



November 2026

The monthly magazine of St. Paul's Armitage Bridge, the Emmanuel Benefice, and the Methodist Churches of Berry Brow and Netherton.

Feel free to take home



The Menin Gate (photo courtesy of Ian Hales)



The Old Cloth Hall, Ypres, in 1918 (top) and gloriously restored today.

You can read Ian Hales report of his visit to Belgium later in Focus

November 2026 Church Services

Sundays:

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| 1 st November
(All Saints) | 10.00 am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge Church
(Junior Church)
10.00 am Morning Worship (Rev. Tim Francis)
at Netherton Methodist Church
with Berry Brow Methodist Church |
| 8 th November
(Remembrance
Sunday) | 10.00 am Remembrance Service at Armitage Bridge
Church (with Scouts)
10.30 am Joint Remembrance Service (Mr A Burton)
at Berry Brow Methodist Church,
with Netherton Methodist Church |
| 15 th November | 10.00 am Lay-led service at Armitage Bridge Church
10.00 am Morning Worship (Deacon Annette Sharp)
at Netherton Methodist Church
10.30 am Holy Communion (Rev. Fran Nunn)
at Berry Brow Methodist Church |
| 22 nd November
(Christ the King) | 10.00 am Holy Communion at Armitage Bridge Church
10.00 am Morning Worship (own team)
at Netherton Methodist Church
10.30 am Own arrangements
at Berry Brow Methodist Church |
| 29 th November
(Advent
Service) | 10.00 am Joint ecumenical service (Rev Fran Nunn),
at Netherton Methodist Church with
Armitage Bridge and Berry Brow |

Netherton Methodist Church - Special Celebration

On the 22nd November our own arrangement service is going to include a celebration of 40 years in our new building. If anyone has any photos/stories/memories which would fit the occasion I'd love to hear from them. Please get in touch with Shirley by Wednesday 11th November on mini.hornet@hotmail.com or 07545 818414.

Every Wednesday at St Paul's, Armitage Bridge.

9.15 am - Morning Worship, 30 minutes of worship and prayer.

All welcome.

Every Thursday - Christian Meditation, 5.30 pm. Now the clocks have gone back, this event is back in people's homes.

Please contact Rev. Debby for details, Tel: 07762 236986 - all welcome.

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A VIEW FROM THE CLERGY – Rev. Frances Nunn

Emmanuel Benefice Sunday Services 10am at St Paul's:

1st November: All Saints Sunday – Holy Communion - Junior Church

Psalm 34:1-10; Matthew 5:1-12

8th November: Remembrance Sunday with Newsome Scouts in attendance

James 3:17-18; Matthew 5:1-12 – The Beatitudes

15th November: Lay Led Service

Matthew 25:14-30 Parable of the Talents

22nd November: Christ the King - Holy Communion

Psalm 95: 1-7; Matthew 25:31-46

**29th November - United Advent Service 10am at Netherton Methodist Church
Chapel Street, Netherton, HD4 7ES**



**The next Emmanuel@6 gathering will be on Sunday 15th November
at St Paul's Armitage Bridge 6-7pm.**

We will conclude our journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Songs for this month will include:

How great is our God (Tomlin/Reeves/Cash)

His Glory and My Good (City Alight - Fielding/Robinson/Thompson)

O Church Arise (Getty/Townend)

Firm Foundation -He Won't (Davies/Moore/Carnes)

Waymaker (Egbu)

What He's Done (Golden/Sooter/Stanfill/Leonard)

Thank you Jesus for the Blood (Gayle, Kennedy, Musso, Gentiles & McCleery)

Thine be the glory (Traditional – Bundry)



Life Groups are a mid-week time of fellowship, prayer and exploring the Bible together.

If you would like to get involved with a group, speak to Fran.



November is a season of looking back and remembering as well as looking forward to Advent. It is important to remember and to give thanks.

I came across this beautiful Litany by Jan Berry which I invite you to use in a quiet moment.

