

# The Magazine for Fulneck and Gomersal Moravian Churches

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## Letter from the Provincial Board

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Chief Elder, Jesus Christ.

Over the last few years much has been made in the media and the congregations of the British Province about the United Kingdom's political decision to leave the European Union, and as the PEC, we write to you to convey our thoughts.

We imagine that members of the Province will hold a spectrum of different views on Brexit but we affirm our love and commitment to each other and our Lord. The Ground of the Unity says, "The Church of Jesus Christ, despite all the distinctions between male and female, poor and rich and people of different ethnic origin, is one in the Lord. The Unitas Fratrum recognizes no distinction between those who are one in the Lord Jesus. We are called to testify that God in Jesus Christ brings His people out of every ethnic origin and language into one body, pardons sinners beneath the Cross and brings them together."

We oppose any discrimination in our midst because of ethnic origin, sex or social standing, and we regard it as a commandment of the Lord to bear public witness to this and to demonstrate by word and deed that we are brothers and sisters in Christ."

This affirmation in the Ground of the Unity applies to our relationships with all the provinces, and particularly, at this time, to the Czech Province, Czech Mission Province and the European Continental Province.

Unity does not mean that we must agree with each other on all matters. However, we are called to live out our Christian lives with faith, hope and love in fellowship with the Holy Spirit and each other. We continually strive to be of service and witness to our Lord and Saviour in an ever-changing world.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Sr Roberta Hoey, Sr Zoe Taylor, Br Paul Holdsworth,  
Br David Howarth, Br Mark Kernohan, Br  
Livingstone Thompson

## Minister's Letter

At the recent Congregation Council Meetings, I announced that I have been given permission by the Provincial Board to take a sabbatical next summer. The Book of Order says, "In view of the need for continuing study and spiritual refreshment, Ministers are entitled to a three-month period of sabbatical leave after every ten years of service." I have actually been in service for 12 years but have been waiting for the right time and the right project. June to August is a relatively quiet time in the calendars of both congregations, although I will still be attending the Provincial Synod in July.

I will be using some of the sabbatical to begin studying for a Theology MA at Luther King House in Manchester, which is something I have been thinking about for a while. My choice of modules has been inspired by things that I have been doing with the church recently – 'Theologies of the Body' by the discussion papers on sexuality that I helped to produce for the Faith and Order Committee, and 'Paul's Gospel in Rome' by the books discussed at the Bible Book Club at Fulneck.

As we get closer to the beginning of the sabbatical, I will let you know who will be covering what. I am sure that both congregations will have no problems continuing all the usual activities during this time.

Br Michael Newman

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

# Fulneck News and Notices

## Museum Newsletter Autumn 2019

Dear Friends & Supporters of The Moravian Museum Fulneck

The Museum is now closed for this year and I am writing to update you since my last newsletter back in May.

Our open season this year has been in some ways challenging, however, the highlights were certainly the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, which was held on Sunday 14 July and Fulneck's annual Heritage Open Days, over the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> of September, the first time we had opened both days. Reports on both these events have already been covered in the monthly magazines and The Messenger.

In the Autumn of 2018 I reported estimated visitor numbers in the region of 400, including normal opening days, tour groups and Heritage Open Day. This year recorded visitors for our 44 museum opening afternoons total 175 adults and 17 children, plus well over 200 Heritage Open Day visitors. This year our tours were well down on 2018, which in retrospect was probably an exceptional year. We also had 12 afternoons when we opened and there were no visitors, this is disappointing but not a new problem.

Our financial performance to our year end 31 August will be reported at our AGM which will take place early next year, notice of the date will be circulated in good time, together with nomination details for the 2020 committee.

Many of you will be aware of our ongoing problem with woodworm, something we plan to work on during this winter with help from Mr Michael Eyres, a friend of the Museum, as well as our pest management consultant. There are of course financial implications with this work, which we are looking to manage, using some of our reserve funds as required.

To finish on a 'Positive' note, our Museum Shop has done very well this year, with new and varied stock and our 'Discovery Boxes' have been well received. Our dehumidifier is once again doing a good job at keeping the humidity levels stable and the thickness of the walls will hopefully keep out the worst of any cold weather this winter.

