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Bridge and South Crosland, Huddersfield**

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MAY SERVICES

Wednesday 1 May

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

Sunday 5 May Easter 3

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am : Morning worship @ South Crosland

11.00am : Holy Communion @ Newsome

Wednesday 8 May

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

11.30am: Holy Communion @ Garden Court

Sunday 12 May Easter 4

9.15am: Morning Worship with Sunday school @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

11.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

Wednesday 15 May

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

6.30-7.00pm: A meditation @ Berry Brow Methodist Church

Sunday 19 May Easter 5

10.00am: Team Service @ South Crosland

Wednesday 22 May

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

Sunday 26 May Easter 6

9.15am: Holy Communion @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Holy Communion @ South Crosland

11.00: The Gathering @ Newsome

Wednesday 29 May

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

Social Dance at Armitage Bridge Church

7:30pm on Friday, 12th July 2019

Following the dance classes which started last September at Nethererton and this January in Newsome we are all looking forward to welcoming the talented Chris Hopkins from Blackpool Tower to play for the dance we are holding in July. If you would be interested in joining one of the classes, so that you can enjoy a dance or two on the night, please contact us for more details. (01484 666325 Martyn and Julie).



If you would like tickets for the social dance we will be selling them at the dance classes, then at Newsome coffee morning on 18th May and at the joint service at South Crosland Church on Sunday 19th May. Tickets are £7.50 each.

Newsome and South Crosland Coffee Mornings

South Crosland Junior School will be on 11 May starting at 10.00 to 11.30.



Newsome Church Hall on 18 May starting at 10.15 to 11.45.

SOUTH CROSLAND WOMEN'S SOCIETY

May 21. Bar Meal at the Beaumont Arms.12 noon.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 7 May:	Newsome DCC @2.30n pm
Mon 13 May:	Armitage Bridge DCC @ 7.00pm
Thu 16 May :	PCC @ Armitage Bridge @ 4.00pm
Sun 19 May:	Final day for copy for Focus
Wed 22 May	PCC @ South Crosland @ 7.00pm .

Fund Raising

Berry Brow Carnival: Visit the South Huddersfield Churches Together Stall at the Carnival June 15th at the playing fields of Ladyhouse lane. If you would like to help either at the stall or with the Carnival contact Carol 07740425093.



An Invitation to

THE BIG BREAKFAST

Where? St Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge.

When? Saturday 18th May, 9:30am-11:30am.

Why? To raise money for Christian Aid's appeal to 'Transform Lives Over Breakfast'.

How much will it cost? You decide. We hope to get as much food donated as possible- so that whatever you pay for your breakfast will go straight to help people living in poverty.

Breakfast will include bacon, sausage, beans, tea, coffee, orange juice, croissant and other items.

We also hope to offer a selection of homemade cakes, so if you've already had breakfast, pop in for coffee and a cake.

Please bring as many family and friends as you can, to help us make a significant contribution.

Helen and Ian Hales

Annual Family Picnic

On Sunday 7 July at Beaumont Park

12.30pm onwards



Why not come and join us at Beaumont Park?

The youngsters like to run about, play football, tennis or go in the adventure playgrounds but if that's not your scene you can just sit back, relax, enjoy an ice cream and watch the "world go by"!

All you need is a picnic, a chair or a rug!

You can bring along bats and balls or any outdoor apparatus for the young ones

We're hoping for good weather so don't forget your sun hats and sun cream!

We meet by the swings (off Butternab Road)

Telephone Melody on 01484666205 for more details

Come and Join us!

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Thirty Fourth Art and Craft Exhibition

This will be held at St. Paul's Church: Armitage Bridge from Thursday to Saturday, 6th-8th June 2019 and the opening times are:

Thursday and Friday – 2pm to 4pm 7pm to 9 pm

Saturday -10am to 5pm

Refreshments will be available each day and admission to the exhibition will be £1.00

Exhibits for either the Art or Craft sections **must be delivered to Armitage Bridge Church on Tuesday, 4th June 2019 between 2pm and 8pm.**

Entry fees are £1.00 per exhibit in the Art Section (maximum ten exhibits) and 50p per exhibit in the Craft section. (No maximum).

Artists are requested to collect their works and sales proceeds (less 15% donation to Armitage Bridge Church) on **Saturday evening, 8th June 2019 between 5.45pm and 6.30pm.**

Entry forms are now available from Newsome and Armitage Bridge Churches and at Huddersfield Library and Calder Graphics or alternatively you can visit our Facebook page.