FOR THOSE WHO LIT OUR LIVES WITH JOY
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TOUCHED US WITH TENDERNESS
FOR THOSE WHOSE LOSS FILLS US WITH LONGING
WE GIVE THANKS IN GLAD REMEMBRANCE

We celebrate those who have loved us for ourselves
Looking with acceptance on all that we are
And cherishing us without condition or constraint
HOLY GOD, WITHIN AND AMONST US
WE GIVE THANKS IN GLAD REMEMBRANCE

We celebrate those who have stood alongside us
Holding us in the depths of elation or despair
Where words of joy or rescue fall silent
HOLY GOD, WITHIN AND AMONST US
WE GIVE THANKS IN GLAD REMEMBRANCE

We celebrate those who would not let us stand still
Edging us gently into the open space

Of new understanding and delighted exploration
HOLY GOD, WITHIN AND AMONST US
WE GIVE THANKS IN GLAD REMEMBRANCE

We celebrate those who have challenged us to grow
Perceiving all that we have it in us to become
And daring us to dream beyond our imagining
HOLY GOD, WITHIN AND AMONST US
WE GIVE THANKS IN GLAD REMEMBRANCE

We celebrate those who have travelled before us
Showing us in their persistent courage and tenderness
How to live in love and die in faith and hope
HOLY GOD, WITHIN AND AMONST US
WE GIVE THANKS IN GLAD REMEMBRANCE

FOR THOSE WHO LIT OUR LIVES WITH JOY
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***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.***

DIARY DATES

Shoebox appeal 2026

Here's a final reminder about the Christmas shoebox appeal coordinated by T4U (Teams for You).

Please get the boxes to me by **Sunday 1st November**. I can collect them from church or just let me know if you want me to collect from your house. We are always grateful for people to come and help process the filled shoeboxes before they are sent abroad, even for an hour or two. Please ask me if you need more details. Refreshments including lunch are always available!

Caroline Jones Tel: 07810 323246 for more details

'The Bread and Butter Thing'

Every Wednesday at Berry Brow Methodist Church - Want to join with reducing waste? Text 07507 237311 with your full name, postcode, and the name of the hub from where you will be collecting. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact 07507 237311 to find out more and if you are interested in helping out.

Christmas Craft Fayre

14th November 10 am – 1 pm Christmas Craft Fayre for Berry Brow Carnival. Many stalls, hot drinks and butties and home-made cakes.

Film Café at Berry Brow Methodist Church

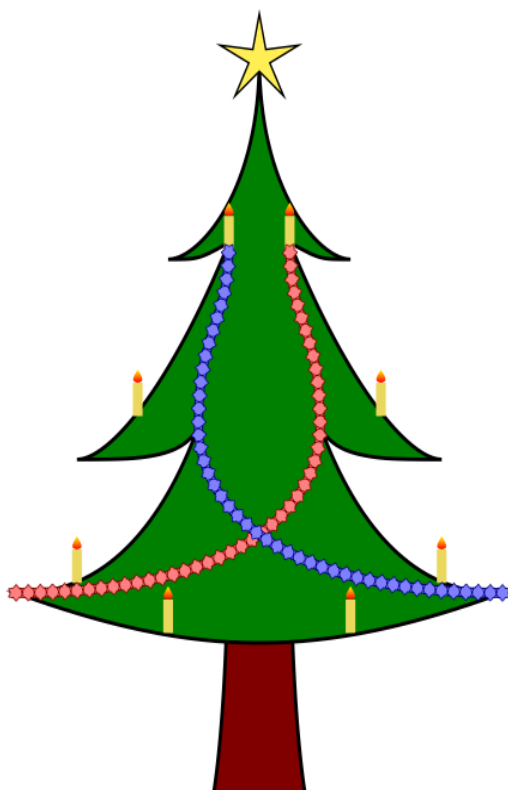
The next film takes place on Saturday 28th November at 2.00pm. Come along for family friendly fun for all ages, with an interval and light refreshments.

Children's Christmas Craft Workshop & Christingle

Come and join us on Saturday 5 December,

10.00am–12.30pm

St Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge for a joyful morning of festive creativity.



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Children can enjoy a range of Christmas craft activities, followed by a short Christingle celebration.

Parents can relax with coffee, while the children enjoy juice and homemade biscuits. Everything they make can be taken home, and the event is completely free.

To register your child, please email: Fran.Nunn@leeds.anglican.org
or contact Melody on 07956442001

Netherton Methodist Church regular events

- **Coffee and Chat**

Every Tuesday from 10.30 – 11.30 am

- **Coffee Morning**

Our coffee morning, which is usually the last Saturday of the month, has moved **to Saturday 21st November** due to the band concert the following week. Nancy will be making her bacon and sausage sandwiches, all are welcome to come and join us from 10am-12 noon.

