

Reopening of the churches for public worship

At its meeting on 10 August, the benefice council ratified the 3 PCCs arrangements for reopening the three churches for public services:

Barwick

- The first service will be on Wednesday 2nd September at 11am (with Sunday services starting in October); services will be Morning Prayer to begin with.
- A maximum of 18 individuals/couples will be allowed in the congregation.
- If you wish to come to this service, please email Andy for a Word copy of the order of service that you will have to print out at home and bring with you. (There will be further copies available at church for those who haven't printed a copy out.)

Scholes

- The first service will be on Sunday 6th September at 9.30am; services will be Morning Prayer to begin with.
- A maximum of 35 individuals/couples will be allowed in the congregation.
- All services will be projected onto the screens.

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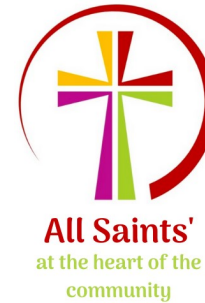
- The first service will be on Sunday 13th September at 9.15am; services will be Morning Prayer to begin with.
- A maximum of 30 individuals/couples will be allowed in the congregation.
- If you wish to come to this service, please email Andy for a Word copy of the order of service that you will have to print out at home and bring with you. (There will be further copies available at church for those who haven't printed a copy out.)

All churches

- Face coverings must be worn at all services.
- Please do not come to a service if you have any Covid-19 symptoms.

There is no letter from Andy this week as he is on holiday.

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TRINITY 11
Sunday 23rd August



Collect for Trinity 11

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have
celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the
gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for trinity 11

Romans 12:1-8

A Living Sacrifice

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of

you.⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

and Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter,^[b] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades^[c] will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be^[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[e] loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Today's reflections are from Neale Lucas

Reflections on Romans 12 1:8 “Living Sacrifice”

Paul is looking at the practical application of Christian living.

Sacrifices are not the dead animals of the Old Testament.

The Holy Spirit brings new life, your old life has gone. So not merely ritual activity, but involvement of heart, mind and will, obedient service.

The power given by God to each believer to fulfil various ministries. Paul

likens Christians to part of a body, none superior to the other. We have to understand God's will and use our different gifts for the benefit of all.

Reflections on Matthew 16 13:20 “Peter's confession of Christ”

Caesarea Philippi was North of the Sea of Galilee, near the slopes of Mount Hermon. A region especially pagan.

The Greek for Peter is *petros* and Rock is *petra*.

Our churches are built of stone.

Ephesians says “the church is built on the foundations of the apostles and prophets”

What are we made of?

Hades was Greek for the place of departed spirits. The Gates of Hades may mean the “powers of death”

Keys Peter used these keys on the day of Pentecost to unlock the kingdom for both Jews and Gentiles



The History Society will be opening the church on two days this year viz 12 and 19 September, between 11am and 3pm. There will be tours, available by appointment only, every 30 mins consisting of 6 people. Everyone coming into the church must wear a face covering and use the hand sanitizer. Names and phone nos. will be kept for 21 days for track and trace purposes.

If you are new to the village or just want to come and see our lovely old church please phone Pauline on 07765 946893 or e-mail editor.barwicker@googlemail.com to book a convenient time. See also web pages at <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk> for other places open in England