

The Magazine for Fulneck and Gomersal Moravian Church-

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Minister's Letter

Moravian Unity News

In recent months we have had collections to support the appeals for help in Wupperthal in South Africa and in the countries affected by Cyclone Idai. In the recent edition of the Unity Information Newsletter there were some updates on these situations, and I have also picked out some other news that I thought might be of interest.

Wupperthal

Brian Abrahams, bishop of the Moravian church in South Africa, along with two senior representatives of the Lutheran Church in South Africa, has visited Wupperthal, the town that was recently devastated by a fire. The visitors summarized their observations and their assessment of the damages eight weeks after the fire as well as the commitment of many people and authorities to rebuild after the disaster, in a five-page report. They also drew conclusions concerning what they think needs to be done next. The report says: "The properties owned by the Moravian Church were insured, so that the re-building should be covered to a large extent." However, "None of the 53 home-owners, who lost everything, were insured."

Cyclone Idai

A short time ago, Jonah Sinyangwe, the project manager for the Unity Province of Malawi, visited the victims of Cyclone Idai in their makeshift shelters or reception camps in Malawi, where at least a tent or a large hall roof gives shelter from sun and rain. There are also facilities for cooking as well as basic sanitary installations. He writes: "It is depressing to see how women and children live in miserable conditions in dire circumstances. Older people, people with disabilities and the chronically ill lying helpless and waiting for attention." Tanzania assisted the neighbouring countries of Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, after the recent devastations by Cyclone Idai, with 24 tons of medicines, 17 tons of rice and 200 tons of corn.

Moravian Schools

The following all happened in April:

- # A representative of the Nicaraguan Ministry of Education visited the Colegio Moravo Secundaria in Bluefields on the Costa Atlantica and presented the teachers with a variety of new teaching materials and equipment.
- # Students from two schools for children with special needs, the Marcel Ria and the L.O.M. Samuel School, were invited to the Presidential Palace to mark the beginning of Holy Week with the first Lady of Suriname, Ingrid Bouterse-Waldring.
- # In Jamaica, students of the Bethlehem Moravian College were involved in the sports competitions of the Moravian Youth Ministry.
- # Children at the Christian David School in Latvia worked hard to rake the leaves and do other spring-cleaning activities in the extensive school grounds which include a farm.
- # The School Foundation of the Moravian Church in Suriname was pleased to see the 3,000th "Like" on their Facebook pages.
- # In the grounds of the W. Ritfeld primary and secondary school in Suriname the construction of a large new school gymnasium is taking shape.
- # The Elisabeth Preiswerk School in Ifakara, in the Tanzanian Eastern Province, is a secondary school for girls opened in January, but it continues to face difficulties from new state requirements.

Nicaragua

Since January 2019 a schism has affected the Nicaraguan Province. Although two Moravian bishops, the Chairman of the Unity Board and the Unity Board Administrator visited the Province, they could not achieve any reconciliation. An unauthorized Synod established a leadership claiming to be the new Provincial Board, however the legally elected Provincial Board is still in office. Thirteen pastors have been expelled from their congregations and pressure is being exerted on other pastors and their families who do not want to submit to the supposed new Board.

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

DR Congo

The Danish Mission Board have begun the next phase of a health project in DR Congo, which will benefit the inhabitants of 22 remote villages in the region of Moba on the shore of Lake Tanganyika. The project has had a very positive impact on the living conditions in the small, poor villages.

It is a great blessing to be part of a worldwide church. Please remember all these places in your prayers.

Br Michael Newman

Fulneck News and Notices

Fulneck Heritage Open Days September 2019.

Saturday 21st Sept. (10.00-4.00) & Sunday 22nd Sept.(1.00-4.00)

“Inspirational Women”: Step back in time and experience stunning views, tranquil beauty and the peaceful ambience of Fulneck village settlement. Fulneck invites you to our usual enjoyable activities and welcomes you to a new exhibition featuring inspirational women.*

The theme of **"Inspirational Women"** is progressing well. A range of women have been selected to feature in the display which will reflect their individual contributions.

Please note that the event will be on **BOTH the Saturday and Sunday**. As always, we will depend on your support and generosity to make a success of the weekend. Your involvement in providing refreshments and as stewards and tour guides will be welcome.

Sr. Myra Dickinson. H.O.D. Co-ordinator.

* A very brief extract from the information shared with the National Trust. Plus it will be used by the Leeds Civic Society for publicity.

Eliizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy. One of the many inspirational women you can find out more about. After two years as a pupil at Fulneck School in the 1850's, she went on to work for 54 years for female emancipation.



Afternoon Teas

Every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm in the Boys' Brigade for delicious cake, tea and a good chat.

Everyone welcome.
£2.50 per person



Bible Book Club

The next Bible Book Club is on Wednesday 12th June and we will again meet at 2pm in the Boys' Brigade during the afternoon teas. This time we will be discussing Paul's letters to the Philippians and to the Colossians, and notes are available in the Bell Room. 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.

