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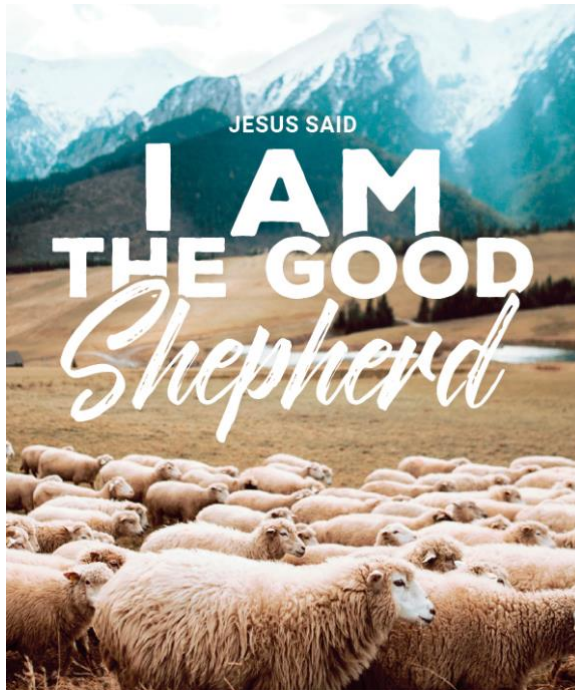


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**The monthly magazine of the
Emmanuel Benefice of Newsome and
Armitage Bridge and South Crosland,
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Churches to remain closed!!

As I write this I have just watched the Prime Minister giving his speech in the House of Commons on Sky News and it appears that we will not be lifting restrictions on indoor venues before 17th May ,although there will be some easing of the lockdown prior to that.

I have been prayerfully considering the way forward for us as churches and I firmly believe that we have an obligation to keep people safe and to follow the rules laid down for other similar sectors of our community.

Places of worship have been exempt from the rules and are officially allowed to open their doors and can host as many people as they can accommodate, socially distanced.

However most churches took the view that this was not a safe practice and also gave the wrong message about how we see ourselves as part of our communities and therefore closed their doors until the lockdown is eased.

After much prayer and soul searching I believe that we have to continue to keep the doors to our church buildings closed until Easter! As Easter Sunday is 4th April and restrictions on hairdressers and non-essential shops eases on 12th April I think we can safely say we will hold our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services both online and in person in one of our churches but there will be strict social distancing and no mixing of households before or after the services. As there will be many who will want to come to those services we will need to go back to using our booking in system and the tickets for those services will be available from 1st March so please do go online and book at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/church-of-england-parish

or email me and I will book a seat for you!

The services will be as follows:-

Maundy Thursday at Newsome at 7pm

Good Friday at South Crosland at 2pm

Eater Sunday at Armitage Bridge at 10am

We will then hope to open one church for Sunday services at 10am each week and these will be available to book on the Ticket Source website as before. This will be dependant on the continuing fall in infection rates and the governments advice on public buildings. If all goes well then the churches will be open as follows.

11th April at Newsome

18th April at South Crosland

25th April at Armitage Bridge

Thank you all for your continued support and patience as we navigate the safest way forward!

Julie

Stay safe and well

Julie

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Letter from Rev David

Over the past few weeks I've been tackling a job which I've been putting off for years; sorting out all our family photographs.

What I've discovered through this process is that we have about 3 box files full of loose photos with dates ranging throughout our lives.

We have around 120 packets of photos covering holidays, birthdays, children growing up and the like.

We have around 35 boxes of slides, 50 video cassettes and around 15000 digital photos.

Our loft groans under the weight.

One interesting fact that emerged is how the format of our pictures changed with the introduction of new technologies.

Early pictures, often black and white take us up to around 1965 when we were married. (I remember once when our children were very young and they'd been looking at some black and white photos and one of them said "What colour were fire engines in those days?")

The next twenty years up to 1983 are the slides. The next period up to the millennium are colour photos and then a decade of video followed by a decade of SD cards (digital photos).

The great thing about trying to put them in some semblance of order is that we've taken a trip down memory lane in the process.

What a gift that has been during our period of lockdown.

A pictorial journey through our lives competing with anything Simon Reeve may have accomplished.

Reliving our childhood and teenage years, our falling in love and days of courting (as it used to be called), getting married and setting up home together.