A festive poster for a Christmas Band Concert. The top features a green pine branch with red and gold ornaments. The text 'Christmas BAND CONCERT' is prominently displayed in the center. Below it, 'with the Meltham & Meltham Mills Band' is written. The venue 'Netherton Methodist Church' is listed, followed by 'LIVE MUSIC | RAFFLE | REFRESHMENTS'. The date 'SAT 28TH NOVEMBER 2026' and time '3PM - 5PM' are clearly marked. Ticket information is provided: 'TICKETS - £10 FROM KATIE (07787 171955) OR PAY ON THE DOOR'. The bottom of the poster shows a snowy landscape with two snowmen and two small evergreen trees. A Facebook logo and the URL 'www.facebook.com/NethertonHuddersfield' are at the bottom right.

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Warm Welcome at Berry Brow Methodist Church

This takes place regularly on Tuesdays from 12.30pm throughout the winter period. The dates for your diary are:

3rd & 17th November

5th & 19th December

5th & 19th January

2nd & 16th February

2nd 16th & 30th March

Light lunch, quiz and fellowship – all welcome.

If you are able to give 2-3 hours on any of the Tuesdays from midday, please get in touch with Carol Waters on Tel: 07740425093.

Thank you.

Support your local community and visit the

Together

**Christmas Special
Pop Up Shop**

Newsome Scout Hut

**Saturday
7th November**

10am – 1 pm

Raffle!

Newsome Explorer Scouts raising funds
offering light refreshments including—
bacon butties!

Recycle

**Save the
Environment**

Grab some Bargains!

Free Entry

Local churches working together

Contact 07740425093

South Crosland Coffee Mornings

These are held on the second Saturday of each month at South Crosland Junior School, Moor Lane, Netherton, with funds raised for a wide range of charities.

Saturday 10th October was a lovely social event (albeit less well attended than usual) which raised a handsome £208 for Pancreatic Cancer UK. Huge thanks to all who set up, donated to and supported - especially our cake bakers and those who bought up the impressive quantity of cakes. The money raised included another sale of nearly new handbags and a small pop-up shop.

The money was sent on Saturday to the charity via their website. To our surprise and delight, the amount was doubled (as were all donations made on that day) by an anonymous philanthropist! Another donation was gratefully received from a member of the congregation on Sunday resulting in the outstanding total raised for Pancreatic Cancer UK being £436.

Our next events are:

14th November for Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes

12th December - Shelter

Please do come along and bring your friends!

EVENTS AND REPORTS

Thank you from Charlie at the Welcome Centre

'I just wanted to get in touch personally to say a huge thank you to everyone at Berry Brow Methodist Church and Armitage Bridge Church for your generous Harvest Festival donation of £57.40.

It's lovely to see both churches coming together to support people in the local community, and we're incredibly grateful that you chose to support The Welcome Centre as part of your harvest celebrations.

Your donation will help us continue providing vital food support to individuals and families who may be struggling, and every contribution really does make a difference.

As you may know, The Welcome Centre took over the pantry last month from Denby Dale Centre, who worked hard to develop the project but, unfortunately, were unable to continue moving it forward due to funding challenges. We're looking forward to building stronger relationships with local churches, community groups, schools and residents so that we can reach and support even more people across our community.

The need for our services remains significant. Last month alone, we distributed enough food for over 31,000 meals through our food bank, helping people experiencing food poverty access the essentials they need.

At The Welcome Centre, we believe that support goes beyond providing food. Our dedicated, in-house advice, guidance and support team works with everyone accessing our food bank to understand the challenges they're facing, address the reasons they need help and explore sustainable solutions to help them move forward.

Alongside emergency food, we can also provide toiletries and hygiene products, household cleaning packs, home starter packs, bedding and towels. We also offer a grant scheme to help people access essential household items, including beds, cookers and washing machines.

We'd love both churches to know that we're here to support anyone in the wider community who may be experiencing hardship. If you know of individuals or families who could benefit from our services, we'd be very happy to explain our referral process and discuss the support available.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. Harvest is such a

wonderful opportunity to reflect on the importance of sharing and looking after one another, and your donation is a lovely example of this in action. We really appreciate both churches thinking of us and helping us support local people when they need it most.'

