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## OCTOBER SERVICES

### **Wednesday 3 October**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

### **Sunday 7 October**

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Morning Worship Harvest Festival @ South Crosland

11.00am: Morning Worship with Harvest @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 10 October**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

11.30am: Holy Communion @ Garden Court

### **Sunday 14 October**

9.15am: Harvest Festival @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

11.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 17 October**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

### **Sunday 21 October**

4.00pm: Licensing Service for Julie @ South Crosland

### **Wednesday 24 October**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

### **Sunday 28 October**

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

10.30am: Arise Service @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 31 October**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

## **Leading Intercessions in Church**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sun 21 Oct :** Re-licensing Service for Julie Anderson at South Crosland at 4.00 pm. Afternoon Tea from 2.30 pm.

**Sun 21 Oct :** **Deadline for News and Notices for the November Focus**

### **South Crosland Women's Society**

The Annual Dinner in September at Meltham Golf Club was enjoyed by over 30 members and friends.

Next meeting will be 23rd October at 2.30 and will be a talk by Rev Julie Anderson on "My Journey into The Ministry" All welcome.

*Joan Sierant.*

### **Coffee Morning**

South Crosland Junior School will be on 13 October starting at 10.00 to 11.30.



## Junior Church at St. Paul's, Armitage Bridge

For several years Junior Church was thriving. Leaders Samantha McGregor, Melody Hirst, and Sarah Carroll (who has lots of experience with Nursery aged children) have organised a variety of experiences for the children.

Over the years many children have joined us and some have gone on to receive preparation for Communion before Confirmation and even becoming confirmed.

Unfortunately, numbers have dwindled recently.

Samantha and the team work very hard in preparing and teaching the children but we would like to see more children.

The Junior Church meets on the **first Sunday of each month at the 9.15am Service** (not in August). There are lots of activities, the opportunity to take part in the service and also in workshops and not forgetting the Nativity Service!

After the July Junior church we have a Family Picnic at Beaumont Park which is attended by others in our Team. It is a very enjoyable event.

Do you know any children or have you grandchildren who would like to come and join us?

**Why not come along on the first Sunday in the month**

**At 9.15am**

**We'd love to see you!**





**Next Meets Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 4pm at Netherton Methodists**

Netherton Methodist Church along with helpers from South Crosland Holy Trinity host a Messy Church each second Wednesday of the month 4pm to 6pm. This form of church has been running for over 5 years here and has been enjoyed by many youngsters and adults in Netherton and beyond.

What is Messy Church?

Messy Church is found across the world and is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. Whilst primarily the concept is, it is church for people who don't already belong to another form of church, many regular members of our churches enjoy the meet and the interaction with other families.

It meets at a time that suits people who don't already belong to church.

It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All elements are for, and should include, people of all ages, adults and children.

It's all-age.

It's fun.

It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age.

Its aim is to introduce and promote Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.

Typically at the Netherton meet, activities (some giving the chance to be “messy”!) on a Biblical theme run from 4pm to 5pm. A short act of worship with a song and perhaps a game follows. A simple Tea is then served for all.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

Come and join us and have a great time!

Help is always welcome. If you are interested in assisting in any way come to a meet and see what is going on – you will be very welcome!

## **St. Paul’s Church, Armitage Bridge**

Why not come and join us at one or all of the following?

- Harvest on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am
- Nativity on Christmas Eve at 5.30pm
- Junior Church – First Sunday of month at 9.15am (except August) Children aged 3 to 12 years (under 3’s to be accompanied by an adult).



**Telephone Melody on 01484666205 for more details**

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## Operation Christmas Child 2018



I know Christmas seems a long time away, but we need to think about packing our shoeboxes! Many of you have contributed to this fantastic appeal in the past and now is the time to start again. There are several empty shoeboxes at the back of Holy Trinity church for you to cover in festive paper and pack with toys, games, hygiene items and stationery. Alternatively, you could use your own shoebox or you could go to St James' Church at Meltham Mills after 7th November, 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and they will give you a shoebox which has already been covered!

Follow the on-line link for more information:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Leaflets will be available at the back of each church to help you know what to pack and how to donate the delivery charge before you bring the shoebox back for collection. Please can you bring your filled shoeboxes back to Holy Trinity Church by Sunday 25th November 2018 at the latest so I can take them to the collection point in good time? Many thanks.

*Caroline Jones*

## **Holy Trinity, South Crosland Gift Day, 28 October 2018**

I want to begin by thanking you for all the support you give to the Church here in South Crosland. We really couldn't do what we do without you! I know that it costs you in time and energy and of course financially to support the work we do but it is essential to the mission of the church. I am sure, like me, you want to see more people coming to church and experiencing the generous love of God. We can only do that if we have a church that is warm and welcoming and that gives time to those who come.

I have seen and experienced the warmth of Holy Trinity first hand and I know that if everyone feels as welcome as I do then we will be able to grow our congregation given time.

Of course, none of that can happen without the financial support we receive, because running an old and beautiful building like ours is not cheap and we need to pay our bills just like everyone else. There is the cost of heat and light and then the insurance and of course the cost of paying my stipend as well as all the other incidental costs along the way. The PCC does its best to make sure everything is paid on time and that we meet our financial commitment to the Diocese in our Parish Share and they really do appreciate all your help with this as you give on a regular basis.