Then the phase in our lives when we had our children and delighted (some of the time) in their growing up and becoming the lovely and loving adults they are today.

And then of course that wonderful phase in our lives of becoming grandparents and the absolute joy we've had with our 7 grandchildren.

Interspersed in all of this has been the wonderful holidays we've enjoyed, the ups and downs of working life, moving house and the myriad other events and periods that go to make up all of our lives.

The platform upon which all of this sits is of course our Christian faith and membership of our Christian family.

As we've sat together in the evening and looked through the photos, the whistle-stop tour of our lives, we have marvelled

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at the many blessings we have received from God and the countless occasions when we can spot God acting in our lives.

We've been greatly blessed and are left with an enduring sense of gratitude.

I have to say that it's not all been plain sailing. We've had our ups and downs like most of us.

But when viewed across our whole lifetime, the big picture if you like, those rough patches can for the most part be seen as important learning periods and growing periods.

(What doesn't kill you makes you stronger – they say)

When we go out for a walk, how often do we stop and turn around and look back at where we've just been, how we've got to where we are.

This experience has been like that, looking back over our lives.

In the same way that it can be on a walk, it has been an immensely spiritual experience. Some similarities with that famous postcard of footprints in the sand.

Interestingly, our youngest daughter, Rachel , announced about a month ago that she was going to write a book.

“What about?” we asked,

“About you two” she replied.

We were very honoured and very excited that she thought us worthy of a biography. We can now even find the photos to illustrate the book!!

Whether it becomes a best seller remains to be seen.

Pam's main concern now is which actress will be chosen to play her in the movie. (Meryl Streep is pencilled in)

Wishing you all a very spiritual Lent.

With every blessing

David

Letter from Canon Debby

Dear Friends

We are well into Lent by the time you read this and I am thinking that you will probably have settled into a rhythm, mostly dictated by Covid rules but also by the Lent disciplines you have chosen. I pray that God blesses you richly as you spend time with him in this important season.

But if you are still unsure how to make this month a special time for God, here are three ideas you may have missed from the last few months

Lent is about giving things up (that we are a bit addicted to), giving things away (that we have too much of), taking things

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on (study group, books, silent prayer, bible reading) and realising that it is an energising season - the “springtime of the Christian year”. But you knew all that!

Here are some possible Lenten projects

Be environmentally aware - live more sustainably

1. By following the “7 R’s”, which I remind you are ...

Rejoice

in all that God has given us

Refuse

to believe the adverts

Reduce

buy less, travel less, worry less

Reuse

avoid single-use items

Repair

don't bin it, fix it

Rent,

borrow and share - ownership is over-rated

Recycle

as a last resort

2. By continuing to make “Eco-Bricks”

Jeremy and I have an old coal-hole in our cellar filling up nicely with Eco-Bricks. **Thank you** to all of you who are dedicated Brickers already. **Please** join us if you aren't. The first project will be a raised herb bed at Stirley Community Farm. And then I have more plans and ideas!!

Here are some “do’s and don’ts” of Eco-Bricking

Do choose 1 litre plastic bottles which haven’t got a built in handle.

Do collect scrunchy plastic which cannot be recycled. Wash & dry it & keep it in a dry sack until you are ready to make a brick.

Do choose a wooden stick that will fit through the bottle neck

Do pack the plastic in tightly using the stick. There must be no air pockets so keep on compressing.

Do weigh regularly. When your bottle weighs **330gm** it is ready!!

Don’t give me underweight ones please!!

Do bring to any of our churches once we are open again - ***or leave under the Buddleia bush*** in our front garden (on the right at the top of the steps). I have put a black bowl there. Leave your Eco-Brick and take an empty if you like.



Making an eco brick!

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Please join our Emmanuel collection for ShelterBox.

When we “**Give a Tent for Lent**” , we make sure a family fleeing war, conflict or disaster has a home to call their own and a safe space to socially distance.

Whatever you can afford will help to provide **family sized tents (£385)** or even fully stocked **Shelter-boxes**, each containing family tent, tools, kitchen set and water purification unit (£590).

Please send your donation to Bruce Greenwood by the end of March.

