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# Church News for 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Worshipping With Us

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 with PhoneChurch simply call 03300 945 940  
then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 #  
and use Guest PIN: 3885 #  
please see below for more detailed information.

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## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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

19:00 Thursday [Wensley Deanery Ascension Day Service - Zoom](#)

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May **Easter 7**

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

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

16:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - **St Andrew's Finghall**

### **Readings**

Acts 1.15-17,21-26, *Psalm 1*, 1 John 5.9-13, John 17.6-19

### **Evening Readings**

Psalm 147.1-12, Isaiah 61, Luke 4.14-21

**Collect**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**BCP Collect**

O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**During the week - Phone Church**

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

09:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion Dunstan, 988](#)

**Sunday 23<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost****Reopening Step 3**

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

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

**Readings**

Acts 2.1-21, *Psalm 104.26-36,37b*, Romans 8.22-27, John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

**Collect**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **During the week - Phone Church**

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

09:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) [John Calvin, Reformer](#)

## **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday**

Reopening Step 3

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - PhoneChurch

10:00 [Holy Communion](#)- **St Andrew's Finghall**

### **Readings**

Isaiah 6.1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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**

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

### **During the week - Phone Church**

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

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

## **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 1**

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

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

11:00 Baptism - **St Mary's Hornby**

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

### **Readings**

James 2.1-7 Luke 12.22-30 for **Environment Sunday**

Genesis 3.8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1, Mark 3.20-35 - for morning prayer

### ***Evening Readings***

Psalm 37.1-1, Jeremiah 6.16-21, Romans 9.1-13

### ***Collect***

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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***

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ***BCP Collect***

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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09:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - [Columba, 597](#)

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.**

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For the latest update from the Church of England please visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

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# Weddings Baptisms & Funerals

Please see the link above as this is likely to change

Weddings 15 people present rising to 30 on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Funerals 30 people present although this limit will be removed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May and we will be able to welcome as many as are able to be safely accommodated whilst maintaining the required 2m distancing.

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.

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## Church Opening

**From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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

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## Diocesan News

The latest news from across our diocese - [Leeds News for May 2021](#)

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## Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders every other Wednesday. Our next meetings are on 19/05/21 and 02/06/21 at **16:15** on the PhoneChurch number.

Our next Service Leaders meeting is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> at 09:45

Rev'd Chris will be taking Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May as his rest days.

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is on [Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 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 Andrew's **Finghall** - 17:00 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

St Michael's **Spennithorne** - 17:00 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

St Gregory's **Crakehall** - 19:00 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

St Patrick's **Patrick Brompton** - 17:00 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

St Oswald's **Hauxwell** - 17:00 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

St Mary's **Hornby** - 17:00 Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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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## Christian Aid Week

*By Myra Shield*

This year Christian Aid Week is May 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. Once more there will be no House to House collection in our villages. We hope you will still be able to give to this worthwhile charity by collecting a Christian Aid envelope from the back of St Gregory's church, St Patrick's church, or St Mary's church or use a plain one of your own and then either take it to the collection point at the Weigh House in Bedale. You can also post your gift to Mr John Chritchlow, 19 OakTree Drive, Bedale. DL8 1UL. He would like you to write the name of your village on the envelope so we can see

which areas take part or if you need a receipt, your name and address. Please  
can envelopes be returned by 20<sup>th</sup> May  
*Thank you in anticipation.*



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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](http://www.bedalecommunitylibrary.org.uk)

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## Lisle's Limericks

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

"I ask you now to love one another  
offering to serve those who may suffer,  
a ready befriender  
your life to surrender  
loving the stranger as sister or brother."  
*Easter 5 & 6, John 15.1-13*

Walking to Bethany Jesus did lead.  
A blessing from him by all was received.  
He ascended from sight  
their souls to excite  
into praising God – my were they pleased.

*Ascension, Luke 24.50-53*

"All mine are now yours, and yours become mine,"  
said Jesus revealed to them as divine,  
praying to the Father  
before his departure.  
"In your name protect them all of the time."

"May they have my joy to make them complete.  
While in this world they may face defeat;  
as to you they belong  
keep them safe and on song,  
holy and true till in heaven we meet."

*Easter 7, John 17.9-19*

One of Lile's Limericks has now been set to sound and is very much worth listening to - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JppbkElKhJ4&feature=youtu.be>

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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. Over the last 3 weeks, since I reported, Simon has been very busy with major cases especially broken jaws and cysts. The Clinic is still trying to find Dental School options for Wannie to travel to study. Very time consuming as replies come back slowly and only about half the questions Simon asks are answered.

2 of the Clinic Staff travelled by helicopter to a village in Northern Liberia for dental outreach. As it is a 2-day journey by car or motorbike and then a hike to this remote area they were very grateful to Samaritan Purse for the helicopter ride!

There was staff training for the new dental clinic software that has been installed and went live on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April. There was a lunch, cake and extra pay. Everyone who attended had learnt the new programme well. Sadly there were 4 absentees who had pathetic excuses and now they need to be trained during a busy week. Not easy but they try to be patient.

It is extremely humid and there are lots of power cuts and water off. That is

frustrating as they need the power to keep cool.

There are many needs. School fees are due, sick and/or hungry people not able to pay hospital fees. Others trying to further their education asking for the money for fees.

Grace is helping in the operating theatres, repairing surgical gowns and drapes for surgery as many are in a state of bad repair. She is also busy making costumes for the Islanders for the school play. As always she is busy with constant hospitality as people come and go all the time.

They always ask me to thank you for your prayers as they are essential and they are so grateful for them.

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## And Finally

### ***From Rev'd Chris***

It is with a mixed heart that I write to you this day. We should have been celebrating at a wedding, one that was postponed not only this weekend but also this time last year! And so for that couple, the waiting continues, but for others, with the slow and steady lifting of restrictions, the future is looking much much more hopeful. It's not just for Wedding couples that the Springtime mood seems so appropriate, I have also had a wonderful flood of requests for Baptisms. And so as we approach Ascension Day this week I encourage you to keep looking for the signs of new life all around us and come and celebrate with us, online or in person.



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