

Church News for the 3rd Sunday of Easter 2021

With the agreement from each of our 6 PCC's we are delighted that we are now open for gathered public worship. We will continue to offer a PhoneChurch service each Sunday and our reopening is phased in line with the Governments 'Roadmap'. To join in simply call 03300 945 940 then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 # and use Guest PIN: 3885 # please see below for more detailed information.

In Remembrance of His Late Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Our Churches are open for you for Private Prayer from 9-6 (Finghall 2-4) as we pay our respects and share in the Nations Morning. We have been asked to join in with the National online book of Condolence at <https://royal.uk>

We will be holding a [Commemoration Service](#) along with many other Churches across the land at 18:00 on Friday 16th April at **St Michael's Spenthorn, St Gregory's Crakehall** and live on PhoneChurch



A prayer on the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh



God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sunday 18th April Easter 3

Reopening Step 2

09:00 [Prayer & Praise](#) - St Patrick's Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch

11:00 [Holy Communion](#) - St Mary's Hornby

16:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - St Oswald's Hauxwell

Readings Acts 3.12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3.1-7, & Luke 24.36b-48

Evening Readings Isaiah 40: 9, 11; Luke 15: 3-7

Collect Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

Post Communion Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

During the week - Phone Church

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#)

09:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion St Anselm, 1109](#)

Sunday 25th April Easter 4

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - Rogation Sunday Holy Communion St Michael's Spennithorne & PhoneChurch

11:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall

16:00 [Revive - Zoom](#)

Readings Acts 4.5–12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3.16–24, John 10.11–18

Evening Reading Exodus 16.4–15

Collect Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

During the week - Phone Church

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#)

09:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific

Sunday 2nd May **Easter 5**

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - St Patrick's Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch

11:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall

16:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - St Oswald's Hauxwell

Readings Acts 8.26-40, Psalm 22.25-31, 1 John 4.7-21, & John 15.1-8

Evening Readings Psalm 96, Isaiah 60.1-14, Revelation 3.1-13

Collect Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

BCP Collect O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord

During the week - PhoneChurch

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#)

09:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#)

Sunday 9th May **Easter 6**

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne & PhoneChurch

11:00 [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall

16:00 [Evening Prayer - Zoom](#) (Taizé Music)

Readings Acts 10.44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5.1-6, & John 15.9-17

Evening Readings Psalm 45, Song of Solomon 4.16-5.2; 8.6,7, Revelation 3.14-22

Collect God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

Post Communion God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

During the week - PhoneChurch

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#)

09:00 [Wednesday Holy Communion](#) Gregory Dix, 1952

PhoneChurch is working well, but please remember it is live and unless you mute the microphone on your phone everyone can hear anything that is happening at your end of the line. We are still learning how to best use this system and whilst responses during the service are working well, communal singing is causing problems - so for the moment please just listen to the music as it plays rather than singing along.

Weddings Baptisms & Funerals

Weddings 6 people present. Funerals 30 people present.

There continue to be complex restrictions and procedures in place and these services will look and feel very different to what you might be used to so please do talk with Rev'd Chris at the earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment. **For the latest update from the Church of England please visit** <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Church Opening - From Monday 12th April 2021

Our Church buildings will be open for private prayer during daylight hours.
(St Andrew's Finghall by appointment and on Thursdays 14:00-16:00)

When you come

Please observe 2m social distancing at all times. Please use hand sanitiser where provided. The Government has made face coverings mandatory for all attending a place of worship unless you fulfil an exemption criteria. Please sit where you see a 'Please sit' Card and turn it over when you leave.

Do not enter if you feel unwell or are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19.

These include:

- High temperature
- Continuous cough
- Loss of taste and smell

Please follow all directions and markers set out and avoid contact with items as far as possible.

God of healing and peace, we give thanks for this place in which to worship you. Guide each of us as we enter and leave to keep it safe, as we seek protection for all from the coronavirus; in the name of him who gave his life for us all, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



For more information please contact Rev'd Chris 01677 937 124 or the Church Wardens

Easter Day

Thank you to all who helped prepare our Churches for Easter - Bothe inside and out It was much appreciated by all.



Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders every other Wednesday. Our next meetings are on 21/04/21 and 05/05/21 at 16:15 on the PhoneChurch number.

St Oswald's **Hauxwell PCC** will be meeting after the Evening Service on Sunday 18th April at 17:00

St Michael's **Spennithorne PCC** will be meeting via Zoom on Monday 19th April at 19:00

Rev'd Chris will be taking Tuesday's 20th and 27th April as his rest days.

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is on [Wednesday 28th April at 11:00 via Zoom](#)

Our Annual Parochial Church Meetings are to be held in May this year and we hope to hold them in person if possible! Please note the change of dates!

