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Minister's Letter

The 'M' Word



You may have seen the recent Lloyds Bank

advert about the 'M' word. They say:

"Conversations about money can be difficult. Most of us don't feel very comfortable talking about our finances with our loved ones. We try to avoid the conversation, change the subject, or put it off until another time. But sometimes those conversations are the most important ones to have." Money is often a taboo subject, and it can be the same in church. But the church, like any household or organisation, needs money to function.

As members of the Moravian Church we have the privilege of being part of our local congregation, the British Province and the worldwide Moravian Unity. But we also have the responsibility of stewardship, looking after the church that has been worshipping and ministering for many years before us and will hopefully continue for many more years in the future.

Provincially, the biggest expense is Ministers' stipends and pensions. The money to pay for this comes from the congregation assessment. The way this works is that the total cost of ministry is divided between the congregations based on the number of members in each congregation. Among the other expenses are provincial administration and the support that we give to overseas mission such as in South Asia. One of the sources of provincial income is the property owned by the province. Both the Fulneck and Gomersal settlements include houses that are part of a

portfolio of over 150 properties. About 80% of the money raised by rents is spent on repairs and renovations, and the rest supports the work of the church. There are also various funds which are ethically invested.

For congregations, the biggest expenditure is the assessment, outlined above. For this to be covered completely by members' giving works out at an average of £400 per member per year, although what each individual is able to give will vary depending on their circumstances. In addition to this, there are the costs of maintaining the congregation properties, as well as the costs of all the services and other activities. Some congregations, including Fulneck and Gomersal, are fortunate to have properties that they rent out to provide some extra income. All congregations rely upon additional fundraising and donations to make ends meet.

The church's financial year has just ended (31st August) and the congregation accounts will be available at the beginning of October. The Congregation Council meetings later that month are an opportunity for members of each congregation to ask questions about how money has been both raised and spent over the past year, as well as looking at what we want to do in the coming year. This helps to guide and support the Church Committees in the important work that they do on our behalf.

The advert is right. We do need to talk about money sometimes, because without it, the church would not be here to be Christ's body and to share in God's mission.

Br Michael Newman

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

Fulneck News and Notices

Fulneck Moravian Museum 50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday 14th July 2019

PRIDE IN THE PAST – FAITH IN THE FUTURE, this was the message from Br. John McOwat in his address to the congregation gathered for the Museum's 50th Anniversary Service in Fulneck Moravian Church on Sunday 14th July 2019. Many thanks go to John and Br. Michael for an uplifting and appropriate Service of Celebration.

As the present Chair of the Museum Committee I was extremely proud and pleased that all our hard work for our Museum's 50th Anniversary went so well. The joint planning work undertaken by members of the present & past museum committees and members of the Church Committee, was reflected in the great success of the day, many thanks to all those involved both before and on the day.

Our congregation numbers were swelled by our invited guests, who included family of the Museum Founders, family and Church representatives of the officials who opened the Museum on the 9th July 1969, past and present members of the Museum committee and Friends of the Museum. Our local M.P. Stuart Andrew also joined us on the day as did Pudsey Councillor Trish Smith.

The four windows in Church were decorated with flowers based around selected items from the Museum. The Church Flower Group did an amazing job producing fabulous floral presentations. Donations were received from local businesses and members of the Congregation towards the costs of the flowers. Many thanks to all the members of The Church Flower Group.

In his Brief History of the Museum, Br. David Ingham gave an excellent presentation in which he highlighted the names of Srs. Eunice Harrison and Kathleen Mitchell, the firm friends who dedicated themselves to starting the Museum and Mr Norman Wilkinson, who attended our celebration, who was a member of the first Museum Committee. The other members of this first committee mentioned were the late Sr. Molly Hillam and Br. Brian Halliday. Br. Ingham went on to say that many people have worked hard over the years for the Museum and their names were too numerous to mention, however Sam Raistrick, who this year has produced a wonderful plaque to commemorate our Museum's 50th year, received a worthy mention as did the late Sr. Pat Balmforth whose fundraising through the sale of marmalade, kept the Museum going. Many thanks David for your research and stylish delivery.

At the end of the service the congregation lined up outside the Church for a 'group' photograph and the invited guests then went into the Boys' Brigade building for a celebratory buffet lunch. Sr. Roberta Hoey, representing the Provincial Board of the Moravian Church, cut our Celebration Cake. One of the people who could not be with us was Michael Harrison, the son of Eunice Harrison. Over the years Michael has supported the Museum with a regular annual donation and this year to mark the Museum's 50th Anniversary he sent us a significant donation and has asked me how we might use it. I have suggested to the Museum committee that we site a lectern style community information board in Fulneck, similar to the one in the Ockbrook Settlement and this has also received the approval of the Fulneck Church Committee. To make this happen we now need to form a Community Steering Group with volunteers tasked to research, plan, design, raise funds and get approval for such an information lectern, using some of Michael Harrison's money towards the cost.

