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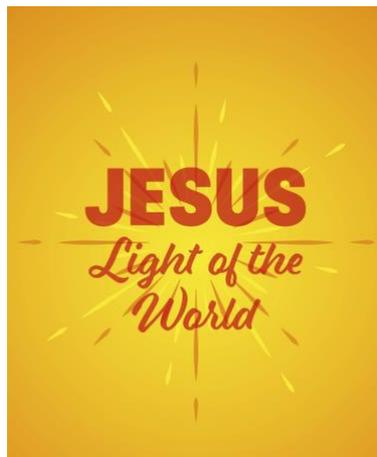


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Bridge and South Crosland, Huddersfield**

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AUGUST SERVICES

Services in August

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

In August they are as follows:-

4 August at South Crosland

11 August at Newsome

18 August at Armitage Bridge

25 August at South Crosland

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 7 August

10.00am Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

Wednesday 14 August

10.00am Holy Communion @ 14 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

11.30am Holy Communion @ Garden Court

Wednesday 21 August

10.00am Holy Communion @ 43 Delph Lane, Netherton

Wednesday 28 August

10.00am Holy Communion @ 11 Sherwood Drive, Netherton

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 18 Aug : Final day for copy for September Focus

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.

Carol Waters



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Family Picnic

Following Junior Church and the Team Service at Armitage Bridge on 7 July, about thirty (age range 3 – 75 years) of us from our churches gathered at Beaumont Park for the Annual Family Picnic.

The weather was good and the “Wheels in the Park” event ensured that there was plenty of atmosphere for all those present. When the rugs and chairs had been placed in our usual spot by the swings it was time to enjoy our picnic.

Food eaten and it was down to the serious business of the day!

Games of football and tennis were enjoyed (had some people been picking up tips by watching Wimbledon?) and the more competitive amongst us tried their hand at the “Egg and Spoon” races.

Our Annual Picnic is in good health so why not come and join us next year?

Melody





*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!

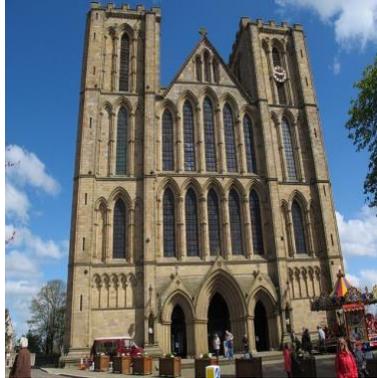
Tickets Adults £8, Children £2 (includes afternoon tea)
(in aid of Church Funds)

Available from Helen Pearson (305976)

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**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 on 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

Those who wish to come are invited to make their own way to and from Ripon (though we hope local groups will share cars) and to provide their own picnic lunch (there are also plenty of shops and cafes in Ripon).

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

+Jonathan

The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Gibbs

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LIVING SIMPLY

Franciscans aim to 'live simply'. One of John Wesley's sermons taught that we should 'earn as much as we can', and 'save as much as we can' so that we can 'give as much as we can'. Franciscan Media gives some tips for 'Becoming Poorer' & 'Giving More':

5 Tips for 'Becoming Poorer':

- Avoid being tempted by advertising. Throw away consumeristic mail-order catalogues and newspaper ad fliers without even looking at them !
- Cancel subscriptions to magazines that encourage us to update our wardrobe, remodel our house, try the latest electronics etc.
- Delete or unsubscribe to emails that offer bargains for things we were not planning to buy !
- When tempted to buy more, stop and think "How blessed I am that do NOT NEED any of this !"
- Read something by Ruth Valerion ("L is for Lifestyle" might be a good place to start) or the WWF book "12 Acts to Save our World"

To find out more, look at the link

["www.franciscanmedia.org/5-steps-toward-a-simple-life"](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/5-steps-toward-a-simple-life)

Prayer Diary from “Christian Solidarity World-wide”

The latest diary from CSW gives some ‘prayer points’ for the days of the week. I thought you might find these helpful:

Sunday: Pray today that the UK government would prioritise the human rights of people around the world in all its trade negotiations.

Monday: Research consistently shows that protecting religious freedom and other human rights creates a setting which is favourable for business. Pray that all those involved in negotiating the new trade agreements would be mindful of this, and make prudent decisions.

Tuesday: In September 2018 the House of Commons published a report entitled ‘Global Britain: Human rights and the rule of law’. Pray that the report’s recommendations would be implemented.

Wednesday: Pray for wisdom and perseverance for all the ministers and civil servants involved in the processes of the UK’s departure from the EU.

Thursday: Pray that the UK government would continue to press for human rights in Egypt.