Finally, a big thank you to the members of the Museum Committee and the Friends of the Museum for all your hard work and support.

To quote Bishop John McOwat, from our anniversary service,

**'Let us have Pride in the Past and Faith in the Future.'**

David Keighley  
Chairman Fulneck Museum Committee

## Infant Baptism

Aria Elisabeth Dickinson, great granddaughter of Sr Liz Coker, will be baptised during the morning service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Men's Fellowship

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in the Boys' Brigade**

Another afternoon of fellowship and games, including snooker, carpet bowls and dominoes.

## Christmas Tree Festival

The next planning meeting is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm in Church.

## Women Together

### Making Christmas Decorations—Christmas Tree Festival

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November .7.30. BB.** Please join us to create decorations for the Women Together Christmas Tree.

### Christmas Party

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 7.30.** Please join us at 26 Fulneck (Myra's flat). No Secret Santa this year. Due to shortage of funds it will be a faith supper; the list for this will be in the Bellroom from 17 November so please sign up and tell Myra what you wish to bring along.

Thank you, Women Together Co-ordinators (Myra, Ruth and Claire)

### Fingers and Thumbs

**Tuesday 19th November, 2pm at 36 Fulneck**

Crafts, refreshments and fellowship. Games also available.

### Outreach Meeting

**Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm in the Vestry**

The idea for this meeting to discuss outreach ideas came out of one of the Bible Book Club meetings when we were discussing some of the things that we had seen done successfully elsewhere, so if you have any ideas or just want to help, please come along.

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Fulneck Moravian Church  
Saturday 16th November 10am - 12-30  
In The Boys' Brigade Building

HOME BAKING

Bric - A - Brac

CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

etc etc Entry 50p

Charity No 251211

Fulneck Junior Church presents



plus decorations and refreshments

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**10.30am-Noon**

**in the Boys' Brigade Building**

**Everyone welcome**

**Free entry**

Churches together in Pudsey  
Present  
In preparation of Christmas  
An Evening of  
carols and seasonal music



played by  
**Andrew Whitaker**

PLUS  
Music from the  
Last night of the Proms  
and  
The reason for the season

**Where? St Andrew's Robin Lane**  
**When? Saturday 23 Nov 2019 @ 7pm**  
**Cost? £5 per ticket**  
Tickets Available from: Sr Myra Dickinson  
Your CTIP Representative or  
The Office at St Andrew's (cash)  
Opening Hours—10 'til 12noon Monday—Friday



**THE BIG SWITCH ON**



**Love singing?  
Love Carols?  
Love Pudsey?**

Then .....



Why not.....

**Join the Churches  
Together in Pudsey  
Carol Singers**

**On the steps of  
Pudsey House**

**Any time  
from 3pm—6pm**

**Sunday**

**1 December 2019**

**And sing your heart out!**



### Bible Book Club

Tuesday 26th November at 2pm at Number 54 Café

This month we are discussing the letter to the Hebrews. Notes are available in the Bellroom.

### CHRISTINGLE MAKING

**Monday 23 December. 10.00**

Please come along to the Church to help make the Christingles.



### Fulneck Dramatic Society

*'Sherlock Holmes and the Chihuahua of Doom'* by Peter Oxtoby  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm in the Comenius Centre.

Tickets available from Sr Chris Robbins.



Fulneck Moravian Church

# Christmas Tree Festival

Displays

Gift Stall

Children's  
Treasure  
Hunt

Refreshments



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10am to 3pm

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm to 4pm

**Free Entry**

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Fulneck Moravian Church  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

St Peter's Singers of Leeds  
National Festival Orchestra  
Simon Lindley conductor

**BACH**

**Cantata 30: Freue dich**

**VAUGHAN WILLIAMS**

**Fantasia on Christmas Carols**

**HANDEL**

**Messiah**

**Part 1 and Hallelujah Chorus**

Retiring Collection for Church Funds

The British Province of the Moravian Church, Registered Charity Number 20211

## Christmas Party Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm in the BB

Come along and share in all the fun of the Christmas Party.

Good food, good company and games for all ages.

Last year there was a surprise guest ..... Will there be one this year? .....

Please put your name on the list in the Bellroom.



