



Barwick Monday Ladies Fellowship

13th May at 2.15

“Trans Canada by Rail”

a talk by Pat Rogers

£3 entry, including light refreshments.

All are welcome, including gentlemen.

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All Saints'
at the heart of the
community

Sunday 5th May 2024

EASTER 6

8.00 Holy communion

10.30 All age worship

12.00 Baptism of Reeva



Elmete'
Trinity Benefice

Readings Acts 10:44-end and John 15:9-17

Jonathan's letter for May

As the Summer months approach, conversations start veering towards things like holidays, more time in the garden, and long evening walks. For my wife's (large) family, the conversation invariably centres on whose birthday it is next. Many of my in-laws have summer birthdays, two even on the same day. So our summers are often spent at birthday get-togethers and parties.

Birthday parties were something to look forward to as a child. The presents, the party games, the jelly and ice cream. However, I suspect that as many of us get older, we become less inclined to celebrate the anniversary of our births. Some even go to great lengths to forget about the day altogether. However, there is something about the significance of birthdays which keys into the preciousness of life itself. Birthdays ought to be cherished events and should inspire us to adopt a sense of gratitude towards God for the gift of life, as each new year marks a journey of growth and blessings.

I mention birthdays because Pentecost is often regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church. It marks the event when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples of Jesus, empowering them to proclaim the message of Christianity to the world. According to the biblical narrative in the Book of Acts, Jesus' disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem when a rushing wind filled the house, and tongues of fire appeared above each of their heads. They were then filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in languages unknown to them, allowing them to communicate with people who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival. The disciples were empowered to boldly preach the gospel of Jesus, resulting in the conversion of thousands of people on that day alone. This event was the catalyst for the spread of Christianity beyond Jerusalem, as the disciples embarked on their mission to share the teachings of Jesus with all nations.

Just as a birthday marks the beginning of a new life, Pentecost symbolizes the birth of the Christian Church as a community of believers united by their faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. It represents the moment when the disciples were commissioned to continue the work of Jesus, spreading the message of salvation, and establishing communities of faith throughout the world. Pentecost is celebrated as the birthday of the Church, the birth of a new era of spiritual awakening and the expansion of the Christian faith.

Revd Jonathan Brennan

DailyHope is on the line – again!

A free telephone line that provides spiritual support for older people has been relaunched.

The DailyHope telephone line serves many people in later life unable to participate in person with church life in the community, either in the long term, or temporarily due to sickness or medical treatment. It was launched during the Covid pandemic.

The recorded phonenumber provides a vital spiritual resource aimed at the around six million UK people aged over 65 who are either unable to use the internet safely and successfully or are not online at all.



0800 804 8044

For those without internet access there is a paper copy of the full version of this information on the inside church noticeboard.



YOUTH BIBLES

Once again we will be sending our year 6 children on to high school with a Youth Bible.

Donations towards the cost of buying the bibles will be very much appreciated. Please give donations to Carole or Leslye.

Thank you.

There is a copy of the bible at the back of church for everyone to look at.