History Society

The next meeting will be at Sr Vi Hayton's on Monday 10 June at 7.30. All welcome. Br Malcolm Healey will share some of his fascinating tales of travel with the Moravian Foundation.

Ground Floor Flat – 36 Fulneck, Pudsey

This large two bedroom flat beneath the church is now available.

The property is managed by the Fulneck Church Committee, not Moravian Union.

Accommodation. Large living room; large double bedroom; large single bedroom; hallway running the full length of the property. Kitchen with cooker and fridge and large pantry. Bathroom with hand basin, W.C. and shower.

Outside. Yard area with store. Parking available on the Terrace

General. Gas central heating. Listed property so no energy performance certificate is required

Council Tax band B (£1,279.37 per year)

Rent £550 per calendar month, first month's rent to be paid on the signing of the Tenancy Agreement
Deposit – one month's rent. Housing benefit claimants will be considered

Viewing to be arranged with: Sr Janet Newton (0113 257 6855)

Please apply in writing to: Br Michael Newman

Closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday 7th June 2019

Come along to the exhibition to commemorate 50 YEARS

OF FULNECK MORAVIAN MUSEUM

**Every Wednesday and Saturday
2.00—4.00
UNTIL 21 SEPTEMBER 2019**

All are welcome to visit – don't miss ...

**NEW EXHIBITION COVERING THE HISTORY
OF THE MUSEUM AND SHOE MAKING**



Bible Study Group

The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be on Thursday 27th June at 2pm at the home of Sr Hilary Smith. We are continuing with our course looking at the Lord's Prayer.



Café Church: Sunday 7 July

There will be a planning meeting after the morning service on **Sunday 23rd June**.

Fulneck Moravian Church

Summer Health Walks



This summer we will be having another series of Monday evening health walks, one every two 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:

**3rd June, 17th June, 1st July, 15th July,
29th July, 12th August, 26th August**

Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing

Gomersal News and Notices

Wellbeing Wednesdays

Walking for Health: 60 minute walk, dogs on leads welcome, followed by refreshments. 5 June: 3 July. Starts at 10.30.

Julian Meeting: 30 minute silent contemplation, followed by Refreshments. 12 June. 10 July. Starts 10.30.

Walk and yoga: 30 minute walk, refreshments and Dru Yoga for all abilities. 19 June, 17 July. Starts 10.00. Charge £4 per session.

Carpet bowls: for all abilities. Refreshments. Charge £1 each. 26 June. 24 July. Starts 10.30.



Pentecost Lovefeast and Communion Service
Sunday 9 June at 3.00pm

This year, rather than having a separate CTGB&EB Pentecost service, we have invited friends from the CTGB&EB churches to join us for our Lovefeast service which falls on Pentecost Sunday.

Safari supper
A BIG thank you to everyone who helped.
This year's supper raised a
FANTASTIC £524.



Gomersal Moravian Church
Quarry Road, Gomersal
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GARDEN PARTY



CREAM TEAS AND STALLS

Saturday 29th June
2.00pm 'til 4.30pm
at the Church

CTGB&EB
Film Showing
In aid of the
Bible Society
Saturday
22 June
2.00pm
St Mary's
Gomersal

Please come along and support our Churches Together fund raiser for the Bible Society. The film, "Mary Magdalene", will start at 2.00. Followed by refreshments and a social chat. All donations to the Bible Society.

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GENERAL NOTICES


Special Meeting of Provincial Synod

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After prayerful consideration, the Provincial Board has decided to convene a special meeting of the Synod. A full-time stipendiary position on the Provincial Board remains unfilled despite several attempts at filling the vacancy by postal ballot. The Synod will be one day and will take place on 15th June 2019 at Hall Green United Community Church, Birmingham. We thank you for your understanding and ask that you keep the Province and the Synod in your prayers as we discern our next steps forward together.

Yours in Christ's service,
Sr Roberta Hoey


At the recent extraordinary council meetings, Sr Ruth Dacre was elected as the Fulneck deputy, and Sr Kathryn Woolford was elected as the Gomersal deputy.





Yorkshire District Retreat Day

Saturday 19th October 2019

Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield





Quiet Day

Studying The Jesus Prayer

Provisional Programme

10.00am	Arrival and Coffee
10.30am	Session One
1.00pm	Lunch (Please bring a packed lunch to be eaten in the Retreat House Common Room- drinks provided)
2.00pm	Session Two
4.00pm	Drawing to a close


