

## NEW CHURCH SOCIETIES



### This Months news...

Rain, at last! Good for our British gardens, but an absolute tragedy for people flooded out in Nepal and elsewhere in the world; our hearts go out to them.

Here in Yorkshire the long dry spell has come to an end without major difficulties, and the gardens are becoming green again. It has been delightful to hear British people welcoming rain for once.

The school holidays are all but over and I will miss the sound of children's voices as they play. I was unable to personally attend the Bradford church breakaway event at Purley Chase in mid-August, but photographs are attached.

One advantage of being retired is the opportunity to take things at a more leisurely pace. Instead of having to race from one activity to another there is time to be aware of one's surroundings. To look outside our own immediate personal world of over thinking.

It is all too easy for church goers to think of God as confined to a sacred building, or only present in a particular sacrament such as the Holy Supper.

I would like to quote the English 20<sup>th</sup> century Anglican mystic, Evelyn Underhill, who wrote "God is always coming to you in the sacrament of the present moment. Meet and receive him there in that sacrament."

We are entering Autumn – the season of "mists and mellow fruitfulness" – and the days are shortening. Early October will see Dalton and Bradford Societies celebrating harvest festival; where has the time gone?

Nationally the New Church has a new Conference Council; congratulations to Dalton's Jan Millar who was recently elected to serve on it. We wish the Council every success in steering the Church through a challenging time of change.

Reminder British Summer Time ends at 2am on Sunday 25 October.

Wishing joy and peace to you all. Trevor



BNC holiday club on their way to one of a few trips to museums over the summer holidays.



Teenagers painting rocks during their session at Purley for the Bradford Break Away



Young people from New Church and Shipley Baptist Church having a church sleepover with games and plenty of food.

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### Preaching Plan

Services at 10.45am unless  
stated otherwise

Date

#### 20 September

Bradford – Jonathan Millar –  
Holy Supper  
Dalton – Rev Christine Bank

#### 27 September

Bradford – no service  
Dalton – Trevor Millar

#### 4 October

Bradford – Gwendolen Rowe –  
Harvest Festival  
Dalton – Jan Millar and Trevor  
Millar

#### 11 October

Bradford – no service  
Dalton – Harvest Festival

#### 18 October

Bradford – Shannon Fitzgerald  
Dalton – Trevor Millar – Holy  
Supper

25 October (clocks go back  
one hour)

Bradford – no service  
Dalton – Jan Millar

#### 1 November

Bradford – no service  
Dalton – Gwendolen Rowe

8 November (Remembrance  
Sunday)

Bradford – Jonathan Millar  
Dalton – Jan Millar and Trevor  
Millar

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### DALTON

Coffee mornings -  
Saturdays 10.30am-noon

#### BRADFORD

Community project -  
Monday - Friday 10am till  
noon

Advice and Support  
Come speak to a volunteer  
Community meal  
Tuesdays 4-6pm

### POINT TO PONDER

“By the name “Jesus”, when  
named by a person reading  
the Word, the angels  
perceive Divine good: and by  
“Christ”, “Divine truth; and by  
the two names, the Divine  
marriage of good and truth,  
and of truth and good.” -  
**Emanuel Swedenborg AC  
3004**

“We are, because God is.” -  
**Emanuel Swedenborg – from  
the Westminster Collection  
of Christian Quotations**



**BNC closed for the first week in  
September for a large clear out of  
cupboards and storage spaces in the  
church. They have managed to find  
space for an office in the vestry which  
will be a great help to them.**

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