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Team, Huddersfield:** *St. Paul, Armitage Bridge,
St. John, Newsome and Holy Trinity, South Crosland.*

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SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1 November

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 57 Marten Drive

Sunday 5 November

10.00am: Morning Worship @ South Crosland

9.15am: Eucharist @ Armitage Bridge

11.00am: Eucharist @ Newsome with baptism

Wednesday 8 November

10.00am: Morning Worship @14 Sherwood Drive

11.30am: Holy Communion @ Garden Court

Thursday 9 November

10.00am Holy Communion @ Newsome

Sunday 12 November

9.15am: Eucharist @ South Crosland

9.15am: Morning Worship Remembrance @ Armitage Bridge

10.50am: Remembrance Service @ Newsome

Wednesday 15 November

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 43 Delph Lane

Sunday 19 November

10.00 am: Team Eucharist @ Newsome

Wednesday 22 November

10.00am: Morning Worship @ 11 Sherwood Drive

Thursday 23 November

10.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

Sunday 26 November

9.15 am: Eucharist @ South Crosland

9.15 am: Eucharist @ Armitage Bridge

11.00 am: Arise with Net@ Newsome. Food from 10.30

Wednesday 29 November

10.00am: Holy Communion @57 Marten Drive

NOTICES

Coffee Morning:

The coffee morning in South Crosland will be on 11 November and there will be one at Newsome on 18 November, 10 to 11.30am.



South Crosland Women's Society

Next meeting will be on 28 November. A talk by West Yorkshire Trading Standards – “A talk on Scams through your letter box or on phone.” Contact Joan Sierant on 663775

Café Church

Café Church on Saturday 18 November, venue to be confirmed. 4.00 – 5.30. Presentation by Rev Martyn Crompton.

News and Images

Your next copy of Focus could include that wonderful photo you took this week! It could include that ‘must know’ piece of information. Please email them to me asap. rsouten@gmail.com

Messy Church

Netherton, Wednesday 8 November, Methodist Church, 4.00 till 6.00pm.

Berry Brow Methodist Church and Community Centre, 11 November, 4.00 till 6.00.

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Berry Brow Methodist Church and Community Centre re-naming service 3 p.m. Sunday 5th followed by a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit. All our friends are welcome.

The Friends of Beaumont Park Ukulele Group, concert, to celebrate the event. Friday November 10th, 7pm £5 entry, including coffee/tea and biscuits. Pay at the door.

There will also be a Christmas craft market November 25th 10 - 2 at Berry Brow. £10 per table. Contact: Carol 07740425093
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A Great Evening of Music by Huddersfield Wind Band **Holy Trinity Church Sunday 19 November 7pm**



We welcome back for a fifth year, the hugely entertaining and accomplished Huddersfield Wind Band to South Crosland.

Led by Musical Director John Turnbull and featuring Debby Plummer and Helen Pearson; come and enjoy a varied programme of classical and popular music.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 November : South Crosland PCC meeting, 7.00pm @ Holy Trinity

18 November : Copy Deadline for December FOCUS

19 November: Huddersfield Wind Band Concert at Holy Trinity

Emmanuel Website

You can download your personal copy of Focus from the website and see the whole thing in glorious colour.

<http://www.themmanuelteam.org.uk>

Welcome Centre

The Welcome Centre is based at 15 Lord Street , Huddersfield with it's collection warehouse at Queens Mill Road, Lockwood. The Welcome Centre is one of the largest food banks in the region and has been supporting people in South Kirklees for over 20 years. The Welcome Centre always welcomes donations; their short supply list includes :

Meat paste, fish paste, stock cubes, jam, instant noodles and rice, cooking oil, dried pulses, rice, tooth brushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo, washing powder and sleeping bags.

A complete list is to be found on their website here:

<http://thewelcomecentre.org/support-us/current-shortages/>

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Huddersfield Debt Centre

Christmas Hampers

Please will you consider *Adopt a CAP Family* for Christmas 2017, by preparing a Christmas Hamper or donating gifts?



For several years the Huddersfield Debt Centre has given Clients a gift at Christmas-time - not a food parcel, but more of a “quality Hamper”

Yvette from CAP writes “Whatever you can help us in **would be much appreciated** – maybe fill a hamper, possibly share with another family or home-group to make one, perhaps you contribute a box of chocolates, a jar of luxury chocolate drink, special fruit juice, tin of sweets... or something you would consider a treat. There are a number of children in our families – even a gift suitable for a child (ask me age and gender) or for an adult that could be included in a hamper. I know it’s a busy time for everyone, but each of us can play a part....somewhere! Please contact me on 07825 707 292 for more details.”

Completed hampers and any other donations can be:

left at any church in the Team or at Berry Brow Methodist Church, up to Sunday 3rd December, or given to Jeremy or Debby Plummer or delivered to their home: 7 Church Terrace, Berry Brow, by 3rd December, or delivered to The Jubilee Centre, Paddock by Saturday 9th December.

CLERGY PAGE

November has its own flavour. The scent of fungi in the woods, leaves piled high, unpredictable weather and the end of BST giving us the extra hour's sleep followed by lighter mornings and dark teatimes.

