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HOLY TRINITY IDLE





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OUR PURPOSE

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Holy Trinity is a friendly, vibrant and community-focused church in the historic, urban village of Idle in the North East of the city of Bradford. We have been blessed with encouraging growth in recent years as we seek to be a welcoming church family; 'following Jesus, together'. Our aim is to walk out the Good News of Jesus, living the Gospel message in the heart of Idle and Thackley. We believe that God has called us to mission, and so we are committed to playing our part as:

A WELCOMING Community

- A church that seeks to be open and accessible to all, inviting everyone to experience God's infinite love and welcome.
- A caring community in which the needs of others are recognised and acted upon.

A LIVING & LIVELY Community

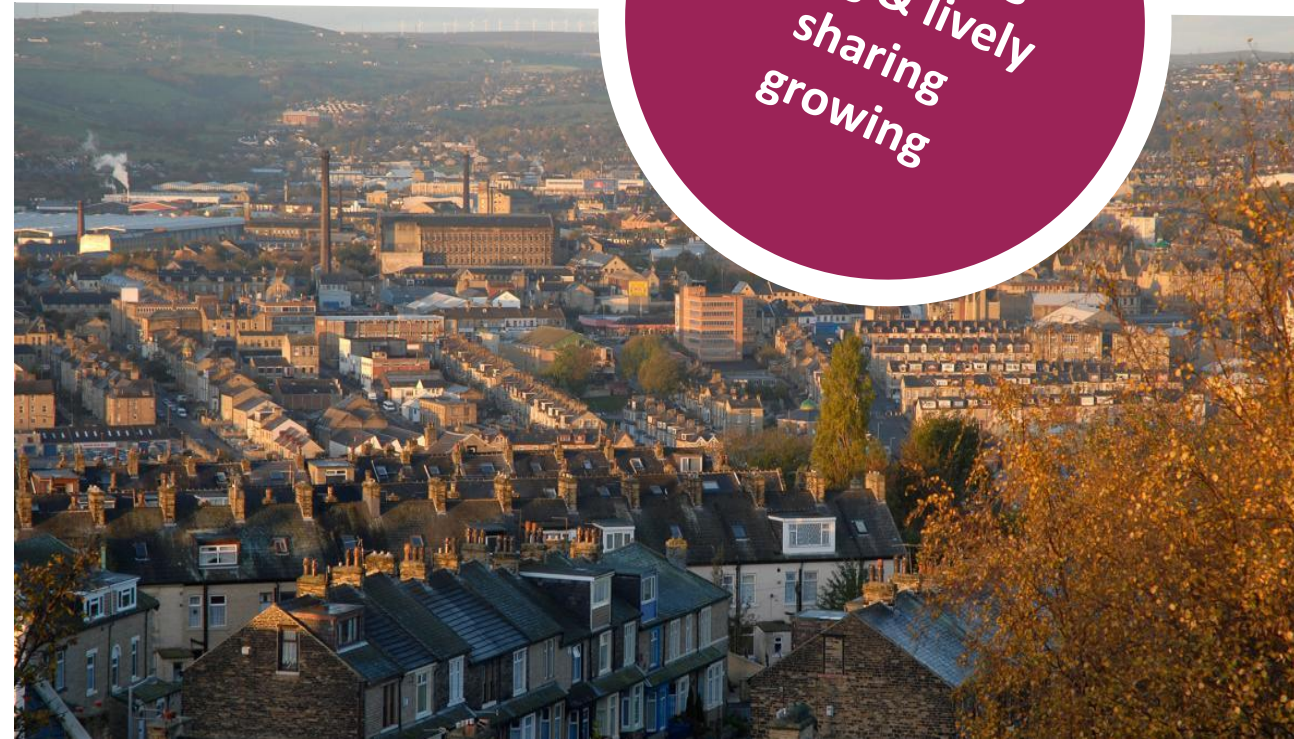
- A community in which real life is shared, lived out and celebrated.
- Where worship is relevant, accessible and genuine.

A SHARING Community

- A church that seeks to live out the gospel message of love, of freedom, of equality and of justice both locally and globally
- A church where generosity flows in response to God's generosity.

A GROWING Community

- A church with a desire to know God better, to walk with him more closely and to engage with the Bible, growing in prayer and service, guided and led by the Holy Spirit.



welcoming
living & lively
sharing
growing



OUR PARISH

The parish of Holy Trinity, Idle has a growing population of around 13,000, and covers the historic urban villages of Idle and Thackley. The vibrant city of Bradford has great diversity, largely distributed in pockets of separate communities. Holy Trinity serves a historically working class population, which now sees a greater mix of professionals who commute into Bradford or nearby Leeds.

The parish includes an eclectic mix of traditional York stone built cottages, bungalows, rows of terraced housing but also significant developments of new builds, which provide exciting opportunities for church ministries. The parish is also in close proximity to areas of greater deprivation, and Holy Trinity is actively engaged in supporting local families in need.

