

NEW CHURCH SOCIETIES

These are exciting times...

as the country prepares for the coronation of King Charles III on 6 May. And after the gloom of winter the natural world is exploding into life; blossom on the trees and new born lambs in the fields. Easter and Ramadan are behind us and we can move forward with hope in our hearts and gratitude in our souls.

For Christians this is the time when we learn about the Lord Jesus as he makes post resurrection appearances. It is worth noting that he was not immediately recognised! Mary Magdalene, the apostle to the apostles, only realised it was the Lord when he spoke her name. The disciples on the road to Emmaus only recognised Jesus when he broke bread in their home.

Are there occasions when we fail to recognise the Lord in our lives today? Maybe he speaks to us through other people, or is with us unheralded when we feel we are suffering alone. Jesus is not just to be found in church on a Sunday.

We look for him in the sacraments of the church, in the bread and wine of the Holy Supper. In the welcoming of a new soul into the family of the church in the sacrament of baptism. Both sacraments are occasions of great joy.

This joy was very evident in the Easter Sunday baptism of Julia Lukacsova at Bradford. 36 adults and 19 children sung enthusiastically, as Rita Russell accompanied them on the keyboard. The service was conducted by Trevor Millar, Jonathan Millar and Shannon Fitzgerald.

The joyful Easter Day service at Dalton, with 8 adults and 4 children, was conducted by Jan Millar.

As the long time editor of the newsletter, Jan Millar, is seriously overloaded at present, I (Trevor Millar) said I would produce something. I am aware of my limitations but am learning fast.

Bradford church saw the passing into the spiritual world of two old and valued friends in March. These were:

Barry Rushworth
(Sunrise 4/9/58 - Sunset 8/3/23)
Maurice Garnett
(Sunrise 2/4/31 - Sunset 22/3/23)

It is not that long since the passing of Mary Burnley, and Revd Geoffrey Clarkson of the Keighley church. Mary, Maurice and Geoffrey regularly led worship at Bradford and Dalton. Fortunately some younger worship leaders are coming forward to continue the work.

Some good news from Dalton. The Spring Fayre held on 1 April was well attended and offered afternoon teas, tombola, bric a brac and a bookstall. It made a profit of £292. Additionally Dalton now have a new cooker.

The Community Project at Bradford continues to run every morning from Monday to Friday, providing free coffee/tea and a place to chat to regular visitors - as well as offering cheap or free food to take away.

Shannon offers advice to people on a range of practical issues and can redirect them as necessary. The project relies heavily on volunteers, and of course donations of food and toys.

The community garden is progressing well, with 3 plum trees, 3 apple trees, soft fruit bushes and 5 raised vegetable beds.



Community gardening at Bradford New Church

ANNIVERSARIES

On 3 June Bradford will celebrate 100 years since the laying of the church Foundation stone.

In 2025 Dalton will celebrate 200 years in their building!

POINT TO PONDER

"Good Friday and Easter free us to think about other things far beyond our own personal fate; about the ultimate meaning of all life; suffering and events, and we lay hold of all a great hope." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

As we journey through the month towards Pentecost on 28 May, let us ponder the above as we look forward to celebrating the arrival of the Lord's Holy Spirit.



Easter service at Bradford New Church

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Bradford New Church

Preaching Plan

Services at 10.45am unless stated

Date

16 April
Dalton Revd Christine Bank
Bradford Shannon Fitzgerald

23 April
Dalton Gwendolen Rowe
Bradford No service

30 April
Dalton Jonathan Millar
Bradford No service

7 May (11.00am)
Dalton Trevor Millar H/S
Bradford Gwendolen Rowe

14 May
Dalton Jan and Trevor Millar
Bradford No service

21 May
Dalton Jean Mrozek
Bradford Revd Christine Bank H/S

28 May Pentecost
Dalton Gwendolen Rowe
Bradford No service

4 June
Dalton Jean Mrozek
Bradford Jonathan Millar

11 June
Dalton Anne Clarkson
Bradford No service

18 June
Dalton Jan and Trevor Millar H/S
Bradford Gwendolen Rowe H/S

25 June
Dalton Jonathan Millar
Bradford No service

Note H/S means Holy Supper



Dalton New Church

Closing thought

*"Be patient with everyone,
but above all with yourself." -
St Francis de Sales*

Goodbye till next time. Please
forgive any mistakes.