

ALL SAINTS' NOTICE BOARD

Happy Birthday



Late birthday wishes
to Linda for the 29th

Is everyone very, very
shy in Barwick?

Are there any more birthdays
we can celebrate? Any
wedding anniversaries?
phone Christine 0113 281 2449
or Leslye 0113 281 2488

All Saints' Church Electoral Roll 2021

The Electoral Roll revision will take place between

Monday, 19th April and Friday, 30th April. ←

If you are already on the present roll, there is no need to re-register but new additions need to be completed and returned

to the ER Officer by the latter date.

Application forms can be obtained from Peter Snowdon, 1 Morwick Grove, Scholes, Leeds LS15 4DS (Tel: 0113 2644593) or from a churchwarden.

Only persons on the roll can vote in the Annual Meeting elections.

This meeting will be held on Monday 17th May, and under the current period of pandemic emergencies zoomed over the internet.

If you are not sure whether your name is on the present roll, please check with me, Peter Snowdon, Electoral Roll Officer



All Saints'
at the heart of the
community

SUNDAY 2nd MAY 2021
Fourth Sunday after Easter
Godparents' Sunday
Readings for 2nd May:-
Acts 8:26-40 and John 15:1-8

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS'

Sunday 2nd May - 10.30 - All Age Morning Worship [Scholes]

Sunday 9th May - 10.30 - Holy Communion [Thorner]

Thursday 13th May - 7 pm Compline for Ascension Day

Sunday 16th May - 10.30 - All Age Communion - also live streamed [Barwick]

Sunday 23rd May - 10.30 - Holy Communion for Pentecost [Scholes]

Sunday 30th May 10.30 - Benefice Service in St Peter's churchyard [Scholes]

{Village names in colour show where the service is being streamed from}

Details of the streamed services will be in the Saturday email from Hilary, the benefice PA.



Sunday 2nd May - 10.30 am
All Age Morning Worship.
Please bring a picnic chair and wrap up warm - we will be outside.
Should the weather decide to be wintry, we will be inside church, so please bring a mask.

The Rector Writes

Saturday 1 May 2021

Dear all

Tomorrow's Gospel reading speaks of Jesus as the True Vine, the Father as the vine-keeper and of us as the branches. The image harks back to an Old Testament image from Psalms (particularly Psalm 80) and Isaiah which reference God as the Vine-keeper and Israel as a vine that He planted but that ends up growing wild and unruly.

Jesus develops this theme by transplanting himself into the place of Israel and we, his followers, as offshoots of the 'True Vine'. This is a bold statement of intent, making it clear that Israel as a nation has been rejected in favour of any who follow Jesus. To the Jews of his time this must have been heresy of the highest order. But it also renders lessons for us today.

First comes the warning: 'He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.' We are tasked with a job to do, to 'bear fruit', which could be about our internal spiritual development or our outward actions and intentions.

Then comes the challenge: 'Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.' Not only are we to show God's love in our lives, but we should continue to develop that love throughout our lives, something which will sometimes take us out of our comfort zone, but that will always be for our good, however painful.

And finally the consolation: 'Abide in me as I abide in you.' Jesus abides in us and with us. He is there for us, cheering us on in our good times and the bad, in our successes and our failures. He is with us.

I can almost feel Jesus' love and pride in his followers in the final sentence of the passage. 'My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.' As we put into practice Jesus' words and commands, we gladden the Father's heart.

For me the phrase that most stands out is Jesus' command to 'Abide in me as I abide in you.' This speaks of communion with Jesus but also, by extension, with all other Christians as we abide in each other as co-branches of the True Vine. We are each of us intimately connected with each other through our connection with the centre, that is Jesus.

Over the past two weeks it has been wonderful being back in church again, able to meet together, talk together, feel the warmth of the fellowship spreading out. This is something we have sorely missed over the past year and something we need to recapture.

Traditionally on Trinity Sunday we have a joint service at one of the churches in the benefice. This year will be both the same, yet different. None of the churches is large enough to hold all three congregations so instead of holding the service inside, we are going to hold it in the grounds of Scholes church. St Philip's is in the fortunate situation of owning a large field behind the building that is grassy and flat, and away from road noise. It is large enough to hold over 100 people socially distanced from each other and, with the use of amplification, we will be able to communicate to all relatively comfortably.

As communion would be difficult to organise in these circumstances, the service will take the form of an *agape* meal, so you are encouraged to bring your own bread and wine or juice. Bring a picnic to be consumed during and as part of the service. You should also bring your own rug or camping chair to sit on. The service will begin at 11am on 30 May and all are welcome to join.

Let's all just pray for a sunny day!

Blessings,

Andy

FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the food bank.

The usual items are still urgently needed.

- COFFEE
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED CUSTARD
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- DILUTE/LONG LIFE JUICE

Q. Why so many tinned items?

A. The food is already cooked and if necessary can be eaten cold.

Many families also experience fuel poverty.

Every pound spent on gas/electricity to cook food, is a pound that cannot be spent on heating or shoes or clothes.