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Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday 24th February
to Sunday 8th March
Celebrating 25 years
of the Fairtrade Mark!

It's a quarter of a century since the FAIRTRADE Mark launched in the U.K. That makes it the same age as the original Lion King film, Eurotunnel and TV series Friends. This year we are proud to be celebrating 25 years of Fairtrade products in the UK. During that time, Fairtrade and our supporters have been fighting against poverty and inequality, making a real difference to the lives of farmers and workers. From working with businesses and governments, teaching about Fairtrade in schools, campaigning and lobbying, to choosing Fairtrade in the shops, you have all been part of this journey. Join us for the next 25 years, demanding fairer trade and living incomes for farmers and workers.

Fairtrade in Action

It may be hard to swallow but many of the people behind our most-loved food still live in extreme poverty. It is a scandal that behind the sweet delight of chocolate lies the bitter taste of exploitation. The UK chocolate industry is worth at least £4 billion each year. And yet the average cocoa farmer in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, where 60 percent of all cocoa is grown, makes less than 75p a day. This is well below the extreme poverty line of around £1.40 per day. If this wasn't enough to



cope with, the climate crisis is already wreaking havoc on global food production. Farmers are battling less predictable seasons, more plant diseases and weather extremes, leading to a lack of food. They are suffering, struggling to harvest crops and working longer hours, for lower prices.

For women, the situation is even more unfair. In Côte d'Ivoire, for example, women carry out more than two thirds of the labour involved in cocoa farming. They work in the fields, look after children, carry water, and help bring the crop to market. And yet they often have fewer rights than men, and often earn less than a quarter of the money generated. That's why we launched our She Deserves a Living Income campaign last year. Thanks to Fairtrade supporters up and down the land we made the case loud and clear.

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

Rosine Bekoin is a mum of five, cocoa farmer and member of CAYAT co-operative in Côte d'Ivoire. Rosine is slightly unusual as cocoa farmers in Côte d'Ivoire go – because she owns and runs her 2.5-hectare farm, which was passed to her from her mother. Normally it is men who own farms and earn the income from them. Rosine first sold her cocoa as Fairtrade in 2016. Having received training in quality and good agricultural practices from CAYAT, her production increased by 50 percent in 2018.

Ways to support Fairtrade

- Sign up to emails

- Share on social media
- Follow us on social media
- Fundraise for Fairtrade
- Choose Fairtrade
- Donate to Fairtrade
- Join a local Fairtrade group
- Be a Fairtrade advocate

Thank you for being part of the Fairtrade movement and for celebrating this 25th anniversary with us. Fairtrade would not be what it is today, without your support.

Fulneck News and Notices

Christmas Tree Festival

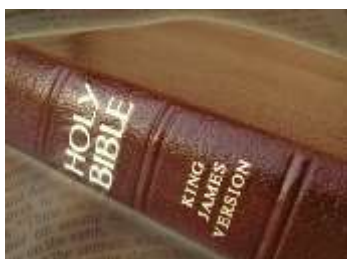
Thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas Tree Festival on the 7th and 8th of December, and also taking the trees down after the January Lovefeast. We had a good number of visitors, as well as making some money for the church through donations and the stall. Hannah Baines wrote the following poem after her visit. —>



Bible Book Club

Wednesday 12 February, 2pm at Number 54 Café

This month we will be discussing the first and second letters of Peter. Notes are available in the Bellroom.



The Christmas Tree Festival by Hannah Baines

*Scattered all in the church,
Teddies just sat while perched,
Up high, down low and all around,
Waiting for children to make a sound.*

*While Mary, Teddy, Emily, Harriet and more,
Waiting for you to count them,
Badges are being sold in the store.*

*Christmas, Christmas, it really felt like Christmas,
All the Christmas trees were decorated by everyone
around,
The whole community was involved,
It was so beautiful,
I wish I could take them home!*

*Christingle and star badges,
Hats and gloves,
They sell a choice,
As a kind lady stands with a message book.*

*Once you had finished you look in your bag,
There were biscuits and pencils and snowman rubbers,
"Wait!" said a woman, "have you solved the riddle?"
We were very puzzled,
Suddenly I looked at my clipboard and said "Oh, do you
mean this?"*

*I pointed at the Question at the bottom of my clip-
board,
"Use the first letters of the bears names to spell out
where Jesus was born"
Can you guess??!!*

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Congregation Council Meeting

