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Minister's Letter

*June is bustin' out all over
All over the meadow and the hill
Buds are bustin' outa bushes
And the romping river pushes
Every little wheel that wheels beside the mill*

Those words come from the first half of the musical Carousel by Rodgers and Hammerstein. As I started thinking about what to write the song kept spinning in my head. It is a song filled with excitement that the dark days of winter are over, and summer is here. Spring is a season of growth, of nature awakening and then on 21 June summer is here and all is alive again. It is a cause of much celebration as the barbeques are uncovered and the garden furniture is dusted off ready for the few months of the year we can actually use them. Of course, this year the nation gathers to celebrate one very special moment that happened 70 years ago when Queen Elizabeth II took to the throne.

I remember being told in school that the fastest thing on earth is a Kingon or Queenon. That is because as soon as one monarch dies, the heir becomes the new monarch instantly. When Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor took to the throne 70 years ago, she began a remarkable life of service which would see her become the longest reigning monarch in our history. Her spirit of service is something we can all learn from. One example of this was the fact that during World War II she would become the first female member of the royal family to become a full time and active member of the armed forces. In 1945, she

joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service as a second subaltern and learned to drive and service vehicles. Five months later, she was promoted to junior commander. On Victory in Europe Day, she joined the street parties in London, inconspicuous in her military uniform. When her country came calling, she answered.

As Christians we all have received the call of God, whether that is to a role of responsibility or simply to follow Him. The question is never, have I heard the call of God, but, how will I respond? The church faces a difficult future as attendance across all mainstream churches dips and that's the case here as well of course. The challenge is, what do we do about it? I'm not someone who holds much stock in giving up. I'm a fighter by nature and stubborn (sometimes to a fault) but above all else I believe in the Moravian Church. I believe that God has not finished with us and that we all have a lot to offer people in this country and around the world.

So the question for you all is, are you ready for the fight? Your church, and your God is calling you. I pray that you answer asking God for the strength and the insight to do what God is asking you to do. Whatever that role is, God needs us all, with our various God given gifts to follow the example of Queen Elizabeth II When God comes calling, answer saying, "Here am I! Send me."

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

Fulneck News and Notices

Sad news

Br Malcolm Healey has been called to higher service. He died early morning on 23 May 2022. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this sad time.

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE: Autumn Congregation Council Meeting: this will now be held on **Monday 10 October:** 19.30: in the Church.

Mission and Outreach Meeting: Tuesday 21 June: 19.30 in the BB

As we all know, groups and activities came to a sudden halt with the start of the pandemic. For various reasons, most of these are still not happening.

At the Mission and Outreach Meeting we will gather together to share our thoughts, feelings and concerns.

Then, we can move on to generate ideas and plans for ensuring that we build the community once more into a vibrant place where we meet and enjoy different activities.

Such events are an important part of Church life, so please come along and help us plan for the future.

If you are unable to attend but wish to offer ideas, please email these to James.



STREET PARTY

4 June 13.00-17.00

All welcome to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Bring your picnic and enjoy the fun.

Don't forget—the road through the settlement will be closed for this party.



Bible Book Club : Tuesday 28 June: 14.00: BB

This month the group will be reading Ruth, a book that is a favourite of many people. Everyone is welcome and you can get the notes from Br James Woolford.

Afternoon teas: please note that with immediate effect these are cancelled.

Fulneck Museum



Throughout the summer this will be open every Wednesday and Saturday, from 14.00 to 16.00.

You are welcome to browse and learn about the history of the settlement and the Church.

Also, volunteers welcome if you would like to get involved.

Photograph provided by Fulneck Museum



FULNECK HERITAGE WEEKEND: Saturday 17 September.

Imagination, innovation and invention

All are welcome.

Throughout the day you can visit the exhibition, watch a drama, go on a tour, explore the museum and much more.

In the BB you can indulge in the usual fine spread.

Fulneck Christmas Tree Festival Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November

Many of us will still have holidays to come and are looking forward to the summer months, but it's never too early to start planning for Christmas at church! Following the very successful Christmas Tree Festival last year we decided to have another this year and involve the local community more, working alongside us.

There will be some things that the church community can be involved in and the first thing we'd like your help with is knitting hats. We're going to have a hat Christmas tree in the Boys Brigade Hall with all the hats being given to St George's Crypt immediately after the festival. If you can knit or crochet, we'd love to have a hat, or more than one, made by you to hang on this tree. If you can't knit or crochet, can you make some bobbles to put on the hats? We'll set up a donation box for these in a few months.

Look out for the Christmas tree in future newsletters to learn about other ways you can help.

Sr Allison Turner



Calendar

June

Wed 1 June	19.15	Church Committee
Thurs 2 June	09.45	Morning Prayers
Sat 4 June	13.00-17.00	Street Party
Sunday 5 June	14.30	Lovefeast and communion led by Br James Woolford
Thurs 9 June	09.45	Morning Prayers
Sat 11 June	11.00	Wedding of Lauren Fleming and Mark Parish
Sunday 12 June	10.30	Morning Service led by Br James Woolford
Tues 14 June	16.00	Settlement Committee meeting
Thurs 16 June	09.45	Morning Prayers
Sunday 19 June	10.30	Morning Service led by Br Kenneth Evans
Tues 21 June	19.30	Mission and outreach meeting in BB
Thurs 23 June	09.45	Morning Prayers
Sunday 26 June	10.30	Morning Service led by Br James Woolford
Tues 28 June	14.00	Bible Book Club in BB
Thurs 30 June	09.45	Morning Prayers

Please submit material for the July/August edition to myself by **Tuesday 21 June** . Thanks, Mary