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Tenneh's story

Tenneh plays with her precious baby Ansumana. She blows raspberries on his belly. Lifting her baby up high she beams with joy. Tenneh gave birth to Ansumana three months ago. Thankfully, he's a happy, bouncy baby. But Tenneh has lost and loved another baby before. When Tenneh's labour started during her first pregnancy, there was no health centre in the village. Her mum took her to a traditional birth attendant. For the two days of her labour, Tenneh was in agony. She fell unconscious and was bleeding heavily. With very little medical training, the birth attendant was way out of her depth. In the days and months after her labour, Tenneh felt very weak and her baby wouldn't breastfeed. Tragically, her baby died when he was three months old. 'That day I will never forget,' she recalls. 'I felt sick like I've never been sick before. 'If God would not have saved me, I would not be alive today.'

New hope

Through our partner RADA (Rehabilitation and Development Agency), Christian Aid saw how difficult the situation in Sawula village was and began working to ensure that mums and babies have fullness of life. RADA has been working locally to help vulnerable women access healthcare, improve hygiene with simple interventions like

handwashing and, with your support, build a bigger, better health care centre. Thankfully, when Tenneh was pregnant a second time, things had changed for good. This time, she had nurse Judith by her side. With her expert love and care, Judith helped Tenneh deliver her baby safely. Tenneh said: 'During my second labour, I was scared. But nurse Judith was with me, assuring me of everything. When I delivered, I felt so good. With the coming of Judith, so many lives have changed. We know that with Judith, as long as we see the light at the end of the tunnel, we'll be OK.' Thanks to nurse Judith and the medical training you helped provide, Tenneh could hold her beautiful baby boy in her arms.

A health centre for all

The community in Sawula dream of having a health centre that can meet their needs. The current health centre is the size of a small bedroom. Operations, deliveries and baby checkups all happen in one single room with only two delivery beds. Nurse Judith works around the clock to meet the needs of mums and young children who come to the clinic. But the need is great, and sometimes she's forced to send people away. When women come to the clinic at night, there's no light for Judith to use. So she has to ask her patients to bring a torch to see by. In addition to this, there are often not enough drugs at the clinic. Judith sees diseases like malaria and typhoid, especially in children. She has to go on a motorbike or sometimes walk for three hours to collect drugs. 'I need help,' nurse Judith says. 'Women are dying from childbirth, children under five are dying, because of poverty. Please help us.'

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

For Tenneh, and many mums like her, a new health centre would be like a dream come true: 'We'll dance for three days when we have the new health centre,' she says. With YOUR support today, we could work alongside Judith's community to build a bigger, better health centre to help mums like Tenneh give birth safely.



Christian Aid Week brings Christians together with a common purpose to achieve something incredible.

£300 could provide a delivery bed for a new health centre giving mums a safe place to deliver their babies.

We need your support now, more than ever. With every envelope, every click, every one of us can help deliver babies safely.

Tenneh and baby Ansumana receive care from nurse Judith at the community clinic (Christian Aid/Tom Pilston)

There are donation envelopes available at both Fulneck and Gomersal.

Fulneck News and Notices

Sisters' Festival and breakfast on 19th May. Café 54, 9.00

All sisters are invited to celebrate in the Sisters' breakfast and share the Moravian tradition of the cup of covenant. Zinzendorf formed the sisters' choirs to unite women and provide an occasion for them to renew their commitment to serve Jesus. The sharing of the cup of covenant is an affirmation of our common purpose to strive to work and witness to God in our lives.

Sister Diane Thornton will be leading the service and will also be a guest at breakfast. Please sign up for the breakfast on the list in the Bell Room.

Sister Myra Dickinson

Café Church Sunday 2 June

There will be a planning meeting Wednesday 22 May at 2.00pm in the Boys Brigade during Afternoon Tea.



Afternoon Teas

Every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm in the Boys' Brigade for yummy cake, tea and good company.

Everyone welcome. £2.50 per person

Lent Lunches

A sincere thank you to all who have helped in any way to produce and serve some delicious lunches each week, and to everyone who came along each week. In spite of a slow start for the first three weeks, we still raised an amazing £700.80 which has been split between church funds and the Adi Eblal charity.