However sometimes we need a little but extra help and so we, the PCC, would ask you to give serious thought to making a gift to the church on our gift day on the 28th October.

This is a gift beyond your normal giving, and it will help towards meeting the costs of paying our Parish Share and doing the required maintenance to make sure we have a warm, damp free and useable building where we can invite people to come.

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It may be that you are already giving all you can and that is wonderful and we thank you for all you do. But if you feel able to make a little extra gift please put it in one of the envelopes marked gift day (in church) and bring it to church on 28<sup>th</sup> October or if you can't be there that day you could pop it in the collection on any Sunday when you are there. (Please make sure it is clearly marked Gift Day)

Thank you one again for all your love and support of our church and may God bless you richly in all you do!

*Rev Julie Anderson*

## Eco Tips

Make sure you close your curtains when it gets dark to stop heat escaping.

Get draft proof to stop losing heat. Professional draught-proofing of windows, doors and blocking cracks in floors and skirting boards can cost around £200, but can save around £25 a year on energy bills. DIY draught proofing can be much cheaper. Installing a chimney draught excluder could save around £15 a year as well.

[www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins)



Make sure your hot water tank is insulated with a thick jacket. It will save you lots of money not to mention reducing your carbon emissions.

Has your loft got loads of insulation? It's one of the cheapest and easiest ways to save energy and will pay for itself in hardly any time.

## **Emmanuel Strictly**

weekly dance lessons

for

Fundraising, Fellowship, Fitness and Fun

all welcome, couples and singles, on

Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:15pm at Netherton Community Centre

join in any time, new dances taught every two weeks or so

Dance class £2.50 per person for each 45 minute lesson

**and join us next year for our**

## **Emmanuel Fundraising Social Dance**

on Friday, 12th July 2019

with music by Chris Hopkins (organist at Blackpool Tower)  
at Armitage Bridge Church

7:30 - 10:30pm

Tickets for Social Dance £7.50 each

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For any queries please telephone Julie or Martyn on 666325

## CLERGY PAGES

I don't know about you but the harsh reality that the summer is over has come as a bit of a shock! Those very hot days we have experienced this year are all gone as we get back to normal with more wet and windy days as Autumn replaces Summer. The nights are drawing in and at the end of the month the clocks go back an hour. The change in the weather does mean that at last we have rain to water the crops and help the farmers but it may be all a bit late as the time for harvest is already upon us. The harvest celebrations in our churches and schools begin in October and it is good to know that it's still an important fixture in the calendar of our parishes. As we celebrate everything that God has given us we must also realise that we cannot take anything for granted. Farmers certainly don't, in my experience, but I think that there is a temptation for many people in our society to take their food for granted because we live in a society that relies on the supermarket for the food we eat and we expect it to be there all year round! We demand foods that are out of season and don't understand when we can't get them – when I was a girl



growing up you ate swede and parsnips and root veg in winter and lettuce and cucumber and salads in the summer – because that was when they were available. Today we can get most things whenever we want them. I for one think it is sad that we don't have the anticipation of waiting for the different fruit and vegetables coming into season so that we can eat them for a short while before the next new taste is due.

As we prepare for our harvest celebrations in church we thank God for his provision to us all but for some people that is difficult because they are struggling to make ends meet and find enough food to feed their families. Our harvest gifts will be given to those in such need as we donate them to the Welcome Centre to use at their foodbank. But we need to give more than just a tin of beans or a tube of toothpaste to help those in need. We need to pray and pray earnestly for them – pray that they will find work, or a home, or that they will be re-united with their families; because most of the folk who need to use the foodbank do not do it by choice but because they don't have an alternative. I used to help to run a foodbank in Liverpool and I met all kinds of folk. Those who had been made redundant and couldn't get benefits so they couldn't feed their family. I met young people who had been thrown out of their family home and who just wanted to find a job but couldn't because they didn't have an address to give an employer. I met older people who had no savings and their pension just didn't give them enough to live on. I met addicts who spent their cash on drugs or alcohol and so couldn't afford food. And in all these cases they were desperate to have a life better than the one they were living. It is hard to see people in such need and to be able to do no more than to give them a few tins of soup and a box of cereal to help them out knowing there is nothing much else you can do for them.

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So as we approach this harvest time please pray for all those in need – those who use the foodbank because they don't have another choice, those who want a better life than the one they are living now, those who are desperate to come off drugs and alcohol, those who want to give their families more than they can right now. And then give thanks for those who are willing to help them – those at the Welcome Centre who provide food and advice, those at the Mission Café who provide hot meals at low cost, those at the Basement who help addicts beat their addiction. We must also give thanks for all that we have and thank God that we can eat a meal and turn our heating on to keep warm but give a thought for those who can't and ask "how can I help them?"

Jesus tells us in Matthews gospel that we are either a sheep or a goat when he tells the people that they should feed the hungry, and care for those in need. You can find the whole story at Matthew 25: 31-46 but the verses that stand out say this:-

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did (or did not do) for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did (or did not do) for me.'

*Rev Julie Anderson*



## **Bible Readings in October**

### **7 October Trinity 19**

Hebrews 1:1-4 & 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

### **14 October Harvest**

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Matthew 6:25-33

### **21 October Trinity 21**

### **28 October Bible Sunday**

2 Timothy 3:14 to 4:5

John 5:36b-47

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