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Minister's Letter

A Lent Challenge – Giving Something Up and Helping to Save the Planet

Whether it's grabbing a bottle of water before a long train journey, brushing your teeth in the morning or doing a weekly shop at the supermarket, most people use a lot of plastic products every day. As Sir David Attenborough has shown us, plastic pollution gathers in our oceans, poisoning our seas and the marine life in them. A whopping 79% of plastic waste goes to landfill or ends up in the natural environment.

Our fifth mark of mission says that we are committed to safeguarding the integrity of creation and sustaining and renewing the life of the earth. We all have a responsibility to live more sustainably and that doesn't necessarily have to mean making sacrifices.

Here are 5 easy steps to help you reduce your plastics use.

1. Give up disposable cups

7 million plastic lined disposable cups are used in the UK daily. A reusable cup saves waste and money, with many coffee shops offering discounts.

2. Bring your own reusable bags

Plastic bags, and produce bags in particular, are often used for minutes before being discarded. Most plastic bags are not recycled, ending up in landfills.

3. Avoid overpackaged foods

Stay clear of the three tomatoes sitting on a

Styrofoam tray and covered in plastic cellophane. Where you can, buy in bulk. Re-use plastic containers – for example take your own for buying meat, fish or cheese.

4. Look around your bathroom and see what plastics you can replace

Do you have plastic bottles sitting around your shower? Find a brand you like and try and get it in bulk. If it's not available in bulk, ask the manufacturer to offer it. Check your toiletries don't contain microbeads (avoid anything that lists polyethylene as an ingredient). Try using bar soap instead of liquid soap.

5. Buy once and buy well

Choose natural fibres. By investing in quality, you are minimising the demand for cheap items that end up in landfill. When buying new clothes look for organic cotton, wool, and other natural fibres. Synthetic fabrics create microfibre pollution when washed.

You may already be doing some of these things. If so, there are many websites with more suggestions: such as www.friendsoftheearth.uk with more practical ideas.

Or you could take inspiration from the experiences of Sr Claire Maxwell, currently a student minister at Fetter Lane, who produced a blog at: livingwithoutplasticinenglandblog.wordpress.com.

Making small changes to your daily routine can add up to a big difference. Could you reduce your plastics use this Lent?

Br Michael Newman

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

Fulneck News and Notices

Lent Services

This year we will be using material from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Over six weeks we will explore 'The Mystery of God', seeking to rediscover what it is that draws us so deeply in our search for God. The services will be on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.



- 6th March (Ash Wednesday) – The Mystery of Life and Death
- 13th March – The Mystery of Good and Evil
- 20th March – The Mystery of God's Glory
- 27th March – The Mystery of Sin, Suffering and Hope
- 3rd April – The Mystery of Relationship and Reconciliation

Lent Lunches

Our weekly Lent Lunches will begin on Friday 8th March, with food being served from noon until 1.30pm in the Boys' Brigade.



If you would like to help, please put your name on the list in the Bellroom or speak to Sr Brenda Pearson. There is no need to do anything more than a simple light lunch, and expenses can be reclaimed if wanted. As well as people to prepare the food, we also need people to help with setting up and serving.

As in previous years, *the money raised will be divided between church funds and the Adi Eblal charity.*

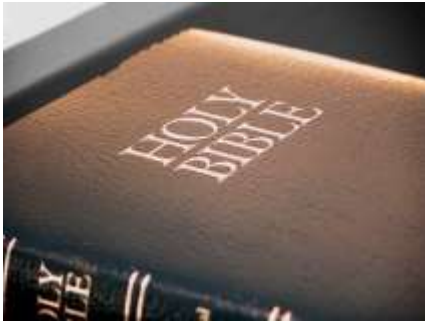
Over the years we have helped to provide the following in Ethiopia:

- Water connections to six villages and the local school;
- Electricity supply to 52 households;
- New flour mill and machinery;
- Refurbished classrooms and new toilet block and library for the local school;
- New bridge providing access for over a thousand people;
- Equipment for a local hospital.

The charity is currently supporting students, widows and disabled children, giving them the help that they need to have a better chance in life.

Congregation Council Meeting

At the recent council meeting Sr Janet Newton and Sr Chris Robbins were re-elected to Church Committee for another three years. All the other post holders remain the same other than Sr Carol Singleton joining Sr Myra Dickinson as our Churches Together in Pudsey representatives. We also heard about damp problems in the kitchen and agreed in principle to renovations to be paid for from the congregation fund.



