

# The Magazine for Fulneck and Gomersal Moravian Churches



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## A photo competition—just for pleasure, no prizes



What activity are these ladies (and one gent) doing?



What plaque is about to be unveiled?



What event is being re-enacted?



Who is entertaining the Gomersal congregation?



Who is playing at Santa?

Who is dressed up for the Safari Supper?



OK. This is a favourite from your editor. Flowers I received at Fulneck when John and I became members. Thank you.

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

# Fulneck News and Notices



## Confirmation

We were delighted to welcome Br Kwame Williams into the membership of the congregation by confirmation on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

## Summer Health Walks

### Every other Monday at 7pm outside the Boys' Brigade

This summer we are having another series of Monday evening health walks, one every two weeks. Each walk starts outside the Boys' Brigade at 7pm, lasts for about an hour covering a mix of terrain, and ends back at the Boys' Brigade. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Current government Covid guidance will be followed.

The remaining dates are: 12<sup>th</sup> July, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## Bible Book Club

The Bible Book Club will be taking a break in July and August. The next one will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the Boys' Brigade and will be looking at Mark's Gospel. Please contact the minister for the Bible Society notes.



## Christmas Trees Wanted!

We will be holding the 2021 **Christmas Tree Festival on 27th and 28th November**, which is the beginning of Advent.

Our theme this year is Family Christmas, and we want to do things a little differently. Many of us have artificial trees hiding in our loft or cupboard with favourite ornaments we use each year. Will you loan us your tree for the festival? We'd also love it if you'd decorate it just like you would at home so we can have many families represented over the weekend. We'll be sending more details later but please make a note of the date and consider sharing your decorated tree with us.

Sr Allison Turner

## THE ADI EBLAL CHURCH CHARITY STALL: 29 & 31 MAY

My grateful thanks to everyone who supported the Stall and helped to raise the wonderful amount of £400 pounds! This amount included £100 raised in the raffle, which was Drawn by Brother Trevor Kernohan after Church on Sunday 6th June, the bottle of Whiskey was WON BY Br. David Adsetts. The raffle for the Glenfiddich began at our last BB lent Lunch in 2019! The few tickets sold at that lunch were included with the more recent ones. I'm sure David will enjoy his prize all the more for having waited so long!

Special thanks go to my friend Carole (from Hebden Bridge) who had been selling raffle tickets for months and to Anita Reed for their invaluable help behind the Stall. I could not have done it without them! They were brilliant!

Sister Brenda Pearson.

## Heritage Board

Over recent months a small committee has been working on a project to install a Fulneck Settlement heritage board outside the Museum. The idea was conceived following a donation from Michael Harrison received on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Museum, but we have also secured funding from a council grant which will cover most of the cost. The board will be officially unveiled on the afternoon of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2pm.

## Fulneck Museum

As long as Covid restrictions are lifted, the Museum will be open on Saturday afternoons from 24<sup>th</sup> July. If you can help, please put your name on the rota in the Bellroom. Thank you.



## Boys' Brigade Garden

If you can help to look after the garden outside the Boys' Brigade by giving a bit of your time on a regular basis, please speak to Br Newton. Thanks.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing a very happy 90th birthday to Michael Palethorpe for 31 July.



## FULNECK HERITAGE OPEN DAY SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18 2021: 10.30 – 4.00pm

It may or may not happen but as some normality might be possible, with a few restrictions, Heritage Day in Fulneck will go ahead. We anticipate a simpler event this year, nevertheless, with our history and faith in mind we hope to provide a number of our usual features.

The church exhibition is titled **“Funky Fulneck Food Facts”** with some unexpected references to food. The museum’s new exhibition showcases the amazing women we featured in 2019. Included are a slave missionary, a suffragette and a medical doctor in Tibet.

Arrangements will be different, with tickets required for tours. Numbers in the museum and the Boys’ Brigade will be monitored and masks and social distancing may be required.

We dearly hope that conditions allow us to proceed and that some of you may be able to volunteer to help. If you haven’t been approached about volunteering, please let Myra know if you can help.

If you can contribute cakes on the day, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a list in the bell room of some foodstuffs required, if you are able to donate anything please tick the list.

The exhibition will be open on Saturday 18 September for the general public. However, to help manage numbers, it will also be open on Saturday 11 September from 1.30 to 3.30. **We especially invite all the congregation and friends, and Fulneck residents to view the exhibition on the 11<sup>th</sup> and call in the Boys’ Brigade for coffee and biscuits.**

The exhibition will then remain in church during the week for the school children to visit. In addition Michael is planning to create a digital record of the exhibition for the Fulneck church website, [www.fulneck.org.uk](http://www.fulneck.org.uk).

Finally keep safe and be assured all efforts to follow Covid regulations will be in place. Every blessing Myra.



# Gomersal News and Notices



## Litter Picking Walk

Thanks to those volunteers who picked up litter in the streets around the church on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June as part of the 'Great British Spring Clean' organised by Keep Britain Tidy. You did a great job!

## Wellbeing Wednesdays

There will be a Julian Meeting in Church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. There is no meeting in August.

We hope to start all our regular Wellbeing Wednesday activities again in September. The first event will be Walking for Health on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 10.30am.

## New Members

We have had the pleasure of welcoming three new members in June. On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed Br Alan and Sr Hillary, and on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed Sr Sue Graystock.

## Missions Sunday

We will be marking Missions Sunday at the Family Worship on 11<sup>th</sup> July. If you have a collecting box please bring it to this service, or you can make a donation on the day. Your contributions will help to support mission work around the Unity. Thank you.

