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AUGUST SERVICES

Wednesday 1 August

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

Sunday 5 August

9.15am: Eucharist @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Morning Worship and baptism @ South Crosland

11.00am: Eucharist and baptism @ Newsome

Wednesday 8 August

10.00am: Morning Worship @ 57 Marten Drive, Netherton

11.30am: Holy Communion @ Garden Court

Thursday 9 August

10.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

Sunday 12 August

9.15am: Morning worship @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Eucharist @ South Crosland

11.00am: Eucharist @ Newsome

Wednesday 15 August

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

Sunday 19 August

10.00am: Team Eucharist @ Newsome

Wednesday 22 August

10.00am: Morning Worship @ 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

Thursday 23 August

10.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

Sunday 26 August

9.15am: Eucharist @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Eucharist @ South Crosland

11.00am: Morning worship with baptism @ Newsome

Wednesday 29 August

10.00am: Eucharist @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

Cover Photo

The front cover photo shows Carolyn Booth, retiring headteacher at South Crosland Junior School receiving a bouquet of flowers and a certificate confirming the donation of the cost of educating a child for a year by Save the Children Fund. Many thanks to all those who contributed to this gift which was greatly appreciated by Carolyn.

Leading Intercessions in Church

Lay Training Courses in the Huddersfield Episcopal Area.

- Monday 17th September, Christ Church, Sowerby Bridge
- Tuesday 16th October, St Paul's Church, Shepley

This session offers encouragement and ideas for all who are currently, or would like to be involved with leading intercessions in worship.

For more information on these and other courses and events please see the new digital learning platform:

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org>

Meditation at St Paul's

Christian meditation is a simple way of finding inner stillness and peace. Come and find out more – everybody is welcome to the new group, every Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm at St Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 19 Aug : Deadline for News and Notices for the September Focus



A Great Evening of Musical Entertainment by Huddersfield Wind Band Holy Trinity Church Sunday 16th September 7pm

Back by popular demand for a sixth successive year, the hugely entertaining and accomplished Huddersfield Wind Band return to perform at South Crosland.

Come and enjoy a varied programme of uplifting classical and popular music by the Band led by Musical Director John Turnbull and featuring Debby Plummer and Helen Pearson

Bring your friends – it will be a great evening out!

Ticket price £6 (accompanied children free) available from Helen Pearson (Tel 305976)

Refreshments and prize raffle. Proceeds to church funds



The LEP is again organising another Quiet Day at the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield on Tuesday 30th October 10am to approx 4pm. A packed lunch will be needed. The cost will be between £10-£15 depending on numbers.

If you are interested in attending please let Pam Kent know on 01484324049 or Carol Waters on 07740 425093

South Crosland Women's Society

The visit to Colne Valley museum in June was very much enjoyed, and ended with a delicious afternoon tea. Thanks to Mabel and the committee for organising.

A report on the July meeting will be in the September Focus.

There is no meeting of the Women's Society in August.

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Entrance by ticket , available from Pam Kent or Carol Waters.



With Simeon Wood

At Berry Brow Methodist Church and
Community Centre.

Birch Road HD4 7LP



Friday

September 14th

7.00 p.m.

Contact: Carol 07740425093

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- *Bring a friend!*
- *Invite someone who might usually eat on their own.*
- *Enjoy refreshments and fellowship.*

Fun at the Family Picnic

The second Sunday in July dawned bright and sunny for the annual picnic at Beaumont Park. Phew what a relief! No need for wet weather gear or woollies!

When we arrived at 12 noon, the park was already busy with people setting up their picnic spots, looking at the vintage cars and bikes on display and children playing happily in the play area.

In the 10 plus years that we have been holding our event we've never had to struggle to find a suitable spot for our picnic rugs! The park was heaving and parking spaces were at a premium.



Nevertheless, rugs, chairs and all the paraphernalia required found its way near to the children's play area and soon we were all assembled and tucking into our picnic lunches!

Even though it was very hot, some of us managed to play a few ball games. Most of the children, however, seemingly unfazed by the

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hot weather, did a lot of running about, climbing and disappearing into the undergrowth whilst the rest of us chatted and took refuge in the shade! Ice creams were much appreciated that day!

There were 31 of us at the picnic – a record breaker!

Thank you to all who came to picnic, to enjoy the company and the lovely park.

It was fun!

