

ALL SAINTS' NOTICE BOARD

Funeral of Harry

The funeral for young Harry Durbin will take place at 11.30 on Thursday 15th April. Please pray for his family and friends at this sad time.

Prayer request

Please hold Carole in your prayers as she waits to go into hospital for heart surgery.

ARTWORKS IN THE CHURCHYARD

Have you seen the art works in the churchyard?
Andy has put up pictures depicting the Stations of the Cross.
Have you added your name to the white cross in front of the tower door?
Many thanks to Doreen and Colin for the Crown of Thorns.

MESSY CHURCH

below is the link for the Good Friday Messy Church.

<https://youtu.be/PpxUxK5iKvg>

things you might like to collect together beforehand:-

- a paper plate
- a small potato-sized stone
- soil and seeds
- lollipop sticks, plus bits and bobs to decorate the stick as a cross
- cornflakes, chocolate and mini-eggs
- glue and sticky tape
- colouring pens and paint

Telephone services

There is a **dial-in prayer service (c.30 mins) at 6pm on Sundays.**

The services allow people to speak and listen, to be anonymous or to take part.

To join these calls, **dial 0330 336 0036 and enter the PIN 716 416.**

Calls can be made from either a landline or mobile and are at a local rate from your service provider.

Call Alan Stanley on 0113 281 2769 if you need help.



All Saints'
at the heart of the
community

SUNDAY 4th APRIL 2021

Easter Sunday

Readings

Acts 10.34-43

John 20.1-18 or Mark 16.1-18

Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way of life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Easter greetings from the Bishops



Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

May you and your family know
God's peace and blessing this Easter.

+ Nick

Bishop of Leeds

+ Tony

Bishop of Bradford

+ Graham

Bishop of Huddersfield

+ Paul

Bishop of Kirkstall

+ Mike Ann

Bishop of Ripon

+ Tony

Bishop of Wakefield



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

Easter Letter from Andy

To all the saints in the Elmete Trinity Benefice, welcome.

I'm writing this on Wednesday of Holy week and my epistle reading this morning spoke of a 'Cloud of witnesses' cheering us on in our race of faith.

Sunday is Easter Day, that momentous event in the history of the world when we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead and, in so doing, inviting us to join that cloud of *witnesses as saints in his kingdom*.

Whenever I speak to young people about the Christian faith certain questions come up repeatedly, one of which is 'Why did Jesus have to die?' It's the central tenet of our faith that Jesus' death and resurrection effects salvation and affects us and our lives today, yet it is a mystery that is quite tricky to unravel.

In order to unravel it we need to start with some very unfashionable words – sin, punishment and judgement. We need to come up against the truth that we have gone away from God and deserve to be punished. Trying to explain that to anybody in a society that has spent decades trying to push under the carpet any sense of its own evil, preferring to point at others – Nazis, paedophiles, murderers – as 'the evil ones' instead of recognising the everyday little evils that we all commit – selfishness, greed, anger – is an uphill task that the church has generally shied away from, but nevertheless is an essential first port of call on the journey of Christian discipleship.

Having recognised our own distance away from God we then need to reframe Jesus' coming as God taking that step from his perfection – heaven – and walking alongside us in our imperfection but without being drawn into that imperfection. In this frame Jesus' death is an ultimate act of love for those who have turned away from the loving God, it is empathy. God knows what it is to be human because he has walked in our shoes and felt our pain.

But then the resurrection reframes the story again, from empathy to transformation. By rising from the dead God takes our frail and failing humanity and brings us up to the heights of his heavenly realms. We are

invited to join that great cloud of witnesses, but we do so while here on earth.

Easter comes at a time of great renewal of the earth. Flowers push through damp soil, lambs gambol in verdant fields and days warm and lengthen. The whole of creation sings a chorus of 'Amen' to Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

As we glory in the beauty of the new dawns, let us allow the Christ that sings to us of his resurrection renewal speak to our hearts of the journey onwards that he invites us on.

Alleluia, Christ is risen
He is risen indeed, Alleluia

Andy

Stations of the Cross phone-in

Rev. Kathryn will be leading the
Stations of the Cross phone-in
on Good Friday.

The reflection starts at 2pm. Please join between 1.55 and 2pm.
The number to dial is **0330 336 0036**, and when asked, the participants' number is

716 416. The phone call is charged at local rates.

There was a 'Stations of the Cross' sheet delivered
with this weeks' notices,

and online

for those who receive

the notice sheets

that way. If you

can't print out the

service sheet and

would like one,

phone me before Friday and I will print and deliver one to you. Leslye