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Church News for Sunday 2nd August 2020 Trinity 8 Worshipping With Us

Although the government has now allowed church buildings to reopen they

must do so in accordance with the guidance they have published. We are currently working through this material and preparing our buildings to welcome everyone back on Sunday 6th September at St Mary's Hornby. We are going to continue with PhoneChurch for the moment as well as it gives people greater options.

This does not mean however that we stop being Church - The Eucharist will still be celebrated each Sunday. Wednesday, and feast day along with Morning Prayer, Midday Prayer, and Compline which are prayed daily on behalf of the whole Benefice, however, this is now to be done without a congregation present.

And so we now continue 'PhoneChurch'

To join in simply call 03300 945 940

then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 #

and use Guest PIN: 3885 #

Reopening for Public Worship



Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 6th Sept - 10:30 St Mary's Hornby

Sunday 2nd August Trinity 8

09:00 Holy Communion - for Patrick Brompton, Spennithorne, & Finghall 10:00 Morning Prayer - for Hornby, Crakehall, & Hauxwell

16:30 BCP Evensong

Readings

Isaiah 55.1-5, Psalm 145.8-9,15-22*, Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21

Evening Readings

Psalm 80*, 1 Kings 10.1-13, Acts 13.1-13

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

BCP Collect

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week

09:00 Morning Prayer - Monday, Tuesday, Friday, & Saturday

09:00 Holy Communion - Wednesday with Revd Judith Clark Curate at Leeds Minster.

09:00 Holy Communion - Thursday for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Sunday 9th August Trinity 9

09:00 Prayer and Praise - for Patrick Brompton, Spennithorne, & Finghall

10:00 BCP Holy Communion - for Hornby, Crakehall, & Hauxwell

16:30 Taizé - via Zoom

Readings

1 Kings 19.9-18, Psalm 85.8-13, Romans 10.5-15, Matthew 14.22-33

Evening Readings

Psalm 86, Acts 14.8-20

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week

09:00 Morning Prayer - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday 09:00 Holy Communion - Wednesday

Sunday 16th August Trinity 10

09:00 <u>BCP Holy Communion</u> - for Patrick Brompton, Spennithorne, & Finghall 10:00 <u>Morning Prayer</u> - for Hornby, Crakehall, & Hauxwell 16:30 BCP Evensong

Readings

Isaiah 56.1,6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11.1-2a,29-32, Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

Evening Readings

Psalm 90*, 2 Kings 4.1-37, Acts 16.1-15

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand

open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect

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During the week

09:00 Morning Prayer - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

09:00 Holy Communion - Wednesday

Sunday 26th July Trinity 7

09:00 Morning Prayer - for Patrick Brompton, Spennithorne, & Finghall

10:00 Holy Communion - for Hornby, Crakehall, & Hauxwell

Readings

Isaiah 51.1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12.1-8, Matthew 16.13-20

Collect

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who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you:

look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week

09:00 Morning Prayer - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

09:00 Holy Communion - Wednesday

11:00 Deanery Prayer Meeting - Via Zoom

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.

For the liturgy/service booklet please follow the link for the relevant service.

As above to join in simply call 03300 945 940 then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 #

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Church Opening

Church buildings open for private prayer from 2-4 pm.

Monday - Patrick Brompton Tuesday - Spennithorne Wednesday - Hornby Thursday - Finghall Friday - Crakehall Saturday - Hauxwell

When you come

Please observe 2m social distancing at all times. Please use hand sanitiser where provided. The wearing of face-covering is required from the 8th August and no longer a matter of personal choice.

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, including hymn books and printed material.

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 the latest update from the Church of England please visit https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches

Weddings Baptisms & Funerals

Can now take place with a maximum of 30 people present. However, 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. Please see link above or contact Rev'd Chris if you would like further clarification.

Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders every other Wednesday. Our next meeting is **16:15** - 05/08/2020 at St Mary's Hornby where we will continue to assess and plan for resuming public worship in line with Government and Diocesan guidelines.

Rev'd Chris will be taking Tuesday 4st and Tuesday the 11th as his rest days.

News

Brian Gaven much loved member of our congregation at St Gregory's Crakehall, sadly died whilst on holiday in Scotland on Tuesday. His graveside funeral will take place on Saturday 8th August and Brian's family invite you to line the route from St Gregory's where the cortege will depart at 13:45. We pray for Rosemary and all the family.

Church & Community

Bedale Community Library will reopen on Tuesday 11th August at 10 am. It will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10-12 and 2-4. While at first, it will not be possible to browse, readers will be able to return books, to collect reservations made through NYCC's Library Services website and there will also be a 'Select and Collect' service available on 01609 534 573. We hope to resume something like normal service as soon as possible.