Monday 17th February, 7.30pm in the Boys' Brigade

Agenda

1. Opening Devotions
2. Election of Minute Secretary
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Minutes of the last Council Meeting on 21st October 2019 (distributed beforehand)
6. Matters Arising
 - A. Property Update
 - B. Financial Update
7. Elections
 - A. Church Committee – two members for three years (Sr L Wood and Br J Saynor have come to the end of their current 3-year terms)
 - B. Alternate Deputy to Synod (Thursday 9th to Monday 13th July 2020)
 - C. Deputy and Alternate Deputy to YDC
 - D. Flower Group
 - E. Joseph Lepton Charity Representatives
 - F. Event Co-ordinating Committee
 - G. Churches Together Representatives
 - H. Messenger Correspondent
8. New Business
 - A. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2019-20 congregation accounts
 - B. Burial Ground Tidy-up – Saturday 4th April
 - C. Future Events for 2020
9. Any Other Business (notified in writing to Br Newman by Monday 10th February)
10. Closing Devotions

Note – Members not able to attend the meeting

Section 13.3.b in the Book of Order says: "If a member is unable to attend a meeting, he/she has a right of submitting his/her opinion in a written memorandum. Such a memorandum should be in the hands of the chairperson or secretary before the hour fixed for the meeting and, if it deals with a specific proposal coming before the meeting, should be read next after the proposal has been seconded." However, the Book of Order is clear that only members present at the meeting can vote.

Outreach Meeting

Wednesday 5th February, 7.30pm in the Boys' Brigade

At our November meeting we discussed some new ideas, including things that we might be able to do next Christmas. We also discussed how to better advertise the things that we already do, something that we did with flyers when we went carol singing and cards at the Christingle service. At our next meeting we will continue to discuss and develop these ideas, as well as any new ones. **Everyone is welcome.**



Men's Fellowship

Wednesdays 5th February and 4th March, 2pm in the Boys' Brigade

Fellowship and games, including ³snooker, dominoes, Scrabble and a quiz.

Lent Services Wednesdays at 7.30pm

'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us.'
(Luke 24:32)



What are the parts of the Bible that set your heart on fire? What passages or stories in scripture make your heart burn within you? This year's Churches Together in Britain and Ireland Lent Course asks these questions. Each week we will explore an Old Testament passage – for it was the interpretation of what we call Old Testament scripture that led to those burning hearts on the Emmaus road. This will be followed by drawing attention to passages from the New Testament which resonate with the theme for the week.

26th February	Ash Wednesday
4th March	The Fire and the Name – Exodus 3:1-15
11th March	And all the earth shall cry glory – Genesis 1:1-2:4
18th March	Face to face – Genesis 32:22-33:10
25th March	Heart to heart: sorrow and joy – Various verses from Genesis and Psalm 22
1st April	Bound together in love and sacrifice – Genesis 22:1-8

Lent Lunches

2020 will be our 9th year of providing Light Lunches on the 7 Fridays of Lent which means we have generated around £5,500 to be shared between Fulneck Church and the Ethiopian Village of Adi Eblal. Not vast amounts by some standards but we have been instrumental in assisting the larger group of Jean and John Broadbent's generous friends and contacts in vastly improving the lives of the residents of the village of Adi Eblal as well as two other neighbouring villages, with the supply of electricity, clean fresh water, a library, flour mill, school restoration, new school furniture, and more.

Two years ago, the money sent was quickly put to use by helping to provide a roof on the newly built library just before the monsoons arrived. The library is now in full operation and very well used but the choice and number of books is still fairly limited. To alleviate this situation Jean and John will be asking for donations to cover the cost of books from a list provided by the teacher at the school.

As the villagers are becoming more and more independent it has been decided to move forward in a rather different direction, namely education. There is one young boy in particular, who is showing great promise in his schoolwork and has ambitions to become a Lawyer. His name is Ermias, he lives in the village with his grandmother as his mother died some time ago and his father has left. All education is to be paid for, so it is very difficult for his grandmother to provide for his schooling, which is where we come in! Your efforts are truly changing this child's life and his future prospects. He and his grandmother say thank you very much, and it is truly heartfelt on their part.

So, I ask for **everyone's support for the Lent Lunches** which begin on Friday 28 February. Please will you all think seriously of how you can help? The lunches do not have to be elaborate – they are for the abstemious period of Lent! They usually consist of a main course and dessert, coffee or tea, of 'simple fayre', hot or cold! All expenses can be claimed back with receipts presented to Br Jonathan Saynor. If you would like more information please contact me, Sr Brenda Pearson, on 07800 593183 or 0113 256 2531. There is a list for volunteers in the Bell Room. Also, **please donate raffle prizes** for the final lunch.

Property for Rent

Windmill House, 69 Mill Hill, Pudsey LS28 8NR. Rent - £900.00 per calendar month.
Please see the church notice board for more details.

