

# ALL SAINTS' NOTICE BOARD

## Prayer request

The funeral for Keith Bisby will be on  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March in All Saints'.

Please keep Glynis and family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.

## Zoom activities include:

weekly prayers and chat, on Wednesdays at 11am;

**join by Zoom** – click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87348030764> and key the  
Meeting ID 873 4803 0764 (if requested), or

**join by phone** – dial 0203 051 2874 and then enter the Meeting ID 873 4803 0764.

## 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.

## CELEBRATIONS

birthdays, anniversaries achievements

Would you like the church family to celebrate with you?

## BIRTHDAYS

Christine, Sue or Jenny will deliver a birthday card on your birthday, but they need to know when it is.

Get in touch:- phone Christine on 0113 281 2449

email Leslye on [leslyeanglican@btinternet.com](mailto:leslyeanglican@btinternet.com)

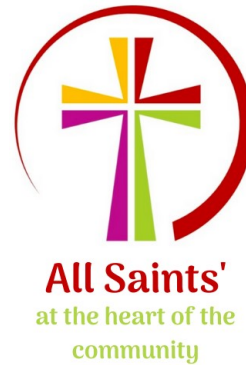
Please leave your name, date of birthday, (and if it ends in a zero, how old you will be) and your address.

## ANNIVERSARIES and OTHER CELEBRATIONS

What are you celebrating? passing your driving test? getting a degree? reached your goal weight? a new grandchild? a wedding? a new job

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary - how many years?

Get in touch:-phone Leslye on 0113 281 2488 or email as above.



**All Saints'**  
at the heart of the  
community

**Sunday 7th March**

**LENT 3**

## Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Readings** 1 Corinthians 1.18–25, John 2.13–22

## THE WHITE CROSS

The large white cross is once again in front of the church tower.

We are all invited to sign our names  
as a declaration of our faith.

Please take care if you share a pen.

Thank you to Colin, Geoff, Anne and Doreen  
for taking this task in hand.

## Lent courses 2021

Two courses, *Living in Love and Faith* and *Caring for Creation*, are running on different days and at different times. Please contact [Andy Nicholson](mailto:andy.nicholson@all-saints.org) for more information.

## Living in Love and Faith

Mondays at 10am, led by Andy Nicholson

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83450433926>

or phone-in number: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 834 5043 3926

Thursdays at 8pm, led by Alan Stanley

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83952911896>

or phone-in number: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 839 5291 1896

## Caring for Creation

Wednesdays at 2pm, led by a different worship leader each week

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82953074429>

or phone-in number: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 829 5307 4429

The rector's letter  
Saturday 6 March 2021

Dear all

Tomorrow's Gospel reading sees Jesus as the angry revolutionary turning over the tables of the money changers. On one level Jesus' anger seems unjustified. After all, it was the system set up over many years that stated only Jewish coins could be used in the temple, yet Romans coins were in general use, meaning that there was a structural requirement for money changers to sit in the temple courts changing Roman coins into Jewish shekels. But these money changers used the structural requirements to enrich themselves and thus Jesus was right to vent his righteous anger.

The passage brings up two thinking points for us today. Firstly, where are the structural inequalities found in the system, and secondly, where are the individuals or companies that are exploiting those structures for their own enrichment?

It's important that as a church we are willing to be a prophetic voice speaking out against structural inequalities, and the pandemic and Brexit have shone a light on a number of them, from the way BAME people across the country are more likely to contract Covid-19, to Brexit having left many industries out in the cold. I was heartened to read a report from the General Synod at which the new Archbishop of York spoke about the 'cruelty of public discourse' and the importance of showing love in a time of hurt and anger, though I noticed that it was left to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to point out the growing inequality the pandemic has exacerbated.

But, of course, inequality doesn't start with structures; it starts with you and me, the man and woman in the street who create the society that allows and encourages the structural inequalities because they benefit us.

In our York Lent course we have been looking at Caring for Creation and how each of us is intimately implicated in the destruction of our planet, through what we eat, what we wear and what we drive. Every little decision we make has a tiny impact on our carbon footprint and when 7 billion people each says 'What can I do? I'm just one person.' Then together we either let the world burn or we make a difference.

Jesus wasn't willing to just sit by and let the inequalities of his world slide; he got up and did something. He did it not to be a revolutionary, but as a response to God's love for the world and every living creature in his world.

As we make our way through Lent, let us tread carefully, act humbly and serve our God through what we say and how we act.

Blessings, Andy



### Astrid the Bellingring Angel

Last year All Saints' church, Barwick in Elmet, Yorkshire held a display of Christmas trees to celebrate the village community. This year Covid-19 put paid to such events being held in church so instead, on 19<sup>th</sup> December, an Angel Trail was held. Residents, local



businesses etc were asked to display an angel in their window or garden. Whilst bellringing in Barwick has been severely restricted this year, our ringers are always enthusiastic to show their creative flair by participating in community activities, and so Astrid the Bellingring Angel came into being. Here is a photo of her ringing beside the church tower. You will see she is complying with Covid rules by wearing a mask and supporting the NHS with her rainbow wings.

The festival included community carol singing outside the church. Unfortunately, the weather had other ideas and pouring rain put paid to that. It was very disappointing for those hoping to sing traditional carols, which they can't do inside the church this year.

MOYA McNAMARA

Thank you to John, our bell ringing captain, and to Moya for this article which appeared in the Ringing World magazine.