I hope that next year we will have even more people helping as the lunches do not have to be anything difficult.

Sr Brenda Pearson



Burial Ground Tidy Up Morning

Thanks to everyone who helped with the burial ground tidy up.

It looked very smart on Easter Sunday.



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

Sr Mollie Hinchcliffe celebrated her birthday in style with friends on Saturday 27 April.



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

Come along to the exhibition to commemorate

50 YEARS

OF FULNECK MORAVIAN MUSEUM

MUSEUM OPEN FROM

24TH APRIL

UNTIL 21ST SEPTEMBER 2019

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

2PM TO 4PM

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 23rd May at 2pm at the home of Sr Hilary Smith. We are continuing with our course looking at the Lord's Prayer.

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.

Gomersal News and Notices

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

*Ev'ry time we
say goodbye...*



**A recital by Simon Dunn on the
Nicholson Organ featuring well
known organ pieces & arrangements**

**Saturday 1st June
7.30pm in the Church**

**£5 per person (children free)
Tickets available from Gomersal Church
Committee members or pay on the door**

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!



Little Gomersal May Day Fair Monday 6 May

We will have our usual cake stall at the May Day Fair.

Cakes need to be taken to church in the morning, or to the stall from noon onwards.

If you can help to run the stall, please speak to Br Machell.



GENERAL NOTICES

DISTRICT PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

This was Br Simon Dunn's last service as musical director of the Moravian Singers (Yorkshire District Choir). **A BIG THANK YOU** to Simon for all that he has done in his eight years in the role.

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

In order to elect congregation deputies for the special Synod, there will be extraordinary congregation council meetings as follows:

Fulneck – Sunday 12th May following the morning service (in church)

Gomersal – Sunday 19th May following the morning service



Yorkshire District of the Moravian Church

Mission Evening

Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm
at Gomersal Moravian Church

Mission from the Margins



with Sr Roberta Hoey,
Chairman of the Provincial Board



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

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



NO TENTS REQUIRED

EARLY BOOKING ADVISED



Summer Camp '19

Summer Camp Taster Day

COME AND SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

Where: Lower Wyke Sunday School

When: Saturday 18th May 10am-3pm

Cost: £5 included lunch

For: Young people aged 10-17



More information and forms from your minister or jane.dixon@moravian.org.uk

Tel: 01484 520956



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Calendar

May

Sunday 5 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
Monday 6 th	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast & Communion led by Br M Newman
	1.00pm	Gomersal	Little Gomersal May Day Fair
Wednesday 8 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open & Afternoon Teas in the BB
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum 50 th Anniversary Committee in the BB
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee in the Vestry
	7.30pm	Fulneck	MWA at the home of Sr M Hinchcliffe
	2.00pm	Gomersal	MWA
Thursday 9 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 11 th	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers AGM in the BB
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open

Calendar continued

May

Sunday 12 th		Ful & Gom	Christian Aid Week begins
	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford
	11.30am	Fulneck	Extraordinary Council Meeting in Church
Wednesday 15 th	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
Thursday 16 th	7.30pm	District	District Mission Evening at Gomersal
	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 18 th	4.00pm	Fulneck	Settlement Committee in School
	10.00am	District	Summer Camp Taster Day at Lower Wyke
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sunday 19 th	7.00pm	Gomersal	Safari Supper
	9.00am	Fulneck	Sisters' Breakfast at Number 54
	10.30am	Fulneck	Sisters' Festival Service led by Sr D Thornton
Tuesday 21 st	10.30am	Gomersal	Junior Church Anniversary led by Br M Newman
	11.30am	Gomersal	Extraordinary Council Meeting
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers
Wednesday 22 nd	10.30am	Gomersal	Carpet Bowls
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Café Church Planning Meeting in the BB
Thursday 23 rd	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Study Group at the home of Sr H Smith
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 25 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Church Anniversary led by Sr R France
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft
Wednesday 29 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
Thursday 30 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Ascension Day Service led by Br M Newman

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

Please submit material for the May edition to Br Newman or myself by Wednesday 22 May.
 This issue illustrates how much is going on, so please let me have any photographs and I will aim to include them.
 Thank you, Mary