Friday: ‘But seek first his kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well’ (Matthew 6.33). Pray this verse over all those involved in negotiating the UK’s future trade deals.

Saturday: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray today for all those involved with finalising Brexit. Grant them wisdom, understanding, compassion, and a profound awareness of the dignity and rights of all people. May they be mindful of their moral obligation to uphold human rights for all. Amen

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Editor: The Rev Paul Hardingham considers the miracle of The Transfiguration, which is remembered by the Church on 6th August.

The Transfiguration – seeing Jesus as He is

The title of Bob Geldof's autobiography, 'Is That It?', will resonate with us, when we're looking for more in life. On a deeper level, we want to see and hear more clearly what God is doing in our circumstances. Jesus' transfiguration, which we remember this month, helps us to consider this (Luke 9:28-36).

Jesus was transfigured alongside Moses and Elijah, 'As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.' (29). To understand our circumstances, firstly we need to see Jesus as God wants us to see Him. The disciples' eyes were opened to see Jesus' divinity. The presence of Moses and Elijah confirmed Him as God's promised Messiah. By foreshadowing the resurrection, this event powerfully calls us to entrust our lives into Jesus' hands to experience His presence and power.

Secondly, if we are to make sense of our circumstances, we need to hear what God says about His Son. A cloud covered them and 'a voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him.'" (35). God affirmed His love and call on Jesus as His beloved and chosen Son. Do we hear God speaking these same words to us? When we know that we too are loved and accepted by God, this transforms our understanding of our lives.

Whatever our circumstances, they can be transformed by what we see and hear. Open your eyes to see a transfigured world. Open your ears to hear a transfiguring voice. Open your heart to become a transfigured life.

'Christians should see more clearly, because we have seen Jesus. We are people whose vision has been challenged and corrected, so that we can see the world as it properly is.' (Justin Welby).

Clergy Pages

Dear Friends

Midsummer has come and gone. As I write, it is warm breezy and dry. Lovely weather to be outside, making the most of our beautiful local scenery. Last week I hosted two last school groups at Stirley Community Farm, one from Dalton and one from Linthwaite. The children and their accompanying adults were thrilled with the experience of discovering wild creatures, plants and animals among our meadows. They loved the “lucky dip” experience of digging potatoes and picking pea and broad bean pods and turning them into soup, a familiar flavour for some and something alien for others. They saw the panoramic views and tried to identify familiar landmarks. I was delighted to see the experience through their eyes.



Six weeks earlier, we had held a Rogation service at the farm, our fourth, and Farm manager Steph shared out copies of “30 Days Wild”, to encourage churches and schools to be observant communities. St Paul’s, Armitage Bridge pounced on it and it rapidly filled with sightings of birds and mammals and wild plants. The end product is now proudly displayed on the noticeboard back at Stirley farm (and a photo is in this magazine). One of the positive outcomes for me was

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having to hunt for the names of several plant species that I had long since forgotten. I find it much easier to feel a relationship to someone whose name I know - and the same is true of the names of wild plants and animals! But I know I will have to work at it because remembering names and words gets less easy as the years creep on!!

Children of my generation loved to collect “I-spy” books and to learn to recognise living things. I see online that the I-spy series still exists - both the classics and contemporary ones - and are in print. I am glad about that because observation skills are important - and transferable. If you notice wild things, you might become more observant in human company, maybe noticing non-verbal signals and being more empathetic. You might notice things about yourself too! And you might notice God at work and hear God’s voice more clearly too. Better observation, better listening.

Later this year, in October, we plan another lifestyle project to follow up on “30 days wild”. This time it will be about plastic use. I’m sure we all are becoming aware of the pollution of our planet by overuse of non-recyclable plastics. We haven’t yet put pens to paper but my first thought is that there will be a daily space where you could write down a change you are making. For example, I now refuse to buy mushrooms in plastic - I get them loose or in paper bags.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer! I have enjoyed our first “fruit of the spirit” beneficent services. It is very good being together more often. We can even experience flashes of that elusive quality “joy”, which can’t be faked. Flashes when simple pleasure in one another’s company tips over into happiness or contentment. Moments when agape love binds us together in true fellowship. Moments when happiness opens our eyes onto joy, which is the bliss of heaven.. And once we have observed this joy, experienced that bliss, we are on a life long quest for more of it.

Debby



Bible Readings in August

4 August 7 after Trinity

Ephesians 4:20-32

Luke 10: 25-37

11 August 8 after Trinity

Romans 12:1-8

John 11:17-27

18 August 9 after Trinity

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12

John 8: 1-11

25 August 10 after Trinity

Titus 2

Matthew 5: 38-42

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