

# The Magazine for Fulneck and Gomersal Moravian Churches



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## Christian Aid Week

**10-16 May 2021**

In Kenya, extreme weather is making it harder and harder to survive. For communities fighting the climate crisis, every last drop matters and every last one of us can help them thrive. The coronavirus pandemic has only increased the urgent need for families to access a reliable source of water. The devastating climate crisis robs people of the water and food they need to live.

This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray to stop this climate crisis driving people to hunger. From envelope collections to walking 300,000 steps in May, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community against global poverty and injustice.

This Christian Aid Week, please:

- **Give** generously to help ensure people can fight this climate crisis.
- **Act** as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality.
- **Pray** for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for people living in poverty.

Together we can stop this climate crisis. Join us at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)

**On Monday 17th May at 7.30pm there will a Quiz in aid of Christian Aid on Zoom. All are welcome. We simply ask that you donate to Christian Aid.**

## Ministerial Calls

On Sunday 18th April the following announcements were made at Fulneck and Gomersal.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to inform you that Br Michael Newman has received and accepted a call to serve the Hornsey congregation from August 2021. Br Newman's last service will be on Sunday 4th July 2021. Whilst the Provincial Board are delighted that Br Newman has accepted this call, we realise that it will be a sad time for you as congregations to say goodbye to Michael, Claire, Daniel and Ethan, however we are sure that you will wish them every blessing.

Br James Woolford has received and accepted a call to serve the Fulneck congregation from Sunday 15th August 2021. The Provincial Board are delighted that James has accepted this call, and I am sure that you will give him your full support as he begins this new chapter in his ministry.

The Gomersal congregation will be entering into a period of interregnum and the Board will meet with the Church Committee to provide support in creating a plan for this interim period until we finalise future ministerial provision.

Yours in Christ's service,

Sr Roberta Hoey, on behalf of the Provincial Board

Claire, Daniel, Ethan and I will be moving out at the beginning of July and will stay temporarily at Church House. James, Annette, Edward and Charlotte will move from Hornsey to Fulneck at the end of July, and we will move into the Hornsey manse in August. Hornsey is in north London, not far from Alexandra Palace. We have known about the call since March, and so have had time to get our heads around moving to London. We have also begun to prepare practically, such as changing our car for one that complies with London's Ultra Low Emission Zone.

We will miss Fulneck and Gomersal, especially all the members and friends at both congregations, and the wonderful countryside that surrounds both churches. But with Daniel about to finish university and Ethan about to begin, it is a good time for us to move. We are looking forward to embracing new challenges and opportunities, and I am sure that both congregations will do the same with the changes the moves will bring. The next couple of months is a time to reflect on the past and prepare for the future, seeking God's guidance and trusting in his love.

Br Michael Newman

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

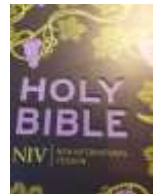
## Fulneck News and Notices

**Coffee Morning. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am on Zoom.** Another opportunity to get together online. The Zoom link will be sent out the day before.

**Congregation Council Meeting. Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Church.** The agenda and papers will be sent out very soon. The main item on the agenda is the elections. The same Covid-secure measures apply as for services.

**Pentecost and Church Anniversary Service. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10.30am.** After the success of our outdoor carol service at Christmas and the pleasure of singing at the outdoor service on Easter Sunday, we are planning to hold our Pentecost service outdoors so that we can sing hymns together again. The service will take place on the pavement outside church, with chairs set out for social distancing.

**Bible Book Club. Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm on Zoom.** In May we are looking at Ecclesiastes. Please contact Br Newman for the notes from the Bible Society. The Zoom link will be sent out the day before.



**Summer Health Walks. Starting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm outside the BB.** This summer we will be having another series of Monday evening health walks, one every two weeks. Each walk will start outside the Boys' Brigade at 7pm, last for about an hour covering a mix of terrain, and will end back at the Boys' Brigade. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Current government Covid guidance will be followed. The dates are: 14<sup>th</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 23<sup>rd</sup> August. More details will be in the June magazine.



## Gomersal News and Notices

### Wellbeing Wednesdays

**Julian Meeting. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am on Zoom.** We continue to meet every month for a time of quiet contemplation. The Zoom link will be sent out the day before.

**Coffee Morning. Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am on Zoom** Another opportunity to get together online. The Zoom link will be sent out the day before.

**We hope to start our other regular Wellbeing activities again in September.**

**Pentecost Family Worship. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10.30am.**

After the pleasure of singing at the outdoor service on Easter Sunday, we are planning to hold our Pentecost service outdoors so that we can sing hymns together again. The service will take place in the burial ground. You are welcome to bring something to sit on.

**Congregation Council Meeting. Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Church.**

The agenda and papers will be sent out very soon. The main item on the agenda is the elections. The same Covid-secure measures apply as for services.

