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## NOVEMBER SERVICES

### **Sunday 4 November All Saints**

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Morning Worship @ South Crosland

11.00am: Morning Worship and baptism @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 7 November**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

### **Sunday 11 November Remembrance**

9.15am: Remembrance Service @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion and Remembrance Service @ South Crosland

10.45am: Remembrance Service @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 14 November**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

11.30am: Holy Communion @ Garden Court

### **Sunday 18 November 2 before Advent**

10.00am: United service with Methodist Church @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 21 November**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

### **Sunday 25 November Christ the King**

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

10.30am: Arise Service and baptism @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 28 November**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

### **Cover Photo.**

Revd Julie Anderson at her re-licensing service.

### **Harvest at Armitage Bridge.**

An abundance of gifts of toiletries and foods was brought to our interactive, lay-led service of Harvest Thanksgiving. Following a breakfast of sausage and bacon sandwiches, a tremendous £205.50 was received as donations to purchase meal vouchers for the Mission Café! Thanks to all who attended, donated and helped.

### **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. Details of this and other upcoming courses can also be found on the new learning platform: <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/art-of-preaching/>

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### **Newsome and South Crosland Coffee Mornings**



Coffee mornings are an important part of our community outreach and ours at Newsome and Netherton are no exception.

The one in Newsome Church Hall has run for many, many years to the enjoyment of many people. The one in Netherton at South Crosland Junior School has been running for ten years now, again enjoyed by many local people.

They were both originally on the second Saturday of the month and as a team it made sense to have them on different Saturdays. It was decided that as the Netherton one was held in school the second Saturday was the only week that would not clash with the holidays (apart from August when there isn't a coffee morning in Netherton). Besides coffee, tea or juice served, a raffle is held and you might find a cake stall, plant stall, clothing or handbags for sale. We might even have a tombola one month or a photo exhibition.

So can we encourage you to join us at our next coffee mornings?

South Crosland Junior School will be on 10 November starting at 10.00 to 11.30.

Newsome Church Hall on 17 November starting at 10.00 to 11.30.

*Julie and Martyn Dean*



NET church Charity Quiz Evening  
7:30 p.m. on Saturday 1st December at St Paul's Church, Armitage  
Bridge, HD4 7PD

Tickets: £4 including supper

All proceeds to Holmfirth Food Bank and The Welcome Centre

For tickets/further information, please contact Chris & Mandy Jowett  
at [thejowetts@uwclub.net](mailto:thejowetts@uwclub.net)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sun 18 Nov : Deadline for News and Notices for the December Focus  
Mon 26 Nov : Armitage Bridge DCC at 7.00pm  
Tues 27 Nov : Newsome DCC at 2.30pm  
Wed 28 Nov : South Crosland PCC at 7.00pm

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

20 November at 2.30 pm.  
A talk by Kathy from Meltham Wildlife Rescue.

*Joan Sierant.*

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## ***Children's Christmas Craft workshop***

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at St. Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge

10am – 12.15pm

Fun activities on a Christmas theme for children aged 3 – 13  
years (under 3's to be accompanied by parent/carer)



The session ends with a short Christingle service

**For further details and to book a place please contact Melody  
on 01484 666205 or email [melodyannhirst@gmail.com](mailto:melodyannhirst@gmail.com)**

**Come along and join in the fun. We'd love to see you!**

## Ringin Remembers



Sunday 11th November 2018 marks the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day and bellringers around the country have been asked to ring out a message of peace.

At Armitage Bridge we will be ringing half muffled in the morning and open later in the day - the idea being that we start with commemorative ringing, which naturally has its sombre tone, to recognise the loss of so many lives, and later in the day we move to a more forward-looking tone of affirmation - to acknowledge that our fallen have contributed to the future in terms of helping secure peace.

More than 1400 of the country's bellringers laid down their lives for peace in the 'war to end all wars'. A recruitment drive around the country called 'Ringin Remembers' has aimed to recruit 1400 new ringers the same number as those who fell in the Great War. At Armitage Bridge we have taught a new ringer and we hope that she will be involved in the ringing on Remembrance Sunday to help us all to ring out for peace.

*Lorraine Trebble*

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**SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER**

**Re-Licensing Service for Revd Julie Anderson, Rector .**

**United Emmanuel Benefice**





**Revd Julie Anderson, Rt Revd Jonathan Gibbs and The Venerable Dr Anne F Dawtry**

The licensing service for Revd Julie Anderson as our Rector took place on 21 October. The service was attended by a congregation of more than 80 people from Newsome, Armitage Bridge and South Crosland and the Net.

Julie was delighted after the joyous service. "A big thank you to everyone for their support This was a wonderful service."

## CLERGY PAGES

*Remember, remember the fifth of November,  
Gunpowder, treason and plot.  
I see no reason why gunpowder treason  
should ever be forgot!*



A little rhyme you may well have heard before and of course we will remember the gunpowder plot this November but there are so many other things to too!

We begin on 1<sup>st</sup> November with All Saints Day and our celebration not only of the Saints we know and can name – St John and St Paul to name just 2 but also a day to give thanks for all the saints with a small ‘s’. Those who have been there for us through life’s ups and downs – those we know who love and support us and never judge us. We give thanks for them because there are times when we just wouldn’t manage without them. But don’t forget that you are a saint too and someone may well be giving thanks for knowing you! It may be something you have done for them or something you have said. Jesus touched people’s lives all the time and it is our job to do the same today in his name. So let’s all try to be saints this November and do something that helps someone else.