St Patrick's Patrick Brompton - 17:00 Monday 10th May 2021

St Mary's Hornby - 17:00 Thursday 13th May 2021

St Oswald's Hauxwell - 17:00 Friday 14th May 2021

St Andrew's Finghall - 17:00 Monday 17th May 2021

St Michael's Spennithorne - 17:00 Thursday 20th May 2021

St Gregory's Crakehall - 19:00 Friday 21st May 2021

Come and join us on Zoom for a time of Lectio Divina

Friday afternoons at 16:00 - Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Christian Church and is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us further into God's word. It is listening with the 'ear' of the heart that allows scripture to speak to us in new ways while also deepening our relationship with the Living God.

For further information and the Zoom link please contact:

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Community News

Bedale Community Library, based in Bedale Hall, is now open for browsing on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10-12 and 2-4. Covid-19 safety arrangements include the wearing of masks, a one-way system and restriction of numbers. The Home Library Service continues, as does Select and Collect.

To book a computer, or for anything else, contact the library by phone on 01609 534 573.

www.bedalecommunitylibrary.org.uk

Lisle's Limericks

Rev'd Lisle has offered us the following topical reflections for this season.

Thomas wasn't with them when Jesus came,
so he couldn't accept what they did claim.

“Unless I too can view

and feel the scars as true,

I won't be playing along with this game.”

The risen Lord Jesus again they saw
and Thomas his presence could not ignore.

“Put your hand out to feel

how I'm with you for real.”

“My Lord and my God, I don't doubt any more.”

John 20.24-29

Was it a ghost or some apparition?

Jesus was there but in what condition.

“Now please if you would,

just give me some food.”

He ate some fish relieving suspicion.

“Why are you fearful can you not see?

I'm risen again it really is me.

To make you anew

my peace be with you.”

From texts he taught how this had come to be.

Luke 24.36-48



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Liberia News

Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes



Simon is a dentist leading a team at a clinic at the Eternal Love Winning All (ELWA) Hospital in Monrovia. Grace is a nurse and will support Simon as well as seeking God's direction for her role in the mission field. The couple are sent by St Gregory's Church, Crakehall and are working for Serving In Mission (SIM)

Rosemary Gaven is our local contact and keeps us update with the news they send. Simon and Grace report that the SIM UK office applied to the UK Charities Commission to release the whole capital from a legacy left to SIM in 1999 with a specific remit for it to be used for

Dental Ministry. They have to date been using the interest of this gift but they would like to utilise the whole sum and they are praying that these significant funds will be released soon. In anticipation of receiving these funds, they are looking into sending a second Trinity Dental staff member to train as a dentist. This is challenging as Dental Schools within Africa have websites that are often out of date and accessing information is difficult. People don't always reply to e-mail! Even more challenging and exciting is that they are exploring the idea of setting up at Trinity Dental Clinic Site a Dental Therapy Training School which would offer a 2-year course to train and equip people to work in rural areas around Liberia. Simon and Eddie are, with the help of an Emeritus Dental Professor from Kings College, London, seeking advisors and supporters including a UK University to provide academic validation. They also need the support and validation from the Liberian Health Ministry. It is an ambitious project that needs wisdom and the ability to overcome obstacles. They would really appreciate prayer support for all these plans to come to fruition.

They continue to be in touch with their family. Jonathan has just finished several weeks of daily outpatient antibiotic infusions and is awaiting further blood tests and a consultation with his cardiologist. Alison and Charles have informed them that they can expect to be Grandparents in the Autumn! Very exciting for them. These naturally feed into thoughts about what their travel plans will look like in the coming year in the midst of the uncertainty of Covid and international travel. They always express their gratitude for all your support and prayers.

And Finally

From Fr Philip

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and especially during the several lockdowns, it has been a personal privilege to occasionally conduct for you all a PhoneChurch service of Holy Communion.

Conducting this on behalf of the entire Benefice, and anyone else who called in, I was joined physically only by Linda. It had always been part of my spiritual training not to celebrate the Eucharist alone but always to have company – so thank you Linda.

Having provided formal sacred space on the dining table – a corporal with five crosses representing an altar; a silver paten and matching chalice hallmarked 1886 exactly 100 years before my own Ordination to the Priesthood; a modern cross from the Cathedral of Grace in San Francisco and two candlesticks made especially for me by the senior lecturer in metallurgy at Teesside University – we were all set. It was only when we came to receive the newly consecrated wafers and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ – that we felt a physical gap between ourselves and those at the other end of the phone line. The gap closed by technology and by the Spiritual Grace of God.

This came home to me on Maundy Thursday. The Bishop of Leeds had invited his Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Lay Worship Leaders to watch the YouTube broadcast from Bradford Cathedral. During this service we were to remake our vows of service to each other and for the congregations to whom we relate. It was only when the Bishop celebrated Holy Communion and he alone received the Bread and Wine that I too felt that physical gap mentioned above.

What a delight then to read in the Order of Service a reworking of the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester with the addition of a couple of lines which addressed this feeling of separation. I reprint this Prayer now in the hope that we can all be drawn together spiritually whenever we share such a service:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

*O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.*

Amen.

