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# Church News for 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

## **Pentecost**

## **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.

#### 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

Genesis 37.1-4, James 2.1-7 Luke 12.22-30 for **Environment Sunday - For more info please see below!** 

Special Hymns for the Service have been written by Lisle

#### Let all of us with every creature sing and Melting Frozen Jewels

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.

#### **During the week - PhoneChurch**

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - Morning Prayer 09:00 Wednesday - Holy Communion - Columba, 597

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 2

09:00 Morning Prayer - St Michael's Spennithorne & PhoneChurch

11:00 Baptism followed by Holy Communion - St Gregory's Crakehall

16:00 Evening Prayer - Zoom (Taizé Music)

#### Readings

Ezekiel 17.22-24, *Psalm 92.1-4,12-15\**, 2 Corinthians 5.6-17, & Mark 4.26-34

#### **Evening Readings**

Psalm 39, Jeremiah 7.1-16, Romans 9.14-26

#### Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **Post Communion**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **During the week - PhoneChurch**

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

09:00 Wednesday Holy Communion Richard of Chichester

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 3

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

Job 38.1-11, Psalm 107.1-3,23-32, 2 Corinthians 6.1-13, & Mark 4.35-41

#### **Evening Readings**

Psalm 49, Jeremiah 10.1-16, Romans 11.25-36

#### Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

#### **BCP Collect**

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

09:00 Wednesday - Holy Communion Etheldreda, c.678

09:00 Thursday - Holy Communion The Birth of John the Baptist

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 #

and use Guest PIN: 3885 #

For the latest update from the Church of England please visit <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches">https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches</a>

## **Baptisms - Weddings - Funerals**

Please see the link above as this is likely to change Weddings - 30 people present.

Baptisms and Funerals - as with other services able to welcome as many as are able to be safely accommodated whilst maintaining the required 2m social 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.

## **Church Opening**

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

## **Diocesan News**

The latest news from across our diocese - Leeds News for May 2021

## Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders every other Wednesday. Our next meetings are on 02/06/21

and 16/06/21 at 16:15 on the PhoneChurch number.

Our next Service Leaders meeting is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> at 09:45

Rev'd Chris will be taking Tuesday 1st and Tuesday 8th June as his rest days.

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is on Wednesday 23<sup>th</sup> June ay at 11:00

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 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

#### Now on Tuesday 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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Sue Bianco: 01677 450009 susanbianco54@gmail.com



## **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.

"Although I am leaving, God will provide the Spirit of truth to come as your guide revealing my glory as you tell my story, the encourager there right by your side." Pentecost, John 16.5-15

Nicodemus came to Jesus by night:

"To be born again, it doesn't seem right.

To re-enter the womb

new life to assume;

my story once more I'd have to rewrite."

Jesus replied, "Now truly I speak it:
not of flesh but reborn in the spirit,
the wind it will take you
on fresh paths to pursue.
God will give you new life to inherit."
Trinity Sunday, John 3.1-10

Jesus said, "Worry not for daily care,
of food, or how you look in what you wear.
The birds they do not sow
for seeds to sprout and grow,
yet God does feed them though they don't prepare."

"Can you extend your life by just one hour through worry? Do you have it in your power? See the lilies how they grow to display a glorious show.

God knows your need like any bird or flower."

Trinity 1, Environment, Luke 12.22-30

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

## **And Finally**

#### From Rev'd Lisle

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ and is expressed under five



marks or headings.

The fifth of these is

'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.'

The calendar affords several opportunities to engage with this aspect of mission. In April we had Earth Day a secular body with a 'mission to diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide.' The environment is also relevant to Rogation-tide and Harvest Festivals, and then we have the humble witness of St Francis with his close affinity with birds and all creatures, commemorated in October.

More recently the Church has established Environment Sunday in response to the United Nations World Environment Day, so on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> June, we shall be making our own response in worship. This is a way of recognising that we are one species among the host of God's creatures, but one with special responsibilities because of our awareness of the consequences of our actions upon the environment.

There are complex issues relating to climate and justice, the air and the oceans, forests and rivers, peat bogs and fuels. This may leave us feeling bewildered as to what we can do. Each of us in a small way can begin by questioning where and from whom what we purchase comes from. This is difficult for low paid staff at the checkout, but we perhaps we can challenge suppliers to provide information. Several charities are doing this on our behalf. One thing we can all do is reduce waste, especially of food.

For more information about World Environment Day please see <a href="https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/">https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/</a>

REIMAGINE, RECREATE, RESTORE,

This is our moment.

We cannot turn back time. But we can grow trees, green our cities, rewild our gardens, change our diets and clean up rivers and coasts. We are the generation that can make peace with nature.

Let's get active, not anxious. Let's be bold, not timid.

Join #GenerationRestoration

We can also think and plan how our Churchyards reflect our attitude to the environment a good place for information

is <a href="https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/expression-of-interest-in-churches-count-on-nature-2021/">https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/expression-of-interest-in-churches-count-on-nature-2021/</a>







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