

# ALL SAINTS' NOTICE BOARD

## PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep Carole in your prayers as she keeps herself isolated prior to going into hospital.

## FUNERAL

The funeral of June Bolton took place on Friday 28th May. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers

## KNITTERS WANTED

We are making a display of 100 knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday, to commemorate the founding of the Royal British Legion 100 years ago.

Pattern and yarn will be provided, but if you want to use up scraps from your stash that is fine - red petals, black centre, green leaf.



## ROTAS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take on a duty. We still have plenty of gaps though.

## ALSO WANTED - PEOPLE WHO SEW

Sarah and friends are making bunting to decorate the cricket club and field for the School Year 6 Leavers Party. Help wanted to make the triangular flags. Anything bright and colourful.

If you are a non-sewer, please bring them to else to use. but have material scraps, church for someone

Thank you



SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY  
TRINITY SUNDAY



## Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one god, now and for ever. Amen.

## Readings

Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17

## REMEMBER

There will be a

### Benefice Service

for all 3 churches at **St Philip's, Scholes** this Sunday at 10 o'clock

Please read Andy's letter inside

as it has all the practicalities listed.

What happens if it rains? It tells you inside.

**Wednesday** services start next week 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11 o'clock, HC with Andy.

**Sunday services at 8am** start on the 6<sup>th</sup>, HC with Andy

**Confirmation service** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 4pm

at Thorner with Bishop Paul

Andy's leaving service Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July in Scholes.

Letter from the Rector  
Saturday 29 May 2021

Dear all

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday when we celebrate the theological conundrum, but also the mysterious beauty, that is the Trinity, in which God is both one and three, where God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are all equally God themselves and yet together are God. If that sentence makes your head spin, then fear not, it's been making theologians' heads spin down the ages. Sometimes it's best to concentrate not on unravelling the facts within the truth, but instead living it as a reality.

One of the messages that come from living the Trinity concerns how we live together and worship together as Christians. Each of us individually is a Christian, living out the gospel of God's love in our lives, but as a community we corporately live out the gospel of God's love through how we act towards each other and towards the world. We are both individual and corporate, singular and community, and the act of communal worship affects us both individually and together. This Sunday's act of worship on Scholes' church grounds at 10am will be an act of both individual and corporate worship, using an agape meal at the centre.

First a few practicalities for this Sunday. If the weather is inclement (and the current forecast suggests it will be fine), then the service will happen inside St Philip's church and will be on a 'first come, first seated' basis until there is no more room.

Secondly, please bring bread (either a roll or a slice of bread) and juice or wine to consume during the service. You will also need a chair or rug to sit on. (You might also like a rug to wrap up in if it gets cold!)

The service itself will be an agape meal. The word *agape* is Greek for the highest form of love, the love which God gives to humans and which humans, in response, offer to both God and fellow humans. It is also the love

which holds together the Trinity. Agape is a self-offering, unconditional love, in contrast to erotic or brotherly love.

An agape meal, then, is a symbolic coming together to celebrate the centrality of love in the Christian faith, reminding us that even though we remain separate and individual, we do so in communion with God and each other.

It is believed that the early Christian community celebrated agape meals before the stylised and formal Eucharistic celebration became the norm, and that later on in the history of the Church, communities would come together for an agape meal before celebrating the Eucharist. So whether it is an early form of Eucharistic celebration or an alternative to the Eucharist, the agape meal has an ancient history filled with meaning that can be mined at a time when celebrating the Eucharist in its normal form is difficult.

If you are unable to make it to the agape meal on Sunday you are welcome to join us online, bringing bread and wine to join with us as we both individually and communally break bread and share the love of Jesus amongst us.

Blessings,  
Andy

## FOOD BANK

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

Another 2 bags of tins etc to go to the food bank this week  
Thank you.