



## Church News for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Trinity 3

## 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'. We will be continuing with our simplified rota until September. 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. As more folk are joining us for gathered worship, the printed copies of PewNews will be available at the Sunday services and then delivered during the week to those who have requested them. We hope this will save time, effort, and expenditure. Please do let us know if you no longer require a posted/delivered copy. The Benefice Magazine will be restating with a September issue - more info soon!

### 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](#)

St Patrick's and St Gregory's are once again being washed in Green Light in recognition of the work of St John Ambulance on St John's day - do come and see!



## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 4

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

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

**Readings** Lamentations 3.22-33, Psalm 30, 2 Corinthians 8.7-15, & Mark 5.21-43

**Collect** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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** Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**During the week - Phone Church**

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

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

**During the week -**

18:00 Saturday - [Holy Communion](#) **St Andrew's Finghall** - [St Thomas](#)

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5

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

10:45 [Morning Prayer](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall

17:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - St Oswald's Hauxwell

**Readings** Ezekiel 2.1-5, *Psalm 123*, 2 Corinthians 12.2-10, & Mark 6.1-13

**Evening Readings** Psalms 64, Jeremiah 20.1-11a, Romans 14.1-17

**Collect** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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** Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**BCP Collect** Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**During the week - PhoneChurch**

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

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

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6

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

10:45 Holy Communion - St Gregory's Crakehall

17:00 Evening Prayer - Zoom (Taizé Music)

**Readings** Amos 7.7-15, *Psalm 85.8-13*, Ephesians 1.3-14, & Mark 6.14-29

**Evening Readings** Psalm 66, Ecclesiasticus 4.11-31, Romans 15.14-29

**Collect** Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**During the week - PhoneChurch**

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

09:00 Wednesday [Holy Communion](#) [John Keble, 1866](#)

**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.

## Baptisms - Weddings - Funerals

Weddings, Baptisms, (during normal Sunday worship) 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.

**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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### 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)

**Please see item below for information about St Gregory's Crakehall!**

#### 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

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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 30/06/21 at **16:30** and 14/07/21 at **16:15** on the PhoneChurch number.

Our next Service Leaders meeting is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 09:45

Rev'd Chris will be taking Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June as his rest days.

Spennithorne PCC is meeting in Church at 16:00 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 11:00 at **St Gregory's Bedale**

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### Parish Lunch

It was fantastic to be able to gather again for our much-loved Parish Lunches - do come and join us next month!

Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July at the Old Horn, Spennithorne 12:30 for 13:00.

Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July at the Greyhound, Hackforth 12:00 for 12:30.

We will have to sit at tables of 6 and wear our masks until seated without getting too close together.

Please book in with the Pub for Spennithorne - 01969 622 370

Please let Myra know by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> for Hackforth- 01677 427 970

The two-course lunch will cost £11.

**All Are Welcome (from any Parish!)**

## 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:

Penny Johnson: 01677 450082 [pennyj.johnson5@gmail.com](mailto:pennyj.johnson5@gmail.com) or  
Sue Bianco: 01677 450009 [susanbianco54@gmail.com](mailto:susanbianco54@gmail.com)

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## Summer Holiday Children's Club

King's Club will again be taking place in the safety and comfort of your own homes in 2021. King's Club will send out family gift boxes this year with a mix of activities, treats and surprises to explore together. If you have been part of King's Club in previous years look out for a letter giving further information. If you would like to be involved with King's Club for the first time in 2021 please email Rachel, the Methodist Church Schools and Families Worker, at [richmondschoolsandfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:richmondschoolsandfamilies@gmail.com).

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## Plant and Book Sale

### *From Digby*

I am having a plant stall for St Michael & All Angles Church Spennithorne on Saturday 10th July from 12:00 til 15:00 in the churchyard, if anyone has any plants to donate or add to this stall please bring them there in the morning or drop them off beforehand but please let me know if you drop them off early. I will be setting up on the morning. There will be a 'Sale of Books' in the church porch run by Margaret and Graham Crocker at the same time. I look forward to seeing as many of you that can make it on the day, meanwhile stay safe and God Bless you all.

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## St Gregory's Crakehall Hospitality Area



We are delighted to announce that the builders will be on site for 2 weeks from Monday 5th July. Although the building will be closed to the public during this period we will be able to use the building during the weekends and so there will be no interruption to church services.

Rev'd Chris and the PCC would like to thank again all who have given so generously to enable this project that will strengthen the hospitality that we offer at St Gregory's.

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## Wensleydale Pudding Party

Get your baking tins out and your batter mix ready - It's competition time again!

The Wensleydale Yorkshire Pudding competition is back for the 3rd time.

This year **St Gregory's Bedale** are hosting us with a Service of Evensong at 18:30 followed by a Pudding Party in the Chantry Hall (covid-19 restrictions allowing) on the Eve of Yorkshire Day -**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021** - Watch this space for more information and competition entry forms!



# Ripon Cathedral Golden Wedding Service

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 at 15:30

Were you married in 1971 or earlier? If you are celebrating your Golden Wedding or even a longer time together, Ripon Cathedral warmly invites you to share in this year's special service of thanksgiving and blessing, to renew your vows and to reflect on and celebrate your many years of married life.