Idle High Street had seen years of decline, but is now showing encouraging signs of regeneration with recent opening of cafes and bakeries, micro pubs and a large Aldi and Home Bargains store alongside the established Co-op, Post Office, takeaways and restaurants.

The parish comprises three 'good' or 'outstanding' primary schools and a good Church Secondary school, all of which enjoy very positive relationships with Holy Trinity.

Although an urban village, Idle is in close proximity to woodlands, rivers, canals and moors, and is a short drive from the beauty of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.



OUR TEAM

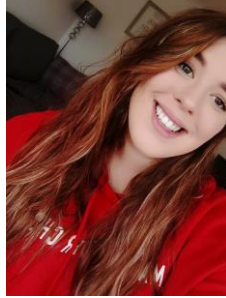
Holy Trinity is blessed with a dedicated and able leadership team who work together to cast vision, to lead worship, encourage discipleship and provide pastoral care, whilst serving the spiritual and emotional needs of our parish.



Jim



Nyreen



Bethany



Chris



Stuart



Gill



Phil



John



Laya



Angie



Leah

VICAR

Jim has been at Holy Trinity for eight years and works tirelessly to serve the church and the community. He has a thriving ministry in local schools and a vast responsibility for weddings, funerals and baptisms. He has a heart for social justice and mercy ministries amongst the poor, both locally and internationally and is committed to nurturing life-long disciples of Jesus. He is a passionate Bible teacher, a dynamic visionary, and a servant-hearted leader.

YOUTH PASTOR

Bethany grew up and came to faith at Holy Trinity, studied Youth Work at Huddersfield University and has been working for a Christian outreach charity in Leeds schools. We are so excited to see the work that Bethany is doing with local young people.

SUPPORTING CLERGY

We are blessed to have two further ordained Ministers who fully support the ministry of the church. Stuart is the School Chaplain of Immanuel College, Idle and Bishop Chris, who retired to this area a few years ago. We are so grateful to have the support of such committed and experienced clergy.

LAY MINISTERS

Holy Trinity is thankful for the dedication and service of several Lay Ministers: the tireless and ever-thoughtful Angie heads up the Pastoral Care Team; the highly experienced John has a particular commitment to our partnership with St. John's, Greengates; and Gill, who combines work as a charity debt advisor with church ministry (and is also married to Rev Jim).

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

The highly resourceful Nyreen is responsible for the smooth running of our church ministries and juggles the complicated logistics of a dynamic church with infinite patience and good humour. Toni has recently joined the team and is responsible for supporting the ministries on Greengates and Wrose. We are so blessed to have such amazing admin support.

CURATES

We are so blessed to have two curates serving within our clergy team. Leah has begun her third year of curacy and takes particular responsibility for our Discipleship focus, All Age services and Pastoral Care. Laya has recently been ordained in Bradford Cathedral and will have particular responsibilities within St. John's, Greengates and St. Cuthbert's, Wrose.

SUNDAYS

Holy Trinity is a growing church, with a heart for welcome and worship.

9.30AM

A thriving, traditional communion service with a deep sense of community.

A committed congregation of around 60-70 adults, who are prayerful, supportive of each other and the community in which they live, and who are generous to the wider ministries of the church.

Here people find friendship, joy and community as they grow in faith and discipleship.



11AM

A lively, accessible, family-friendly service with Children's Church and Youth café. The 11am service welcomes a regular congregation of around 100, made up of families, single adults, teens and many, many children! It is busy, dynamic, and joy-filled. It is never slick, but it is a genuine church family made up of life-long Christians, new-comers, explorers, questioners, professionals, low-income families and adults with learning difficulties. Our diversity makes for an exciting combination of those with a deep, life-long discipleship and those at the very start of the faith journey.

We surprise the unchurched, we restore the de-churched, and we encourage all to know, love and follow Jesus!



DISCIPLESHIP AND EVANGELISM

Holy Trinity actively seeks to be a church community that welcomes people at the beginning of their faith journey. Sunday worship is accessible, friendly and our welcome teams are passionate about identifying visitors and enabling them to have the best possible experience of church. We have seen significant growth in recent years, which we give thanks for, but a culture of welcome remains a priority for our church family.

In order for people to grow from explorers to disciples we recognise that people need to be nurtured, encouraged and taught.

Home groups

There are several well established groups which meet to discuss the Bible, pray together and build deeper friendships. Some groups meet together over a meal, others enjoy more social outings together. They are a place for people to find friendship and a deeper sense of belonging to the church family.

Alpha

Alpha has proved to be a successful part of our annual discipleship programme and we have been thrilled to see members of our church family be challenged into a deeper discipleship and to watch people come to faith and journey into baptism.

