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Minister's Letter

Sustainability Review

At the 2018 Provincial Synod a resolution was passed that said, "Be it resolved that the Provincial Board appoint appropriate persons to assess the strength, sustainability and future direction of the British Province, and report back with recommendations to the next synod."

The Provincial Board set up a taskforce of representatives from the different Provincial committees and districts. The ten members of that taskforce are: Sr Naomi Hancock (chair, Eastern District), Sr Jane Dixon (secretary, Yorkshire District), Br David Keighley (treasurer, Yorkshire District), Sr Roberta Hoey (Provincial Board), Br Blair Kessler (Midlands District), Br Joachim Kreusel (Bishop, Midlands District), Sr Zoe Taylor (Provincial Board, Midlands District), Br Livingstone Thompson (Provincial Board, Irish District), Sr Janet Warr (Lancashire District), and myself (Yorkshire District). It was decided that in order to do a proper and thorough job the 2020 Synod would be asked to accept an interim report, with the full report being presented to the 2022 Synod. The taskforce met in March 2019 to discuss the first step of the process, which is information gathering.

A member of the taskforce will meet with every congregation in the autumn of 2019, with the meeting being open to all congregation members. The discussions will be structured around a questionnaire about the strengths and weaknesses of, opportunities and challenges for, congregations and districts. The ministers were the guinea pigs for this questionnaire at the In-Service Training in June. The taskforce members chairing each meeting will complete the questionnaire based on

the discussions, and the results will then be collated. The taskforce will meet again in February in order to analyse the results and decide on the next steps of the review process.

The meeting for the Gomersal congregation will take place in Church on Wednesday 23rd October at 7pm. The meeting for the Fulneck congregation will take place in the Boys' Brigade on Monday 4th November at 7pm. Both the meetings will be chaired by Sr Jane Dixon (Br Keighley and I will be chairing the meetings at the other Yorkshire congregations). Please try to attend the meetings if you can so that you can have your say and contribute to this Provincial review. I hope that this will be a positive and fruitful process as we seek God's guidance for the future of our Church.

Youth Forum

The 2018 Provincial Synod also resolved to arrange a Youth Forum for representatives of all the congregations. This will take place from the 25th to the 27th of October near Lichfield. Br Daniel Newman and Br Ethan Newman will be representing our two congregations.

The young people will have the chance to discuss the sustainability questionnaire, as well as learning more about the Province. I will be there on the Saturday to talk about the two Provincial committees that I am part of, as well as my role as chair of sessions at Provincial Synod. I will then chair a mock Synod session to show them how Synod works. It will be a great opportunity for the young people attending to learn about our church, and hopefully to be inspired to get more involved at a Provincial level.

Br Michael Newman

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

Fulneck News and Notices

Congregation Council Meeting

Monday 21st October, 7.30pm in the Boys' Brigade

1. Opening Devotions
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes of the last Council Meeting on 18th February 2019 (distributed beforehand)
5. Matters Arising
 - Fulneck Reads the Bible
6. Reports
 - Minister
 - Property Stewards
 - Treasurer
7. Election
 - Deputy and Alternate Deputy to Synod (Thursday 9th to Monday 13th July 2020, by ballot)
8. Dates for 2020
 - Congregation Council meetings on Monday 17th February and Monday 12th October
 - Changes to Services and Unit Services:
 - Morning Communion on Sunday 5th April (Palm Sunday District Service in evening)
 - Unit Maundy Thursday Communion on Thursday 9th April at Gomersal
 - Morning Communion on Sunday 2nd August
 - Unit Service on Sunday 16th August at Gomersal
 - Unit Service on Sunday 27th December at Fulneck
 - Special Services:
 - Marriage Celebration Service on Sunday 26th April
 - Sisters' Festival on Sunday 17th May
 - Junior Church Festival on Sunday 21st June
 - Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September
 - Brethren's Festival on Sunday 11th October
 - Nativity Play on Sunday 20th December
 - Other Events
 - Heritage Open Day
9. New Business
 - Carol Singing
 - Christingle Making (Christmas Eve is a Wednesday)
 - Harvest Offertory 2020
10. Any Other Business (notified in writing to Br Newman by Monday 14th October)
11. Closing Devotions

Heritage Open Days

Another successful Heritage weekend, with the advantage of warm sunshine on the Saturday. Despite a change of weather on the Sunday, both days were well supported. In total over well over two hundred people attended. In addition, over 100 hundred pupils and staff from the school visited the exhibition on the Friday. Not surprisingly, the young children were particularly keen to find the 'wild' animals hidden around the church.

Visitors enjoyed the event and found all aspects enlightening and interesting, as shown by the comments below. The pictures capture some of the experiences that inspired those visiting.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, helped on the days and supported preparations. Without the efforts of so many we would not have been able to raise nearly £600.

Heritage Day Team (the 3 M's)

Heritage Day visitors' comments

'A wonderful experience; proud to see the Moravian values on display and the museum.'

'Enlightening—thank you for sharing this.'

'So much has gone into the amazing exhibition—good to see and hear about what amazing women have achieved.'

'Enjoyed learning about Moravian history.'

'Amazing tour and drama.'





Brethren's Festival: Sunday 13 October

All brethren are invited to meet in Café 54 at 9am Sunday 13 October for breakfast, fellowship and the Cup of Covenant. There is a list in the bell room covering breakfast options and cost (£7.50), so please add your name and choices to the list as soon as possible.