Then on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls Day we have the opportunity to remember those we have loved but who are no longer with us. It is a time to give thanks for them and to remember with joy the times spent together. Of course when we remember someone we love it

can cause us to be sad because they are not here with us but if we focus on the good times spent it can be a day of joy and thanksgiving. Knowing that they were a part of our lives makes us realise what a gift they have been.

Then on 5<sup>th</sup> we remember Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot – there will be bonfires and firework displays all around the country as we remember the failure of Fawkes and his followers to blow up parliament! A strange thing to be celebrating but there we are! As you ooh and ahh at the beauty of the skies lit up with fireworks perhaps you can offer a prayer for our own government and the situations they find themselves in these days. I'm not sure what Fawkes would have thought about Brexit!!

And then less than a week later we remember and commemorate those who have died in war. Of course this year it is a special year as we commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1. It was on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918 that the Armistice was signed between Britain and Germany. That was a day to remember and one we should never forget.

Some 65 million men were mobilised across Europe during World War 1. Nearly a third of them – some 21 million – were wounded. Another 8.5 million were killed and some 7.7 million were taken prisoners of war. All of them had family and friends whose lives were changed forever by the events of 1914-1918.

This year gives us another chance to remember, but also to pray for a world filled with peace and hope. But real hope only comes from God. He offers us hope that goes beyond our understanding; hope of everlasting life. He sent his son to die for us to reassure us of that hope. But it is often hard when we are in difficult situations to recognise that hope because all seems hopeless.

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You may be familiar with the text of 1 Corinthians 13. It is familiar because it used quite a lot at weddings and it talks a lot about love. But St Paul tells us that there are 3 things that will endure forever: faith, hope and love and whilst he says that the greatest of these is love we have to be careful not to sidestep the importance of the other members of that trio. We need faith and hope just as much as love and especially when things are tough. Faith helps us to know and experience the love that God offers us. Faith helps us to acknowledge the hope that comes through the promises of God which in turn helps us to believe that all those lives lost in war have not been in vain.

There is a poem by Siegfried Sassoon a WW1 poet called Aftermath and the first verse goes like this:-

Have you forgotten yet?...

For the world's events have rumbled on since those gagged days,  
Like traffic checked while at the crossing of city-ways:  
And the haunted gap in your mind has filled with thoughts that flow  
Like clouds in the lit heaven of life; and you're a man reprieved to go,  
Taking your peaceful share of Time, with joy to spare.  
But the past is just the same--and War's a bloody game...  
Have you forgotten yet?...

Look down, and swear by the slain of the War that you'll never forget.

So this November do remember, all those who have helped you along the way, all those who you have loved and lost and all those who gave their lives so that you could be free.

*Rev Julie Anderson*

## **What a weekend we have had!**

For me it began with a coach trip with a group of strangers (I knew one other person) from Huddersfield to central London. I went to join the People's Vote march because I care deeply about our relationship with Europe. I was amazed to be surrounded by a sea of humanity. Helicopter views put the number as 670,000 (2/3 of a million, 1% of the population). This human tide shuffled - too many to walk! - towards Westminster. I never reached it to hear the speeches but was part of a merry company in Trafalgar Square. Although there were plenty of police, there was no "trouble" and much humour, singing and good companionship. When the coach set us down again at 11pm near Huddersfield Station, we had been bonded by a shared experience.

Yesterday afternoon, we shared a delicious afternoon tea at South Crosland before sharing the bread and wine of communion together. The occasion was Julie's induction and institution as Rector of the Emmanuel Benefice. Bishop Jonathan's sermon was about servant leadership and the songs and bible readings took us to the heart of what it is to serve the purpose of God in this generation. We gathered as the Net, Newsome, South Crosland and Armitage Bridge together with our Bishop and Archdeacon Ann. We are the people of individual communities but our deep belonging is as the holy people of God.

What unites us is our humanity and the image of God we share, together with the story that gives us life - that begins with Genesis and ends with the New Jerusalem, a city that lies four-square with gates open by day and by night.

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By delicious serendipity, there was a superb episode of Doctor Who last night, written by the acclaimed author Malorie Blackman and set in the 24 hours leading up to Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat in a bus in Montgomery Alabama, which triggered the American civil rights movement. (See it on Catch Up! ) In this year, which saw our “Windrush” generation poorly handled and when racism is an undercurrent in the populist political movements here, across Europe and in the USA, we need to keep our eyes wide open.

“Here we have no abiding city but we look for one that is to come” says the writer of Hebrews. That universal city, the New Jerusalem, is a vision of humanity as God created us to be. There is a new creation, an open and inclusive community, which is God’s plan for all of us, because God is loving community - Father, Son, Spirit - and we are the living embodiment of Christ for this generation.

So let’s do away with anything which impairs that vision - whether it is racism, xenophobia or unwillingness to reach out to our partner congregations or our local communities. And let us be God’s holy people, those who “do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God”

*Debby Plummer*



## **Bible Readings in November**

### **4 November All Saints**

Revelation 21: 1-6a

John 11: 32-44

### **11 November Remembrance**

Micah 4: 1-5

John 14:23-29

### **18 November 2<sup>nd</sup> Before Advent**

### **25 November Christ the King**

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

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