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NEW CHURCH SOCIETIES



This Months news...

The extra hour in bed this morining was a real treat, as was our first Christmas carol in the Dalton service this morning as worship leader Jan Millar recalled the response of Mary - mother of Jesus - to the message of the angel Gabriel, “Be it unto me according to your word”. The carol was “Once in Royal David’s City”.

October is going out with a flurry of excitement for those who love parties of the spooky kind. And then? November! Dark evenings travelling home from work; cold yes, but probably not enough to turn the dismal rain into wintry snow. So, what does the month involve for our churches?

Personally, I love All Saints Day on November 1st partly becuase I was installed as Dalton’s Lay Pastor by Rev Mary Duckworth on that Sunday 18 years ago. However, the major events this year are the Remembrance Sunday services at both our churches on November 8th and the start of Advent on Sunday 29th November.

The festival of Remembrance is very much one of looking back, with gratitude, to those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in wartime. To quote the epitaph engraved on the Memorial of the 2nd British Division in the cemetery of Kohima in North - East India:

“When You Go Home, Tell Them of Us and Say,

For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.”

Advent, by contrast, looks ahead to celebrating the Lord’s birth. Preparing for a family Christmas requires planning: buying food, wrapping presents and sending cards. Time set aside to prepare for the birth of Jesus in our own hearts is also necessary, particularly periods of rest and quietness. Let us, like Mary, say yes to what God is asking of us.

Two dates to note:
Saturday 28th November at 2pm is the Dalton Christmas Fayre
Sunday 6th December at 3.30pm is the Christingle service at Bradford

Wishing you all a peaceful and joy filled month.



Our community meals at Bradford New Church have been a great way individuals can give back by cooking a meal to be shared



The Youth and Family team put on a walk and talk in September and people gathered, talked and enjoyed time together in nature



Rev Lynne has been joining us at Bradford New Church to run a monthly craft church which has been really well received by the small group attending

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Preaching Plan

Services at 10.45am unless stated otherwise

Date

1 November
Bradford – No service
Dalton – Gwendolen Rowe

8 November
Bradford – Jonathan Millar
Dalton – Jan Millar and Trevor Millar

15 November
Bradford – no service
Dalton – Jan Millar

22 November
Bradford – Holy Supper with Gwendolen Rowe
Dalton – Holy Supper with Trevor Millar

29 November Advent Sunday
Bradford – no service
Dalton – Rev Christine Bank

6 December
Bradford – 3.30pm Christingle
Dalton – Jonathan Millar



Lantern making takes place again at Bradford New Church in the run up to the Lantern and Light festivals in Bradford.

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







Teenagers in Bradford have lots of opportunities to get together, have fun and discuss spiritual topics at church youth groups

POINT TO PONDER

"A well-functioning Christian community is one in which everyone is working steadily to release the gifts of others." **- Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury.**

"The Holy Spirit proceeds from God as light from the Sun." **- Saint Athenagoras, 2nd Century Christian apologist.**

Discussing the angel gabriel's declaration to Mary that the Holy Spirit would decend upon her Swedenborg explained that "The Holy Spirit in this passage is the divine truth that radiates from Jehovah the Father. This emanation was the power of the Highest that covered Mary." **- TCR 140**

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