Alternatively, please talk to John Holmes if you have any special requests or would prefer a vegan or vegetarian breakfast.

Men's Fellowship

Wednesday 9 October at 2pm. Boys' Brigade

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 go this time but would still be interested in the future please let

Br Newman know. Thank you.



Traidcraft Stall

Br Stuart Brierley will be having his Traidcraft stall at the coffee morning after church on **Sunday 27 October**.

Fulneck Junior Church presents



plus decorations and refreshments

Saturday 23rd November
10.30am-Noon
in the Boys' Brigade Building

Everyone welcome
Free entry

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 16 November, 10am to 1pm BB

Christmas gifts, Tombola, cake stall and much more. Please come for all the fun of the fayre.

Before then, Sr J Newton will be glad of support with preparing and on the day. Any help you can offer will be much appreciated.



Christmas Tree Festival 2019

Saturday 7 December, 10 till 3.

Sunday 8 December, 1 till 4.

Planning is well underway and the groups have been allocated carols as the theme for each tree. We will be having a gift stall in the vestry, as in previous years, and if anyone would like to contribute something to the stall please let Sr Maureen Ingham or Br Michael Newman know. The next planning meeting is on **Thursday 7th November at 2pm** in the vestry.

(Please note the earlier finish time on the Saturday as there will also be the St Peter's Singers concert that evening.)

Property for Rental—49 Fulneck

Mid-terrace stone built cottage with stone flag slated roof. Lounge, kitchen, double bedroom, single bedroom, bathroom, small front garden, common area to rear. £595 pcm.

Viewing to be arranged with Br Trevor Kernohan. Application forms available from John Forrester. Full details posted in Bellroom. Closing date for applications is 1st November 2019.

Gomersal News and Notices

Wellbeing Wednesdays

Gomersal Moravian Church: 2019



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



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



Walk and yoga: 30 minute walk, refreshments and Dru Yoga for all abilities. Starts 10.00. Charge £4 per session. 16 Oct; 20 Nov; 18 Dec..



Carpet bowls: for all abilities. Refreshments. Charge £1 each. Starts 10.30. 23 Oct; 27 Nov. No Dec event.

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 - Treasurer
 - Property
 - Junior Church
7. Election.
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8. Dates for 2020
 - Congregation Council meetings on Monday 2nd March and Monday 19th October
 - Changes to Services and Unit Services:
 - Unit Maundy Thursday Communion on Thursday 9th April at Gomersal
 - Morning Communion on Sunday 12th April (Easter Sunday)
 - Unit Service on Sunday 16th August at Gomersal
 - Unit Service on Sunday 27th December at Fulneck
 - Special Services:
 - Junior Church Anniversary on Sunday 17th May
 - Ladies' Festival on Sunday 14th June
 - Church Anniversary on Sunday 19th July
 - Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September
 - Wellbeing Service on Sunday 18th October
 - Christingle on Sunday 20th December at 4pm
9. New Business
 - Fundraising Ideas
 - Flower List
 - Welcoming Stewards Rota
10. Any Other Business (notified in writing to Br Newman by Monday 7th October)
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BINGO



AND PIZZA

Friday 11th October
7.00pm in the Church
£4 adults £2 children



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SUPPER



AND GAMES

Saturday 16th November
7.00pm in the Church
 £12 per person
 Tickets available from Joan and Jeff

GENERAL NOTICES

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

October

Sunday 6 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br I Haggas
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
Monday 7 th	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
	7.30pm	Fulneck	History Meeting at the home of Sr V Hayton
	7.30pm	Fulneck	CTP Meeting at Pudsey Baptist Church
Wednesday 9 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	2.30pm	Fulneck	MWA at the home of Sr M Hinchcliffe
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Men's Fellowship in the BB
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee
Thursday 10 th	7.45pm	Gomersal	MWA
	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
Friday 11 th	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers Rehearsal in the BB
	7.00pm	Gomersal	Bingo Night
Sunday 13 th	9.00am	Fulneck	Brethren's Breakfast at Number 54
	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 14 th	7.30pm	Gomersal	Congregation Council Meeting
Tuesday 15 th	7.30pm	Gomersal	Church Committee
Wednesday 16 th	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Book Club at Number 54
Thursday 17 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
Friday 18 th	2.30pm	Fulneck	Junior School Harvest Festival
Saturday 19 th	10.00am	District	Retreat at Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield
Sunday 20 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br K Evans
	10.30am	Gomersal	Wellbeing All-Age Worship led by Br M Newman
Monday 21 st	7.30pm	Fulneck	Congregation Council Meeting in the BB
Tuesday 22 nd	7.30pm	District	Mission Working Party at Gomersal
Wednesday 23 rd	10.30am	Gomersal	Carpet Bowls
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Study at the home of Sr H Smith
	7.00pm	Gomersal	Sustainability Review Meeting
Thursday 24 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
Friday 25 th to Sunday 27 th		Provincial	Youth Forum at Lichfield
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Sr H Smith (Traidcraft Stall in the BB during refreshments)
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford
Thursday 31 st	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

November

Sunday 3 rd	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship, Infant Baptism led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft
Monday 4 th	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
	7.00pm	Fulneck	Sustainability Review Meeting in the BB