## Church Anniversary on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Our Church Anniversary service will be led by Br Philip Cooper. We look forward to celebrating 266 years of worship and witness in Gomersal.

## Celebrating a Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Wendy and Bob Hopcroft. Wishing you both a lovely day and a good celebration on 14 August.



## DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL NEWS AND NOTICES

### Provincial Synod Report

The 100<sup>th</sup> Provincial Synod was celebrated by a special birthday cake presented by Br Joachim Kreusel at the Synod Sunday morning service. The 2020 synod had been delayed and was held from 10-13 June 2021 on Zoom.

There were 55 voting synodals, plus visitors. Greetings were received from Europe and India, plus the local MP Catherine West, Wood Green and Hornsey joined us to discuss child poverty.

Four days and evenings on Zoom were expertly chaired by Br Michael Newman and vice chair Br Philip Cooper. The President was Br Joachim Kreusel and the vice president was Br John McOwat, both of whom inspired us with their thoughts, prayers and services.

Synod opened with the breaking news that Ockbrook School is closing with effect from the end of term, 9 July 2021. The Board has been taking a major role in the running and financial management of both Ockbrook and Fulneck schools. Fulneck School will continue to operate as normal next year, and efforts are being made to ensure it is sustained as a going concern.

Ron and Ros Davey were thanked and commended for their work in the supervision and administration of the Choir House over many years, and Ian Haggas wished every success in his new role. Janet Cooper was also thanked for her work as President of the MWA.

In memoriam, we remembered those Ministers and spouses who passed on in to higher service since the last Synod; we especially remembered Sr Elaine Auty.

There were many reflections on church activity throughout the pandemic and praise for ministers, lay preachers, church committees and congregations in how they have turned to online services and new ways of operating. Pastoral supervision for ministers has been put in place and is much welcomed. It was acknowledged that not every member has returned to church yet, understandably. Unfortunately, there is no news yet on the likelihood of us being able to sing hymns in church.

#### **Elections:**

- Roberta Hoey Provincial Board 4 years. David Howarth Provincial Board 2 years
- Non-stipendiary members for 4 years Michael Newman and Paul Holdsworth, and for 2 years Peter Gubi (terms effectively back dated to 2020 where applicable).
- Jonathan Saynor was elected to the Finance Committee for a period of 4 years.
- James Woolford re-elected to the Youth and Children's committee for a further period of 4 years.
- Lorraine Shorten placed on the Roll of Regular Ministers by consecration as a presbyter.

Please ask if you would appreciate news from the numerous other elections that took place.

#### **Other news:**

- The new Treasurer's Handbook is now ready for distribution
- Safeguarding training on Zoom for 56 staff and committee members took place earlier this year.
- The Moravian Union balance sheet is 'generally healthy' notwithstanding the recent major commitment to schools' provision. Expenditure has been otherwise slightly in excess of income.
- The Mission work of the Moravian Church continues in many places, especially Tanzania and South Asia, although some important aspects (e.g. the consecration of Ministers overseas) have been hampered by the effects of the pandemic.

#### **Most exciting news and important development:**

Synod introduced Project 32, that will run for a decade from 2022 to 2032 celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of 1722 and the arrival of settlers in Herrnhut, through to 1732 and the arrival of the first missionaries in the Caribbean. It will be important to commemorate this decade not just with services but with action, renewed stewardship and publicity to strengthen our church throughout the province and to encourage a growth in membership and attract younger people, to stem the trend of declining numbers in many of our congregations. More detail will follow before and after Synod 2022, including an Oral History project, the distribution of a Holy Habits programme and how we can ensure that this ten year period becomes a decade of Evangelism.

Finally, my grateful thanks to you all at Fulneck for electing me as your deputy at Synod 2020 (2021)—it was a real privilege and learning experience.

Brother John Holmes  
June 2021

## Thank you

Thank you for all the cards, gifts and good wishes that we have received from both congregations over the last few weeks. We are very grateful, and will miss you all. We look forward to receiving future magazines and seeing what everyone is up to.

The Newman family



## Welcome Service for Br James Woolford Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.00pm: Fulneck

The district welcome service for Br Woolford and his family is being planned for the evening of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. More details will be in the church notices nearer to the time.

## Calendar

***In Step 3 of the roadmap, 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 indoors. Restrictions will be lifted on 19 July at the earliest; both congregations hope to return to a more normal calendar of services and events from September.***

### July

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Heritage Board Unveiling at the Museum
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship & Communion led by Br M Newman
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br K Evans
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church

## Calendar (continued)

### July (continued)

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br K Evans
	10.30am	Gomersal	Missions Service & Communion led by Br R Hopcroft
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Fulneck	Health Walk starting at the BB
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Julian Meeting in Church
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br P Greenhough
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br I Haggas
	10.30am	Gomersal	Church Anniversary Service led by Br P Cooper
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Fulneck	Health Walk starting at the BB
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open

### August

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship & Communion led by Sr H Smith
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr D Thornton
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br G Mallinson
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship and Communion led by Br R Hopcroft
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Fulneck	Health Walk starting at the BB
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Br G Mallinson
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br J Kreusel
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship led by Sr K Woolford
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	Fulneck	Health Walk starting at the BB
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship led by Br J Woolford
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship and Baptism led by Br R Hopcroft

### September

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Gomersal	Walking for Health
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.45am	Fulneck	Morning Prayers in Church
	7.00pm	District	Welcome Service for Br J Woolford at Fulneck
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Fulneck	Museum open
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fulneck	Family Worship and Communion led by Br J Woolford
	10.30am	Gomersal	Family Worship

Please submit material for the September edition to myself by Friday 20 August. Thanks, Mary