## **SUE COLE**



The funeral for Sue Cole
is at 11am
on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July
in All Saints'.



Please pray for Sue's family and friends at this sad time

### **BAPTISM**



Rebecca and Andrew are bringing their son
Sebastian Verity
to All Saints' for his baptism.



Please pray for this family as Sebastian starts on his journey of faith

#### **BANNS**



Banns will be read for the second time today for Helen Merrett and Daniel Hooley.



Please pray for this couple as they prepare for their wedding in September.



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### **TRINITY 6**



Saints' 8am Holy Communion

12noon Baptism of Sebastian Verity

Readings: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 and Mark 6:1-13

#### **Songs of Praise 6pm**



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July St Peter's, Thorner



SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 4pm-5.30pm

One and a half hour of fun exploring the

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

in craft, song, games and prayer. Children, please bring an adult.

#### **REVD. JONATHAN'S LETTER FOR JULY**

#### We're all going on a Summer Holiday.

I've just got back from my summer hols! I have the luxury of being able to go away outside of school holidays these days and, in theory, when the usual holiday spots are a bit quieter. My idea of a relaxing break is to get away from it all. Your idea of the perfect holiday might be completely different. Perhaps you crave a busy beach or a bustling theme park. Each to their own, but I think we all acknowledge that at some point, we need to just stop and do something a bit different.

Whilst I was on holiday, I was pondering an odd question: Did the Son of God ever have a holiday? It's not something covered in a major way by the sources we have; the gospel writers focussed on the more pertinent aspects of Jesus' life and ministry, the things they felt were most important for the people of God to understand. And yet there are clues in the New Testament that Jesus, like all people, needed time to recharge, both physically and spiritually.

In Luke Chapter 6 Jesus takes time alone to pray before choosing his twelve disciples. Another time, after the feeding of the 5,000 Jesus retires to a lonely mountainside in order to take time away, time praying and recuperating. There is plenty of evidence that shows that Jesus too needed time away from the routine of the day-to-day (if *anything* Jesus did could be considered routine!). This should come as no surprise, we after all acknowledge him to be both fully-human and fully-God. The humanity of Jesus would have needed to recharge in just the same way as we ourselves do.

Holidays are a vital part of our year – a time to get away, to recharge, relax and take time out-of-the-ordinary. Of course, in times of financial hardship they are also harder to take, harder to justify. Yet we all need that break from normality they offer.

Many of us will be holidaying at home this year, but that in itself should not stop us taking the time we need for this important part of life. A break really can be as good as a change if we are intentional about it.

Our challenge, no matter what form our holiday takes, is to remember to take God with us, to remember to give him the space to be part of our rest & relaxation. Taking time to read his word, time in prayer and quiet times as well as the opportunities a holiday affords us to let our hair down, to rest by a pool or beach or curled up with a book.

Whatever you are doing for rest and relaxation this summer have a blessed break and allow yourself to be refreshed and renewed!

Jonathan

# **BARWICK METHODIST CHURCH**

Come and enjoy a Cream Tea on SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Between 2pm - 4pm



Admission £3.00 includes Refreshments
Raffle/Side Stalls
Everyone Welcome
Proceeds to Chapel Funds/Building Fund