God bless you all richly this Lent

Debby



Sunrise by Paul Rouse

Dorothy Hadfield (1926 – 2021)

It is with sadness that we report the recent death of Dorothy Hadfield (nee Hardaker) aged 95 at Greenacres Care Home Meltham, where she had been a resident for the last 3 years. Dorothy had been an active member of St John's church Newsome for over 90 years, being baptised there in 1926, confirmed in 1943 and married there to Lloyd Hadfield in 1955.



In her early teens she joined the Rev Clarke's evening church youth group, taught Sunday school and went on to make lifelong friendships with other Newsome girls - Margaret Eglington, Dorothy Drinkwater and Lorna Gilliard. When she got married and had her own family – Margaret and Richard -

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- she then joined the Newsome Young Wives group and later on the Newsome Mother's Union, serving on both committees for many years and as Enrolling Member from 1991 – 1997. The groups busied themselves with inviting chosen guests to speak on a wide variety of topics, organising fundraising activities and also outings to flower shows, local places of interest etc. During this time Dorothy worked and made strong friendships with people like Brenda Kenworthy, Margaret Chapman and Phyllis Jacques.

Dorothy particularly enjoyed the trips and outings they regularly went on, the highlight being the two week Church mixed (special temporary male members allowed) trip to Austria and Germany in 1984 to see the 350th anniversary performance of the Oberammergau passion play.

Family life was always important to Dorothy and she loved spending time with her five grand-daughters. She and Lloyd took them to many local places, Beaumont Park, Cannon Hall and Kirklees Light Railway for example, but also enjoyed having them for tea and sleepovers on a regular basis. She liked a laugh and a joke with anyone who wanted a natter and was particularly interested in anything or anyone linked to Newsome. In fact, whilst it's true to say that she enjoyed her travels to see different places – she was really a “Newsome” girl at heart. Mind you, when you are brought up at No 8 Hillside Crescent, live your whole married life (and more) at No 24 Hillside Crescent and your sister and her family live at No 3 Hillside Crescent --- then I think you can really say she was a Newsome girl through and through!

Richard Hadfield

Prayers from the Brothers at the Community of the Resurrection .

Here is another set of intercessions from Mirfield, which you may find helpful at this time. We use them on a weekly basis, one for each day of the week:

As the pandemic grinds on, covering the whole world in varying degrees its likeness to a world war becomes more and more clear. What happens next? What questions need to be asked? What should we be praying for?

1. Please pray for all communities that we may think seriously about what Covid has taught us and listen to what the Spirit is saying to us.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying...”
(Rev. 2: 29)

2. Pray for young Christians whose lives have been turned upside down: that they will have the courage to venture out along new roads to serving God.

“Jesus said, ‘Come and see. ’They came and saw...” (John 1:39)

3. Covid has driven many of us inward, into our bubbles. Many of us have found this enriching and it has given us new confidence in our vocation, whether sacred or secular. Pray that we will read the signs correctly and know how to maintain this new experience of prayer.

“Keep watch, praying that you may have strength to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21: 36)

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4. Pray that we will not ignore the problems of society and church which Covid has exposed and that our thinking and praying about this might lead to action.

“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in” (Luke 25: 35)

5. Destruction of the environment, climate change, political instability and a lurch toward non-Christian values in the major democracies are issues that must concern us all; please pray that we will discern what is the best contribution we can make towards their resolution.

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and all who live in it.”

(Psalm 24: 1)

6. Give thanks for those who are showing serious interest in joining our churches and communities, and pray that they continue on this path of following the Lamb with an undivided heart.

“I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Cor. 1: 4)

7. Pray for the Church, the living Body of Christ of which we are a part, that her members will let themselves be led deeper into a selfless, God centred prayer that will encourage many to seek a life given more completely to prayer.

“There we shall rest and we shall see; we shall see and we shall love; we shall love and we shall praise.” St Augustine. City of God.

Jeremy



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From an email received by Pam Kent.

As you may already be aware we have adapted how we work at the Mission in an attempt to continue to serve our community as best we can.

We are aware that many people are struggling to make ends meet due to the current situation and with this in mind we have decided to **further reduce the price** of our ready meal provision. Please see the attached flyer which I would encourage you to share with anybody that may have contact with people in our community that would benefit from this service.

We would encourage those that can afford to pay to take advantage of this extremely low cost deal. **In exceptional circumstances we would also like to offer the same provision at NO COST to people that meet the below criteria:**

1. Those that are financially vulnerable and unable to afford the low cost deal
2. Those that are self-isolating or shielding and are unable to meet their nutritional needs by other means.

