

# The Magazine for Fulneck and Gomersal Moravian Churches

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## Minister's Letter

Over the next couple of months there will be a number of special dates in the church calendar. The highlight for many of us will be when, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, Fulneck Moravian Museum celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special service in the church. There are also a number of Moravian memorial days over the summer. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, we remembered Jan Hus being burnt at the stake in 1415. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of August we remember the Herrnhut community experiencing the Holy Spirit in 1727. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of August we remember the first Moravian missionaries setting out for the West Indies.

In the book 'Customs and Practices of the Moravian Church' by Adelaide Fries, one of the sections is called 'A Church that remembers'. We are good at remembering and celebrating our rich history. There are many examples of Moravians who have done amazing things in the service of Christ through the work of the Church, including such important figures as Gregory, Comenius, Zinzendorf and Dober. What we sometimes forget is that the Moravian Church worldwide is greater in size than it has ever been, with new work in lots of different areas of the world. The recent Unity Prayer Watch was an opportunity for us to think about and pray for that work.

In the United Kingdom we live in challenging times for the Church, but there have always been challenges of different kinds to overcome. We can draw encouragement not only from our history, but also the success stories of Moravians

around the world. The church grows where faith and action combine in genuine witness to the love of God for all his people. A few weeks ago, our lectionary readings included the passage from Galatians about there being no distinctions between those who are in Christ Jesus. With our society appearing to be growing increasingly divided, perhaps this is an opportunity for us to show the world anew that God's kingdom is a place where everyone is welcome.

Br Michael Newman

**Yorkshire District Retreat Day**  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## Fulneck News and Notices



# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Service

In 1968 two members of Fulneck Moravian Church, Sr Eunice Harrison and Sr Kathleen Mitchell, decided to convert two almost derelict buildings to make a museum. The money needed was raised by coffee mornings, donations and 2,000 jars of marmalade. In July 1969, the museum opened with a charge of 5d for adults and 3d for children. In 2019 we are celebrating the Museum's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special service. Our guest speaker is Rt Revd John McOwat, former Fulneck minister and Bishop of the Moravian Church.



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am**  
**Fulneck Moravian Church**

**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**



**Fulneck Heritage Open Day September 2019.**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> (10.00-4.00) & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> (1.00-4.00)**

***Overall theme—Inspirational Women.***

**We look forward to seeing you there and to your on-going support and generosity to ensure a successful event.**

### **Heritage Open Day Refreshments (21 – 22 September)**

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to supply cakes and sandwiches for HOD.

We would greatly appreciate any further donations of sliceable cakes.

If you are unable to help in this way there will be a list posted in the bell room mid-July itemising what we will need for use on the day. Please add your name next to any item you can supply.

Donations toward the refreshment would also be most welcome if that is the most appropriate way for you to help.

Thanks once again to those already volunteering and if there is anything at all you would like to know about or ask do give me a call.

Sr Ruth Dacre



## 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.

## HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting will be Monday 5 August, 7.30pm at Sister Vi Hayton's house. The speaker will be Sister Hilary Smith.

## Bible Book Club

We've been meeting for several months now and decided we'd start by reading Paul's letters. Over the months we've seen him give a very simple message of how living as Christ wants us to live we become free. It sounds so easy but we have been reminded of the struggles that are faced when we try to do this, the temptations that surround us every day, the man made rules that we rely on but aren't that important.

I think we've all had some 'light bulb' moments where things we've struggled with in the past have suddenly become clear, and we're certainly finding out how important the passages are that we rarely read in church or in our daily Bible readings.

Everyone is welcome to the Bible Book Club. You don't have to come to every one, but if you're free on Wednesday 10th July or 28th August you'll find us in the Boys Brigade Hall enjoying tea and coffee and talking about Paul and the important work he did. Copies of the notes are available in the bell room.

Sr Allison Turner

## Christmas Tree Festival Planning Meeting Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 10.30am in Church

At our autumn council meeting we decided to have another Christmas Tree Festival in 2019. Although we have done it three times before, it will still take a bit of organising, which is why we have a meeting at the end of July to put things in motion.

The main items of business will be deciding on this year's theme and getting invitations out to all the groups. In previous years our themes have been Christmas Carols, Christmas Around the World and the Twelve Days of Christmas, so get your thinking caps on.



## Emmaus Course

Following the 'God Loves Pudsey' weekend in June run by some of the Pudsey town centre churches, Churches Together are planning an Emmaus course on Monday afternoons which Br Newman will be involved in leading. If there is enough interest, this course will be run at Pudsey Baptist Church on Monday afternoons at 2pm, starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, and will last for six weeks. Emmaus is for those learning about the Christian faith but is also a good refresher for all Christians. If you would like to attend, or even bring a friend, please let Br Newman know as soon as possible.

## Bible Study

The next meeting will be on Thursday 25 July, 7.00pm at the home of Sr Hilary Smith.

## SUMMER HEALTH WALKS

*This summer we have another series of Monday evening health walks, one every two weeks.*

*Each walk will start outside the Boys' Brigade and 7.00pm.*

*They last for about one hour and cover a mix of terrains.*

*Then back to the Boys' Brigade for refreshments.*

*Please wear suitable footwear and clothing.*

**Dates are: 1 July; 15 July; 29 July; 12 August; 26 August.**







## BACH COMES TO FULNECK

*Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2019 at 4.00 pm*

### *Cantatas*

70 Wachet, betet – 82 Ich habe genug  
and 118 O Jesu Christ, mein Lebens Licht

Motet: Jesu, meine Freude

Concerto in D minor for Two Violins

The Moravian Church, Fulneck, Pudsey LS28 8NT

St Peter's Singers of Leeds  
Principals of the National Festival Orchestra

Jane Burnell – Constanze Reif  
David Brown – Edward Thornton  
Simon Lindley



Admission Free - Retiring Collection

The funeral of Br Geoffrey Hirst will take place in church on Thursday 25th July at 11:15am. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

## Gomersal News and Notices

### ***Church Anniversary Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10.30am***

Br Blair Kessler from Hall Green will be leading our family worship. Following the service, it is our gift day and anniversary lunch.