### Building Loan.

We are happy to report that the loan has now been repaid. Thank you to everyone for all your fundraising efforts over the last decade to make this happen. We look forward to getting back to using our fantastic building for a wide range of activities when Covid restrictions allow and will hopefully have to chance to celebrate this milestone.

### Litter Picking. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am outside Church.

Part of the 'Great British Spring Clean' organised by Keep Britain Tidy. We will split up into small groups to do short local walks, picking up litter as we go. There will be a limited number of litter pickers available as well as bin bags. Please bring gardening gloves. More details will be in the June magazine.



## Calendar

*In Step 2 of the roadmap, services can take place following Covid-secure guidance, but those attending must not mix with other households. In Step 3, which will begin on 17<sup>th</sup> May at the earliest, indoor activities can be organised if they follow Covid-secure guidance, a risk assessment is completed (and approved by Church Committee), and those attending do not mix in groups of more than 6 people or 2 households. Even in Step 3, some activities will remain online, and some will have to wait until Step 4 or later.*

### May

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship and Communion led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br R Hopcroft
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br T Kernohan
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship and Communion led by Br M Newman
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting on Zoom
	7.15pm	Fulneck	Church Committee on Zoom
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Fulneck	Ascension Day Service led by Br M Newman (NO MORNING PRAYERS THAT DAY)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Coffee Morning on Zoom
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Sisters' Festival Worship led by Sr J Cooper
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br M Newman
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Ful & Gom	Christian Aid Quiz on Zoom
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gomersal	Church Committee in Church
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Coffee Morning on Zoom
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Outreach Meeting on Zoom
	7.30pm	Fulneck	Congregation Council Meeting in Church (NO MORNING PRAYERS THE NEXT DAY)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Pentecost and Anniversary Worship led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Pentecost Worship led by Sr K Woolford
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gomersal	Congregation Council Meeting in Church
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church
	2.00pm	Fulneck	Bible Book Club on Zoom
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Trinity Sunday Worship led by Sr R France
	10.30am	Gomersal	Trinity Sunday Worship led by Br R Hopcroft

### June

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	District	Yorkshire District Pre-Synod Meeting on Zoom
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship and Communion led by Sr K Woolford
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship and Communion led by Br M Newman

## Materials for Worshipping at Home

### Sunday 2nd May

Reading: John 15: 1-8

Hymn (Mission Praise 625)

*Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak;  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.*

*Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide;  
And run not before Him, whatever betide;  
In joy or in sorrow still follow thy Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.*

Prayer

Creator God, in you we are all we need to be; through you we grow into all that we long to be; with you we bear fruits that can be used and shared and multiplied; because of you our lives are rich and blessed and fruitful; so we praise you in song and silence, today and every day. Amen.

### Sunday 9th May

Reading: John 15: 9-17

Hymn (Moravian Hymnbook 356)

*Come, let us all with gladness raise  
A joyous song of thanks and praise,  
To him who rules the heavenly host,  
God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*And in thy love may we abide,  
Estranged from none by wrath or pride;  
Among ourselves at unity,  
And with all else in charity.*

Prayer

God of all, we give you thanks for the gift of friendship; for the giving and the receiving; for the opportunities and the challenges; for the laughter and the tears; for the conversations and the silence; for the moments and the memories. Draw us deeper into your love, and bless us with the confidence to proclaim Jesus as our dearest friend, teacher and Saviour. We ask this in his name. Amen.

### Sunday 16th May

Reading: John 17: 6-19

Hymn (Moravian Hymnbook 96)

*O word of pity, for our pardon pleading,  
Breathed in the hour of loneliness and pain;  
O voice, which, through the ages interceding,  
Calls us to fellowship with God again!*

*O word of hope, to raise us nearer heaven,  
When courage fails us, and when faith is dim!  
The souls for whom Christ prays to Christ are given,  
To find their pardon and their joy in him.*

Prayer

Lord Jesus, as your disciples in the world today, we thank you that your word of truth, your prayer of power and your heart of love, continue to protect, inspire and unite us as we live out our faith, build up our relationships, and hold the world before you in prayer. Amen.

### Sunday 23rd May—Pentecost

Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

Hymn (Mission Praise 89)

*Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

Prayer

Living God, thank you for the energy of Pentecost, for the promises fulfilled, for the lives changed, for the hearts touched, for the power unleashed, for the overflowing of your Spirit into our world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Sunday 30th May—Trinity Sunday

Reading: John 3: 1-17

Hymn (Mission Praise 251)

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

Prayer

God of the Living Word, we praise you for the gift of Scripture – for the truths it invites us to embrace; for the questions that echo our own; for the conversations that puzzle and enlighten us; for the encounters that inspire and inform us; for the certainty, the mystery, the grace.  
4 We praise you, today and always. Amen.