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JULY SERVICES

Services in July and August

Don't forget our services in July & August are all Team services. The start time for all of these services is 10.00am.

In July they are as follows:-

7th July at Armitage Bridge

14th July at South Crosland

21st July at Newsome

28th July at Armitage Bridge

If you can offer a lift please add your name to the list at the back of the churches and if you need a lift then please check the list of those offering spaces in their cars and give them a call. They have offered because they want to help you get to church so please do ask them!!

House Communion

Wednesday 3 July

10.00am Holy Communion venue to be confirmed

Wednesday 10 July

10.00am Holy Communion venue to be confirmed

Wednesday 17 July

10.00am Holy Communion venue to be confirmed

Wednesday 24 July

10.00am Holy Communion venue to be confirmed

Wednesday 31 July

10.00am Holy Communion venue to be confirmed

Social Dance at Armitage Bridge Church

7:30pm on Friday, 12th 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 13 July starting at 10.00 to 11.30.



Newsome Church Hall Coffee Morning

It is over a year 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 20 July starting at 10.15 to 11.45.

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SOUTH CROSLAND WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to Mabel for arranging the enjoyable afternoon tea at the Oil Can.

Next meeting July 23rd.

HOPE BANK with David Cockman.

Many thanks to all of you who sent me lovely cards for my 90th birthday. I had a great week of celebrating

Joan Sierant

FOCUS and notice sheets

Did you know that you can download Focus from our website at <https://theemmanuelteam.org.uk> or A Church Near You <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18055/>

You can also receive the weekly notice sheet by email. Just drop an email to Ashea.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 21 July : Final day for copy for Focus
Mon 22 July: DCC at Armitage Bridge at 7.00pm
Tues 23 July: DCC at Newsome at 2.30pm
Wed 24 July: PCC at South Crosland at 7.00pm
Mon 29 July: PCC at Newsome at 4.15pm

Garden Party

A Garden Party to raise funds for South Huddersfield Churches Together will be held at 2 Hillside Crescent, Newsome on Saturday 27th July from 2.30 to 5pm.



There will be the usual 'Sop Sandwiches' plus accompaniments, raffle and hopefully the sun. In the event of rain there will be a large gazebo for shelter. Tables will be provided but please bring your own chairs. Your friends and neighbours are also invited.

Help on the day and donations of desserts or cakes would be appreciated.

David and Pam look forward to seeing you there

Notices for South Huddersfield Churches Together:

Quiet day: 1st October

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

Newsome TRA - Free Community Lunch: July 20th at the Scout Hut: 12 – 1.0 p.m.

There is also a free community lunch with Jacket potatoes at Newsome Scout Hut on the 20th July 12.00 - 1.30 p.m

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.



*Concert
by*

Huddersfield Wind Band

and

Afternoon Tea



Holy Trinity Church South Crosland

Sunday 22nd September 3.00pm

Back by popular demand.

The Huddersfield Wind Band, led by Musical Director John Turnbull, return to Holy Trinity to give a wonderful entertaining concert, this year followed by afternoon tea.

This concert of a variety of music styles including swing, light classical, music from film, and the shows has been very well received in recent years.

The music is light and popular therefore suitable for adults and children alike. The concert will enthuse any young budding musician, please bring children along!

Don't miss your chance to have this fabulous afternoon out.

Bring your friends!

Tickets Adults £8, Children £2 (includes afternoon tea)
(in aid of Church Funds)

Available from Helen Pearson (305976)

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Spring Harvest 2020



The LEP, Rev Julie and ourselves are planning a group holiday to Skegness next Easter Monday for four nights. Spring Harvest next year at Butlins “Unleashed, The ACTS church today” opens its booking lines on 26th June.

You can come to Butlins and have a holiday (beach, funfair, swimming, etc) among other Christians or a Christian study holiday with bible teaching and worship - or a mix of both! The cost for accommodation and food is approximately £300. The programme for children is excellent.

If you are interested please email back. Also if you know anyone who might be interested please forward the email on and encourage them to come.

We will have more information at the Newsome coffee morning including looking at sharing of accommodation so that everyone can come.

With love
Julie and Martyn

Huddersfield Episcopal Area - Pilgrimage Day at Ripon Cathedral Saturday 21st September 2019

The creation of the new Diocese of Leeds means that we are part of a very large and varied Diocesan family – including of course three wonderful cathedrals!

Yet many of us as yet know little about the other parts of our Diocese, and the delights it has to offer – which is a real shame.

Following a conversation with the Dean John Dobson at Ripon, Bishop Jonathan would therefore like to invite members of all the churches in the Huddersfield Episcopal Area to join him for a Pilgrimage Day at Ripon Cathedral, on Saturday, 21st September 2019.

The day will be a relaxed one, giving time to explore the Cathedral and City of Ripon, but it will include space for prayer and reflection, and the opportunity to worship in the beautiful Choir of the Cathedral. If nothing else, Ripon is a lovely location for a day out – and we hope the day will offer much more than that!

The outline programme (subject to change) for the Pilgrimage Day will be as follows:

10.30am	Arrive – coffee and tea available
11.00am	Introduction to the life of the Cathedral
12noon	Eucharist in the Choir led by +Jonathan and a member of Chapter
1.00pm	Picnic Lunch (bring your own) in the grounds or Deer Park (weather permitting)
2.00pm	Optional Tour of the Cathedral and/or time to explore Ripon
3.30pm	Evening Prayer in the Choir
4.30pm	Depart

I look forward very much to seeing many of you in Ripon on 21st September!