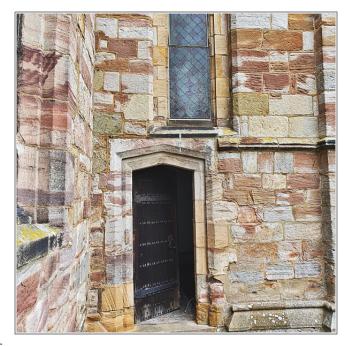
Sadly this year's Hunton Steam Fair, due to take place on 12/13 September 2020, has been postponed until 11th and 12th September 2021. Planning ahead: St Oswald's Hauxwell hope to run their tombola in aid of the church during that weekend on 2021, so please continue to save any cosmetics, not subject to use by dates, that you would be happy to donate to us. Many thanks.

Responding With Hope - Sumer Photo Competition

from the Diocese of Leeds

A photo competition is returning this July to celebrate Christian life, great and small, across the Diocese of Leeds.

"Responding with Hope" is the theme of the fun project, which coincides with the summer holidays and aims to generate a fantastic gallery of people and



places of worship.

The competition was run for the second time last year and was a great success. Pictures from different contexts were submitted, making the final decision for the top three very tricky.

From Monday, July 20 it is open to everyone and the best picture will star on our website and online newsletter.

Images can be posted either on our Camera Club Facebook page or by emailing the diocesan communications team.

We want to see pictures from any event which has a Christian presence and reflects the innovation, love and support that the church has shown during the covid-19 pandemic, be that online worship, private prayers, socially distanced weddings or providing support for those in need.

For more information please see https://www.leeds.anglican.org/news/responding-hope-summer-photo-competition

Providing Relief: Special COVID Appeal

The Church in Sudan has much that it would like to do but often lacks the

resources to achieve it. As a Diocese we work together with the church there through prayer and encouragement, giving some funding, and occasionally through providing expertise. All money given by churches here goes to Sudan as other expenses are paid for from our own diocesan funds. **Send donations to our Diocesan Office marked 'For Sudan'.**

- There is a Diocesan donation button linked to Paypal found here.
 Remember on the second page to add a note saying it's 'for Sudan'.
- Cheques should be payable to Leeds DBF, and posted with a a note saying it's 'for Sudan' to:
 - Leeds Diocese Finance Dept, 17-19 York Place, Leeds LS1 2EX
- BACS transfers should be made to Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance, sort code 09-02-22 account 10466302. Don't forget to reference your donation as 'for Sudan'.

Please email sudanlinkcontact@gmail.com with news of what you have done so that we can track your donation through. We may be in touch with you to ask about Gift Aid, and whether you would like to be added to our Sudan Link e-News mailing list.



Our Working Group, alarmed by the situation in Sudan at the moment, has made this our number one priority. High inflation coupled with the coronavirus outbreak is causing shortages of basic necessities. The church in Sudan is sometimes desperate for funds to help distressed people: the situation they currently face is becoming absolutely acute. There are no food banks in Sudan, and Islamic Aid customarily is not given to Christian believers.

In the past, we have sent funding to help the Church in its caring ministry, but have encouraged them to look for sustainable projects. Right now the need is too great. In the past, we have funded grinding mills and even an agricultural project, and we hope to get back to that, but in 2020 with overwhelming economic forces sapping the life of the country, we need simply to supply daily necessities.

Appeal video - download here (69Mb .mov file)

Please pray for the Church in Sudan as they face great need with nothing in their hands.

And Finally

From Rev'd Chris

Its another weekend with another set of information for us to digest. Yesterday's update is that we will all be required to wear face coverings when attending church from Saturday 8th August. We are still awaiting details of exemptions and the practical outworking of this change in policy, but please do bring your mask with you when you come to church. The most important announcement that I have for you is that the Church Councils have all agreed to reopen for public worship on Sunday the 6th of September.

The new pattern of worship, during this phase of the Covid-19 crisis, will be as follows

09:00 PhoneChurch - a service of the Word - Morning Prayer/Prayer & Praise with BCP Matins on 5th Sundays

10:00 Gathered worship - Holy Communion - Common Worship and BCP alternate weeks.

16:30 PhoneChurch/Zoom - BCP Evensong/Taizé/Revive

We hope this pattern will help those who wish to remain at home still fully engage with worship.

For those who are ready to worship together, I feel it important to say that the service will be significantly different from what we are used to. We have chosen St Mary's Hornby to start with as this has the largest capacity but will still only hold between 15-60 people depending on grouping. The services are still without signing and communion is in one kind only for the congregation. You will also be asked to use the hand sanitiser points on entry and exit as well as before and after receiving communion.

With all the heavy information above I would like to pause for a moment to



reflect. Last week we opened St

Andrews for a service, the first in the benefice since lockdown, sadly, however, this was for Colin Ellwood's funeral. As I sat at my stall for the first time in months the evening sunlight came streaming in, illuminating the lectern. I felt a great sense of not just the light breaking through the darkness but that God's light was shining on the Word and that Word brings us all Light. So my hope is that you find the time to pause and reflect, and as we journey on through this strange land do so knowing that God's Light is with us to guide our way.

P.s. It would be very helpful in our planning - especially for allocating readings and intersessions if you could let us know which of the services you think you might attend.

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