

ALL SAINTS' NOTICE BOARD

FUNERAL

The funeral of Ivan Peter Nelson
will be on Tuesday 8th June
at 11.30.
Please keep the family and friends
of Ivan in your prayers.

FUNERAL

The funeral of William Astin (Billy)
will be on Thursday 10th June .
Time still to be confirmed.
Please keep the family and friends
of William in your prayers.



SUNDAY 6th JUNE 2021

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Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Readings

2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 and Mark 3.20-end

BIBLES FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

Each year we give the Year 6 leavers from our church school a Youth Bible, as a memory of their primary school years and as their guide when they move on to higher education. In previous years the PCC members have bought these bibles as we think sharing the Word of God with our village children and sending them out with our prayers is very important. This year we are asking others in the congregation if they could contribute to the cost of purchasing 30 Youth Bibles. If you are able to make a donation, please give cash and cheques (made payable to Barwick PCC) to Norman. Or for online banking sort code 40 - 27 - 15
account number 201 347 59
account name Barwick PCC
Thank you.

Correction to times of services.

All the main services
on both Wednesdays and Sundays
at All Saints' are at **10.30** not as stated previously.

Services this week

Sun 6th June 8am Holy Communion with Revd. Andy
10.30am All Age Morning Worship with John Crouch
Wed 9th June 10.30am Holy Communion with Revd. Andy

Prayers needed

Please keep Carole in your prayers
as she prepares for going into hospital.
Please pray for the church wardens and PCC secretaries in the
Benefice as we meet Archdeacon Paul to discuss the vacancy
when Andy leaves at the end of July.

Letter from the Rector

Saturday 5 June 2021

Dear all

Last Sunday was Trinity Sunday, which marks another of those fulcrum moments in the Church's year. Unlike the other fulcrum moments – Christmas and Easter – Trinity marks not an event but a state of being, the truth and lived reality of the Holy Trinity, a relationship of mutual self-giving and encompassment. Trinity is a dynamic interaction that welcomes us into relationship with the Godhead and encourages growth in that relationship.

After the peaks and troughs of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter, Trinity also ushers in a season of stability that stretches before us like an upland plain until finally tapering off into the business of autumn – Harvest, Remembrance, Christ the King and then Advent again.

The colour of Trinity is green, which reminds us that this is a time of growth, a time to take stock of life's hectic madness and reflect on what is important. In some ways we've just had 18 months of Trinity.

This week has also been the first time we've celebrated face-to-face midweek service across the benefice, in Thorner and Scholes' case since March 2020.



As we gradually open up I'm reminded of some flowers in my garden. When we left my curacy post to come here, I transplanted some *Crocosmia* plants from one garden to the next. Each March they poke their green shoots out of the damp ground and by mid-June bright red flowers are resplendent in the sun. Growth is not instantaneous but takes time, and Trinity is purposefully stretched out before us to allow time to grow. As we churches

slowly sprout out of our own damp ground it will take time before we're again resplendent. But let us use this time to allow God to grow His Spirit in our hearts and lives, so that when finally we are resplendent it is with His Glory that we shine.

One final thought: another name for the type of *Crocosmia* that I have is 'Lucifer'. It always made me smile to know that I brought Lucifer to the benefice, but at the same time it reminded me of the numerous temptations that come with any form of Christian service.

Most often, 'temptation' is framed as the temptation to do negative things, to say hurtful words or make hurtful actions. But there is another temptation that is equally destructive, though in another way. That is the temptation to not make the most of the time allowed us. To waste the time we have, frittering it away on meaningless stuff.

Trinity season is a time to grow. Sometimes that growth is initially invisible, but that doesn't mean it isn't happening, just that it is internal.

I pray you use this time to grow well.

Blessings,

Andy



BARWICK IN BLOOM

PLANT SALE

Barwick Village Hall Car Park

Saturday 5th June

10am to Midday