Exhibitors are asked to adhere strictly to the times and dates specified above.

Do come and visit us and help us make the thirty fourth Art and Craft Exhibition a great success.

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THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL

ART & CRAFT

E X H I B I T I O N



June 6, 7 & 8

THURSDAY	2 – 4pm	7 – 9pm
FRIDAY	2 – 4pm	7 – 9pm
SATURDAY	10am – 5 pm	

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Huddersfield Debt Centre



A number of you have shown an interest in the work of the 'Christians Against Poverty' group in Huddersfield. Some local church groups sponsor Small Groups. I know that our churches do make donations to CAP, and one of these donations could perhaps be used to launch a Small

Group.

Here is some text from the leaflet about the Job Club:



CAP Job clubs are brilliant - there's something for everybody that is out of work. I got a job within the first month - it's absolutely fantastic'

What will the CAP Job Club involve?

Your local CAP Job Club is a friendly place where you will get practical help as you seek employment. It's a relaxed environment with the chance to meet other jobseekers, get support and gain the tools you need to find work. Being unemployed can be hard to deal with on your own, but being part of one of our 156 CAP Job Clubs means you face the challenge with other people in similar situations.

Your local CAP Job Club meets weekly. You'll follow an eight week course that will give you all the tools you need to find work, from writing a CV that employers won't be able to resist, to brushing up on those all important interview skills.

How much does it cost?

Absolutely nothing – our Job Clubs are completely free.

Please let me know if you are interested in being trained to organise a Job Club. The training is all provided by *Christians Against Poverty*.

Jeremy Plummer (jeremypiano@me.com)

***Thy Kingdom Come* : The 2019 Diocesan Event**

Ripon Cathedral; Sunday 2nd June 3.30pm

Bishop Nick and Dean John are pleased to invite you to this year's diocesan *Thy Kingdom Come* event which takes place at Ripon Cathedral on Sunday 2nd June at 3.30pm.

This is in the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost when we are encouraged to pray for the church's growth. It is a great opportunity to pray for the working out of the diocesan vision and strategy, *Maturing in Christ*, as well as spiritual and numerical growth generally.

The event will include a liturgical gathering and then a more relaxed opportunity to engage with prayer stations and pilgrimage trails in and around the Cathedral. The prayer stations are being created by deaneries across the whole diocese.

After a short closing act of worship, refreshments will be served from 4.30pm.

Please let Julie know if you would like to join her at this service. It is another step in our praying for church growth.

Thanks



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Big Blessing

I had a conversation with someone at Armitage Bridge after our Easter service, about generosity being the character of God and stinginess being the work of the devil. God is the giver of all good gifts and blessings and loves us to ask him for what we need and not to hold back.

Rogation Sunday is the absolute top date for asking God for what we need - for ourselves, for our community, for the future harvest, for the planet. To ask for a Big Blessing. Rogation means Asking and the tradition of praying for the land goes back for centuries. Rogation Sunday is the 6th Sunday after Easter and this year it falls on May 26th., the Sunday of Spring Bank Holiday weekend.

The Big Blessing Service is outdoors and I lead it each year at Stirley Community Farm (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust) where I have been a volunteer for 4 years. It is from 2-3pm, followed by refreshments in the amazing Cre8 Barn (a “passivhaus”). 2 church choirs join me to lead the hymns and sing an anthem and people from across the community gather for the prayers and readings - from the bible and other books. If you would like to read one of them and you want to be there, please let me know. I have one volunteer already!

We will visit the machinery, the English Shorthorn cattle, the orchard (to see the trees we planted 2 years ago), the herb beds and training allotments, and the bees. Children will scatter bee-friendly flower seeds. We will think and pray about climate change - Kirklees has declared that we are in a climate emergency. We will pray for staff and volunteers and for our own part in growing and caring for plants and animals.

Please come and join us for this beautiful service in a beautiful place! Wear sensible clothing. Bring well-behaved dogs on leads.

Debby Plummer

Crafty Kids - Saturday 4th May
10.00 - 11.30am



Holy Trinity Church South Crosland

The last meet of this academic year is on 4 May. Lots of activities and fun include making percussion instruments and using them for sound effects for the story of Jesus calming the storm.

