

Further information

Please note that there is no Messy Church, Dad's Club or All Saints' All Stars in August.

Barwick and Thorner churches are open for private prayer.

Barwick – Monday 10am–12 noon; Thursday 4–6pm; by appointment only; either phone 0113 393 5601 or complete the online form at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1G7hclz3mm28lpII72wF5l8LRU9Y200B2nJp2T9FwcXA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&edit_requested=true

Thorner – Saturday 10am–12 noon; Wednesday 2–4pm.

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Dial in worship; held at 10am on Sunday and Wednesday, with Alan

To join the service;

0330 336 0036.

When asked, enter the group PIN 716 416.

Online services

The Elmete Trinity Benefice has a variety of services and other activities available on its YouTube channel, Its churches Facebook pages or live on Zoom. To join the list for email notifications when new material is available, email elmettrinitypa@gmail.com



All Saints'
at the heart of the
community



TRINITY 8

Sunday 2nd August 2020

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 8

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of
hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the
fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen**

READINGS FOR 2nd AUGUST

Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

Paul's Anguish over Israel

9 I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— **2** I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. **3** For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, **4** the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving

of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised!^[a] Amen.

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

An interesting article from Alan

'No' is only the starting point

I have been wondering if I want to return to the life I had before lockdown. I have been one of the fortunate ones, retired with a guaranteed pension and in reasonable health. And, even with all that going for me, I have been wondering 'what now?' Many people I know have been saying that they definitely do not want to return to life as it was during lockdown. My own daughter-in-law working as a chest physio on the hot side at the LGI

would say that. My son, her husband, working as a GP would say that. Both together, both key workers juggling work with two young children and no help available from grandparents, would say that. The shielding people I share prayers with down the telephone line twice a week would say that. Perhaps you would say that as well.

As a watershed is passed and we work out how to continue in a way that is both the same and different, we can draw on the experience of others. Looking at how people in previous generations have come through times of great upheaval can prevent us having to start from scratch.

One writer* helps us look to the future with some optimism by outlining three stages that may occur at different times throughout our lives:

- being securely orientated
- being painfully disoriented; and
- being surprisingly reoriented.

The first situation is what we all feel at home in: everything is well settled, God is in his heaven and doesn't bother us too much, life is equitable and well rounded.

The second situation is what we have all been going through, what we, and so much of the rest of the country and the world, are still going through.

The third situation is what we may be creeping towards. We have been overwhelmed by what has happened since lockdown started on March 23rd; the experience of dislocation has been profound. The fact that I am writing this, and you are reading it, means that you and I, perhaps surprisingly, have been given a rare opportunity to review and reorient our lives. I suppose the biggest question of all is how we will do that.

The last church service that I took part in before all public worship was stopped was a baptism service. Looking back, I have been wondering if that was a pointer for all of us that through great upheaval, or, as the service puts it, the deep waters, new life comes. That new life is one oriented towards God, towards the One who can turn the death of one life-style into the birth of another, better, one.

So, I have been wondering if I want to return to the life I had before lockdown, and I think the answer is No. Are you going to dare to ask yourself the same question? 'No' is only the starting point for the journey into being surprisingly reoriented. Perhaps we can make that journey together.

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