



# Connected

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Welcome



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### WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

They are well behind us now - the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and any New Year celebrations. The mystery and miracle of Christmas still resonates with me though and has an impact on my thinking and the direction I take each day.

The Bible Reading Fellowship's daily reading notes, and the Advent book, "An Advent Manifesto", were particularly thought-provoking. Etched on my mind ever since is the phrase, "He emptied himself". It comes from the apostle Paul's letter to the church at Philippi (2:5f). "Christ Jesus who, being in very nature God...made himself nothing (or, emptied himself) by taking the very nature of a slave, being made in human likeness." Left the Godhead, was a human embryo for nine months, spent thirty years at Nazareth in a "no good" (according to Nathanael) corner of the Roman Empire and, in the end, "his own did not receive him" (John 1:11). I think the impact on me is the unbelievably good news is that God is on the side of, one with, the ordinary, the ignored, the helpless. I think we are all overwhelmed by sadness, frustration, helplessness, when we hear all about the state of the world. We all at some point have regrets, know our weaknesses, experience fear. The mystery and miracle of Christmas still resonates with me, though, because as we face an eventful and precarious future the message is that God Himself is on OUR side.

This wonderful thought, this good news, this gospel of God, will still be with us as we begin the season of Lent this month. We shall have a Lent liturgy, perhaps a book or Bible reading notes for Lent, special times of devotion. Let's make the most it and think about how God so loved the world that He gave us Jesus, our Lord who faced rejection and suffering so bravely to show the full extent of divine love for us.

We can't but help hear news of elections and manifesto promises - indeed we must think in a responsible way - yet never forget that the Lord is sovereign and that He is on the side of the humble, the broken-hearted and those who believe and trust in Him for salvation, and such people will be ultimately vindicated.

Through these wintry days let us continue in love and support for one another, in worship, fellowship and prayer.

Malcolm Smalley.

**Fair Trade Coffee Morning** Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 10am to 11.30am at **All Saints Church, Pocklington**. Fair Trade goods will be on sale as well as home made cakes and a raffle plus children's activities. Cakes for the stall, preferably made with at least one fairtrade ingredient, will be gratefully received.

### Messy Church Corner – Valentine Jokes

**Q** How did the telephone propose to his girlfriend?

**A** He gave her a ring!

**Q** What did the couple say when they were struck by cupid's arrow?

**A** Ouch!

**Q** What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine Day?

**A** I'm stuck on you.



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### Special Services

**Melbourne** Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Gathered service 10.30am

**Melbourne** OA Feb 25<sup>th</sup> will start at 10am.

One for your diary **Good Friday**, March 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am at St. John's MW. Meditation by Weighton Waytes.

Come and reflect on our Lord's Easter Journey. All welcome

### When I Wake in the Night

When I wake in the night Lord

Is it you who woke me?

When I wake in the night Lord

Is there something you want me to see?

When I wake in the night Lord

Is there somewhere you want me to be?

When I wake in the night Lord

Is there somewhere you want me going?

When I wake in the night Lord

Is there something you want me doing?

When I wake in the night Lord

Why do I find myself praying?

When I wake in the night Lord

Give the answers I ask,

When I wake in the night Lord

Tell me, what is your task?

Let me know Lord

That in your favour I bask.

When I the next day, Lord

Fill me with purpose, I pray

When I wake the next day, Lord

Help me to do what you say.

When I wake the next day, Lord

Let me willingly obey.

Oh Lord, every minute of each day

Guide me, and hold me

So I do it okay

And speak to me Lord

Every night, every day

As you lead me along your chosen way. Amen

Taken from Methodist Prayer Handbook 2022/2023

Katherine Holmgren mission worker, Cambodia



### Regular Events Around Wolds Edge

#### Pocklington

**Messy Church** 3.45 Tuesday Feb 20th

**Wednesday Fellowship Group** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in month at church starting 10am

**House Group** at Paulina and Tony's 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of the month starting at 2pm

**Thursday House Group** At Janet Willson's 10am 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>Feb.

**Friday Coffee Mornings**, Friday 10am to 12pm – call in for a chat or a quiet sit. Drinks and biscuits. **Everyone welcome.**

**Singing round the Piano** 2pm Fridays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb for 1 hour of singing followed by a faith tea

**Poc Praise** 7.30pm last Friday (23<sup>rd</sup>) in the month. Followed by a faith supper.

**St.John's MW Tuesday** 10.30am **Step by Step**

**Wednesday** 10am to 1pm **Warm Wednesdays** again serving soup and rolls. The Talking About Loss charity will be holding their Stitch Therapy sessions at the same time and anyone wanting to try their hand at various crafts is welcome to join in.

**Bolton Monday** 10am-12 noon 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in month **Art & Craft Group**

**Wednesday** 10.30am-11.45am **Coffee Morning** Restarting in March

**Melbourne Monday Awesome Club** 3pm to 4.30pm. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Chatty Crafters** 10am to 12 noon 1<sup>st</sup> of the month

**Tuesday Chat & Play** 9.45am to 11.15am termtime Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday Warm Welcome** 11am to 2pm soup & cake, tea & coffee weekly.

#### HOSM

**Newton Saturday Warm Spaces Coffee Morning** 10am-12noon. Celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> session.

A dear member of our congregation at Melbourne died on Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>. We will miss her at Warm Welcome, her positive attitude, her interest in her neighbours and her faith. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Peter and family. God Bless you Bessie Fridlington.

Church Council Meeting 7pm Tuesday,  
February 6<sup>th</sup> at Home on Spalding Moor

The next **CONNECTED** Bulletin will be compiled by Amy Shepard tel. 07708559419

Items to be included to be sent by **10am Monday Feb 26th**

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