

# The Magazine for Fulneck Moravian Churches

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## Minister's Letter

I'm going to begin with complete honesty, something you'd no doubt expect from me. I have no idea how to start this newsletter. Today, as I write this, it is my third attempt. I know vaguely what I want to talk about, but I had no idea where to start and that's not something I'm used to. Perhaps it is a sign that, as summer is officially here, I need a holiday. Fortunately, I've got one coming up that starts on 19 July as we are all heading to Tenerife for a week. Before that though, is the not insurmountable matter of Synod.

Whilst I am looking forward to our holiday, I am also really looking forward to Synod. I've always enjoyed the fellowship and debates that take place and whilst there will be disagreements, I find it all very stimulating. Last year we held Synod online and although it was really well handled and organised, it was missing the vital element of fellowship. It's often remarked that most of the big decisions at Synod are actually taken around the dinner table or at the bar. The fellowship we enjoy together is at the heart of what it is to be a Christian and especially a Moravian.

I've been thinking a lot over this last couple of weeks about belonging. Throughout my life I've always felt like a square peg in a round hole. Growing up I had a frequently torrid time in school with bullies making me feel desperately alone and worthless. I wasn't interested in the same sort of things as the other kids at school and was singled out because of it. It wasn't until I discovered the joy of performing that I really started to find a way of expressing myself and truly being me. However,

even when I worked in what was once my dream job, performing, I never truly fitted in. I am a non-drinker who prefers to be in bed at a reasonable time rather than going out and partying.

When I was working in my last performing job in Hereford, I remember attending a big service in Coventry Cathedral celebrating 275 years of Moravian Missions. I took it as my day off and drove to take part in the service. Moravians from all across the province had gathered together and for the first time in a long time I felt I belonged. That was the start of my journey in coming to terms with the realisation that my "dream job" wasn't where I really belonged.

I think that because of these experiences of feeling different and left out I've always fought in my ministry for those who, like me, have been left feeling alone, excluded and outcast. Jesus's ministry was all about bringing hope to those people and bringing the outcasts in.

I don't yet know specifically what will be discussed at Synod and what proposals will be being put forward, but I do know that I will continue to speak in the interests of inclusion, welcome and for the good of the coming of the kingdom of God where all people are welcome and loved as one. This is the Gospel, this is the Good News, this is the Way and when we all unite and work towards this goal, God will be with us long into the future.

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

# Fulneck News and Notices

## Funeral of Br David Ingham

The funeral will be held in Church on Thursday 7 July, 11.00.

Please remember Maureen and all the family in your thoughts and prayers. Following so soon after the death of Br Malcolm it is so sad to have lost two Fulneck stalwarts during recent weeks.

## Platinum Jubilee Street Party

Here is some evidence that the Street Party went with a swing and was enjoyed by all.



**Sunday 21st August 2022 10.00—16.00**

The first EVER classic car show set in the beautiful, picturesque Fulneck settlement. Come and bring all the family to see some classic cars ranging from rare historical vehicles right up to 80s/90s classics. All money raised on the day will be split between Fulneck Museum, Fulneck Dramatic Society, and Fulneck Church.



Refreshments will be available on the day, the museum will be open and music will be played throughout the day. There will also be the 'Peoples Choice Award' through public voting and the winning car will be the very first car added to the 'People Choice' shield and they will also receive a trophy to take home with them. Every hour there will be 6 vehicles that will go out on 'parade' through the streets of Pudsey too! What's more to love! Come on down to support this very first car show and give your vote - which car will you choose?



## HERITAGE DAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2022 IMAGINATION INNOVATION AND INVENTION

Heritage Day this year is a celebration of the many talents of Moravian personalities. We discover some familiar aspects of their work but also explore different perspectives of their contributions to our lives. We take a look at the innovative work of Terry Miller who helped to change the way we travel on the railways. We also discover the ways in which Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy influenced the welfare of women for their good.

The exhibition also includes how three hundred years ago the imagination of Count Zinzendorf was able to conceive the settlement of Herrnhut and create a centre of Christian service.

The museum will be open on the day, and tours along the settlement will take place. Janet's famous "chip butties" will be an attraction as will the homemade cakes which I hope you will be baking. Finally at the end of the day we will have a short Singstunde in Church.

We encourage those who can help us to give us their support to make this a special day for our visitors.

Many thanks Myra

**Elizabeth: the feisty feminist**  
**Come along and celebrate: Wednesday 21 September: 19.00:**  
**Boys Brigade H/q**

**The Heritage Open Day will include a small exhibition about Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy and her work for women's rights. On 21 Sept. I will give a talk about her life and work, followed by nibbles and drinks.**

**My book is now published so please join me to celebrate all the help I have had from Fulneck friends. Many thanks to those of you who have already bought the book (£12.99).**

**I am offering talks to group so please share my details. Thanks, Mary**



### Craft Group

Want to help make some items for our gift stall at the Christmas Tree Festival, learn new skills and relax amongst friends? Come along to the craft group on 6 July at 14.00.

Sr Vi Hayton will be hosting this at her house – 3 Ashdene Close. We'll be looking at different things we can make and planning future sessions.

Everyone is welcome. Sr Allison.







# Fulneck Moravian Church Summer Health Walks

Join us for a walk and a chat  
around the beautiful countryside  
that surrounds us.

On the

**12th July, 26th July,**

**9th August and the 23rd August**

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 contact Br James Woolford if you are able to plan and help with a Summer Health Walk.

## Pianos for sale

There are a few pianos looking for a good home: they enjoy being played so will appreciate someone who is either very skilled or who would like to start. Please speak to Br James Woolford.

# Calendar

## July

- Sunday 3      14.30    Lovefeast and Holy Communion led by Br James Woolford  
Thurs 7                      School Speech Day. Please note NO Morning Prayers
- Sunday 10     10.30    Junior Church Festival and Cradle Roll Service led by Br James Woolford  
Tues 12        19.00    Summer health walk: depart Boys Brigade H/Q (BB)  
Thurs 14       09.45    Morning Prayers  
Thurs 14—Mon 18    Provincial Synod: Hayes Conference Centre
- Sunday 17     10.30    Morning Worship led by Br Trevor Kernohan  
Thurs 21       09.45    Morning Prayers
- Sunday 24     10.30    Morning Worship led by Br Ian Haggas  
Tues 26        19.00    Summer health walk: depart Boys Brigade H/Q (BB)  
Thurs 28       09.45    Morning Prayers
- Sunday 31     10.30    Morning Worship led by Br James Woolford

## August

- Thurs 4        09.45    Morning Prayers
- Sunday 7       14.30    Lovefeast and Holy Communion led by Br James Woolford  
Tues 9         19.00    Summer health walk: depart Boys Brigade H/Q (BB)
- Thurs 11       09.45    Morning Prayers
- Sunday 14     10.30    Morning Worship led by Br James Woolford  
Thurs 18       09.45    Morning Prayers
- Sunday 21     10.30    Morning Worship led by Br Peter Gubi  
Tues 23        19.00    Summer health walk: depart Boys Brigade H/Q (BB)  
Thurs 25       09.45    Morning Prayers
- Sunday 28     10.30    Morning Worship led by Br Trevor Auty

## September

- Thurs 1        09.45    Morning Prayers  
Sunday 4       14.30    Lovefeast and Holy Communion led by Br James Woolford

Please submit material for the next edition to myself by **18 August** . Thanks, Mary