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FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sunday 4 February

9.15am: Eucharist and Baptism (?) @ Armitage Bridge including Junior Church

9.15am: Morning Worship @ South Crosland

11.00am: Morning Worship and Baptism @ Newsome

Wednesday 7 February

10.00am: Morning worship @ 57 Marten Drive, Netherton

Thursday 8 February

10.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

Sunday 11 February

9.15am: Morning Worship @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Eucharist @ South Crosland

11.00am: Eucharist @ Newsome

Wednesday 14 February

10.00am: Holy Communion @43 Delph Lane, Netherton

11.30am: Holy Communion @ Garden Court

Sunday 18 February

10.00am: Team Eucharist @ Newsome

Thursday 22 February

10.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

Sunday 25 February

9.15am: Eucharist @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Eucharist @ Holy Trinity

10.30am: Arise with Net Church

Wednesday 28 February

10.00am: Holy Communion @14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

NEWS

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

NAME: The Revd Julie Anderson
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DETAILS:

The Bishop of Leeds, The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines, is pleased to announce that the Revd Julie Anderson, currently Priest in Charge of the parishes of St Mary Over, All Saints Longstanton, St Mary and All Saints, Willingham, St Andrew Swavesey and All Saints Lolworth in the Diocese of Ely has been appointed as Priest in Charge of the parish of St John the Evangelist Newsome and St Paul Armitage Bridge and the parish of Holy Trinity South Crosland in the Huddersfield Episcopal Area of the Diocese of Leeds. She will be licensed on 24th April 2018 at St John the Evangelist Newsome. Bishop Nick will be officiating.



Revd Julie Anderson

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To all Tanzania Parish Links and Bishop's Staff

We are enormously grateful to Stephen Spencer for all that he has done over the past few years as link officer with the dioceses in Tanzania. He has been instrumental in developing a number of important projects across the three dioceses in Tanzania. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well for his new work in the Anglican Communion.

I am delighted to tell you that Rev Canon Maggie McLean has agreed to be the next link officer. Maggie has been to Tanzania on a number of occasions and of course she comes from Battyeford which has a long established link through Bill and Maureen Jones with Mara. Maggie can be contacted on 01924 493277 or m.a.mclean@btinternet.com

Bishop Tony

Bishop Tony Robinson
Bishop of Wakefield



Jeremy has sent us the latest newsletter from Christians Against Poverty

And the Huddersfield Debt Centre.

I've picked out this paragraph which says it all

Thank you so much to all of you who contributed to creating the Christmas Hampers. On sound New Testament principles there was 'enough and to spare', and my next job at the Debt Centre will be to sort the extra gifts into suitable "birthday boxes" - taking careful note of the "Best Before" dates where applicable!

NOTICES

Coffee Mornings:

Newsome Church Hall on 17 February.

South Crosland Junior School will be on 10 February .

Both events start at 10.00 to 11.30.



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Café Church:

The café church will start again on FRIDAY 16th February **FROM 7PM TO 8.30PM** at Berry Brow Methodist Community church, Birch Road the subject is 'Recycle Matters' which will be led by Rev Debby Plummer. This subject of how we recycle waste has been brought to our attention by the TV programme Blue Planet 2 presented by David Attenborough.

The format will be a little different as only cake and biscuits will be offered as it is in the evening. We hope as many people as possible will attend as it is an important opportunity to think and reflect on how we deal with our waste products and particularly plastic.

The following Café Church meetings will be on Saturday 17th March 4pm to 5.30pm Saturday 21st April 4.00 to 5.30pm and Friday 18th May 7.00 pm. to 8.30pm



Messy Church – We next meet on Wednesday 14 February, 4-6pm at Netherton Methodist Church. Join us for crafts, fun, and food.

SOUTH CROSLAND WOMEN'S SOCIETY.

2.30 Jubilee Room, Holy Trinity

20 February Talk by Mike and Elaine Moore on the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Followed by the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Light Quiz at Newsome church

There will be **two light quizzes** in February....Thursday February 1st and Thursday February 22nd from 2pm to 3.45pm (approx).

Light Quiz, refreshments and fun charades!!! No need to book....everyone welcome!!

Quizzes at South Crosland church

Saturday February 24th. Please contact Steve or Angela Gledhill to book a place.

£5 per adult, £2.50 aged 16 or under. Refreshments include Pie and Pea supper. See weekly newsletters for further information.

Crafty kids

February 3rd at South Crosland church from 10am to 11.30am. Box crafts!!All welcome. Further details in weekly newsletters.



Isabelle, Max and Imogen, make their resolutions, and calendars, for the New Year at January's Crafty Kids.

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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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon.5 Feb: Armitage Bridge PCC at 7.00

Sun. 18 Feb : **Deadline for News and Notices for the March Focus**

Recycling for Our Planet

I try to be a good recycler but I could improve. David Kent spoke about plastics recycling in his sermon recently and this prompted me to think again. I can recycle a lot of plastic in my green bin ; but.... I know that I can send used postage stamps somewhere and Caroline Jones came up with the solution.