We hope that this provision will support people to meet their nutritional needs in these challenging times and also assist our community to limit the spread of Coronavirus.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you need further information.

Monthly Quiz with Steve Gledhill

The next monthly fund raising quiz will take place on Sunday 21 March 2021 at 7.00pm by Zoom. We will fore gather from 6.30. The QR code to make your donation is the same as last time.

Come along and join the fun.



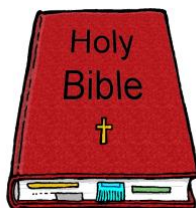
January Crossword Answers

ACROSS:

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

DOWN:

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.



March Readings

Sunday 28th February – 2nd Sunday of Lent – Romans 4: 13-end & Mark 8: 31-end

Prayer for the Day

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 1st 'St David's Day' Psalm 26, Jeremiah 7.21-end, John 6.41-51

God of all grace, you alone are our hope, without you and your gracious, understanding love we would feel lost, isolated and with hope in this dark, dark world.

Tuesday 2nd Psalm 50, Jeremiah 8.1-15, John 6.52-59

God of all mercy, you alone are our hope. Day by day our words, deeds and thoughts add to the emptiness of your world. Each day our self-centredness and self-interest build the barrier between us even higher.

Wednesday 3rd Psalm 35, Jeremiah 8.18-9.11, John 6.60-end

Father, we praise you that it is your gracious love that restores our hope and that through Christ you make it possible for us to begin again.

Thursday 4th Psalm 34, Jeremiah 9.12-24, John 7.1-13

God of love, we fall before you in praise and adoration. It is your unconditional love that tears down the barricade that our selfishness has fashioned.

Friday 5th Psalm 40, Jeremiah 10.1-16, John 7.14-24

Father, it is your grace that transforms our lives. It is your power that renews our worship. It is your love that gives us hope,

Saturday 6th Psalm 3, Jeremiah 10.17-24, John 7.25-36

God of hope, we thank you that, in Jesus, we hear your word of grace. That, in him, you have promised to hold our hand and to show us the way. It is through the Holy Spirit that your hope is planted in our hearts and lives.

Sunday 7th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent – 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 & John 2: 13-22

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Prayers for the Week

Monday 8th Psalm 5, Jeremiah 11.1-17, John 7.37-52

Heavenly Father, we praise you because you have always been there for us. Sometimes we are not aware of your presence and we live as if you did not exist, yet you still break into our lives and make yourself known even when we least expect it.

Tuesday 9th Psalm 6, Jeremiah 11.18-12.6, John 7.53-8.11

Father, we praise you for coming to us when we are afraid and for giving us hope and for being with us when no one else can be there and when no one wants to be.

Wednesday 10th Psalm 38, Jeremiah 13.1-11, John 8.12-30

Father, we praise you for life's wonderful surprises that bring us great excitement and a tremendous thrill.

Thursday 11th Psalm 56, Jeremiah 14, John 8.31-47

Father, we thank you for the pleasure new things can bring to our lives and for the encouragement they bring; for the joy of making new friends, or learning something new.

Friday 12th Psalm 22, Jeremiah 15.10-end, John 8.48-end

Father, we praise you for all the new things that Jesus taught us about you and your wonderful love for us all and for that time on the mountain top when his disciples discovered something new about him

Saturday 13th Psalm 31, Jeremiah 16.10-17.4, John 9.1-17

Father, we praise you for those times in our lives when we find we can trust you, and for those times when we know for certain you are with us, and for how Jesus' disciples shared their knowledge that he was far, far, far greater and far, far more wonderful than they had ever thought possible.

Sunday 14th March – 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Colossians 3: 12-17 & Luke 2: 33-35

Prayer for the Day

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 15th Psalm 70, Jeremiah 17.5-18, John 9.18-end

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we pray for those who walk in the way of Jesus; for those who refuse to compromise with evil and those who stand firm in his name.

Tuesday 16th Psalm 54, Jeremiah 18.1-12, John 10.1-10

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are committed to your kingdom of love and peace and those who are prepared to pay the price of naming the

Wednesday 17th ‘St Patrick of Ireland’ Psalm 63, Jeremiah 18.13-end, John 10.11-21

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those whose hearts and minds are filled with violence; for those whose actions bring pain and confusion to many.

