

# Fulneck and Gomersal Moravian Church

## Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020



### Minister's Letter

Dear friends,

I hope that you are all keeping well.

On Monday night, Boris Johnson announced that the **guidance** on what we can and can't do had been revised. The following is from the government website:

*You should only leave the house for one of four reasons:*

- *Shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible.*
- *One form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household.*
- *Any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person.*
- *Travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home.*

*These four reasons are exceptions - even when doing these activities, you should be minimising time spent outside of the home and ensuring you are 2 metres apart from anyone outside of your household. These measures must be followed by everyone.*

*Separate advice is available for individuals or households who are isolating, and for the most vulnerable who need to be shielded.*

Now that visiting or meeting with others is no longer possible, things like telephone calls, emails and social media have become even more important.

Members of both congregations will hopefully have had a **phone call** from a member of their Church Committee in the past week. A similar scheme is being looked into by the Fulneck Residents' Association. We have had a good response to the request for volunteers to give **practical help**, so if you need any please ask. It has been great to hear of similar things being set up all over the country.

Sr Allison Turner has set up an **email group** to support each other through prayer and good news. If you are interested, email [13allison.turner@googlemail.com](mailto:13allison.turner@googlemail.com). Allison is also involved with the Cinnamon Trust, a charity who do **dog walking** for the elderly. If this might benefit you, please contact 01736 757900.

To help fill the time spent at home, we have set up a Facebook-based **film club**, watching films available for free on BBC iPlayer. Over the last week we have been sharing our thoughts on 'The History Boys'. We are now onto our second film, 'Escape from Alcatraz'. The group is called 'Fulneck and Gomersal Film Club'.

On Sunday the 'Moravian Church – British Province' Facebook page had some videos to watch to enable us to **worship at home**. These will be produced every Sunday and enable us to worship together with Moravians around the country. I will also continue to provide resources for those not on email.

And it isn't long now until Palm Sunday. I know that quite a few people have their own copies of the **Passion Week and Eastertide** book, but if anyone would like to borrow a copy so that they follow the daily readings through until Easter Sunday, please let me know and I will do my best to get one to you.

The Fulneck **Lent Lunch** deliveries went well on Friday thanks to Br David Adsetts and Sr Claire Newman. Unfortunately, due to the revised government guidelines, we will not be doing the Lent Lunches again this week.

Some of you may have noticed the **Moravian Star** in the bell tower at Fulneck. This is in solidarity with other Moravians around the world who are putting up their stars as a sign of hope in these difficult times.

Some people have asked about **weekly offerings**. A standing order is the easiest way to give, and if you would like to set one up, please let me know. Envelopes can be put through the letterbox of Br Trevor Kernohan at Fulneck or Br Les Machell at Gomersal. We recognise that some will find it difficult at the moment.

If you would like to receive the next newsletter by email, please let me know. Stay safe, and don't forget that the **locks change this weekend**.

Yours in Christ,

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