

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Sundays at 8am

17th Holy Communion with Revd. Jonathan

24th no service

Sundays at 10.30am

17th All Age Communion with Revd. Lynne Grey

24th Morning Worship with Keith

24th at 6.30pm Taizé in Thorner

with Sarah Meredith

Wednesdays at 10.30am

13th Morning worship with Pauline and Ann

20th Holy Communion with Revd. Jonathan

27th Morning Worship with Ann And Pauline

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All Saints'
at the heart of the
community

Sunday 17th September 2023

TRINITY 15

Creation 3

8.00am Holy Communion with Revd Jonathan

10.30 am All Age Holy Communion with

Revd Lynne Grey



Elmete'
Trinity Benefice

FOOD BANK

FACT 1

The Trussell Trust in Leeds distributes
3 tonnes of food each month



FACT 2

The Trussell Trust in Leeds receives just
1 tonne of food each month.

Please keep donating generously.

The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'

On the absurdity of a vicar ever retiring

The Rectory, St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

Beware of being invited by bishops to drop round for a chat. My first mistake was to answer the phone when he rang; what are answerphones for, but to avoid having to talk to anyone - ever.

My second mistake was not to be able to think of a meeting I had to attend -preferably on another planet - on the day he suggested.

I therefore found myself in his study this morning, waiting for the point of the meeting while we negotiated the obligatory five minutes discussing the weather and his summer holiday in France. I made it quite clear that I had been far too busy to swan off to foreign parts – although I suspect the implication of what I said passed him by.

We then got to the point. He was toying with the thought of my retirement and linking us with the adjoining parish of St Agatha's. I patiently explained, using simple words and speaking slowly for his benefit, that at 85 and with 40 years at St James the Least of All behind me, I was just getting into my stride and that the vicar of St Agatha's, a stripling at 63, had nowhere near enough experience to organise the hymn list, let alone two parishes. This, too, seemed to drift somewhere above his head.

He had clearly done his homework. There were already plans for my Queen Anne rectory to be sold and my five acres of garden be turned into a housing estate. This news would be received by our parishioners with as much equanimity as if they were told that Buckingham Palace was to be converted into a sports centre.

The matter, I was told, was confidential – which meant that I only relayed the news to one parishioner at a time. By the end of the day everyone in the village knew, and a counter attack was being planned. Inevitably, the most outraged were those who never attend church. People do so love having a church not to go to. Congregations have soared, gardeners are being brought in to tidy the rectory grounds, and



the church council is now well attended. The latter is a mixed blessing, as I always think that the time to get worried is when people start to turn up to meetings.

It may surprise our bishop, but the threat of a merger has been the greatest impetus to mission outreach we've had in years. Retirement indeed! I'm sure Zadok was never asked about his pension plans.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



Let's get crafty

meets in church 7-9pm

Wednesday 20th Sept 2023

This week it is Macramé

for more details phone Sarah: 0792 240 7850



BARWICK METHODIST CHURCH

Harvest Coffee Morning

SATURDAY 16th September 2023

Come and join us in the Chapel Schoolroom

Between 10 am – 12.00 noon

Admission £2.00 includes Refreshments (Tea/Coffee)

Cake Stall/Raffle

Everyone Welcome

Proceeds to

Winter Night Shelter@Gipton Methodist Church via WYDAN



HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Saturday 16th September 2023

10.30 - 4 in the Methodist Chapel