

NEW CHURCH SOCIETIES



This Months news...

"Winter reminds us that everyone and everything needs some quiet time." - Katrina Mayer

Very true, however this January has been far from quiet! Various storms affecting most of Britain, accompanied by howling winds, and more locally a bevy of builders performing their version of the Anvil Chorus on the Bradford church roof.

For many of us Christmas seems a long time ago, with decorations safely packed away. Epiphany, January 6, marks the official end of the Protestant celebrations with the arrival of the three wise men. However in Catholic countries Christmas ends on February 2 with the Presentation in the Temple. This day is also known as Candlemass when the church candles for use in the coming year are blessed! The traditional name for snowdrops is Candlemas Bells as they flower about this time.

There are things to look forward to in the run up to Easter Sunday on March 31. The big thing is the gradual lengthening of the days. Our spirits can lift on a bright sunlit day despite the cold. Pancake Day, also known as Shrove Tuesday, is on February 13. Valentine's Day is on February 14, the same day as Ash Wednesday - the start of Lent.

March sees Mothering Sunday, Mother's Day, on March 10. And Seaburn Dene church celebrates 50 years in their building on Sunday March 17.

Bradford's Centenary celebration will be taking place on Saturday June 1. There will be a Service of Dedication followed by a buffet lunch and various displays.

Other news: Bradford church hosted a Christmas Dinner for some 32 adults and 10 children; thanks to all the willing volunteers. Dalton Church paid its last respects to church stalwart Walter Richardson on December 18; it was good to see so many there.

Winter can seem rather a bleak time weatherwise. And, of course, we can experience a spiritual winter from time to time, when hope is weak and the Lord apparently far away. But these winter states do pass, and they help to prepare us for better times ahead. I am reminded of this when I look at the garden; I know things are happening beneath the soil but am still anxious about what will make it to the Spring! And every year I am joyful when all the plants burst into life. If you are in a Winter state right now remember how you have come through bleak times in the past! You will do so again.



*Christmas Day at Bradford
enjoying a meal together*

POINT TO PONDER

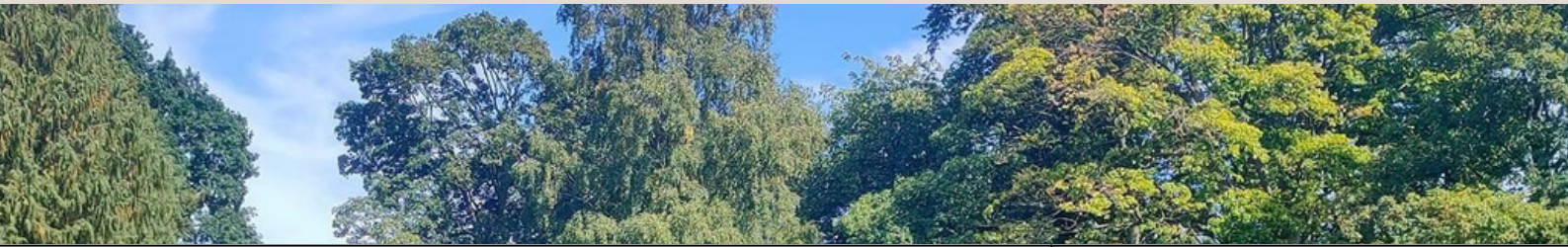
"What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." - Helen Keller

"Loves radiant oil never stops searching for a lamp in which to burn." - Rumi



Great Family Bake off at Bradford New Church

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NOTICES

- 18+ weekend at Wellspring House 2-4th February
- 4th February Table top sale at Bradford New Church
- 9-13s sleepover at Wellspring House 17-18th February
- 16th February Journey to lower earth workshop at Wellspring House
- 17th March 50th celebration at Seaburn dene church
- Easter Rally 13+ weekend 2-5th April



Picnic, park and walk at St Ives Bingley with families

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Preaching Plan

Services at 10.45am unless stated

Date

4 February

Bradford - Shannon Fitzgerald
Dalton - Jonathan Millar

11 February

Bradford - no service
Dalton - Jan Millar & Anne Clarkson

18 February

Bradford - Revd Christine Bank H/S
Dalton - Gwendolen Rowe

25 February

Bradford - no service
Dalton - Jan Millar and Trevor Millar H/S

3 March

Bradford - Gwendolen Rowe
Dalton - Jean Mrozek

10 March

Bradford - no service
Dalton - Jan Millar Mothering Sunday

17 March

Bradford - no service
Dalton - Revd Christine Bank

24 March Palm Sunday

Bradford - Gwendolen Rowe H/S
Dalton - Jonathan Millar

28 March Maundy Thursday

Bradford - Gwendolen Rowe

31 March Easter Day

Bradford - no service
Dalton - Jonathan Millar and Trevor Millar H/S



Shannon receiving an award at the Karate celebration event for facilitating the growth of the Bradford New Church dojo

REGULAR EVENTS

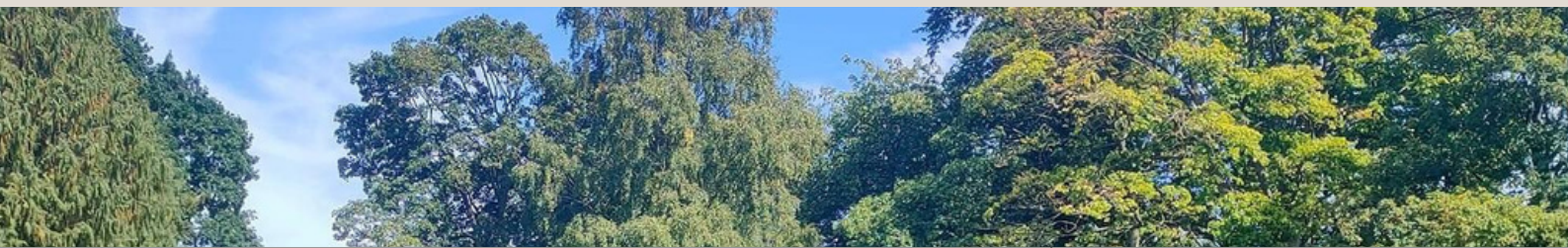
DALTON

- Coffee mornings - Saturdays 10am-noon
- Fellowship circle 2nd and 4th Thursdays 2-3pm

BRADFORD

- Community project - Monday - Friday 10am till noon
- Gardening Monday 10am-12pm
- Advice and Support Tuesdays 10am-12pm
- Exploring parks and museums Tuesdays meet at 10am
- Home Educating Thursday 10-11.30am
- Board games group Friday 10-11.30am

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**BRADFORD NEW CHURCH
CENTENARY
CELEBRATIONS**

Ashfield Avenue, Frizinghall, Shipley BD18 3AL

Saturday 1st June

10.45am: The church will be open to welcome guests
11.30am: Service
1.30pm: Buffet style light lunch
2.30pm: Celebration to include drama, sing Happy Birthday and a surprise guest involving a trowel!
5.30pm: Finish

**So why not
Come and join the celebration!**

For further information or to confirm your attendance please contact Dawn Nolan (if you have a Conference directory) or email bradfordnewchurch@gmail.com