



## Church News for Trinity Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### All Public Services in Church on Hold Until Further Notice

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice. All our church buildings are now closed. This does not mean however that we stop being church - The Eucharist will still be celebrated each Sunday, Wednesdays, and feast days 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 have 'Phone Church' To join in simply call 03300 945 940 then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 # and use Guest PIN: 3885 #

### Worshipping With Us

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday

09:00 Holy Communion - for Patrick Brompton, Spennithorne, & Finghall

10:00 Morning Prayer - for Hornby, Crakehall, & Hauxwell

16:30 BCP Evensong

**Morning Readings** Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13.11-13, & Matthew 28.16-20

**Evening Readings** Psalm 150, Isaiah 6.1-8, & John 16.5-15

**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

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

09:00 Holy Communion - Wednesday with Rev'd Bryony Taylor

09:00 Corpus Christi Holy Communion - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> with Fr Philip

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 1

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** Exodus 19.2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5.1-8, Matthew 9.35 - 10.8 [9-23]

**Evening Readings** Psalm 43, 1 Samuel 21.1-15, & Luke 11.14-28

**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.

#### During the week

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

09:00 Holy Communion - Wednesday with Rev'd Canon Leslie Morley

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June Trinity 2

09:00 BCP Holy Communion - for Patrick Brompton, Spennithorne, & Finghall

10:00 Morning Prayer - for Hornby, Crakehall, & Hauxwell

16:30 BCP Evensong



## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 3

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

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

16:30 Revive - via Zoom

Phone Church 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.

If you would like help with Zoom please contact Rev'd Chris who will be hosting a Zoom Coffee n Chat especially for those who haven't 'Zoomed' before at 16:00 on Wednesday 10th June

## Events

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretary's, & worship leaders every other Wednesday. Our next meetings are 14:00 - 17/06/2020, & 16:00 - 01/07/2020 where we will continue to assess and plan for unlocking in line with Government and Diocesan guidelines.

During lockdown we are not able to hold PCC meetings but are having PCC discussions by phone conference with any details being finalised by email in accordance with CRR2020

Spennithorne have a PCC Conversation booked for 16:00 on Friday 19/06/2020

Crakehall have a PCC Conversation booked for 19:30 on Monday 22/06/2020

## Local Help, Support,& Projects

Newton-le-Willows Covid Mutual Aid Group was set up on the 17<sup>th</sup> March by four members of the resilience team under the Parish Council. It functions under the North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum and its Leyburn and District CSO Hub. It is also affiliated to nationwide Mutual Aid:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2819070311505575/>

People from various Christian denominations and none are working together. 37 members of a WhatsApp group connect volunteers with people in need of supplies, collecting prescriptions, other services and information. An industrious group has been making scrubs, masks and other protective equipment for which the NHS has expressed gratitude. Aysgarth School has used our volunteers to provide a free of Charge 'meals on wheels' lunches to a few 'shielded' residents.

### Leyburn Community Hub

The District cover 27 Parishes (in the local council meaning of parish not the Church meaning of parish) which includes Leyburn Town, Middleham Town and Carlton Town. Each Parish has a Parish Support Group of volunteers which are organised by a Parish Support Group Coordinator. The people in the Parishes are asked to request support from family, friends, neighbours etc first but then go to their Parish Coordinator. If the Parish Coordinator can't deal with a problem such as mental health, laundry, severe sickness, hospital transport etc they contact the Hub. The Hub has 8 trained volunteers on duty in 2 shifts per day 7 days per week.

As the organisation is based on Parishes who understand their geographic boundaries etc there is a structure, administration via a Parish Clerk and a Coordinator for every town, village and hamlet in our area. Our plan is that when this is all over we leave behind an organisation blue print that can be set up again quickly if needed.

**CONSTABLE BURTON SUMMER FAIR**  
**SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2020**  
**1 – 5PM**

**VIRTUAL DUCK DERBY**

**SMITHY DUCK RACE 2:30pm £2 per duck**  
**MILL DUCK RACE 3:30pm £2 per duck**  
**CHILDREN'S 'DRY' DUCK RACE 4pm £1 a duck**

**DUCKS ON SALE NOW FROM**  
**GEORGE OR HILLY**

**PRIZES 5pm**  
**REFRESHMENTS**  
**BYO PICNIC**  
**VILLAGE FAIR QUIZ**

**Activities, including a BBQ, may be added**  
**If the situation permits!**

In aid of Constable Burton  
Reading Room and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Leyburn is a little different because we only had a week to set up the whole area and Leyburn Town Council didn't have a workable plan but thankfully your Good Neighbours organisation was already in place to which we added Charlotte Smith with a group of volunteers to deal with medication.



