

PCC meeting via Zoom Monday 22 June 2020 at 7pm

Road Closure

The road through to Garforth from Barwick had traffic lights by the railway bridge on Friday 19th June.

There are signs to say the road will be closed for a week starting 24th June

Barwick in Bloom 2020



There is no real Open Gardens event this year but you can still have a look at our supporters' gardens by visiting our **Virtual Open Gardens 2020**.

To do this just visit our website barwickinbloom.org and you will find 'Open Gardens 2020' in the menu bar.

Barwick in Bloom is largely self funded through things such as coffee mornings and especially our annual Open Gardens day. As such, having visited our virtual Open Gardens we would be delighted and very grateful if you donate your 'entrance fee' to us.

You can do this via the Donate button at the top of the website page (if you're using a phone then the button will probably be at the bottom of the page). All donations collected from this will be shared, equally, with Wheatfields Hospice.

Enjoy your virtual garden visit - at least you don't have to worry about the real weather!



All Saints'
at the heart of the
community



21st June 2020

TRINITY 2

Father's Day

Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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. Amen

Readings for Trinity 2

Romans 6:1-11

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

6 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, ^a that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who

has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care.[³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³² “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn
““a man against his father,

a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶ a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’[c]

³⁷ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

I found on initial reading that parts these two passages were extremely difficult to get my head round. They are instructions for sending the disciples out into the world but these instructions do apply equally to us today. Sometimes we all need the Bible explaining and we need to see a passage in context and not isolate it from the rest of the text.

Over the years at All Saints’ I have attended Lent and Advent courses and initially the Bible Group which was held at Sue Cole’s once a week. Then came the Alpha course and afterwards the seven of us from that group continued studying once a week. Then came lockdown. Gone was the post-Alpha group, church was closed, we were on our own. Cast into the wilderness so to speak! However along came Andy, Bob and Kathryn with the Sunday service – Biblical text explained in the sermon. Daily reflections followed from various members of all three churches. Alan Stanley and Ros Loach started the Wednesday and Sunday phone service. Now we probably have more religious instruction than ever which is greatly appreciated.

However, what about the passages which are difficult during my own reading of the Bible. No longer could I go up to Andy or Bob after a service and ask them a question. So I had a look on my book shelf and found ‘Understanding The Bible’ by John Stott. I have had this book some time but only dipped into it, so I set too during lockdown to read it from the beginning. It is an easy read explaining the purpose and land of the Bible, its message, and interpretation etc. Of course there are Bible commentaries available, hundreds of them, so how does one choose the right one? The other thing I did was put the verse and chapter into Google and see if someone had done a commentary on the same. Usually there was more than one and from that I could make out what the passage implied.

Unfortunately all this came about because of Covid-19. None of us wanted to have such a vicious, cruel virus but if we had to have a lockdown thank goodness it was in this century and not a couple of hundred years ago when there was no NHS and no internet and many people were busy working to feed their families and probably the only time they heard the Bible was in church on a Sunday. They did not have time to read, even if they could.

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