Ian and Helen on tour

On our way back from Holland in August, Helen and I stopped off in Ypres (French), Ieper (Dutch), Wipers (British Army). I've always wanted to visit the Menin Gate Memorial to soldiers killed in WW1 who have no known grave. This is a truly awe-inspiring place. (See front cover), with more than 54,000 names inscribed! These are only the ones relating to those who died in the Ypres Salient. There is another memorial at Thiépval to those who died in the Somme sector and have no known grave – 72,311 names. There are numerous other War Grave sites across France and Belgium, maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (they look after some in our own Churchyard at Armitage Bridge).

There is a daily ceremony at the Menin Gate at 8pm when the Last Post Association plays the Last Post and Reveille. I've seen the videos – a very moving experience. Unfortunately ferry timings meant we couldn't be there for that. However, there's always next time (but don't tell Helen).

Ypres was virtually totally destroyed in WW1, but it has been lovingly restored. The before and after photos of the old Cloth Hall on the inside cover bear witness to the regeneration of the town. The building now houses the In Flanders Fields Museum.

There isn't enough room here to do justice to this place but there is lots of information on the internet.

Eco Church Group

The Eco Church programme, run by A Rocha UK, has recently celebrated its 10th birthday. It provides a framework to help local churches take practical action on caring for God's creation. They have devised a survey to enable churches to measure their progress, and they mark achievements against the criteria of the survey with Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

St Paul's has been participating in the Eco Church programme for some years now, and led by our Parish Environment Officer, Rev Debby Plummer, we achieved the bronze award in June 2021 and the silver award in June 2023. The Eco Group has continued to meet regularly since then to ensure that environmental issues remain a high priority within the mission and ministry of St Paul's, and after Fran's licensing as Priest in Charge of the Emmanuel Benefice in 2025 it was agreed that we should press on to see if we can achieve the Eco Church gold award.

Having set the scene I will now give an update on some recent developments within the Eco Church group. We have produced a new Environmental Policy for the church, which has been approved by the PCC, and is available for all to read on the Eco Church notice board in church and on the Emmanuel Benefice website.

Debby has stepped back as Parish Environment Officer to concentrate on her Diocesan role as Environment Champion for the Huddersfield Episcopal Area (as well as other jobs that occupy her "retirement"), and Richard Nunn has taken over as Parish Environment Officer and will lead the Eco Group. I am pleased to report that Debby will continue as a member of the group, sharing her expertise and enthusiasm with the rest of us.

The Eco Church survey is divided into five categories, and we are aiming to keep on top of all five by having a lead member of Eco Group for each. The five categories are: Worship and Teaching; Buildings and Energy; Land and Nature; Community and Global

Engagement; and finally Lifestyle. Our intention is to have one current project in each category, some large and some small. However Eco Group members will not be doing all the work alone. Rather we will communicate the projects to the congregation and where possible encourage everyone to take part. In this way we hope that Eco Group members will not become burnt out and that by involving everyone we will stand the best chance of achieving the Gold award.

As examples, the current project under the 'Buildings and Energy' heading is considering options for replacing the heating system in church, for which PCC have appointed a sub-committee. This is likely to be the most time consuming and costly project, and while this is going on we still need to make progress in other areas too.

Therefore, at present we are looking at some smaller tasks, including commissioning information boards to highlight the wildlife that can be seen in the churchyard (Land and Nature) and producing a directory to assist people to choose products that have minimal impact on the environment (Lifestyle).

We will try to use Focus to keep you all up to date with these projects, and how you can get involved. If you have ideas for projects you would like us to consider, tips on sustainability to share or you would like to discuss being a member of the Eco Church group please come to speak to me after a service or ring me – 07842 270117.

Richard Nunn.

As a part of our approach to the environment there will be regular tips and suggestions to help reduce our carbon footprint and perhaps even save a bit of money – always handy in these tricky times!

Eco-tip No.1:

If there are only one or two of you in your household, can you wash up just once a day, rather than after every meal? There always seems

to be something which needs handwashing, so why not strike a balance between handwashing and using the dishwasher.

Here is the latest of David Barker's pieces on flora in and around St.Paul's churchyard, with obvious relevance to this month of Remembrance

Common Poppy *Papaver rhoes*

Papaver is the Latin for poppy. The poppy family worldwide contains upwards of 700 species and in Britain we have six or seven of these including our familiar and beautiful common poppy, sometimes known as the field poppy. It is an annual herbaceous plant usually in flower between June and August and commonly found growing on arable land, wasteland and roadsides.