We have a template and information already, so are not starting completely from scratch, but it would be appropriate if we could complete the task and unveil the result by the 9th July 2020. Stuart Andrew and Trish Smith said they would be happy to give their support to such a project and I believe with commitment, the knowledge, skills and contacts we have in Fulneck, such a project is achievable. If anyone reading this wishes to become involved please speak to either myself or Br Michael Newman.

Let us prove worthy of our inheritance from the Past and have the Faith to work together for the Future.

Br. David Keighley



**Fulneck Heritage Open Days September 2019.
Saturday 21st Sept. (10.00-4.00) & Sunday 22nd Sept.(1.00-4.00)**

“Inspirational Women”: explore the new inspirational women exhibition and enjoy the usual range of activities for all.

"Inspirational Women" the exhibition includes women who have contributed significantly to: science, medicine, mission work and social change. The drama includes Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy (a pupil of Fulneck school 1850-1852 & campaigner for women’s rights) plus many other great women who have had such a great impact on our lives.

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.

Confirmation

Ethan Newman will be confirmed and received into membership at the Lovefeast and Communion service on Sunday 6th October.

SCANDALOUS! Dramatic Society News

Fulneck Dramatic Society enjoyed a highly successful evening at the Wharfedale Festival of Drama. The 2019 production of Sheridan's 'School for Scandal' won 5 awards: best overall play, the innovation award, best director and best actor for Br Dave Robbins, and best supporting actor for Sr Chris Robbins.

Congratulations to all involved.



Christmas Tree Festival 2019

Planning Meeting

Wednesday 25 September: 7.00: in the Church.

This year's theme will be Christmas Carols. Invitation letters have now gone out asking all the Church groups and the school to take part.



Men's Fellowship

Wednesday 9th October at 2pm in the Boys' Brigade



Thank you.

Calling the male members and friends of the congregation. Come along for an afternoon of fellowship and games, including snooker, carpet bowls and dominoes.

If the afternoon proves popular, it is hoped to make this a regular event, therefore if you can't be there this time but would still be interested in the future please let Br Newman know.

Brethren's Festival Sunday 13th October

The Brethren's Festival will begin, as usual, with a breakfast at Number 54 followed by Cup of Covenant. There will be a list in the Bellroom.

Afternoon Teas

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

Last one will be 18 September.
Everyone welcome.
£2.50 per person



Fulneck History Society: Monday 7 October 7.30.
At the home of Sister Vi Hayton.
A bishop's tale

Right Rev. Bishop John McOwat will speak about the history and work of bishops in the Moravian church.

Harvest Festival Sunday 29 September at 10.30am

Gomersal News and Notices



GOMERSAL MORAVIAN CHURCH
Quarry Road, Gomersal

HERITAGE DAY

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
1– 4 pm

- **Displays:**
 - History of the Church
 - Links with the Taylors of Red House
 - Links with the Brontës & Jane Eyre
 - Gomersal and the Great War
 - Moravian Traditions
- **Children's activities**
- **Refreshments**

Wellbeing Wednesdays

Walking for Health:

60 minute walk, dogs on leads welcome, followed by refreshments.
Starts at 10.30.
4 Sept; 2 Oct;
6 Nov; 4 Dec.

Julian Meeting:

30 minute silent contemplation, followed by refreshments.
Starts 10.30.
11 Sept; 9 Oct;
13 Nov; 11 Dec.

Walk and yoga:

30 minute walk, refreshments and Dru Yoga for all abilities.
Starts 10.00. £4 each
18 Sept; 16 Oct;
20 Nov; 18 Dec.

Carpet bowls:

for all abilities.
Refreshments.
Starts 10.30. £1 each.
25 Sept; 23 Oct;
27 Nov. No Dec event.

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CREATION TIME!



**NATURE WALK AND
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**
with refreshments

**Saturday 5th October
2pm - 4pm**

Moravian Missions

Many, many thanks to all members of the church who so willingly collected for Moravian Missions. I am delighted to let you know that we raised £450, up on last year. A great achievement!

Sr Lesley Thompson


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SCATTERGORIES QUIZ



WITH PIE AND PEA SUPPER

**Friday 13th September
7.00pm in the Church
£4 per person (children £2)**

There will be a *creation themed afternoon* in October to which all children and their families are invited (see above). There will be a nature walk (weather depending) followed by a chance to get creative in church, as well as refreshments. Please can everyone start collecting boxes of all shapes and sizes to be used for the craft activity. Thank you.

Harvest Festival Sunday 29 September at 10.30am

GENERAL NOTICES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the Provincial Board, I am pleased to announce that Br James Woolford will be consecrated as Presbyter by Sr Sarah Groves on Saturday 28th September at Hornsey at 2pm. I hope that many of you will be able to join us to be with Br Woolford for this special occasion.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Roberta

Yorkshire District Choir

Weekly rehearsals start on Thursday 5th September at 7.30pm in the Boys' Brigade at Fulneck. This is in preparation for the Choral Festival on Sunday 1st December at 6pm at Lower Wyke.