Just as a matter of interest in addition to the Parish Support Groups we also organised 6 village shops and 4 pop up shops in our area to solve the difficult food situation.

### **Did you know that this week is Volunteers Week?**

We have so many in our community who volunteer and we would love to share your stories!

Linda and Fr Philip have been asked to provide photos of our thanks for the St John Ambulance volunteers who have given their time staffing ambulances and caring in the local hospitals and GP surgeries.



## **Churchyards and Biodiversity**

**From Lisle Ryder,** Environment Representative for St Patrick's Church

Churchyards across the country, usually free of pesticides and artificial fertilisers, are havens offering habitats for declining biodiversity. Ours could be too. Perhaps they are, but where the grass is kept short we may not really know.

One of the five marks of mission is 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. Putting this into practice is part of our Christian witness to those around us. Such is the context for drawing your attention to the stewardship of our churchyards.

The charity Caring for God's Acre has been encouraging this aspect of mission and at St Patrick's we are exploring how some of their ideas might work within our churchyard. If we begin by letting the grass grow, cutting it just twice this year, we may come to see what God is ready to reveal of what is concealed in the turf.

We may then go on to work with God to encourage bees and other pollinating insects with nectar rich flowers complementing the lime trees with their blossom. To take things further we could add bird boxes and bug hotels. While the Rector's sheep reduce the grass in part of the Churchyard, less mowing has a further environmental benefit in reducing fossil fuel use besides costing less.

It is likely that this project will only work effectively if the village and the congregation join in with observations and ideas, participating in the duty of caring for creation. Our hope is that our churchyards grow to be a showcase for the rich diversity of what God creates.

With our churches closed we still have the opportunity to spend time in solitary prayer and wonder in God's acre.



## **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.*

The receptionist who stole funds from the Clinic sent a letter of resignation on 25th May citing family reasons before they actually fired her! The post went up the next day for a new receptionist/cashier. Simon led a Bible study on work ethics and some practical things they want the staff to do/not do in order to avoid any further financial

irregularities. The discussions went well and the closing date for applications for a replacement receptionist closed last Friday. They are praying for a trustworthy person to be appointed.

Last week Grace did a painting session with 5 year old Jacob and a sewing project with his sister Esther and this helped the Mum have time with the other children and a bit of creativity for them all and it was a lot of fun. They have three home school families so she is trying to offer a creative slot away from their home to help out these Mums. In the Hospital Grace continues to listen to the needs of the mothers of the malnourished under 5's about 3 to 4 times a week. They have tremendous needs and she says it is such a privilege to earn their trust. She is trying to help them think about small economies they can make like teaching them how to cut a polythene bag to make a waterproof nappy cover or encouraging them with feeding their child on the appropriate feeding programme. She is praying with them too - she is trying to make some friendships and give them some hope.

The Dental Staff decided to start relaxing their Emergencies Only policy and last Monday the denture department reopened. Patient numbers remain high, around 35 each workday and last Friday it was 52! The UK Dental practices will be opening soon and Simon has been taking part in online webinars for the UK dentists preparing for this. He has found it has been helpful to hear what is being recommended and he is trying to adapt the advice for use there.

They have had quite a bit of socially distanced hospitality during the last two weeks. Today they said farewell to good friends who are not returning there as it is the end of their assignment. Missing friends as they move on is hard, some have become like family to them. They are so grateful to those who pray and ask me to convey their grateful thanks to you all.

## **And Finally**

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

These last two weeks have been hard. Lockdown has been a long experience, the pace of the news can be exhausting and life is so different from what we have become so accustomed to. Added to all the Covid angst this week we have also seen mas outpouring of pain sparked by the death of George Floyd. It is all too easy to be overcome by fear. This week I heard the pain in a mothers voice when she reflected on how her 14-year-old daughter had asked for 18 hugs in a day., When asked why the young lady simply replied 'I'm scared' To add to all this I finally gave in and have asked for help as I have not fully recovered from my own experience of illness over the Easter Period. And so this week I am going to remind myself each day that as an Easter people we are a people of Hope. Can you help? Will you send in by post, email, WhatsApp, carrier Pigeon, personal stories of hope, the hope you see in the Gospel and the hope you see in our communities so that We can all start to turn this time of darkness to one of light. None of us can yet see what the new normal will look like but we can start to dream how we might join in with building God's Kingdom, here in Earth as it is in Heaven.

### **A Prayer for the Christian Community**

We are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.

We are God's people,

giving and loving,

wherever we are,

whatever it costs,

for as long as it takes,

wherever God calls us – in Jesus name. Amen.

*Based on a prayer by Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference*

P.s. carrier pigeons might not be the best idea as we have Springer Spaniels!