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## JUNE SERVICES

### **Sunday 2 June Easter 7**

9.15am: Holy Communion@ Armitage Bridge

9.15am : Morning worship @ South Crosland

11.00am :Holy Communion @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 5 June**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

### **Sunday 9 June Pentecost**

10.00am: United Service @ Armitage Bridge with Methodists

### **Wednesday 12 June**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

11.30am: Holy Communion @ Garden Court

### **Sunday 16 June Trinity Sunday**

9.15am:Morning Worship @ Armitage Bridge

9.15am: Morning Worship @ South Crosland

11.00am: Holy Communion @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 19 June**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

### **Sunday 23 June Trinity 1**

9.15am: Holy Communion@ Armitage Bridge

9.15am:Holy Communion @ South Crosland

11.00: The Gathering @ Newsome

### **Wednesday 26 June**

10.00am: Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

### **Sunday 30 June Trinity 2**

10.00am: Team Service @ Newsome

## **Social Dance at Armitage Bridge Church**

7:30pm on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Following the dance classes which started last September at Netherton 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 like tickets for the social dance contact Julie or Martyn on 666325. Tickets are £7.50 each.

## **South Crosland Coffee Morning**

South Crosland Junior School will be on 8 June starting at 10.00 to 11.30.



## **Newsome Church Hall Coffee Morning**

It has been a year this month since the coffee morning underwent change and it has continued to serve the community well. The people who help run it all have family who live away and it would be good to have backup help. If there is anyone who might be interested in helping out at the coffee morning, third Saturday in the month, or would be willing to go on a list of possible helpers please let Rev Julie or the church wardens know. Thank you all.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next coffee morning which is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June starting at 10.15 to 11.45.

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## **SOUTH CROSLAND WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

June 25th. Trip to The Carding Shed for afternoon tea at 2.30.

Joan Sierant

### **Christian Aid Big Breakfast – Armitage Bridge**

A massive “Thank You” to all our helpers, donors, sponsors (particularly Hinchliffe’s Farm Shop and The Beaumont Arms, Netherton) and supporters for everything they did to help us with the Christian Aid Big Breakfast on 18 May. We raised at least £927 with perhaps a bit more to come.

Ian and Helen

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sun 23 June : Final day for copy for Focus

### **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.

**Notices for South Huddersfield Churches Together:**

**Gospel Choir**

More are welcome to rehearse with us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6.30 and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month at 5.30 at Berry Brow Methodist Church

**Quiet day: 1<sup>st</sup> October**

The next Quiet day will be October 1<sup>st</sup> with Rev Ian Jamieson at the Community of the Resurrection.

**Summer Celebration** at Hillside Crescent Sunday July 21st. From 2.30 with hot beef sandwiches.

**Café Church**

There will be a meeting to discuss the future of Café Church on 6 June at Berry Brow Church.

**Joint Event**

We would like you to think about, if, instead of a weekend away, you would like us to go as a group to Spring Harvest, Butlins, Skegness, next April. Payment can be made in monthly installments and there is the possibility if enough people we could hire a coach and all travel together.

Carol Waters

**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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## June 6, 7 & 8

<b>THURSDAY</b>	2 – 4pm	7 – 9pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	2 – 4pm	7 – 9pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10am – 5 pm	

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## Clergy Pages

### Keeping it Simple

Dear Friends

I discovered this letter that I put in the magazine way back in September 1999. It still resonates with me and I wondered if it might still resonate with you. (I have yet to put it all in to practice so 'work in progress')

"One of the most profound discoveries I've made recently is a quote from Charles Kettering, a past president of the American motor giant General Motors, who said, "The key to economic prosperity is the organised creation of dissatisfaction".

It was at that point that I realised, although I suppose I'd subconsciously known it for years, that my whole life is bombarded with messages specifically designed to make me dissatisfied.

I passed a terrace of small cottages on my way home yesterday, and was amazed to see a 'For Sale' notice on nearly every house in the row. Where are they all moving to, and why? I regularly pass large, modern houses having extensions built onto them.

I'm surrounded by instant schemes to add pounds to my bank balance, or lose pounds from my waist. The latest miracle cream will remove my wrinkles, diet pills will make me slimmer than a super-model, whilst Feng Shui promises health and wealth if I shift my furniture about and buy some fish. I should be into minimalism, eating organic food, wearing rope sandals and weaving my own yoghurt.

Even our thoughts, our ideas and our fundamental beliefs these days come pre-packed, shrink wrapped and purchased wholesale at 'Thoughts-R-Us'. But aren't our minds too sacred to allow others to furnish them for us?

It seems to me that we need to simplify our lives, swim against the tide, for from all sides we are assailed by those who wish to sell us something, lend us money, recruit us for a cause, or simply waste our time.

Simplicity comes from inside. It comes from a willingness to change, to march to the beat of a different drum. It's reflected in our possessions and our lifestyle, but its origin lies in our hearts.

There is a Japanese proverb that says, "The journey is also the destination". We are all travellers, and we will be travellers all our lives. Let's accept that and move on in the knowledge that the journey is worth making and life can be better, less stressful, more fulfilling, if we truly learn to keep it simple.

This revelation has led me to create my own 'Rule of Life', and I commend you to consider doing the same.

We all obey rules in our lives, many of which are unwritten, but these are what make life so complex: I must work till 7 each night: I must earn more money next year: I must attend all those meetings: I must buy a new car every 2 years: I must be fashionable.

These aren't our rules. We didn't create them. We are presented with them as a 'fait accompli', but it doesn't have to be that way. We can change the guidelines, and replace them with rules of our own. Our rule should be a statement of who we are and what we want out of life, and just as importantly, what we don't want out of life. Our rule should help us decide what our priorities are, and the kind of things we should be and do. It should help us allocate our time, give priority to what is important, and get rid of all the stuff that makes our lives so cluttered.

My own rule concentrates on the main areas of my life, such as family and friends, ministry, quietness, possessions, health and use of time. My faith of course is a common thread running through all these areas.

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In any journey, the really important moment is the first step. So often we don't make it past the planning stage. We study maps, look at pictures, read books, but we never take that first step.

Don't worry that you will stumble. We all do. The road is not straightforward, and there are rough paths along the way. We're all learners and we will always be learners. Don't worry that you fail sometimes, worry only that you will persevere. The world is full of people who 'might have', those of us who always meant to do something, but who somehow kept putting it off.

Many of us dream of leading simpler lives. Many of us dream of having more time, less anxiety and less stress, less pressure.

It's time to stop dreaming and start living.

It's time to KEEP IT SIMPLE"

If you intend to try this out, start with prayer, and continue with prayer, because that is the energy and motivation that will enable you to succeed. You will discover that this is an old and traditional Christian path to a closer relationship with God.

God Bless you all

*David*



## **Bible Readings in June**

### **2 June Easter 7**

Acts 16:16-34

John 17: 20 - end

### **9 June Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21

John 14: 8-17 & 25-27

### **16 June Trinity Sunday**

Riomans 5: 1-5

John 16: 12-15

### **23 June Trinity 1**

Galatians 3: 23-end

Luke 8: 26-39

### **30 June Trinity 2**

Galatians 5: 1 & 13-25

Luke 9: 51 - end

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