Costs: Day rate **£8.00**

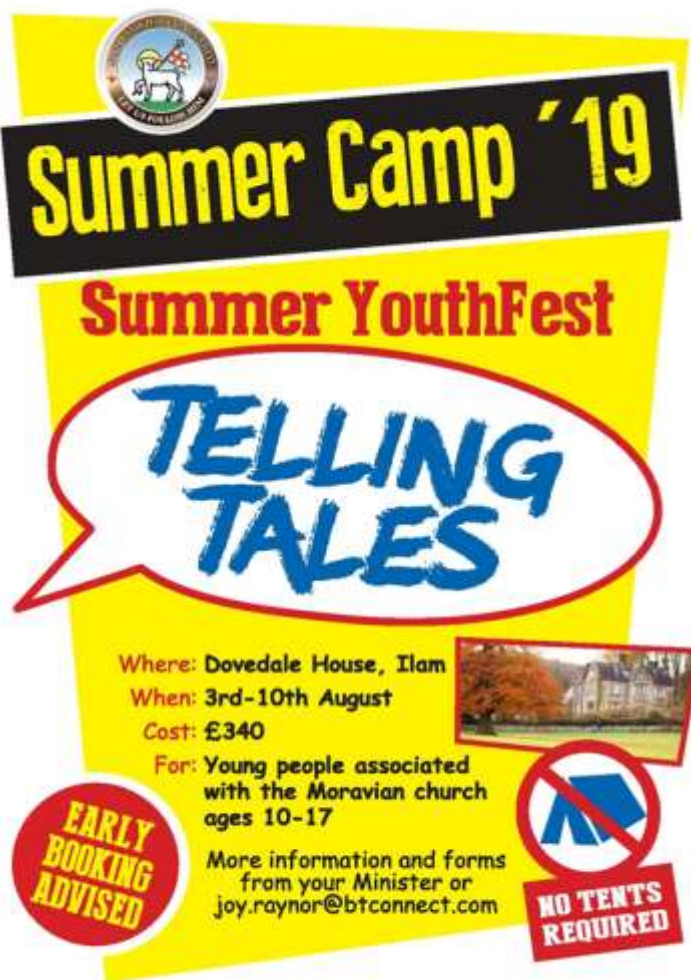
Spaces limited so early booking is recommended!

Booking Forms available from your minister with a *£4 non-refundable deposit*
(Balance due on the day)
Return to Sr Jane Dixon

Community of the Resurrection
Stocks Bank Road
Mirfield, WF14 0BN

Transport not provided but to be arranged with participating individuals





Summer Camp '19
Summer YouthFest
TELLING TALES

Where: Dovedale House, Ilam
 When: 3rd-10th August
 Cost: £340
 For: Young people associated with the Moravian church ages 10-17

EARLY BOOKING ADVISED

More information and forms from your Minister or joy.raynor@btconnect.com

NO TENTS REQUIRED

Provincial Men's Fellowship Day

Saturday 22 June
Bedford Moravian Church

Before the main event there is an opportunity to visit the Bunyan Museum and Meeting Church (MK40 3EU) at 11am.

There will be a cup of tea provided at the Moravian Church at 12.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

At 1pm, Sr Roberta Hoey & Br Phil Battelle will be speaking about Moravian Missions Today.

The afternoon will end with Holy Communion. Come Along for a good time of fellowship.

Please let Br Newman or myself have material for the July/August edition by 21 June. Thank you.

Calendar

June

Saturday 1 st	1.30pm	Fulneck	Wedding of Rebecca Owen and George Phillips
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
	7.30pm	Gomersal	Organ Concert
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	Health Walk starting at the BB
Wednesday 5 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
	7.30pm	Fulneck	MWA at the home of Sr M Hinchcliffe
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
Thursday 6 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Friday 7 th	11.15am	Fulneck	Funeral of Diane Barker
Saturday 8 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sunday 9 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Pentecost Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Pentecost Family Worship led by Br K Evans
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
Monday 10 th	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee in the Vestry

Calendar continued

June (cont.)

Wednesday 12 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Afternoon Teas in the BB
	2.00pm	Gomersal	MWA
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Junior Church Meeting at the home of Sr A Rivers
Thursday 13 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 15 th	10.00am	Province	Special Synod at Hall Green, Birmingham
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Trinity Sunday Family Worship led by Br I Haggas
	10.30am	Gomersal	Trinity Sunday All Age Worship led by Br M Newman
Monday 17 th	7.00pm	Fulneck	Health Walk starting at the BB
Tuesday 18 th	8.00pm	Gomersal	Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers
Wednesday 19 th	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open & Afternoon Teas in the BB
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Anniversary Planning Meeting in the BB
Thursday 20 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Friday 21 st	1.30pm	Fulneck	School Speech Day
Saturday 22 nd	1.00pm	Province	Men's Fellowship Day at Bedford
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
	2.00pm	Gomersal	CTGB&EB Film in aid of Bible Society at St Mary's
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br I Haggas
	11.30am	Fulneck	Café Church Planning Meeting
Tuesday 25 th	8.00pm	Gomersal	Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers
Wednesday 26 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Carpet Bowls
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
Thursday 27 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	7.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Study at the home of Sr H Smith
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 29 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Garden Party
Sunday 30 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Junior Church Festival and Cradle Roll Service led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft

July

Monday 1 st	7.00pm	Fulneck	Health Walk starting at the BB
Wednesday 3 rd	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
Thursday 4 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 6 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sunday 7 th	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