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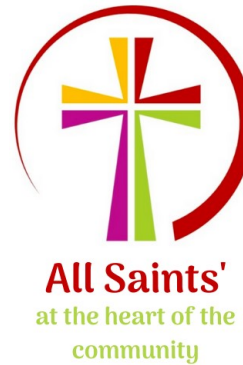
fill in the questionnaire
and hand paper copies in to the church wardens.
If you fill it in online send it to Hilary , the benefice PA.

Below are our plans for All Saints'
but they will not happen
if we don't know
what your views are,
about whether or not you want services in All Saints'.

Wednesday 16th Sept 11am Morning Worship
Wednesday 23rd and 30th September 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 4th October 11am Harvest Service with a collection of
coffee and tinned foods for St George's Crypt

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Please fill in the questionnaire.
Lost it? Needs another?
Phone Leslye on 0113 281 2488



Sunday 13th September 2020

TRINITY 14

Education Sunday
and Creation 2



Collect for Trinity 14

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and
love,
keep us faithful to the apostles'
teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of
bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for Trinity 14

Romans 14:1-12

The Weak and the Strong

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister^[a]? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”^[b]

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”^[a]

²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold ^[b] was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. ^[c] He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Dear all

A new week and a new set of guidelines. ‘They change more often than my underpants’, said one parishioner.

Thankfully the ‘Rule of 6’ doesn’t include public worship services so we don’t have to close our churches just as we start reopening them, but it does show that we need to be extra cautious as the virus hasn’t gone away and is likely to get worse before it gets better.

There are so many uncertainties about the situation that what I am about to say will almost certainly be superseded by next week, but here goes.

For the rest of September, each church will hold one physical service a week (Barwick 11am on Wednesdays, Thorner 9:15am on Sundays and Scholes 9:30am on Sundays). There will also be the phone-in service on Sunday mornings at 10am, and the YouTube service (either pre-recorded or livestreamed) will go live at 10:30am. From the beginning of October, we will be looking to start having communion services at least once a month in each church as well as looking at midweek services.

In the meantime, can I encourage you to fill in the questionnaire that is attached to this email. One of the driving forces behind the direction we are taking should be what works for you, the congregation members, and we can only really respond to your wants when we know them. We have made an online form – at <https://forms.gle/dSowq7RFpk1XgWNh6> – which makes it even easier for you to reply, so please do fill it out with as much detail as you can to help us decide which direction to go in.

The epistle reading tomorrow recognizes that different people have different ways of expressing their faith, and that it is in listening to each other and learning to understand where the ‘other’ is coming from that we can grow in our faith.

Lockdown has been a time of exciting new projects for some, but a constricting jail for others. It is only in hearing the many voices that we gain a full picture of what is happening and how we should appropriately respond.

Blessings,

Andy

Clive Whittaker

The funeral for Clive will take place in All Saints’ on

Tuesday 22nd September at 2pm

followed by private cremation.

Please let one of the church wardens know if you are going to attend.

The church is still open for funerals, weddings and services, but we have to limit attendees to 30.

Masks must be worn in church.

Please keep Lynne in your prayers at this sad time.