All youngsters and Parents/Carers (if they wish to stay) are welcome. Come and have some fun and enjoy sharing delicious refreshments together. We will next meet in September - enjoy the summer!



Here are some of our youngsters at the April meet with Easter hats, baskets and the Easter garden.

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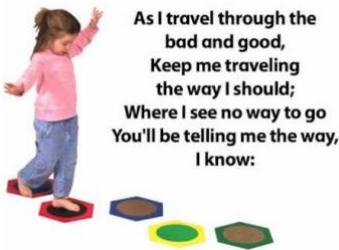
Clergy Pages

There was a programme on television in the last six months showing young people with problems of depression, anxiety and a lack of self-worth. Many of us suffer mild forms of these symptoms from time to time, and we all have our own ways of dealing with them.

For these young people, the answer seemed to be to shut themselves away (I'm safe at home!). The programme didn't produce an answer to the problem, but the very fact of allowing the young people to discuss their problems was, at least, a start in tackling the problem.

Anxiety is a symptom that we all suffer from time to time and we just have to try and learn better ways of coping with all that life throws at us sometimes. As our children grow older we tend to feel a bit redundant, unless we are taking them somewhere to meet their friends. It is at this time that we feel we have spare time on our hands and feel lost. Going back to church and meeting old and new friends can be a real tonic to the system and it's never too late to make such a move, neither have we forgotten how to laugh or have fun.

The church is very welcoming to everyone if we are only prepared to make the first move. Every-time we sing "one more step along the way I go" I am reminded of my journey with God travelling from my old life to the new.



Our normal Sunday service takes our thoughts steadily through confession, absolution, hearing God's word and confirming our belief etc and there is always a risk that we take this as a routine which might not demand too much serious thought on our part about our belief. From time to time, however, we are introduced to a period of silent thought which can for just a few moments bring us closer to God. However, these occasions are very rare; but one occasion does present itself regularly when we are invited, during the intercessions, to pray silently for anyone known to us who requires our prayers at that particular time. It is noticeable how the mind and body enjoy calmness during that short period when we experience that brief personal interlude with God.

I have also noticed that television dramas highlight quiet moments of solitude for troubled individuals who seek out the top of high-rise buildings to think through their problems. It is normally left to the viewer to decide whether this is just a period of quietness with the world and nature, or a reflective moment with their maker. This brings us back to the problem of the young people that we started with at the beginning. Rather than closet themselves away in doors they might be better advised to seek out somewhere quiet to think through their feelings, or someone of their own choosing to talk to about their worries and concerns. If they could be persuaded to select someone who possesses a faith and belief I am confident that a direction towards help and assistance to others would give them a better feeling in themselves and a greater incentive in their life. The church family in their local church would contribute substantially in this direction.

We invite anyone to join us at any of our church services. God always listens.

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A Message from Reverend Julie

At the recent annual meeting I explained how much I love being here in Huddersfield and in this family of the Emmanuel Benefice but I also explained how busy I am and that I am not taking on anything new for the foreseeable future. I need to better establish the things I am already involved in and give them more of my time and energy so that the church and community can work more closely together.

However at the Leading your church into growth conference that I attended last year they were very emphatic about the importance of prayer and of praying together for the life of the church. And so I would very much like to set up a prayer group which will meet twice a month to pray about our church life. I cannot do this alone and need your help and support. If you are interested in joining me in prayer then please do let me know. I want to make it easy for folk to join me so once I know who will be part of this exciting adventure I will be able to arrange a time and place for the group.

As part of the doing less regime I have also decided, with the support of my clergy colleagues, that we will have team services every Sunday in July and August and these will move around the churches. Please check the website for details of where they will be or keep your eye out for the list in Focus nearer the time. If you need a lift to get to another church please don't be shy – ASK!! I know that there are people in church would gladly pick you up if only they were aware you needed a lift!! Speak to Julie or one of the churchwardens if you are not sure who to ask and we will happily introduce you to someone with spare seats in their cars.

I would love for us to come together as a family and get to know one another better and this is a great opportunity to do that so please don't miss out – come and join us!!

Thanks
Julie



Bible Readings in May

5 May Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6

John 21: 1-19

12 May Easter 4

Acts 9:36-end

John 10: 22-30

19 May Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18

John 13: 31-35

26 May Easter 6

Acts 16: 9-15

John 14:23-29

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