They have bright scarlet, crinkly petals which only last for a single day, (One plant can produce around 400 flowers in a single season), together with a globular capsule. The wide open flowers are ideal for flying insects, especially bees which can land on the individual bowl-shaped heads and walk around collecting pollen. The ability to alight easily on the exposed floral parts suggest that pollinators expend less energy than might otherwise be the case. This benefits the flower as it allows the potential for far greater numbers of pollinating insect visits

Poppies produce a milky orange, white or yellow juice, known as latex, within the stem and leaves. In some species latex contains psychoactive alkaloids including morphine and codeine together with other natural compounds

Many of us wear artificial poppies around November 11th in remembrance of those killed in two World Wars together with any members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty. However, the scarlet poppy's association with death and new life is as old as agriculture and maybe civilization itself. Evidence of the use

of the opium poppy can be traced back to Sumeria, (part of modern day Iraq), certainly as early as 6000BC. It probably appeared in Sumeria having been transported from elsewhere via the ancient and exotic trade route, the Silk Road. In Britain, poppies are thought to have appeared with the advent of farming back in the Neolithic, placing their introduction somewhere between 4000 BC and 2300 BC. Poppies are among the world's most successful weeds and have followed and exploited the spread of farming across much of the globe. However, despite many claims, their original native home remains unknown.

They are species of plants however, which belong not so much to a particular place as to a way of life, to the tilling and disturbance of the soil and to the building of and raising of communities.

Many early vernacular names include 'thunder cup,' 'thunder flower' and 'lightening's. Such names were references to an ancient belief that poppies must never be picked lest they provoke storms. Two centuries before the slaughter on Flanders Fields, the scarlet clusters of poppies growing in the wheat fields of Southern England bore the nicknames 'soldiers' and 'redcaps'.

Lieutenant Colonel John McRae, a Canadian academic and volunteer medical officer was treating the appalling number of casualties after the Second battle of Ypres. He found time, as he sat in the back of a field ambulance on May 15th 1915 to compose a memorial lament using the imagery of poppies which he sent anonymously to the humorous and satirical magazine, *Punch*. (final issue 2002). They printed it on the 15th December 1915. The poem 'In Flanders Field' was reprinted around the World. (Today we would have claimed 'it had gone viral'). McRae died, not of war wounds but of pneumonia 28th January 1918, a few months before the end of the war. He was aged 43 years.

In Georgia in the USA, Professor Moina Michael, was so moved by the poem she vowed to wear a poppy as a symbol of remembrance for evermore. She became known as the 'Poppy Lady' for her humanitarian efforts. In 1921 the British Legion was formed and was approached by a friend of Moina's with samples of artificial poppies she had made. The idea of a 'Poppy Day' marking the anniversary of the Armistice took off immediately. Sales of silk poppies were not only a memorial, but a means of raising funds for disabled veterans.

There is an irony here as the Second World War almost spelt the end of the poppy as a field flower. Essential intensive agriculture during the war years resulted in the production of potent herbicides that almost eliminated poppies from cornfields. Fortunately, the policy of 'set-aside' which began in the late 1980's gave common poppies a chance to successfully return to the landscape.

Individual poppy plants produce on average around 17000 seeds in a season and so hundreds of millions may be produced in a typical field. A soil seed bank may contain individual seeds that lie dormant for up to 40 years. The small black seeds, which contain morphine and opium in very small amounts are edible and often used as an ingredient in types of bread.

The Opium Poppy, *Papaver orientalis* is widely naturalised in gardens and waste places. It is this species that provides the latex for the production of opium but it produces very little in British gardens.



Food for thought

Last month David Kent submitted a meditation. Following on from the Creationtide season is another piece for your consideration:-

Moving Toward Integral Ecology

Keith Douglass Warner, Ilia Delio, and Pamela Wood suggest that we can develop deep attentiveness to creation by following St. Francis's example.

Francis observed God's creatures and learned from them. From the birds, he realized that he had the responsibility to preach to them, to care for them, to share his essential identity as creatures of God with them. From the earthworm, he learned humility. He lived simply and close to the soil and the earth. From the bees he learned community, conviviality. He praised their hard work and their cooperative living. Francis understood himself as brother to all creation. If we understand our identity to be that of sister or brother to all creation, what do we need to do?...