Pre-Christian peoples of our island celebrated Samhain (meaning summer's-end, pronounced sa-ween). After the harvest, the dying of the summer leaves has turned minds and hearts to thoughts of loss and grieving. The Christian year honours the same human feelings on November 1st - All Saints Day - and November 2nd - the Commemoration of All Souls. Armistice Day on November 11th calls us to silent recollection of the colossal loss of lives in the two great world wars of the 20th. century and many conflicts since then. and the Sunday nearer to the 11th. has been kept as Remembrance Sunday.

This focus on remembrance has been marked by a new season of the Church Year, the Kingdom Season, beginning with All Saints Day and climaxing with Christ the King, the final Sunday before Advent begins the church year. So if you see red stoles and red on the altars of our churches, they are a sign of God's Kingdom.

Bonfire night harks back to the Gunpowder Plot to blow up the House of Lords with King James 1 during the State Opening of Parliament on

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November 5th. 1605. Robert Catesby, Guy Fawkes and the others were foiled and executed. A nursery rhyme about the plot tickled my fancy and I wrote a November song for church use. The nursery rhyme is here as verse 3 - but the song works better without it. Here are the lyrics - if you ask me, I will let you have the tune!

The November Song

Remember, remember the 1st. of November,
All saints in heaven with God,
We read their story, they share God's glory,
They'll never be forgotten, they'll never be forgot.

Remember, remember the 2nd. November,
The people we loved and we lost,
They lived and they died, they're now at God's side,
They'll never be forgotten, they'll never be forgot.

*(Remember, remember the 5th. of November,
Gunpowder, treason and plot,
I know no reason why gunpowder treason
should ever be forgotten, should ever be forgot.)*

Remember, remember eleven November,
The terrible wars that were fought,
The millions who died, the tears that were cried,
They'll never be forgotten, they'll never be forgot.

Remember, remember the whole of November,
The month to remember the lot,
The saints and the sinners and all in-betweeners,
We'll never be forgotten, we'll never be forgot.

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Why does remembering matter? It has been said that we cannot meet God in either the past or the future but only here and now - and that is a fair warning not to live in the past or in nostalgia.

But finding out about our ancestry is significant - and further back to understand the long process by which our species came into being.

And our faith is rooted in remembrance. For our Hebrew ancestors, God's salvation shown in the Exodus is recalled at Passover. For us who are Christian, we honour Jesus' new commandment to love one another and his command "Do this in memory of me" as we share bread and wine in Holy Communion. There is even a special Christian word for this kind of not-forgetting "Anamnesis" (the opposite of amnesia, which means forgetting). It is a reminder of our salvation through Christ's death on the cross.

God never forgets us - let us never forget him or what he has done for us

Debby

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Angela Tilby: TV priests show us what is expected

(Church Times 28th July 2017)



THE recent BBC1 drama from Jimmy McGovern, *Broken*, was greeted by a chorus of critical acclaim (Comment, 7 July; TV, 9 June). It has also had good audience figures. The public clearly warmed to its portrait of Fr Michael Kerrigan, a vulnerable, loving Roman Catholic priest, who cared for his struggling flock in all their fragility.

BBC1's *Call the Midwife* was more upbeat and Anglican, but it also showed the Church reaching out in service, for instance through Sister Julienne.

And then there was *Rev*, the painfully well-observed BBC2 drama, depicting the Revd Adam Smallbone's tribulations as an inner-city priest.

These TV dramas make the assumption that the Church's ministry is fundamentally pastoral. The task is to serve people's needs, whether or not they go to church.

Now imagine a TV series based on the current priestly template being cultivated by the Church of England, in which numerical growth is a primary aim. This often comes with accompanying baggage, Alpha courses, upbeat worship styles, and a focus on personal conversion.

It is hard to imagine this winning an enthusiastic audience. In fact, in

one episode of Rev, Adam shared his church with a café church in need of a temporary venue. They brought their sofas and smoothies, made Adam feel hopelessly inferior, and we, the audience, were instinctively suspicious of their agenda. We knew that they were primarily interested in replicating themselves, and not in supporting the ordinary life of the people around them. Their agenda was fundamentally self-centred.

Those responsible for selecting and training priests should reflect on the way in which priestly ministry is seen in these dramas. It is likely that the template of priesthood currently being promoted does not reflect ministry as the wider community wants it or expects it.

In the Ordinal, priests are described as servants and shepherds. In moving language, they are told to model themselves on the Good Shepherd; they are entrusted with Christ's own flock, and accountable to the Lord for their stewardship.

Pastoral priesthood is being sidelined. Priests are told to see themselves as leaders, evangelists, and entrepreneurs who empower, train, and manage others. I suspect that the wider community does not warm to this: no one wants to be a target. Perhaps it is the Adam Smallbones, Fr Kerrigans, and Sister Juliennes who will keep the rumour of a caring God alive when current strategies have been abandoned. Vulnerable people instinctively respond to the gospel, and are drawn to those who model themselves on the Good Shepherd. They do not respond to the voice of the stranger, however well-intentioned.

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