Bible Book Club

The next Bible Book Club is on Wednesday 20th March and we will again meet at 2pm at Number 54 Café. This time we will be discussing Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, and notes are available in the Bellroom. We hope that you will be able to join us, but even if you can't, you can still read the book and think about the questions on the back of the notes.

Café Church
Sunday 7th April
10.30am in the Boys'
Brigade

If you would like to help with this service, there will be a short planning meeting after the Lent Service on Wednesday 27th March. If you can't attend the meeting but would still like to help, please let Br Newman know.



New Member

We are delighted to be welcoming Sr Allison Turner into our membership at the Lovefeast on Sunday 3rd March.

Fulneck residents meeting

Fulneck residents annual meeting is on Monday 1st April, 7.30 in the Boys Brigade.

Gomersal News and Notices

Congregation Council Meeting Monday 25th February

At the recent council meeting Sr Shirley Holroyd was re-elected to Church Committee. Sr Anne Louise Rivers did not want to stand again, and we thank her for her years of service. Br Bob Hopcroft was elected to fill the vacancy. All the other post holders remain the same. We were also updated on the finances and property.

Lent Course

This year we will be following another York Course called 'The Psalms: Prayers for Today's Church'. First, we listen to the participants on the CD – Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, Revd Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin, John Bell and Revd Dr Jane Leach. We then discuss some questions within the group. The dates of the sessions are 11th March, 18th March, 25th March, 1st April, 8th April, and we will meet at 1.30pm in Church.

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, 6th Feb, 6th Mar, 3rd Apr, 1st May, 5th Jun, 3rd Jul



Julian Meeting

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

9th Jan, 13th Feb, 13th Mar, NOT APR, 8th May, 12th Jun, 10th Jul



Walk and Yoga

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

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

Carpet Bowls

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

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



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Quarry Road, Gomersal
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HORSE RACING NIGHT



WITH HOT DOG SUPPER

Friday 15th March
7.00pm in the Church
£4 per person (children £2)

Quiz Time

Sr Mary Smith is running another quiz in aid of Gomersal Moravian Church's building fund. This quiz is about cities and towns in the United Kingdom. Whether you are a seasoned traveller or not, this is the quiz for you as it will test your knowledge of the UK. The closing date has been set as Sunday the 2nd of June, giving sufficient time to complete this 100 answer quiz. Quiz sheets are on sale now and cost £1, and there will be prizes for the three top scorers. Best of luck!



GENERAL NOTICES

Wupperthal Appeal

There has been a fantastic response to the appeal to help our brothers and sisters who have been affected by the fire at the historic mission station in Wupperthal at the end of December. Fulneck have raised £420 and Gomersal have raised £130 which has been sent to Church House, South Africa.



Consecration of Sr Jane Dixon

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
On behalf of the Provincial Board, I am pleased to announce that Sr Jane Dixon's consecration as Presbyter will take place on Saturday 16th March at Lower Wyke at 3pm. I hope that many of you will be able to join us to be with Sr Dixon for this special occasion.
Yours in Christ's Service,
Sr Roberta Hoey

Unity Prayer Day

The Moravian Church in South Asia is made up of growing communities across India and Nepal, energetic and excited to see the spread the Good News – from remote rural villages to major cities. In Assam, the work is based from Binnakandi with work continuing to develop in Latingkhal and Haflong. Haflong is a Hill station around 130 km from Binnakandi, the journey takes 5 hours by road. The community originally built a bamboo church to meet in, however it has started to subside down the hillside. Over the last five years, the Church in Binnakandi have supported Haflong in raising funds to buy a new plot of land. The 2019 Unity Prayer Day offering will be committed to the building of a permanent Church and facilities that will enable the new congregation to focus on their mission to reach out, provide education and enrich the community.



IT'S FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

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25 FEBRUARY – 10 MARCH



FAIRTRADE

Assessment

Each year, the costs of ministers' stipends, national insurance and pension contributions, as well as travelling expenses, for the whole province are paid for by the congregation assessment. The pension contribution is something that was added in 2016 due to a government approved pension scheme being set up for the ministers. The total cost is apportioned based on the number of members in each congregation. In 2019, Fulneck, with 82 members, will pay £32,800, and Gomersal, with 39 members and adherents, will pay £15,600.