Melody

CLERGY PAGES

As I sit here looking out of my study window at the sunshine which seems like it will never end at the moment and I hear the birds sing and the children play there is a tune going round in my head... “Love is in the air”! It’s amazing how the summer months help us to feel so much better about life and all it has to offer. And of course love is great too – as I listen to the tune in my head it leads me to think about all the songs and films that I can remember with the word love in them. Love is a many splendid thing, All you need is love, Love me tender, The power of love, Young love, Love Actually, Love story and The Love bug to name but a few. And now you’re trying to think of all the ones I missed, aren’t you?! You see love is something we all know about, it’s something we all have in our lives in one guise or another. What is the first thing you think about when someone says the word love to you.

Maybe it's the name of your "significant other" that pops into your head when someone mentions love.

But the word love covers some many things doesn't it. We only have the one word whereas the Ancient Greeks had many words. The word for loving your other half is Eros – just like the statue in Piccadilly Circus depicting the god of love. This love is passionate and romantic and often leads to marriage and family life.

So what about the love we have for our family; the way we love our brothers and sisters, children and grand-children is very different to the way we love our partner. But this love which the Ancient Greeks called Storge is just as important as Eros because without love a family soon disintegrates and breaks up. Families who love one another can achieve so much more than a family that is at war with one another.

Love is what makes the world go around, although there is another song which would suggest that it is money, but I hope I'm right when I say it is love. Even those who have all the money in the world struggle to be happy if they don't have someone to love and indeed someone to love them.

But as well as our family there are also friends who are very important to us and the Ancient Greeks had a word for the love we feel for them too – Philia which simply means an affectionate regard for someone. There is no passion or romance attached to this sort of love but it can still be a deep love that means you would lay your life down for your friends.

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But for me the most important love is the unconditional love of God. The Ancient Greeks called this love Agape. This is a selfless love – a love that gives everything and asks for nothing in return. A love



that keeps on loving even when that love is not returned. A love that never changes or gets annoyed, no matter what. It is a love that can be difficult for us as mere mortals to grasp because even though we want to love one another unconditionally we just can't – there is always something that gets in the way and it's usually the silly things. The toothpaste lid always being left off, the way someone thinks they are always right, the time it takes them to do a job, the tea bags left in the sink, the lack of time and space for yourself – there is always something for us to moan about.

God on the other hand never moans about us. He loves us completely and unconditionally which he proved when he sent his son to die on a cross so that we could be forgiven.

If you look in the bible there are examples of every type of love. You can read about Eros or passionate, romantic love in Genesis 29 where we meet Jacob and Rachael and again in Luke 1 with Mary

and Joseph. Storge, family love is found in Luke 10:38-42 with Mary and Martha and in the story of Joseph and his brothers in Genesis 37. The love that binds friends together, Philia, is shown in the bond between David and Jonathon in 1 Samuel 18 and throughout the gospels with the disciples love for Jesus – a love that saw many of them die for him.

But the greatest love of all, Agape, is seen in throughout the bible as God tries to show the people how to live and love and enjoy the gifts he has prepared for us all. John 3:16 shows how that love is expressed and in Luke 23:34 we see how Jesus reinforced that love as he died.

So as I finish this writing the music is still playing in my head but this time the song is

My Lord, what love is this
That pays so dearly
That I, the guilty one
May go free!

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice
The Son of God given for me
My debt he pays, and my death he dies
That I might live, that I might live*

What song is playing your head as you think about love?

Julie



Bible Readings in August

5 August Trinity 10

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6: 24-35

12 August Trinity 11

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35,41-51

19 August Trinity 12

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

26 August Trinity 13

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6: 56-69

Answers to the Brain teasers in July Issue

APOLOGIES. There should be 30 books, but a typo crept in and an extra and means there are only 29 books. Sorry.

There are 30 books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from a john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in

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our **genes is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phil lemonade** booth set a new sales record. The local paper the **Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel** Humana **humbly** puts it, the books are all right there in plain view hidden from sight. **Those** able to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A **chipper** attitude will help you to

compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **exodus**, there really are 30 books of the Bible

lurking somewhere in the paragraph waiting to be found.

Codeword.

1= M	2= H	3= R	4= Y	5= D	6= Z	7= P	8= J	9= K	10 =E	11 =T	12 =W	13 =O
14 =I	15 =Q	16 =F	17 =U	18 =B	19 =X	20 =A	21 =N	22 =S	23 =C	24 =G	25 =V	26 =L

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