If you would like to apply for tickets to attend this unique service (regardless of where you were married or where you are now living) please send your name and address to:

Mrs Trina Knockton, The Chapter House, Ripon Cathedral, Ripon, HG4 1QT  
email: [postmaster@riponcathedral.org.uk](mailto:postmaster@riponcathedral.org.uk) Tel: 01765 603 462

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## Community News

**Bedale Community Library**, based in Bedale Hall, is now open for browsing on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00-12:00 and 14:00-16:00, and also Saturday Morning 10:00-12:00. 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.

His disciples were at sea in a storm,  
when to Jesus they cried in alarm:  
    "The waves are too steep;  
    awake from your sleep!"  
So he rebuked the wind to bring calm.

*Matthew 8.23-27*

A woman with incurable bleeding  
came behind Jesus, reached out and feeling  
    the hem of his garment  
    did find at that instant  
she'd received miraculous healing.

Jesus then asked, "Who was it that touched me?"  
"With the press of the crowd just how can we  
    possibly know," said Peter.  
Jesus now a bit weaker  
said, "I felt that some power had just left me."

Finding she couldn't remain hidden  
the woman with trembling was smitten.

To Jesus she explained  
    just what she had gained.  
"Your faith's made you well, you're forgiven."

*Luke 8.43-48*

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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. First I need to share the wonderful news that Simon was awarded an OBE (Officer of the British Empire) in the Queen's Birthday Honours on 12th June. When the email came a few weeks ago, Simon thought it was a scam but Grace had known for the past year that it might happen. So, at some point a trip to Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen will likely happen. The citation reads :-

*Dr Simon STRETTON-DOWNS, Lead Dental Surgeon, Trinity Dental Clinic, Eternal Love Winning Africa (ELWA) Hospital, Liberia. For Services to Dentistry in Africa, particularly in Liberia.*

The whole Trinity Dental Clinic team are delighted that Simon, and their clinic have been honoured in this way.

Simon and Grace went on an outreach to Barkedu from 8th to 11th June together with their team Daniel, Charles, Wannie, Musa and Winifred. They went to support the ministry of their fellow SIM-ers John Mark and Sarah Shepherd who aim to bring salt and light to people in a 99% Muslim population.

They headed to Voinjama close to the border with Guinea on a one-hour flight north 165 miles from Monrovia thus avoiding a 250-mile road trip which takes up to 10 hours on a good day. They travelled in John Mark's Landcruiser for the 5-minute drive to Barkedu, centre of the Mandingo people. John Mark as part of his ministry, is translating the bible for them.

At their accommodation there was water from the pump, electricity only between 7pm to midnight and they had to turn the light off by unscrewing the bulb! Amenities were a red plastic table and cane furniture without the cushions.

At the government Health Clinic, they set up their portable dental chairs and laid out their instruments. Despite the word being spread there were only 12 patients on their first afternoon, but every day more and more came and on the last day they had to turn people away. If only they had come earlier, they would have been treated! Their team worked their socks off! People told them "It was great to be helping our people" and "It was good to be an instrument of blessing" they said. Some patients had endured pain for months and years. With their permission, every patient was prayed for, including the Imam's (Muslim religious leaders). Some people attributed their dental infections to a curse from a local witch. All used instruments were carried out to the 'palava' hut to be washed. Then sterilised using a pressure cooker on a charcoal burner which worked well and wasn't sooty at all.

A typical lunch was Cassava leaf and fish soup and a chance to rest their feet from all the standing. When things got busy Simon set up another "chair" in a back room on a bed which was not good for the back! Grace was busy too and she set about carrying out diabetes tests on people over 40 years old. The marker of 70-100mg/dl is normal. One was over 500. There is no diabetic medicine available at the Clinic. Grace compiled a list of names for referral to a hospital doctor and she gave dietary advice to them. Patrick was a great translator for her to communicate to them. While the people were waiting to be seen to Musa (a former Imam himself) shared the Good News about Jesus with those who were waiting. Some came back a second time to hear what he had to say. Musa got the Imams to read from the Koran in Arabic from his iPad about Jesus and then discussing it and comparing it with the Bible was a good way to generate discussion and thinking. Friday came and they left for home. The total tally for extractions - 151 patients and 434 teeth removed and pain relieved. Grace selected 85 people for referral to the hospital.

Sadly, Covid-19 is starting to get worse again. ELWA hospital had 10 deaths just on one day last Sunday. Simon and Grace have both had their vaccinations and the hospital is stepping up its precautions, but it remains a reality that there is no intensive Care, just oxygen.

They, as always, send us every blessing and thanks for our interest and prayers.

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## And Finally

### *From Sue our Reader*

A narrow road, climbing a steep hill into a blind corner – and suddenly a very large lorry rounds the bend on the wrong side of the road. No time to stop, and on that hill he could never have stopped, but somehow he managed to swerve the cab out of the way, and as I threw my car off the road to the left, the rear of the lorry passed within less than a foot.

We all have these experiences, living where we do. I am just so very grateful it ended as it did, with no harm done. Grateful for the quick reactions of the driver; grateful that neither of us were going very fast; grateful that my panic-evasive swerve worked. But grateful above all to our ever-present loving heavenly Father for ensuring our safety in what was a very difficult situation.

As Christians, we believe that our hope and our help is in God. That a happy escape from a difficult or dangerous situation is not just luck or happenstance – it is his hand at work, cradling and keeping us:-

*'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble'  
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.  
(Psalm 46)*