Calendar

March

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| Sunday 3 rd | 10.30am | Fulneck | All Age Worship led by Sr D Thornton |
| | 10.30am | Gomersal | Family Worship led by Br M Newman |
| | 2.30pm | Fulneck | Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman |
| Monday 4 th | 1.30pm | Gomersal | CTGB&EB Meeting at St Paul's Birkenshaw |
| Wednesday 6 th | 10.30am | Gomersal | Walking for Health |
| | 7.30pm | Fulneck | Ash Wednesday Service led by Br M Newman |
| Thursday 7 th | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| | 11.00am | Fulneck | Organ Recital |
| | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| Friday 8 th | 7.30pm | District | Moravian Singers in the BB |
| | 12.00pm | Fulneck | Lent Lunch in the BB |
| Sunday 10 th | 10.30am | Fulneck | Family Worship led by Br M Newman |
| | 10.30am | Gomersal | Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford |
| | 3.00pm | Gomersal | Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman |
| Monday 11 th | 1.30pm | Gomersal | Lent Study |
| Tuesday 12 th | 7.15pm | Fulneck | Church Committee |
| Wednesday 13 th | 10.30am | Gomersal | Julian Meeting |
| | 2.00pm | Fulneck | MWA at the home of Sr M Hinchcliffe |
| | 7.30pm | Fulneck | Lent Service led by Br M Newman |
| Thursday 14 th | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| | 7.30pm | District | Moravian Singers in the BB |
| Friday 15 th | 12.00pm | Fulneck | Lent Lunch in the BB |
| | 7.00pm | Gomersal | Horse Racing Night and Supper |
| Saturday 16 th | 3.00pm | Provincial | Consecration of Sr J Dixon at Lower Wyke |
| Sunday 17 th | 10.30am | Fulneck | Family Worship led by Sr H Smith |
| | 10.30am | Gomersal | Family Worship led by Br M Newman |
| Monday 18 th | 1.30pm | Gomersal | Lent Study |
| Tuesday 19 th | 8.00pm | Gomersal | Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers |
| Wednesday 20 th | 10.00am | Gomersal | Wellbeing Wednesday |
| | 2.00pm | Fulneck | Bible Book Club at Number 54 |
| | 7.30pm | Fulneck | Lent Service led by Br M Newman |

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March

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| Thursday 21 st | 9.45am 2.00pm | Fulneck Gomersal | Morning Prayers Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| Friday 22 nd | 7.30pm 12.00pm | District Fulneck | Moravian Singers in the BB Lent Lunch in the BB |
| Sunday 24 th | 10.30am 10.30am | Fulneck Gomersal | Family worship led by Br T Auty Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft |
| Monday 25 th | 1.30pm | Gomersal | Lent Study |
| Wednesday 27 th | 10.30am 7.30pm 8.30pm | Gomersal Fulneck Fulneck | Carpet Bowls Lent Service led by Br M Newman Café Church Planning Meeting |
| Thursday 28 th | 9.45am 2.00pm 7.30pm | Fulneck Gomersal District | Morning Prayers Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith Moravian Singers in the BB |
| Friday 29 th | 12.00pm | Fulneck | Lent Lunch in the BB |
| Sunday 31 st | 10.30am 10.30am | Fulneck Gomersal | Mothering Sun Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan Mothering Sun All Age Worship led by Br M Newman |

April

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| Monday 1 st | 1.30pm 7.30pm | Gomersal Fulneck | Lent Study CTP Meeting at Pudsey Baptist Church |
| Tuesday 2 nd | 7.15pm | Fulneck | Church Committee |
| Wednesday 3 rd | 10.30am 7.30pm | Gomersal Fulneck | Walking for Health Lent Service led by Br M Newman |
| Thursday 4 th | 9.45am 11.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm | Fulneck Fulneck Gomersal District | Morning Prayers Organ Recital Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith Moravian Singers in the BB |
| Friday 5 th | 12.00pm | Fulneck | Lent Lunch in the BB |
| Sunday 7 th | 10.30am 10.30am 2.30pm 3.00pm | Fulneck Gomersal Fulneck Gomersal | Café Church in the BB Family Worship led by Br M Newman Lovefeast and Communion led by Sr K Woolford Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman |

Please submit material for the next edition to Br Newman or myself by Thursday 21 March .
Thanks, Mary.