There is a list at the back of church for donations to the lunch.

### **Pentecost Lovefeast and Communion Service**

It was great to welcome friends from the other churches in Gomersal and Birkenshaw to our Lovefeast and Communion on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. Rather than organising a special service at which a handful of people from each church might attend, it was decided to invite the other churches to one of our regular services, and it seemed to go down well. Later in the year, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, we are invited to a Songs of Praise service at St Mary's.

### **Golden Wedding Anniversary**

Congratulations to Sr Christine and Charles Butcher who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July.



## THANK YOU

### Cities and Towns in the UK Quiz

Sr Mary Smith would like to thank everyone who supported the quiz for the building fund. £60 was raised. Thank you all. (And thanks to Sr Mary and Br Cyril Smith for putting the quiz together.)

### Garden Party

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Garden Party on 29<sup>th</sup> of June which raised £308.

## Wellbeing Wednesdays

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

**Julian Meeting:** 30 minute silent contemplation, followed by refreshments.  
10 July. Starts 10.30.

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

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



## GENERAL NOTICES

### Foodbanks

A reminder that both Fulneck and Gomersal have collection boxes for your **foodbank donations**.

The Fulneck donations go to the St George's Crypt foodbank in Leeds, and the Gomersal donations go to the Batley foodbank.

Thank you for your help.



Please send materials for the next edition to Br Newman or myself by **23 August**. There is lots going on, so why not send me some pictures for future editions?  
Thanks, Mary

## Special Synod – Saturday 15.06.19

Being the first time I had attended a synod I really didn't know what to expect and when we arrived it really was a hub of activity. As with any church gathering, it was tea that greeted us on our arrival at Hall Green Community church in Birmingham before the 10am start .

An act of worship was led by Srs Hoey and Ferdinand before starting the business of the day.

The officers were voted in:

Br Michael Newman - Chair  
Br Philip Cooper - Vice Chair  
Br Joachim Kreusel - President  
Sr Sarah Groves - Vice President  
Br Blair Kessler - Reserve Officer

The synod was officially opened and after a time in which the report was read and any queries answered, the final nomination forms were circulated.

Voting numbers were confirmed at 53 meaning any one candidate would need a 2/3rds majority of 36 votes. The first three ballots saw no majority being reached with very little movement in individual votes. At this point, one of the nominees officially withdrew their candidacy and the synod then went to a 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. One candidate was only one vote off 36 votes and the 5<sup>th</sup> ballot saw him realise that majority.

Mark Kernohan was officially announced as the elected stipendiary member of The Provincial Board.

Synod then broke for lunch with the promise of more business yet to come! However the elected officers informed us after lunch that the proposed item for discussion would be brought to the next synod instead.

The morning's minutes had been read at the end of lunch and after thanks were given, we enjoyed a couple more rousing hymns and Br Kreusel officially closed the synod.

I found the process extremely interesting and felt a very strong sense of family amongst those attending.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to have this experience.

Sr Ruth Dacre



## Special Meeting of Provincial Synod

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Following the special session of Synod convened on 15 June 2019, Br Mark Kernohan has been elected to serve on the Provincial Board and trustee in a full-time stipendiary position until Synod 2022.

Br Kernohan is currently a member of University Road Moravian Congregation in the Irish District and over the coming months will transition into the role. The Board will reconstitute itself and we will keep you updated as to when Br Mark has taken up his position in Church House.

Please do keep Br Kernohan and his whole family in your prayers during this time and thank you once again for your invaluable support and concern for the Provincial Board over the last year.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Sr Roberta Hoey

On Behalf of the Provincial Board

## Calendar

### July

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	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 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Fulneck	CTP Meeting at Pudsey Baptist Church
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	11.15am	Gomersal	Heritage Open Day Planning Meeting
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Book Club in the BB
	2.00pm	Gomersal	MWA
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee in the Vestry
	7.30pm	Fulneck	MWA at the home of Sr M Hinchcliffe
Thursday 11 <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
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Museum 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr D Thornton
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Fulneck	Health Walk starting at the BB
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br T Auty
	10.30am	Gomersal	Church Anniversary Service led by Br B Kessler
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Carpet Bowls
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.15am	Fulneck	Funeral of Br Geoffrey Hirst
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Fulneck	Bible Study at the home of Sr H Smith
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open



## Calendar continued

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Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br P Gubi
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Fulneck	Health Walk starting at the BB
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Gomersal	Church Committee at the home of Sr A Rivers
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Christmas Tree Festival Planning Meeting in Church
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB

### August

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>		Provincial	Summer Camp at Dovedale House, Ilam
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship and Communion led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Fulneck	History Meeting at the home of Sr V Hayton
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Fulneck	Health Walk starting at the BB
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Ful & Gom	Unit Family Worship at Fulneck led by Sr H Smith
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br G Mallinson
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Fulneck	Baroque Festival Concert by St Peter's Singers
	7.00pm	Fulneck	Health Walk starting at the BB
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Book Club in the BB
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open

### September

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	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
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open and Afternoon Tea in the BB
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	11.00am	Fulneck	Organ Recital
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers Rehearsal in the BB
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum Open
Sunday 8 <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 and Communion led by Br M Newman