New singers are always welcome. There is a varied programme of music and everyone enjoys themselves.

Harvest Festival
Sunday 29th September
at 10.30am at both
Fulneck and Gomersal

Fulneck will be collecting for St George's Crypt.

Gomersal will be collecting for the foodbank collection point at St Paul's in Birkenshaw. This collection point supports a number of foodbanks in the local area.

Thanks for your support. As we give thanks for God's goodness this Harvest let us also help to share it with others.



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

Calendar: September

| September | Time | Location | Event |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|--|
| Sunday 1 st | 10.30am | Fulneck | Café Church in the BB |
| | 10.30am | Gomersal | Family Worship led by Br M Newman |
| Tuesday 3 rd | 2.30pm | Fulneck | Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman |
| | 7.00pm | Fulneck | Junior Church Meeting in Church |
| Wednesday 4 th | 10.30am | Gomersal | Walking for Health |
| | 2.00pm | Fulneck | Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB |
| | 7.00pm | Fulneck | MWA |
| Thursday 5 th | 8.00pm | Gomersal | Ladies' Fellowship |
| | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| | 11.00am | Fulneck | Organ Recital |
| | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| Saturday 7 th | 7.30pm | District | Moravian Singers Rehearsal in the BB |
| | 2.00pm | Fulneck | Museum Open |
| | 3.00pm | Fulneck | CTP Summer Praise at Pudsey Baptist Church |

Calendar September/ October continued

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| Sunday 8 th | 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 |
| Monday 9 th | 7.30pm | Gomersal | Events Planning Meeting :home of Br & Sr Machell |
| Wednesday 11 th | 10.30am | Gomersal | Julian Meeting |
| | 2.00pm | Fulneck | Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB |
| | 2.00pm | Gomersal | MWA |
| | 7.15pm | Fulneck | Church Committee |
| Thursday 12 th | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| | 7.30pm | District | Moravian Singers Rehearsal in the BB |
| | 7.00pm | Gomersal | Scattergories Quiz and Supper |
| Friday 13 th | 2.00pm | Fulneck | Museum Open |
| Saturday 14 th | 10.30am | Fulneck | Family Worship led by Br G Mallinson |
| Sunday 15 th | 10.30am | Gomersal | Family Worship led by Sr D Thornton |
| | 1.00pm | Gomersal | Heritage Open Day (until 4pm) |
| | 10.00am | Gomersal | Wellbeing Wednesday |
| Wednesday 18 th | 2.00pm | Fulneck | Museum Open and Afternoon Teas in the BB |
| | 8.00pm | Gomersal | Junior Church Meeting at the home of Sr A Rivers |
| | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| Thursday 19 th | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| | 7.30pm | District | Moravian Singers Rehearsal in the BB |
| | 10.00am | Fulneck | Heritage Open Day (until 4pm) |
| Saturday 21 st | 10.30am | Fulneck | Family Worship led by Sr J Cooper |
| Sunday 22 nd | 10.30am | Gomersal | All-Age Worship led by Br M Newman |
| | 1.00pm | Fulneck | Heritage Open Day (until 4pm) |
| | 7.30pm | Gomersal | Church Committee |
| Tuesday 24 th | 10.30am | Gomersal | Carpet Bowls |
| Wednesday 25 th | 2.00pm | Fulneck | Bible Study at the home of Sr H Smith |
| | 7.00pm | Fulneck | Christmas Tree Festival Planning Meeting in Church |
| | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| Thursday 26 th | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| | 7.30pm | District | Moravian Singers Rehearsal in the BB |
| | 2.00pm | Hornsey | Consecration of Br Woolford led by Sr Groves |
| Saturday 28 th | 10.30am | Fulneck | Harvest Family Worship led by Br M Newman |
| Sunday 29 th | 10.30am | Gomersal | Harvest Family Worship led by Br J Kreusel |
| | 1.30pm | Gomersal | CTGB&EB Meeting at St Paul's Birkenshaw |
| Monday 30 th | | | |
| October | | | |
| Wednesday 2 nd | 10.30am | Gomersal | Walking for Health |
| | 8.00pm | Gomersal | Ladies' Fellowship |
| Thursday 3 rd | 9.45am | Fulneck | Morning Prayers |
| | 11.00am | Fulneck | Organ Recital |
| | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith |
| | 7.30pm | District | Moravian Singers Rehearsal in the BB |
| Saturday 5 th | 9.00am | District | YDC at Lower Wyke |
| | 2.00pm | Gomersal | Children's Activity Afternoon |
| Sunday 6 th | 10.30am | Fulneck | Family Worship led by Br I Haggas |
| | 10.30am | Gomersal | Family Worship led by Br M Newman |
| | 2.30pm | Fulneck | Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman |

For the October edition, please send material to Br Newman or myself by Monday 21 October. Thanks, Mary