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Sunday Services in the Benefice

Sunday 8 August 2021

9.30 am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church

11.30 am Morning Prayer at St Mary-le-Ghyll Church

11.30 am Holy Communion at St Michael's Church, Bracewell

Sunday 15 August 2021

9.30 am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church

11.30 am Holy Communion at St Mary-le-Ghyll Church

11.30 am Morning Worship at St Michael's Church, Bracewell

Sunday 22 August 2021

9.30 am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church

11.30 am Holy Communion at St Michael's Church, Bracewell
(United service for Ghyll and Bracewell)

Sunday 29 August 2021

10.30 am United Service at St Mary-le-Ghyll for all 3 churches

Sunday 5 September 2021

10.30 am All Age Service at Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 12 September 2021

9.30 am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church

11.30 am Morning Prayer at St Mary-le-Ghyll Church

11.30 am Holy Communion at St Michael's Church, Bracewell

Sunday 19 September 2021

9.30 am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church

11.30 am Holy Communion at St Mary-le-Ghyll Church

11.30 am Morning Worship at St Michael's Church, Bracewell

Sunday 26 September 2021

9.30 am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church

11.30 am Holy Communion with Baptism at St Michael's Church, Bracewell

(Services continued)

Sunday 3 October 2021

- 10.30 am All Age Service at Holy Trinity Church
- 3.00 pm Pet Service (dogs) at St-Mary-le-Ghyll Church

Other services

Monday to Friday:

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church
- 5.00 pm St James’ Chapel at Holy Trinity Church

Each Thursday:

- 10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church**

PRAYER FOR GROWTH

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear friends

Isn't it lovely to have sunshine and better weather and see the garden come into bloom?



My containers and hanging baskets have really blossomed this year in a riot of pink and purple and red petunias and liven up the patio at the back of the house.

I was remembering the other day planting tiny plants out in mid April. It looked as if nothing would happen for a long time and then suddenly there it all was, overflowing with more blooms than I could have imagined and buzzing with life of all kinds.

Last week I ordered my spring bulbs. It got me thinking about hope. We dream of something - containers to sit among on a summer evening or daffodils to brighten up the darkness of early spring, and we do the hard work of planning and planting.

If conditions are right, they burst into life, seemingly on their own and they become something more beautiful than we can imagine.,

In the last couple of months we have seen a number of things come about that I have dreamed of :

We are opening the churches during August for people to come in, we are making visitors welcome in the coach house with coffee and cake, we have volunteers in the churchyard at Ghyll and a group of people who are interested in bellringing.

At Holy Trinity we have had a bit of a makeover of the upstairs rooms so that we can rent them for community ventures, and we will be running a pay-as-you-feel café/shop/food bank outlet in August.

These are signs of life, life we with share with the community we serve. May we pray for them, nurture them and allow them to flower more beautifully to God's glory than we could ever imagine.

Blessings.

Rev'd Sheena

Introducing your new Curate...



Hello! My name is Claire Honess, and it is a privilege and a joy to be your new curate. I was ordained on Saturday 3rd July in Ripon Cathedral and officially started work in Barnoldswick and Bracewell the very next day.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I was born and brought up in West Cornwall, where my parents still live, but have been moving steadily northwards since the age of 18. I studied Italian and French at the University of Reading and went on to do a PhD in Italian Literature (also in Reading), before working as a Lecturer in Reading, London and, for the last 18 years, Leeds.

I am married to Richard, who has recently retired, and we have two daughters, Madeleine, who is 21 and is studying Ancient and Medieval History in Birmingham, and Ellen, who is 19 and studying English Language and Linguistics in Leeds. We also have a rescue dog, a whippet-cross called Jimmy, and have recently purchased a little camper-van for days out and nights away in the Dales and beyond.



When not working, I like going for long walks, travelling in the UK and abroad, playing the cornet (badly) and knitting (also badly).

I was baptised as a baby and attended church with my family until I was in my late teens. Like many young people, I stopped attending church when I went to university and for many years would have described myself as a 'sympathetic agnostic'. However, I always felt that I'd go back to church someday... and that day arrived in 2010, when I was on a 5-month work trip to the USA. I went full of doubts and came away – having had a profound sense of meeting Christ in the Eucharist – with a strong sense not only of renewed faith but also of vocation.

It took me several years to put that vocation properly into words, but in July 2019 – almost two years to the day before my ordination – I was told that I had been accepted to train for ordained ministry. I have been training part-time alongside my full-time 'day job', so the last two years have been extraordinarily busy and sometimes – not least thanks to the intervention of a global pandemic – quite difficult. There have been high points too, though. In particular, I was very lucky to have the opportunity to spend three months in France last Autumn on an ecumenical placement, where I lived, studied and worked alongside a Roman Catholic religious community near Lyon.