Thursday 18th Psalm 53, Jeremiah 19.1-13, John 10.22-end

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are ill; for the lonely, the lost, and the despairing.

Friday 19th ‘Joseph of Nazareth’ Psalm 25, Isaiah 11.1-10, Matthew 13.54-58

Heavenly Father, everyday has its moments of testing and difficulty; every situation is filled with opportunities for service and witness to you and your love,

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Saturday 20th Psalm 32, Jeremiah 20.7-end, John 11.17-27

Heavenly Father, we pray for those involved in guerrilla warfare and for terrorists who see only the cause for which they are fighting and not the price others are paying in their heartache and destruction of all that matters to them.

Sunday 21st March – 5th Sunday of Lent – Hebrews 5: 5-10 & John 12: 20-33

Prayer for the Day

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 22nd Psalm 73, Jeremiah 21.1-10, John 11.28-44

Lord, you have called us to serve you and we have tried, but we have become disillusioned with ourselves, with others, and with your way of love, so that now we try to ignore your promptings to show love, to offer care.

Tuesday 23rd Psalm 35, Jeremiah 22.1-5, 13-19, John 11.45-end

Lord, sometimes we have neglected and angered those who love us by spending too much time loving others; sometimes we have become over-tired and stressed attempting to do more than we can do.

Wednesday 24th Psalm 55, Jeremiah 22.20-23.8, John 12.1-11

Lord, things don't always work out as we would wish them to; our loving words and actions are misconstrued or treated with

suspicion.

Thursday 25th ‘The Annunciation’ Psalm 111, 1 Samuel 2.1-10, Romans 5.12-21

Lord, we lose our patience with those we are trying to help, or with who we work with, and we feel that we are letting you down.

Friday 26th Psalm 22, Jeremiah 24, John 12.20-36a

Lord, we get frustrated with the system and feel that love has little power to really put things right, forgive us, love us.

Saturday 27th Psalm 23, Jeremiah 25.1-14, John 12.36b-end

Lord, we know that our way of seeing things is not yours. Remind us again that you have not called us to an easy way of life, but to tread the path of suffering love, the path to salvation.

Sunday 28th March – Palm Sunday – Psalm 118: 1-2& 19-end & Mark 1: 1-11

Prayer for the Day

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 29th Psalm 41, Lamentations 1.1-12a, Luke 22.1-23

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus, for you are our Saviour. As you were welcomed into Jerusalem, may we welcome you into our homes and our lives?

Tuesday 30th Psalm 27, Lamentations 3.1-18, Luke 22.24-53 (or 39-53)

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Almighty and all-seeing God, we thank you for this season of Lent; a time to reflect upon our discipleship, to consider our calling, to examine ourselves and to assess the health of our faith.

Wednesday 31st Psalm 102, Jeremiah 11.18-20, Luke 22.54-71

Heavenly Father, help us, prayerfully and humbly, to examine ourselves and honestly acknowledge our faults, not so that we might wallow in self-pity, but so that we may receive cleansing, healing and forgiveness.

Thursday 1st 'Maundy Thursday' Psalm 42, Leviticus 16.2-24, Luke 23.1-25

Lord, we commit ourselves to serve you by serving one another, we commit ourselves to love you by loving one another. We commit ourselves to bring you glory and to honour your holy name through the lives we live and through our words of witness to your love.

Friday 2nd 'Good Friday' Psalm 69, Genesis 22.1-18,

On this Good Friday Father, we thank you for Jesus' death on the cross of Calvary and that through him we can know our sins are forgiven and to be assured that we are accepted. Father again and again you astound us with your love that overwhelms our sin and our self-centredness. In Jesus you have wiped the slate clean, you have given us a new page in the book of our lives and have given us the opportunity to begin again.

Saturday 3rd 'Easter Eve' Psalm 142, Hosea 6.1-6, John 2.18-22

In the silence of the grave, Lord Jesus, you restore our life, in the darkness of death, you bring life to our grief. In the destruction of your body Lord Jesus, you heal our brokenness. In the dawning of the new day, you shake the earth with a power no tomb can hold. May we Lord Jesus live in anticipation of your glory and rejoice in your hope.

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