## Nativity Play Sunday 15th December at 10.30am

This year's play is called 'The Mystery of the New Noisy Neighbour'. As with last year's play, we would love you to dress up and take part on the day, whatever your age. Take your pick from the following list of characters: Mary, Joseph, donkey, shepherds, sheep, angels, stars, wise men, camels. If we end up with three Marys and five wise men, it doesn't matter!

## Gomersal News and Notices



**Gomersal Moravian Church**  
Quarry Road, Gomersal  
Registered Charity Number 251211

# SUPPER



# AND GAMES

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**7.00pm in the Church**

£12 per person  
Tickets available from Joan and Jeff



**Gomersal Moravian Church**  
Quarry Road, Gomersal  
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# CHRISTMAS FAIR



*Refreshments Cakes*  
*Stalls Tombola*

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10am 'til 12pm in Church**

### Christmas Fair

Can you please help with the following items required for this event: Tombola prizes; Chocolate in any shape or size (100 needed); Lucky bags filled with anything between the value of 75p and £1 (bags available now). There will be a box at the back of church for items which should be brought on or before Sunday 24th November. Home baking is also needed on the day. Many thanks.

### 2020 Flower List and Welcomers Rota

The Flower List is at the back of church. Please put your name down in one of the gaps. If you would like to be added to the Welcomers rota for next year please let Br Michael Newman know by Sunday 17th November.

### Rewind to Christmas

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1.00pm at St Mary's Church**

Churches Together in Gomersal, Birkenshaw and East Bierley have been running these activity afternoons for the primary schools at Christmas and Easter for many years. We rely on a team of volunteers to make them happen. If you can help, please speak to Br Michael Newman.

## Wellbeing Wednesdays Gomersal Moravian Church: 2019

### Walking for Health:

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

### Julian Meeting:

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

### Walk and yoga:

30 minute walk, refreshments and Dru Yoga for all abilities.  
Starts 10.00. Charge £4 per session. 20 Nov; 18 Dec..

### Carpet bowls:

for all abilities. Refreshments. Charge £1 each.  
Starts 10.30. 27 Nov. No Dec event.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### District Choral Festival

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 6pm at Lower Wyke. With the Moravian Singers. Everyone welcome.

## Calendar

### November

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship and Baptism led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
	3.45pm	Fulneck	Meeting for Chapel Servants
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Fulneck	Sustainability Review Meeting in the BB
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Fulneck	FDS Play in the Comenius Centre
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
	2.00pm	Fulneck	MWA at the home of Sr M Hinchcliffe
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Men's Fellowship in the BB
	2.00pm	Gomersal	MWA
	7.30pm	Fulneck	FDS Play in the Comenius Centre
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Nativity Planning Meeting at the home of Sr A Rivers

## Calendar cont.

Thursday 7 <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
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Tree Festival Planning Meeting in the Vestry
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers Rehearsal in the BB
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Fulneck	FDS Play in the Comenius Centre
	7.30pm	Fulneck	FDS Play in the Comenius Centre
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Fulneck	FDS Play in the Comenius Centre
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Remembrance Family Worship led by Sr R France
	10.30am	Gomersal	Remembrance All Age Worship led by Br M Newman
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	School Remembrance Service
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	4.00pm	Fulneck	Settlement Committee in School
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers Rehearsal in the BB
	10.00am	Fulneck	Christmas Fair in the BB
	7.00pm	Gomersal	Supper and Games Night
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Church Service Sunday Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Church Service Sunday Worship led by Sr K Woolford
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Fingers and Thumbs at 36 Fulneck
	7.30pm	Gomersal	Church Committee
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Outreach Meeting in the BB
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	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
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Lego Christmas Activities
	7.00pm	Fulneck	CTP Brass Band Concert at St Andrew's Methodist
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Book Club at Number 54
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Carpet Bowls
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Study at the home of Sr H Smith
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers Rehearsal at Lower Wyke
	10.00am	Gomersal	Christmas Fair
<b>December</b>			
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Advent Worship & Communion led by Sr K Woolford
	10.30am	Gomersal	Advent All Age Worship led by Br M Newman
	3.00pm	Fulneck	CTP Carol Singing at Pudsey House
	6.00pm	District	Choral Festival at Lower Wyke