And, through it all, nothing has blunted my sense that I am doing the right thing – that this is what God has called me to do and where God has called me to be – and my first few weeks as a curate have only served to reinforce that certainty.



I feel very lucky to be here and to have the opportunity to serve you as your curate while I continue to learn from Revd Sheena and the rest of the team. If I haven't met you yet, please do introduce yourself to me, and bear with me while I learn a lot of new names... I am looking forward to my time in Barnoldswick very much indeed.

Claire Honess

Assistant Curate

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My name is Lois Green and I am the Health and Safety representative for the Parish of Barnoldswick. We want all who enter our churches to feel safe and welcome. In order to achieve this we have a Health and Safety policy which is amended and updated as necessary.

WHAT IS HEALTH AND SAFETY?

Definition: 'Regulations and procedures intended to prevent accident or injury in work places or public environments'. It is not safeguarding which is 'protection of children and vulnerable adults from abuse'.

WHAT IS RISK ASSESSMENT?

Definition: 'A term used to describe the overall process or method where hazards and risk factors are identified that have the potential to cause harm'. Completing a risk assessment form is not time-consuming or an exercise in writing. It is about identifying sensible precautions.

When actions and precautions are taken, a review date is set to assess effectivity. Let's be honest, accidents are a part of everyday life. By taking sensible precautions we are minimising the risk. However, it is important for each one of us to be aware of hazards. In so doing we are protecting ourselves and others. If anyone identifies a potential for risk you must inform myself or the churchwarden. We can then initiate action.

The written Health and Safety policy for the Parish can be viewed on the church notice board.

Lois Green

Shekinah

Peter and Margaret Capstick were tenant farmers on a farm in Newchurch-in-Pendle. Margaret was a Christian and one day while working in the fields she looked up to see a light shining all over the barn. She began to hear the Lord saying he wanted the barn to become place for relaxing and renewing of spiritual souls. This was in 1989, the farm wasn't theirs and Peter wasn't a Christian. In 1991 'Shekinah' was given to Margaret for the name which means 'The Glory of the Lord' and also in that year Peter and Margaret were asked if they wanted to buy the farm. This started the process of prayer meetings and different people captured the vision. Peter had become a Christian and began to lead the Wednesday prayer meetings for Pendle and the different rooms were finished over the years.

Although I have been involved for many years going to prayer meetings I never thought about going to stay until recently. I decided to go for a week just to be close to the Lord and allow the stressful decisions I had to make wait until I returned.

Since coming home I am at peace with everything and decisions have been made. On my last morning I was there, I walked to the highest point near the car park and looked down on the building. "See what I have provided for you" I felt the Lord was saying. Peter and Margaret's daughter, Tracy, has become the manager and prays for a short time in the mornings. I joined her and was blessed by her prayers and encouragement.

And so the work continues, founded on persistent prayer and trust in the Lord. Thank you Peter and Margaret for your obedience to God. May you be richly blessed in your retirement.

Barbara McCartan

Mothers' Union Christmas Catalogue

It's very early, but I have just received the catalogue for this year!!

I know many of you like to support the MU by buying your
Christmas cards, diaries, calendars etc from them.

Please ask if you would like to look at a catalogue.

Licensed Lay Ministry (Reader)
End of third year

If everything had been normal, that is with no Covid, then I would be Licensed as a Lay Minister this autumn.

Unfortunately, Covid has meant that I could not undertake the placement module which is part of the third-year course. And because I haven't completed this I cannot be fully licensed until next year when (hopefully) I will have completed the placement part of the course.

As most of you know, I was commissioned a few weeks ago. It was felt by Leeds School of Ministry that because we had completed most of the course, and with Covid not being our fault, we should be recognised in some way, hence the commissioning. Being commissioned means that the Bishop of Leeds has determined that I have his permission to say morning and evening prayer, and that I have his permission to preach. There was a very low-key service for this at Mirfield, but I feel proud to have the Bishop's authority to undertake these forms of ministry.

My placement will take place in January to Holy Week next year. I have asked to be placed either in Skipton or Ilkley. This will involve worshipping at a church, becoming involved in the life of the church and completing a 5000-word portfolio.

If everything goes to plan, I will be Licensed as a Lay Minister, along with my colleagues on the course, at a cathedral, by the Bishop next spring or summer.

A chance to celebrate!

Louise Firth



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

There has been a lot of activity at Holy Trinity recently – clearing out of clutter, cleaning and decorating. It's part of our new beginning as we begin to emerge from the lockdowns and to plan for our future. The biggest changes have been with the redecorating of the 3 rooms upstairs which it is hoped will be able to be rented out and used by members of the community. The rooms have been painted and carpets laid to make welcoming spaces. The kitchen has also been painted, as has the old choir vestry where new shelving is being installed for storage of all the things we need to keep.

