30 minute walk, refreshments, and Dru Yoga for all abilities (charge of £4 per session), starting at 10.00am

16<sup>th</sup> Jan, NOT FEB, 20<sup>th</sup> Mar, 10<sup>th</sup> Apr, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> Jun, 17<sup>th</sup> Jul

## Carpet Bowls

for all abilities, including refreshments (charge of £1 per session), starting at 10.30am

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 27<sup>th</sup> Mar, 24<sup>th</sup> Apr, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> Jun, 24<sup>th</sup> Jul

### Quiz Sheets

Sr Mary Smith is selling quiz sheets for £1. The theme of the quiz this time is wild flowers and plants and there are 35 answers to find. Sheets will need to be returned by the beginning of February to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

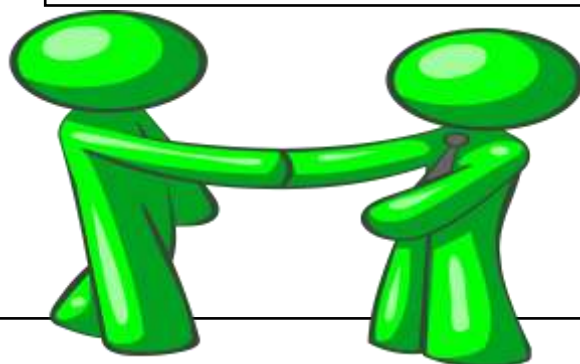
### Flower List

There is a list at the back of church for people to put their names down for the week they would like to do. If there is a specific date that you would like to do, then please put your name down as soon as possible. When it is your turn, if you would like Angela to provide the flowers for you, please let her know the week before. If she is not asked, then it will be assumed that you are providing them yourselves.



### Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale Saturday 27 January at 10am

Our first fundraising event of the year. Please come along to enjoy the drinks, cakes and fellowship.



### Welcomers Rota

Church Committee are considering introducing a rota of 'welcomers' for Sunday mornings. The duties would include welcoming people, giving out hymnbooks, collecting the offertory, and putting the hymnbooks away after the service. The 'welcomers' rota would work alongside the existing chapel servants rota. If you are interested in this, please put your name on the list at the back of church. Thank you.



Yorkshire District of the Moravian Church

# Fellowship Morning

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10am  
in the Boys Brigade at Fulneck

# The best hymns for Him



with Br Simon Dunn, organist and musical  
director of the Moravian Singers

The morning will end with lunch for those wishing  
to stay and share fellowship

# Calendar (1 of 2)

## December

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Advent Sunday Communion led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Advent Sunday All Age Worship led by Br R Hopcroft
	6.00pm	District	Choral Festival at Horton
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.15pm	Gomersal	CTGB&EB Rewind to Christmas at St Mary's Gomersal
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1.15pm	Gomersal	CTGB&EB Rewind to Christmas at Birkenshaw Meths
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
	2.00pm	Fulneck	MWA
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship Christmas Meal
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Former Pupils' Christingle Service
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Christmas Cracker Evening in the BB
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Gomersal	Wedding of Joanne Hare and Stephen Brown
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br K Evans
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Fulneck	Christmas Unwrapped School Activities in the BB
	7.00pm	Fulneck	Senior School Christingle Service
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	3.00pm	Fulneck	Junior School Christingle Service
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee in the Vestry
	7.45pm	Gomersal	MWA
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Fulneck	Christmas Party in the BB
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship and Nativity led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Lessons and Carols led by Br R Hopcroft
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Gomersal	Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	6.30pm	Fulneck	Carol Singing (starting on Oakdene Close)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30pm	Fulneck	Carol Singing at the Bankhouse Inn
	1.00pm	Gomersal	Christingle Making in Church
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Fulneck	Christingle Making in Church
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br I Haggas
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	4.00pm	Gomersal	Nativity and Christingle Service led by Br M Newman
	7.00pm	Fulneck	Lessons and Carols led by Br M Newman
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Fulneck	Christingle Service led by Br M Newman
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Gomersal	Christmas Midnight Communion led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Fulneck	Christmas Day Service led by Br M Newman
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Ful & Gom	Unit Service at Fulneck led by Sr H Smith
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	11.30pm	Fulneck	Watchnight Service led by Br M Newman

## Calendar (2 of 2)

### January

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Sr H Smith
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast & Communion Br M Newman
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	2.00pm	Fulneck	MWA
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee in the Vestry
	7.45pm	Gomersal	MWA
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast & Communion Br M Newman
	7.30pm	Fulneck	CTP Meeting at Pudsey Baptist Church
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Gomersal	Church Committee home of Sr A Rivers
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Book Club at Number 54
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	District	Fellowship Morning in the BB
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship and CTP Pulpit Swap
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
	3.00pm	Gomersal	CTGB&EB United Service at St Paul's Birkenshaw
	6.00pm	Fulneck	CTP United Service at Fulneck
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Carpet Bowls
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gomersal	Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br G Mallinson
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Fulneck	Museum AGM in the BB
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
<b>February</b>			
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	All Age Worship led by Br I Haggas
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast & Communion Br M Newman

The Moravian (Yorkshire District) Singers are looking for a new musical director from September 2019. If you are interested in applying for this role, or would like to find out more about what it involves, please speak to either Br Newman or Br Kenneth Evans, chairman of the District Conference.

**The Magazine. Welcome to this edition from your new editor. Hope it is fine with all who have submitted material and all who read it. For the February edition, please could you send material to Br. Newman or myself by 22 January 2019. Thank you, Mary**