

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

3rd October 2021 – Harvest Thanksgiving (18th Sunday after Trinity)

NOTICES

Valley Churches Christmas Fair

Please put a note in your diary to support the Duddon Valley Churches Christmas Fair, returning this year after taking a break in 2020 during the pandemic.

The date is Saturday 4th December, 12noon-2pm. There will be soup and sandwiches for lunch, as well as cakes to purchase, and a range of stallholders from our local area will have gifts and other seasonal items for purchase.



31st October – Seathwaite Harvest Thanksgiving

If you are a supporter of Seathwaite Church, please put 31st October at 6pm in your diary. The regular 5th Sunday evening service will be a harvest thanksgiving with all the trimmings. Refreshments to follow as usual.

This Week

Tuesday 7.30pm – Tuesday house group, meeting in Broughton Methodist Church. Studying Tom Wright's *The New Testament in its World* and watching the DVD!

Wednesday 8.30am – Morning Prayer, St Mary's.

Wednesday 11.30am – Midweek Communion at Broughton Mills. Meeting at the Reading Room (opposite the ample parking) while Shop Bridge is closed for maintenance work.

Wednesday 4.30pm – Evening Prayer, St Mary's.

Wednesday 7pm – Youth Drop-In at Broughton Methodist Church.

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

Thursday 10.00am – Bible study. All welcome, meeting at Broughton Methodist church.

Thursday 1-3pm – Post Office and Coffee at the Browfoot Room, Ulpha. Not a church activity but so worthwhile a community venture I can't resist promoting it!



Thursday 7pm – Meeting Point, at the Parsonage Room, Broughton.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Joel 2:21-27

- ²¹ Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
²³ O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain^a for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
²⁵ I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people
shall never again be put to shame.
²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no
other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

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

Psalm 126

- ¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
³ The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

I Timothy 6:6-10

A reading from the first letter of Timothy

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

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

Matthew 6:25-33

[In services where children are reading, a different translation of the Bible may be used.]

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

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared
in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us
a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.