Bell Room Tables

Thanks to Sr Allison Turner and her family for renovating the tables in the bell room

Bible Study

The next Bible Study will be on Thursday 20th February at 2pm at the home of Sr Hilary Smith

Gomersal News and Notices

Wellbeing Wednesdays

Gomersal Moravian Church: 2020

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

5 February. 4 March. 1 April. 6 May. 3 June. 1 July.



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

12 February. 11 March. NOT April. 13 May. 10 June. 8 July.



Walk and yoga: 30 minute walk and Dru Yoga for all abilities. Refreshments. Starts 10.00. Charge £4 per session.

19 February. 18 March. NOT April. 20 May. 17 June. 15 July.



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

26 February. 25 March. 22 April. 27 May. 24 June. 22 July.



GAMES EVENING

Enjoy a games evening
with soup and a roll.

Friday 28 February.

7.00pm in the Church.

£4 per person (children £2).



Congregation Council Meeting. Monday 3rd March, 7.30pm in Church

Agenda

1. Opening Devotions
2. Election of Minute Secretary
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Minutes of the last Council Meetings on 14th October 2019 and 26th January 2020
6. Matters Arising
 - A. Guest Preachers
 - B. Finance Update
 - C. Property Update
7. Elections
 - A. Church Committee – two members for three years (by ballot)
 - B. Deputy and Alternate Deputy to YDC
 - C. Churches Together Representatives
 - D. Bible Society Representatives
 - E. Messenger Agent
 - f. Messenger Correspondent
8. New Business
 - A. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2019-20 congregation accounts
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A big thank you to Sr Mary Horsfall for her many years serving the congregation as a Chapel Servant.



Gomersal Moravian Church
Quarry Road, Gomersal

Lent Course
on the
Lord's Prayer
A York Course

Mondays at 1.30pm in Church

- 2nd March 'Our Father'**
9th March 'Thy will be done'
16th March 'Our daily bread'
23rd March 'As we forgive'
30th March 'In heaven'

All are welcome

Gomersal Moravian Church

Quarry Road, Gomersal

Registered Charity Number 251211

FAMILY FILM NIGHT



Friday 6th March at 6.30pm

Free entry

Refreshments available

GENERAL NOTICES



Yorkshire District of the Moravian Church

District Lovefeast and Communion

Celebrating the Memorial Day for the
founding of the Moravian Church in 1457

**Sunday 23rd February,
3pm at Gomersal
Moravian Church**

**Guest Preacher: Rev Nick Shields,
Coordinator of West Yorkshire
Churches Together**

Calendar

February

Sunday 2 nd	10.30am	Fulneck	All Age Worship 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
Wednesday 5 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
	2.00pm	Fulneck	MWA
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Men's Fellowship in the BB
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Outreach Meeting in the BB
	8.00pm	Gomersal	Ladies' Fellowship
Thursday 6 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck

Calendar continued

February (continued)

Sunday 9 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
Tuesday 11 th	2.00pm	Fulneck	Fingers and Thumbs at the home of Sr C Singleton
Wednesday 12 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Book Club at Number 54
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee
	7.45pm	Gomersal	MWA
Thursday 13 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford
Monday 17 th	7.30pm	Fulneck	Congregation Council Meeting in the BB
Tuesday 18 th	7.30pm	Gomersal	Church Committee
Wednesday 19 th	10.00am	Gomersal	Wellbeing Wednesday
Thursday 20 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Study at the home of Sr H Smith
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck
Saturday 22 nd	9.00am	District	YDC at Wellhouse
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Sr H Smith
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	3.00pm	District	Memorial Day Lovefeast & Communion at Gomersal
Wednesday 26 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Carpet Bowls
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Ash Wednesday Service led by Br T Auty
Thursday 27 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck
Friday 28 th	12.00pm	Fulneck	Lent Lunch in the BB

March

Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Fulneck	All Age Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by
	2.30pm	Fulneck	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman
Monday 2 nd	7.30pm	Gomersal	Congregation Council Meeting
Wednesday 4 th	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
	2.00pm	Fulneck	MWA
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Men's Fellowship in the BB
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Lent Service led by Br M Newman
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Thursday 5 th	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers
	2.00pm	Gomersal	Prayer Group at the home of Sr M Smith
	7.30pm	District	Moravian Singers in the BB at Fulneck
Friday 6 th	12.00pm	Fulneck	Lent Lunch in the BB
Sunday 8 th	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br I Haggas
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
	3.00pm	Gomersal	Lovefeast and Communion led by Br M Newman