

# ALL SAINTS' NOTICE BOARD

## FUNERAL

The funeral of Alan King will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

## FUNERAL

The funeral of Kari Mehta will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

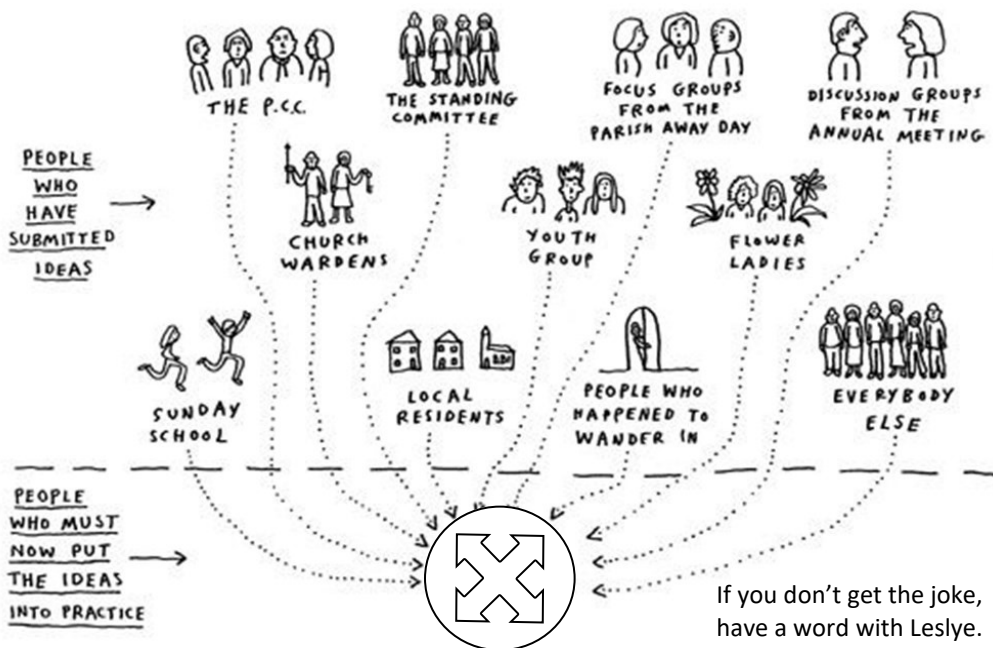
## FOOD BANK

Thank you for the generous donations of tins and cash. Still needed:-

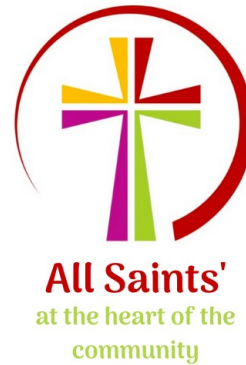
- COFFEE
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED CUSTARD
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- DILUTE/LONG LIFE JUICE

## IDEAS

FOR THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PARISH



If you don't get the joke, have a word with Leslye.



SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Vocations Sunday and ANZAC Day

## Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Readings Acts 4.5-12 and John 10.11-18

## SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS'

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April - 10.30 - Holy Communion - also live streamed [Barwick]

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - 10.30 - All Age Morning Worship [Scholes]

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May - 10.30 - Holy Communion [Thorner]

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May - 7 pm Compline for Ascension Day

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May - 10.30 - All Age Communion - also live streamed [Barwick]

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - 10.30 - Holy Communion for Pentecost [Scholes]

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 - Benefice Service in St Peter's churchyard [Scholes]

{Village names in colour show where the service is being streamed from}

Details of the streamed services will be in the Saturday email from Hilary, the benefice PA.

## Telephone services

There is a **dial-in prayer service (c.30 mins) at 6pm on Sundays.**

The services allow people to speak and listen, to be anonymous or to take part.

To join these calls, **dial 0330 336 0036 and enter the PIN 716 416.**

Calls can be made from either a landline or mobile and are at a local rate from your service provider. Call Alan Stanley on 0113 281 2769 if you need help.

## Prayer and Chat Wednesdays at 11 with Revd Andy

\*join by zoom (details in the email from Hilary)

\*join by phone - **dial 0203 051 2874 and then enter the meeting ID 8734 803 0764**

## The Rector's letter

24 April 2021

Dear all

At least once a week Debbie and I go for a walk in the countryside around Thorner, and recently the fields have been filled with lambs gambolling and playing, with their mothers looking on in contented bliss. Such sights of pastoral beauty contrast sharply with the reality that was found in the lives of shepherds in first-century Palestine. Wolves, lions and thieves roamed the countryside, and sitting out at night guarding the sheep was a perilous, cold and unwelcome job. So why then does Jesus in our Gospel passage tomorrow call himself the Good Shepherd?

By giving himself this name Jesus is referencing both the present reality and also the historic ideal that had been built up over the centuries.

In the passage Jesus makes a distinction between hired hands, who run off at the first sight of danger, and the Good Shepherd, who sticks it out and is willing to sacrifice himself for the sheep. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the act of someone



who cares for his 'sheep' and is willing to make that ultimate sacrifice for them, as opposed to those who are unwilling to make the sacrifice. The shepherds of the day were grubby, earthy people who, like a Yorkshire farmer, would tell it like it was with no embellishments. I'm not suggesting Jesus was a Yorkshire farmer, but part of the incarnational theology is that Jesus comes from heaven to sit amongst us, where we are, in the dirt and the muck. Jesus the Good Shepherd isn't afraid to get his hands dirty to show God's empathy with his creations.

If the message from first-century Palestinian shepherds is of Jesus' earthiness and his sacrifice, then the message of the Good Shepherd in biblical lore is something very different and harks back to King David. David was, of course, a shepherd boy in his youth, but after ascending to the throne of Israel he was known as the shepherd of his people. Or rather God was the ultimate shepherd of the people, with David the king his earthly emissary.

In using the term 'Good Shepherd' Jesus is referencing this imagery of God and king that is tied up in David. In this image, the Good Shepherd is the heavenly king

who shepherds his people from above in regal majesty.

Jesus is both the majestic king above and the earthly, empathetic man standing with us in the dirt; he is both beyond our human comprehension and yet also understands our every whim; is both majestic king and sacrificial lamb. It is in this paradox that the term 'the Good Shepherd' lives and gives life to the paradox of Jesus, both God and man.

Blessings, Andy

## All Saints' Church Electoral Roll 2021

The Electoral Roll revision will take place between

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April and Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April.

If you are already on the present roll, there is no need to re-register but new additions need to be completed and returned to the ER Officer by the latter date.

Application forms can be obtained from Peter Snowdon, 1 Morwick Grove, Scholes, Leeds LS15 4DS (Tel: 0113 2644593) or from a churchwarden.

Only persons on the roll can vote in the Annual Meeting elections.

This meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, and under the current period of pandemic emergencies zoomed over the internet.

If you are not sure whether your name is on the present roll, please check with me, Peter Snowdon, Electoral Roll Officer

## Thank you to the A team

Many thanks to Pat, Geoffrey, Pat & Martin, Sylvia and Peter, Carole, Sarah (and me)

who vacuumed and replaced the pew cushions in church on Thursday.

## Coffee and chat

These are informal 25 minute chats (bring your own coffee, unfortunately) about anything and everything.

## Coffee and chat phone numbers

**Chat 1** at 11am on Thursday has been cancelled for 29th April

**Chat 2** is at 2pm on Thursday with Carole. To join these calls, **dial 0330 336 0036 and enter the PIN 716 416.**

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