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SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 2 September

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Morning Worship and baptism @ South Crosland

11.00am: Morning Worship and baptism @ Newsome

Wednesday 5 September

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

11.30am: Holy Communion @ Garden Court

Sunday 9 September

9.15am: Morning worship and baptism @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

11.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

1.00pm: Baptism @ Newsome

Wednesday 12 September

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

11.30am: Holy Communion @ Garden Court

Sunday 16 September

10.00am: Team Service @ Armitage Bridge

Wednesday 19 September

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

Sunday 23 September

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

10.30am: Arise Service @ Newsome

Wednesday 26 September

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

Sunday 30 September

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

11.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

Leading Intercessions in Church

Tuesday 16th October, St Paul's Church, Shepley
Thursday 27th September, Dewsbury Minster, WF12 8DD

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

Details of this and other upcoming courses can also be found on the new learning platform:

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/leading-intercessions-dewsbury/>

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

10 Sept DCC Meeting, Armitage Bridge. 7.00pm
11 Sept DCC Meeting, Newsome. 2.30pm
12 Sept PCC Meeting, South Crosland. 7.00pm
17 Sept PCC Meeting, Armitage Bridge and Newsome at Newsome 7.00pm

Sun 23 Sep : Deadline for News and Notices for the October 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 Art of Preaching

There will be a lay training course on ‘The Art of Preaching’ at St John’s Church, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0EW on Tuesday 20th November, 2018

This is designed for those who are new to preaching but is also suitable for anyone wishing to gain some new ideas.

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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

24 July. The talk by Yorkshire Trading Standards on Scams was very helpful and appreciated by all members.

There was no meeting in August.

September 4th. Annual Dinner at Meltham Golf Club. Meet at 12 noon for 12.30.

Joan Sierant.

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

A man in a white shirt and black vest is holding a long pipe. To his right is a basket filled with various tools like hammers and nails. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Cafe Church With Simeon Wood

**At Berry Brow Methodist Church and
Community Centre.**

Birch Road HD4 7LP

**Friday
September 14th
7.00 p.m.**

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

Put on Your Dancing Shoes

Social dance at Armitage Bridge Church, music by Chris Hopkins (Blackpool Tower Ballroom organist). Friday 12th July 2019.

Following the fun everyone had at last year's Strictly event when we watched others dancing we would like to encourage you to join us next year dancing to the wonderful organ music by Chris. Chris plays strict timed music for ballroom dancing but his arrangements are thoroughly enjoyed by non dancers as well.

Starting in September we are arranging dance classes for both social and sequence dancing (e.g. Waltz, Rumba One). The initial classes will be in Netherton on a Tuesday evening but, depending on requirements, we will arrange a different venue and day as well.



The classes are £2.50 per person and tickets for the dance next year will be £7.50 each (reduced to £2.50 each for those attending most of the dance classes). Everyone welcome couples, singles, children age 8+ accompanied by an adult.

More information to follow (on notice sheet or next month's Focus). We would like this to be a collaboration of our churches so if anyone has any suggestions re dances, music, refreshments or you would like a place in the dance classes then please discuss with Rev Julie, (962184) or Martyn and Julie (666325).

CLERGY PAGES

I am often asked about prayer because to a lot of people it is a mystery. My answer is always the same – it is just a conversation with God and we can all do it.

Some years ago I was visiting a young mum who wanted to have her baby christened and as I always do I asked her “Do you ever pray?” “Oh yes”, she said. And she went on to tell me how every evening once the kids were in bed she would sit there on the floor right in the middle of all those toys and what seemed like the wreckage of the day; and before tidying up she would simply say `thank you`. I was thrilled but so that I could better understand who she was praying to I asked her “Why?” and she said that no matter how busy and stressed and short-tempered she might have been, she didn’t want to lose sight of how, underneath it all, what she had was precious and a gift and she needed to say thank you for that!

I meet quite a lot of people who would probably tell me the same thing; life is precious and saying thank you takes no time at all and it is so easy to do and you know I think they’re on to something. You don’t have to be particularly religious to pray you just need to accept that God exists and that he has done great things for you and that you need to say thank you to him.

People don’t pray because they tend to think that praying is a sort of `skill` or something you need to be clever at or something that someone else much more holy than them should do! But it’s not like that at all. No, praying is at its best when it’s simple and honest. Have you ever heard a child pray? – they say what they mean and use the words they know and it is just beautiful. And when we take a few quiet moments to simply say, `Thank you` or maybe `Sorry`, or even `Help` then we are much closer to what praying is really about than using complicated words that we don’t really understand. Why is it that when we speak to our friends we use words that come easily to

us and yet when we talk to God we think we have to find new words that we don't even understand? God wants us to talk to him so that we can have a better and more loving relationship with him and he doesn't want to make it complicated or difficult.

If you are not sure how to begin to talk to God then imagine you are talking to your best friend and you want to tell them something.

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray he simply said, "When you pray say `Father`"; the actual word he used was Abba which is a bit like "Daddy". But if that image is not helpful then think about someone who makes you feel safe and loved.

We just need to remember that the one who hears our `Thank you`, our `Sorry` or `Help` is someone who knows and cares and understands and he wants us to get to know him even better. Jesus wants us to realise that when we have that relationship with God it changes our life for ever and for the better. And it doesn't matter what we are talking about – things for ourselves, for those we know and love, for our church and community or for the world; the language we use should be the same – simple and real.

I am sure you talk easily to family and friends on the telephone well there is a great children's song that goes like this:-



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Prayer is like a telephone for us to talk to Jesus
Prayer is like a telephone for us to talk to God
Prayer is like a telephone for us to talk to Jesus
Pick it up and use it every day

We can shout out loud
We can whisper softly
We can make no noise at all
But He'll always hear our call

How easy does that make it seem now. Talk to God as if you are talking to your friends on the telephone and do it every day! And it is true that we can shout when we are angry and frustrated or even when we are happy and excited; we can whisper when we are struggling to tell him what is on our mind and we can even stay silent and he will know what we are trying to say. And you can be confident that he will hear you and answer you. And in this world where we live we need prayer! So go on try it – give God a call today and tell him what's on your heart!

Julie



Bible Readings in September

2 September Trinity 14

James 1 :17-end

Mark7:1-8,14,15,21-23

9 September Trinity 15

James2:1-10,14-17

Mark 7:24-end

16 September Trinity 16

James 3 :1-12

Mark 8:27-end

23 September Trinity 17

James 3:13,4:3,7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

30 September Trinity 18

James 5: 13-end

Mark 9: 38-end

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