

Questionnaire

There is a paper copy of Andy's Questionnaire with this notice sheet.
(There will be an online copy for people with computers from Saturday 5th Sept.)

When you have completed the form, you may post it to
Hilary (the Benefice PA) in Thorner, or post through my door at 10 The Close or
Carole's door at 34 Main Street, when you go for a walk or shopping.

If you want to write pages and pages,
attach a sheet of notepaper to the form.

Extra copies available from me.
Leslye 0113 281 2488

**Morning Worship Wednesday 9th September at 11 am
in church. Please remember to bring a mask.**



The History Society will be opening the church

on two days this year
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.



All Saints'
at the heart of the
community

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

TRINITY 13

CREATION 1



COLLECT FOR TRINITY 13

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true
manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through
our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for Sunday 6th September

Romans 13:8-14

Love Fulfils the Law

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

The Day Is Near

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Matthew 18: 15-20

Dealing With Sin in the Church

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Letter from Andy 5th September 2020

Coming back off holiday is difficult at the best of times, but doing it just as the nation is emerging from lock-down is a strange and unsettling experience. A local vicar says he feels like he's riding a unicycle up a cobbled hill – very uncertain and one step backwards to every two steps forward.

Without doubt this next few months are going to be the most discombobulating and difficult of the pandemic so far. Some people are getting back to something like normal while others are still shielding. The churches are both continuing with YouTube and phone-in services while also beginning to put on physical services. It's said that you can't please all the people all the time, but we're certainly trying our best in that regard!

What do we keep and what do we lose in the long term is a knotty problem that the PCCs, Benefice Council and Worship Leaders' Team needs to look at and come to some kind of a decision about over the next few months.

In order to help us as we discern the way forward we're putting out a questionnaire that is attached to this email asking everybody to reflect on this past 6 months and what should stay and what should go. Please do fill it in as the more responses we have the better understanding we will get of the feelings of the congregations as we move forwards.

Coming back to my desk also made me realise just how wonderful a team of people we have across the benefice and I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people, some by name, for the hard work they have put in over the last 6 months to help develop what we have done.

My son Jacob is regularly thanked for his work on the YouTube services, and rightly so, but I'd also like to thank Bob and the church wardens – Elisabeth Stephens, Simon Belcher, Peter Heyes, Ann Riley, Leslye Thomas and Carole Cassidy – for their unceasing hard work behind

the scenes preparing the churches for physical worship, connecting people and making sure that all is as good as it can be. Then there is Alan Stanley and Ros Loach who have put on the phone-in services twice a week since early on in lock-down and Matt Briggs who with his family has kept us entertained and together on a Sunday afternoon with his singing with Matt. Matt also has each week produced a song for the YouTube Services, as has David Lindley and members of Thorner Choir who have also recorded the various parts of the service and pre-service music. Then there are the preachers, readers, intercessors, musicians, All-age prayer creators, interviewees and others who contribute to the online services. All of these things have fit together to create a jigsaw of spiritual opportunities to keep people going in difficult times.

I would like to thank Hilary Marsden, the benefice PA and Paul Ridsdale who have taken over the running of the daily reflections and enabled so many people to both contribute and gain from the reflections each week. This leads me on to my final thank you, which is for all those who have produced reflections over the past 6 months. Some are now unable to continue to contribute, but there are still sufficient for us to continue producing them each week day for the time being, and so long as people appreciate them and there are people willing to produce them I see no reason to stop.

Many people have told me how much they do appreciate the reflections. 'I watch each one as a quiet time in the morning and it sets me up beautifully for the day', 'I love the variety of the different styles and approaches to the Bible', 'I now know many faces from across the Benefice that I never knew before, it makes us feel more connected to the other two churches.' There are so many other comments that I've had similar to those.

For all that you give, whether to church or socially, whether in time, money or talents, whether large or small, whether recently or in the past. Thank you and bless you.

Blessings. Andy

Eve Boshell

Eve Boshell's funeral will take place in All Saints' on

Thursday 10th September 2020 at 2.30pm

Alan Stanley will be taking the service and has asked if anyone has memories of Eve that they would like to share, please contact him

email: alan.stanley8@btinternet.com or **0113 281 2769**

We may have 30 people at a funeral, so please come if you would like to.

Please remember to bring a mask.

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