

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

20th February 2022 – Second Sunday before Lent

Fairtrade Big Brew

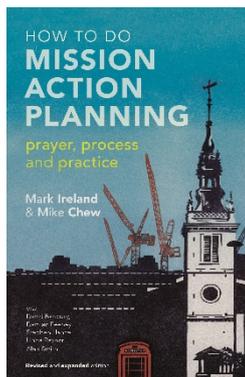
Please come along to the Fairtrade Big Brew this Thursday, 10-11.30, Broughton Methodist Church. We will be raising money for the fair trade cause; there will be a tradecraft stall and we will be rekindling our own support and advocacy for fairtrade. Please encourage non-churchgoing friends to come along for tea, coffee and cake.



Lent Groups

So far there are two opportunities for Lent Study, both at Broughton Methodist Church, as set out below. I am open to the possibility of another for those who cannot make these times, if a viable group, host (or even leader!) can be put together in a home, or on Zoom.

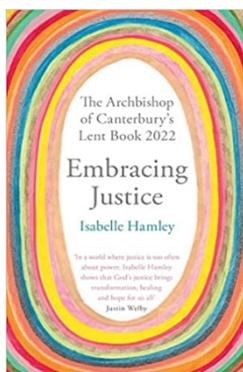
Tuesdays 7.30pm – Mission Action Planning



Primarily aimed at Broughton, but other churches are warmly encouraged to participate, and take the expertise and experience back to their own planning for mission. You may wish to purchase the book *How to do Mission Action Planning* by Mark Ireland and Mike Chew.

Thursdays 10am – Embracing Justice

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2022 offers six weeks deeply rooted in scripture, on what God's justice looks like, and the areas of contemporary life in which it urgently needs to be felt. Stephen has copies of the book for sale, £8 each, please get in touch ASAP. Starts Thursday 3rd March.



Prayers

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of the late Wendy Inman (laid to rest on Friday) and Joan Slater (Thornccliffe, 2nd March at 1.45pm).

This Week

Tuesday

7.30pm – House group, Broughton Methodist Church.

Wednesday

8.30am – Morning Prayer, St Mary's.

11.30am – Midweek Communion at Broughton Mills, followed by soup lunch just after 12noon.

4.30pm – Evening Prayer, St Mary's.

Thursday

9.00am – Coffee to start the day at Broughton Methodist Church, open to all.

10.00am – Big Brew, Broughton Methodist Church.

10am-12noon – Community Post Office and Coffee at Kirkby Community Centre.

1-3pm – Foodbank collection point/Community Post Office and Coffee at the Browfoot Room, Ulpha.

Friday

5.00pm – Choir practice, St Mary's Broughton.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Another Account of the Creation

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living

being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' ¹⁹ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.'

²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 65 - *There was no room to print the Psalm, but please read its words of thanksgiving for creation this week.*

Revelation 4

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' ² At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³ And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ Coming from the throne are flashes of

lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶ and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.'

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.'

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Luke 8:22-25

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.***

Prayer after Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.