The Donkey Sanctuary
Sidmouth
Devon
EX10 0NU

You can recycle your old spectacles; drop them in at Souten & Agyemang Optometrist in Netherton.

Is there something that you recycle? Why not tell lots of folk about it? Let me know what you recycle and how and I'll include an article in the next issue of Focus. Thank you.

Rena



Fund Raising in Aid of Christian Aid

At St Paul's in Armitage Bridge we have decided to do something a bit different this year to raise money for Christian Aid and one way we have thought of is taking part in a sponsored race. A few of our congregation will be running in the Huddersfield 10K on Sunday February 25 in support of Christian Aid and we thought we would take the opportunity to mention this in advance to gather some much needed support! To make donating online easy we have set up a Just Giving page for our event at the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/armitagebridge>. The link takes you through to a dedicated donating link for Armitage Bridge and lets you see the total raised so far.

Alternatively, if donating online is not your thing you can donate by cash or cheque. All cheques should be made payable to 'Christian Aid' and you can hand your donations directly to either Sarah Pope, Naomi Pinkney, or Bruce Greenwood at St Paul's church on a Sunday.

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South Crosland 'bookworms' enjoy their first meeting of 2018 discussing 'Howard's End' by EM Forster and having a book quiz! Further information from Angela Gledhill or any of the members...everyone welcome!!





Connie wearing her crown made during the family service at Holy Trinity, January 2018

From Over to Huddersfield

An article by Julie Anderson

I was asked if I would like to write something for the Focus Magazine to say hello to you all and I thought it was a great idea. Many of you may already know that I will be moving to take up the post of Priest in Charge in the parishes of South Crosland, and Armitage Bridge and Newsome in early April and will then be licensed on 24th April at Newsome church. I am very excited about coming and working with you all and looking to see how we are going to further the Kingdom of God in our parishes!

So who are you, I hear you say. Well I am a north-eastern lass – born just outside of Durham City – where mum and dad still live. I am over 55 – that’s about as far as I’m prepared to go with that and I am a daughter, a sister, a mother, a mother in law, a grandmother, an auntie and a friend and I am a widow. I was married to Pete for nearly 17 years but have been a widow now for just over 11 years. My late husband was in the RAF and so we moved around quite a bit and I have had many jobs including Air traffic controller, running a pub, practice manager in a doctors surgery, a hydrology assistant at the National Rivers Authority and a till operator in a supermarket. We eventually settled in Cambridgeshire where I built (single handedly) the now not so new A1(M) between Peterborough and Huntingdon. After Pete died I changed my job and worked at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge as a PA to 2 gynaecologists where I helped to run the uro-gynaecology department. I have been a churchwarden and a Reader before I was called to ordination and I trained at St John’s College Nottingham. I was ordained in 2011 and

served my curacy at Christ Church Norris Green in Liverpool and have just served 3 years as Team Rector in 5 villages in Cambridgeshire. I love to cruise and I would love to learn how to ballroom dance. I hate gardening and sand with a passion but love spending time getting to know people.

The other thing you should know is that I am passionate about telling folk about Jesus. I just want everyone to know the love he has for them and I will do my best to get that message across any way I can. What I don't do however is preach the bible at people willy nilly! I just try to love others and show them by my actions that Jesus loves them too.

So, once I am in the Rectory and settled I would love to come and have a cup of tea with you and get to know you. Please pray for me as I prepare to leave these lovely people here in Cambridge and move up to meet all you lovely people in Huddersfield.

Thank you –

Julie Anderson

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The Bearded Tit



Last month I went bird watching, an activity I have enjoyed all my life, but have more time for now I am retired. Over the years I have been fortunate to see many rare species, including the golden oriole which regularly appeared in the trees in the Church Compound in Bangkok. But I have yet to see the elusive bearded tit.

Last January my friend David visited the RSPB reserve at Leighton Moss and saw a whole colony of them so he suggested a return trip there.

It was a perfect day, cold but sunny with good visibility and I had high hopes of success, especially when we arrived to find the blackboard in the reception centre listing amongst the birds seen already that morning – bearded tit.

We followed the path through reed beds in which hundreds of bearded tits may have been concealed but saw none. From two hides we saw ducks of many different sorts, a marsh harrier, swans

and geese, snipe and - the highlight of the day - an otter swimming to and fro in the water in front of us, once catching a fish.

Suddenly David, who was sitting at the other end of the hide shouted, 'Martyn, there's one sitting in the bush over there!' Trying not to disturb fellow watchers, I got up quickly and walked over to where he was sitting only to hear him say, 'Oh, it's just flown away.'

I still haven't seen a bearded tit. Perhaps one day? But though that was disappointing I had a wonderful day enjoying the peace and beauty of the reserve and the thirty other species of birds I saw, not forgetting the delightful otter.

As I reflected on my experience that day it struck me that we can sometimes miss the joy, peace and the beauty of what God wants to give us by having our own agenda and telling Him what we want Him to do for us.

As we move further into this year and prepare for the arrival of our new Priest, let us pray for God's will to be done each day in our lives and in His Church.

Martyn

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