The work has been possible thanks to generous donations and bequests and to everyone who has given their time. Thanks to Stuart and Andy for their organisation and to the teams of volunteers who have been helping. Work will be continuing with reorganisation of the pews inside the church so that the space works better for us.

During the month of August Holy Trinity Church will be open to the public Monday to Friday from 10 am to 12 noon. Also during August there will be a pop-up café outside Holy Trinity each Wednesday morning from 10 am to 1 pm. along with a bric-a-brac stall, clothes rail and collection or donations for the Food Bank. Do please call along for a brew and a chat.

ST MARY-LE-GHYLL CHURCH

The church will be open over the lunchtime period on Tuesday to Thursday each week and visitors are welcome to look around the church. The Coach House will be open for refreshments on Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays so please call in for a drink and a piece of cake.

The churchyard at Ghyll, which serves the whole community, is a huge area to maintain and we are very grateful to our new group of volunteers – the Ghyll Gardeners – a group formed to help with the enormous task of keeping the area as tidy and safe as possible. A go-fund page is also being set up to cover costs.

A big thank you to everyone who has been involved in working in the Coach House or in the churchyard. We welcome new volunteers and if you would like to help or want more information,, please contact June Barker, Churchwarden at Ghyll Church.



NEWSFROM BRACEWELL



On Sunday 18th July, members of the congregation at St Michael's Bracewell were delighted to be able to gather outside in glorious sunshine for a service of Morning Prayer, led by churchwarden, Valerie Corbridge.

To celebrate 'Good Shepherd' Sunday, both readings were read by real-life shepherds, James and Darrell Pilkington, while Freda Pilkington led the prayers and new Curate, Claire Honess, preached.

It was a particular joy to be able to sing together in the open air, and special thanks are due to Adam Greenwood for playing the organ with gusto, so that it could be heard beyond the church doors.

100 club

List of Bracewell 100 club winning numbers since the Spring magazine.

March: 26, 74 & 45

April: 100, 4 & 14

May: 67, 18 & 56

June: 29, 85 & 81

July: 40, 53 & 79

New members needed - contact Keith or Rita Garrett: Phone no: 01282 850624

Paws for Thought



Hello everyone, Gordon here!



It's been a long time. You won't recognise me! I have got so big.

I like summer and I like running about outside.

I like girl dogs. In fact, I like all dogs.

I like going for walks, especially when I don't have to be on the lead.

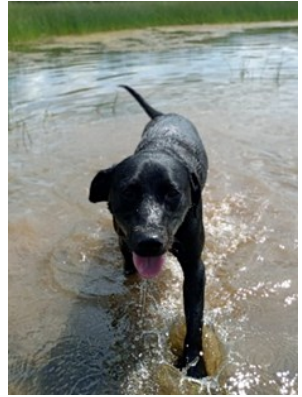
I like swimming, bog hopping (the peat makes me sneeze) and running in the fresh air with my friends.

My favourite place is Elslack Moor.

I have a paddling pool at home to keep cool.

I like playing with plastic plant pots, and pieces of wood.

I like meeting people who come to the house.



Sheena says I am a dainty eater, not like her previous dogs.



My favourite things are deer antler and yak milk chews.

In fact, my life is good. I don't tell Sheena that, though.

I like to keep her on a short lead.

With many wags.



Gordon

Summer 2021 – Remembering in our prayers:

Bishop Nick, Bishop Helen Anne, Bishop Jonathan and all clergy in the Diocese
 Revd Sheena supervising our curate, Claire, and Louise in our Benefice
 The congregations in our 3 churches
 A vision for growth in church for young people and to serve the local community
 Services for weddings, baptisms and the bereaved
 Our links in the Diocese with churches in Sudan and Sri Lanka
 All churches and clergy in Barnoldswick

The work of the churchwardens throughout the Benefice
 Members of Barnoldswick and Bracewell PCCs
 Our financial situation and our treasurers John and Darrell
 Readers and intercessors in our churches
 Groups who pray daily for the sick, their wellbeing and hope for the future
 Lois, our Environment representative and Health and Safety officer
 Natalie, our Safeguarding representative
 Flower arrangers and cleaners in our churches

The Prime Minister and members of Parliament making decisions at this difficult time
 Scientists, doctors and nurses working through the pandemic
 NHS staff and other key workers
 Our local shopkeepers and tradespeople
 Nations working together to combat climate change
 Countries suffering through extreme weather conditions, floods and fires
 Countries where there is conflict, praying for peace

Safety for families together for holidays abroad and in this country
 Teachers having a break, involved with children and young people in education
 The protection of children in our society and care homes
 Parents with teenagers and their use of leisure time
 Families where there is unemployment
 One parent families during the lockdown
 The Mothers' Union, supporting families around the world
 The West Craven Foodbank, helpers and those who distribute the food
 Safety for carers who work in homes for the elderly and handicapped
 Elderly and vulnerable people at risk of the coronavirus

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