

Barwick Angel Trail

Saturday 19th December, 4pm - 8pm.

Bring some sparkle to Barwick this Christmas!

Create an angel on any theme you like (remembering children will be taking the trail). It can be funny, political, spiritual or a work of art. Create it in your window or garden. If you wish add your angel to the trail either using the link below or phone/email/write to Bob with the name of your Angel and your address (these details will be made public).

The official trail is 4pm - 8pm on Saturday 19th December
but feel free to create your angel anytime!

At the end of the trail a special parcel will be available from All Saints' Church (depending on Covid-19 restrictions) to help families tell the Christmas story at home.

Please share the sparkle by donating to The Children's Society.

Donate to the Children's Society

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk>

Signup form

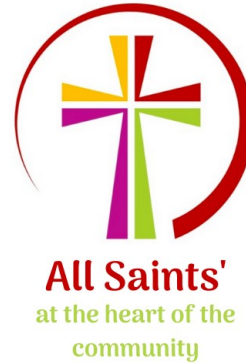
<https://forms.gle/na3iVdVt4EPzJAAZ7>

or contact Bob with the name of your Angel and your address (these details will be made public) at 07885 386932, 3 Scholes Lodge Lane, Scholes, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS15 4BZ.

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See the latest map using this link at:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1O6jfVD-gP2y-kN7c7Hn50a9JxTrb6aY7&usp=sharing>



SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2020

Christ the King
Next Before Advent
"Stir up Sunday"

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for 22nd November

Ephesians 1:15-23 Thanksgiving and Prayer and
Matthew 25:31-46 The Sheep and the Goats

Letter from Andy for 21st November

Tomorrow is known as the feast of Christ the King. The words 'Christ' and 'Messiah' have the same meaning, that of 'the one who has been anointed'. The anointing in question was often by a messenger from God anointing the new King (see Samuel's anointing of the next King, David, in 1 Samuel 16:13), so the feast of Christ the King could be translated 'the feast of the one anointed king of king', which is somewhat redundant, but it emphasises both Jesus' kingship and the place from where his kingship is derived, God.

While the idea of Christ being the king of the universe is an ancient concept, holding a feast in honour of his glory is relatively recent, only being instituted in 1925 by pope Pius the XI, so nearly 100 years ago. At that time, with the memory of the First World War and the Spanish Flu pandemic fresh in societies' minds, the reminder that our earthly rulers are but temporal and failing shadows of the ultimate and eternal ruler of the universe must have been a powerful symbol of the true state of affairs.

By asserting Christ as the all-powerful, eternal and perfect king we are lead in two directions.

Firstly, we recognise that our earthly rulers are human, frail and prone to failure. They are deserving of our sympathy and our prayers, as well as our challenge when they make mistakes. I know the Netflix Series 'The Crown' is a fabrication, but while the details may be

false the arrogance, entitlement and foolishness is all too true of all humans, not just royalty.

Secondly, and more importantly, we recognise whose servants we are, and under whose kingship and rule we serve. We may be English, but our ultimate ruler is Christ. We may have the Queen as our sovereign and Boris Johnson as her Prime Minister, but our allegiance is to God and his laws.

In his encyclical establishing the feast of Christ the King Pope Pius put it much more eloquently than I ever could:

"If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God."

May Christ be king in your lives. Blessings. Andy

Glad tidings of Comfort & Joy!

Christmas events in Barwick

Supported by Barwick-in-Elmet Church of England Primary School, Barwick Methodist Church and All Saints' Church.

Barwick Christmas Toy Collection + Supermarket Gift Vouchers

Nov 30th – Dec 7th.

Collection for local families in need. All toys should be new. We are also collecting supermarket gift vouchers to help families pay for food. These will be distributed locally by the Salvation Army. When you purchase a gift voucher please do so in £10 denominations so we know how much we have. Thank you!

Collection points are:

- Barwick Primary School
- 34 Main Street, Barwick

or Sunday 6th December at 11am during the Toy Service at All Saints' Church (Covid restrictions permitting)

Nativity Sheep Trail

From December 1st.

Find the knitted sheep in windows around the village and using the first letter of each sheep work out the famous Christmas Carol. Prizes will be given out at Barwick School. Trail sheets will be available from school or go online to <https://www.barwickcofechurch.co.uk>

Christingle Live + Messy Church with Barwick School

Thursday December 3rd.

Live streamed from All Saints' Church.

Christingle making + Messy Church at 1.30pm

followed by a Candlelit Christingle Service at 6pm.

Join the Messy Church Team to make Christingles at home and watch our live streamed service from All Saints' at 6pm.

Christingle and Messy Church packs will be available in School.

If you would like one to make at home please contact either:
Revd Becki Stennett 0113 287 2412 becki_stennett@yahoo.co.uk
or Bob 07885 386932 rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com

Both events will be broadcast on the Elmete Trinity Benefice
YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ID3IKIfajisVxxttTBJJg>