Making choices to simplify our lives—to lessen our use of resources—is fundamental to developing a Franciscan ecological consciousness. The United States has the highest rate of resource consumption on Earth, so in our household choices we carry power to express concern for creation on a daily basis. But ultimately, we can make a greater impact by engaging others. Franciscan spirituality is a common project, lived out in relationship to other humans and creatures. Francis can inspire us to speak on behalf of God's other

creatures, to take action to protect their habitat, and to promote policies that protect the integrity of life on Earth.

Learning how to live in relationship is fundamental to following the patron saint of ecology. Francis was open to relationship—to receiving from all, whether leper, human brother and sister, worms, birds, bishops, water, fire, wind, or Blessed Mother Earth. Francis recognized the Incarnate Word of God in all living creatures. His openness meant he could recognize the blessing of being brother to all, and his response was humility.

And to finish off this section, here is a prayer from Jean Broadhead one of our readers:

Walk with me Lord

Walk with me Lord as I find my way.
Help me show kindness and love every day.
When I fall down, broken and sad,
Lift me up and hold my hand.
Walk with me Lord through the storms of life.
Keep me safe from trouble and strife.
When dark clouds hover and life seems bleak,
Show me the light and the path I should seek..
Walk with me Lord when I am down and out.
When grief and sadness cause me to doubt,
Send choirs of angels to comfort and care,
And lift me high on the wings of a prayer.

Armitage Bridge Ringers – News From The Belfry

Ringin away day

Saturday 17th October was the day 12 of us set off early in the morning towards the market town of Beverley, in East Yorkshire, to participate in the annual "White Rose 12 Bell Striking Contest" held at St. Mary's church. This contest is open to 12 bell bands based only in Yorkshire. Both Lorraine and I learnt to ring at St. Mary's before moving across to Huddersfield in the early 80's. In those days Beverley boasted 2 rings of 10, the other being at The Minster. How this came about is a bit of a tale but St. Mary's moved on, augmenting their 10 bells to 12 in 2018, an extra 2nd # bell was also added to give various musical combinations.

On arrival we were heartily greeted with tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches while all the teams got settled and the draw was made (by Martha's "naughty cousins").

Eight teams were entered, with the first team on at 10:30am, Huddersfield were drawn last (2:30pm) meaning Sally was unable to ring due to a prior engagement, fortunately for us her sister-in-law Sian proved a worthy stand-in.

Following a walk around Beverley Market it was back to the church to catch up with friends and colleagues we hadn't seen for a while.

Before long it was time for us to sign in and climb the tower steps.

Lorraine and I were sure there had been steps added since we were teenagers and could practically run up the tower!!

In this contest each team rings the same "test piece" having 30 minutes to practice, adjust ropes and make any last minute technical decisions, then ring the piece to the best of their abilities. Two judges hidden somewhere, are tasked with assessing and marking each piece. It's a difficult job, particularly in evaluating the first team's standard against the last team to ring (some 4 hours apart). This year's judges were Susan Healy (who learnt to ring in Hessle) and

Mark Eccleston. Both ring in Birmingham being leading lights in the ringing on higher numbers of bells.

Each band in turn were given a summary of their efforts, which were kind and helpful. Mark felt that our ringing was a little quick and felt rushed "as if we all wanted to get to the pub for a beer". (Probably true – Ed) Consequently he and Susan felt we would benefit by slowing down a wee bit and taking a little bit more care.

Each team was then marked a percentage out of 100. Leeds came first with 88% while we were 6th with 67%. (one point behind Oliver's brother Sam's Beverley team).

It's easy to be disappointed and deflated with our result, but in this case we were more than happy with ourselves. On the whole we are inexperienced ringers on 12 bells, we don't have an available tower locally to regularly practice, in fact we had had no practice at all on this occasion!

Hopefully now we have got the bit between our teeth we will have at least one practice a month using Ossett as our base starting in 2027.

This should not only improve our standard, it should filter down the pyramid helping to develop those folk coming up through the ranks.

Our band in ringing order:- Helen Kemp, Oliver Austin, Lorraine Trebble, Lynda Lambert, Rachel Arnold, Finley Kemp, Sian Austin, Alan Trebble, Andrea Wain, Alex Wain (conductor) Simon Kemp, David Pygott. (See if you can spot the non-ringer!)





The congregation will remember the recent post-service celebration of Alan's special birthday. (Thanks to Tony for his cake-making skills). Good to see that at least for this appearance in Focus, Alan was fully clothed, unlike in the last issue!!

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