+Jonathan

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Prayer guide for the care of creation

For information:

A study by Dr Helen Harwatt of Harvard University finds that the UK could feed itself if part of the land now used for animal grazing and feed crops were returned to forest. New forests could soak up 12 years-worth of UK carbon emissions. For every 100 calories we feed to domestic animals, we receive only 12 calories back from the food and milk that we consume. Nearly half of all land in the UK is currently used for farm animals, providing us with little nutrition compared to the feedstock that we feed them with.

For action:

Please pray about which of these actions you could take:

- Use public transport / cycle / walk to reduce the use of your car (If you have one)

change your car for a hybrid or electric car;

turning off appliances which have “Stand-by” lights over-night;

only heating the quantity of water that you need in the kettle when you have a cup of tea or coffee

reducing the temperature in rooms that you don't use for more than a few minutes at a time

For prayer:

Dear Father, you know that listening is hard for us. We are so action-orientated, so product-driven, that doing is easier for us than being. Help us to be still and to listen. We want to learn how to rest in the light of your presence until we can be comfortable in that light. Help us, dear Father, to try now. (Richard Foster)

If you would like to receive the prayer diary each month by email (free), please email: prayerguide@greenchristian.org.uk

Clergy Pages

Back in September last year I wrote an article on prayer for the Focus Magazine and since then lots of folk have asked me for other tips about how to pray.

I use many different ways and for each of us it will be different but I think if we can find a way that suits us then it does help and makes it easier to talk to God.

Some people seem to think that you have to find big theological words in order to pray because God expects it. I do hope not because I never use words I wouldn't use in other part of my life.

I have a very simple formula that I sometimes use – it is called ACTS. It is an easy way to help you if you struggle with what to pray for.

Adoration – praise God for who he is and give him glory for being your Father

Confession – say sorry for all the things you know you have thought or done that are not quite right

Thanksgiving – thank God for all the things he has done – for you, for those you know and love and for situations across the world

Supplication – ask God for all the things you need help with – it might be for you or for others but this is your time to ask for help!

There are of course other ways too:- you can use your hand
The thumb – the strongest digit. Give thanks for all the strong thing in your life, home, family, work, all the support you get.

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Index finger – the pointing finger. Pray for all those people and things in your life that guide and help you. Friends, doctors, the church and so on.

Middle finger – this is the tallest finger. Pray for all the people you can think of with power in the world. Politicians, world leaders, the Royal family.

Ring finger – this is the weakest finger. Pray for the sick and those who need special care, the hungry and those who have nothing in this world.

Little finger – this is the smallest finger and the last one on your hand. Pray for yourself.

It doesn't matter how you do it – just do it – prayer should be at the centre of all we do so that God is with us in everything.

You will remember the children's song in the September issue about talking to God as if on the telephone – it is always a good place to start. Be yourself and just talk to him. I have another little poem to offer you this time and I hope it helps.

Please teach me, Lord,
I want to know
Exactly how to pray.
I need some words
Which ones are right?
Please tell me what to say.

I've bowed my head,
I have knelt down,
But ... should I be upright?
I've closed my eyes,
I've raised my hands,
Or ... should I fold them tight?

Do I stand up?
Should I sit down?
Dear Lord ... what do you like?
Are lights turned on
Or are they off?
Maybe ... candle light?

Wear my glasses?
Take them off?
Be at my desk or table?
Should I whisper?
Speak out loud?
Do I quote the Bible?

What do you think
About the time?
Do You prefer the dawn?
Should I pray fast,
Or keep it slow?
Better short ... or long?

I'm new at this,
What are the rules?
I want to do it right.
How do I know
You'll even hear
That I am in Your sight?

And while I sat there quietly,
Waiting for some sign,
I heard a gentle voice say,
"Oh, dearest child of mine ...
Do you think I really care

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About the time of day,
Or whether you are standing up,
Or kneeling when you pray?"

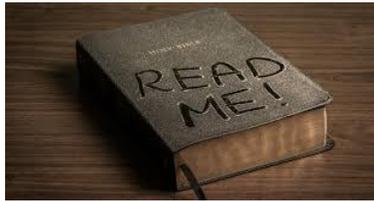
"I don't care about your posture,
Or about the place you choose;
Just open up your soul to me,
I have no other rules.
Tell me what is in your heart,
And tell me what you seek;
Tell me of your sorrows,
And of those things that made you weak."

"Speak to me in private
About what concerns you most;
I know about your good deeds ...
You have no need to boast.
My child, you don't need lessons,
Just talk to me each day;
Tell me anything you want, dear child,
Anyone can pray."

So don't be afraid to pray – God loves you for it!!
Thanks

Julie





Bible Readings in July

7 July 3 after Trinity

1 John 4:7-12

Matthew 5: 43-48

14 July 4 after Trinity

Philippians 2:1-13

Luke 15:1-10

21 July 5 after Trinity

Colossians 3:12-17

John 14: 25-27

28 July 6 after Trinity

Ephesians 4:1-7 and 11-13

Matthew 24: 36-44

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