Bible Course, Prayer Course

The Alpha model of gathering together to chat and study over a meal has proved very popular at Holy Trinity, and so we aim to lead additional discipleship courses during the year. These are attended by around 50 adults, and are fantastic opportunities to deepen friendships, be challenged and deepen in following Jesus, together.

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YOUTH & CHILDREN

Holy Trinity is blessed with many, many children which we give thanks for. This is the fruit of extremely close relationships with four local primary schools where we deliver assemblies, visits and lessons. We also have a culture where families with young children are accepted and welcomed, with all the colour, noise and movement that this entails!

Kids Church (Sunday)

In the lounge, our pre-school babies, toddlers and their carers enjoy stories, singing and play. Upstairs, an enthusiastic and passionate team of volunteers lead our two primary age groups in craft, Bible stories, drama and prayer.

All-Together Worship

Once a month we host interactive outreach services which often involve games, crafts and fancy dress!! Recent services have included Superhero, Toy Story and Frozen themes.



welcoming
engaging
exciting
relevant



Immanuel College

Our Youth Pastor works very closely with the local High School, creating prayer spaces, delivering lessons, providing pastoral care, enabling worship and building relationships. We are thankful for the opportunity to work directly with our local youth in their school environment.



HTK

A weekly youth space, which offers time to chat, get support, play games, and enjoy the tuck shop.

Youth Café

On Sunday mornings, if they are not involved in leading worship, or working the AV and sound equipment, our Youth enjoy toast, chatting and studying God's Word together.

Viva

Sunday evening Bible study or discussion on a topical issue. A space to grow deeper in their faith and to ask big questions.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Holy Trinity has a thriving ministry within our parish, and our engagement with our local community has led to significant growth in recent years.

Weddings

Holy Trinity is the chosen venue for around 12 weddings annually.

Funerals

We host around 18-20 church funerals annually plus further services in local Crematoriums.

Christenings

There is a thriving culture of infant baptisms in our parish and we celebrate around 40 Christenings a year.

Breakfast Club (The Ark)

Our breakfast club serves a need for affordable, reliable and professional before school care for our local families.

Parent and Toddler Groups

Our Tuesday and Friday 'Parent and Toddler' groups each welcome up to 60 children with their parents and carers. We share playtime, singing time, teas, coffees and lots and lots of toast! These groups are highly valued in our community and provide a much appreciated venue for new parents to make friends. They are also a wonderful first contact point with church for many in our parish.

Plus

Bonfires, beetle drives, Advent Fayres, Remembrance Day Services, Clothes swaps, Seaside trips... we love to be creative in seeking new ways to build relationships with our local community, to meet the needs of our parish, and to introduce people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus.



A GIVING AND SERVING CHURCH

Worship through Service

Holy Trinity is committed to being the hands and feet of Jesus in our local community. We look for opportunities to serve and bless our parish, to build relationships and share the love of God.

Throughout the Covid pandemic, Holy Trinity was a Community Response Hub, offering practical and pastoral support to the most vulnerable,

Mission Giving

It is a fundamental principle of the church to be generous. In addition to meeting our full parish share, Holy Trinity aims to give an additional 10% of its income to local and international charities. We have particularly strong connections with Reach Beyond, Bradford Courts Chaplaincy Service and The Streetlight Trust, based in Manila, The Philippines.



THE VISION AHEAD

The overall church picture for Bradford shows areas of growth, innovation and missional activity, alongside churches who have experienced a long-term decline in attendance and community engagement.

Under Bishop Toby's leadership, six churches in Bradford, scattered across the district, have been identified as 'Resourcing Churches' whose vision is to support and enable the Church's ministry and mission in partnership with smaller, less well resourced or struggling congregations. Each 'Resourcing Church' serves its local area, with its distinct demographic, needs, history and priorities.



Strategic
Shared
Mission



Holy Trinity has been designated a 'Resourcing Church' in the north east quadrant of the city and we are delighted to support a vision for the future of joined-up mission, pioneering new projects in areas without a church presence, and reigniting struggling but faithful congregations.

This is a time of innovation and invention, of new ways of engaging with our communities, of stepping into overlooked areas, of planting new congregations and of developing fresh expressions of being church.

It is a time of challenge, adventure and faith!

For Holy Trinity, the funding released for this initiative has enabled us to make two key strategic appointments; a part-time church administrator and a Mission Apprentice.

These additions to our existing leadership team has enabled us to continue developing our current mission and ministries at Holy Trinity whilst also stepping into new areas of strategic mission, particularly in developing our partnership with St. John's, Greengates and St. Cuthbert's, Wrose. The new Associate Vicar to be appointed will have a vital role in taking this work forward.



THE BUILDING PROJECT

For several years, Holy Trinity had been working at full or near capacity.

Parent and Toddler groups, school visits, Christmas and Easter services and Sunday worship at the 11am service, had all grown to their full potential based on the constraints and limitations of space.

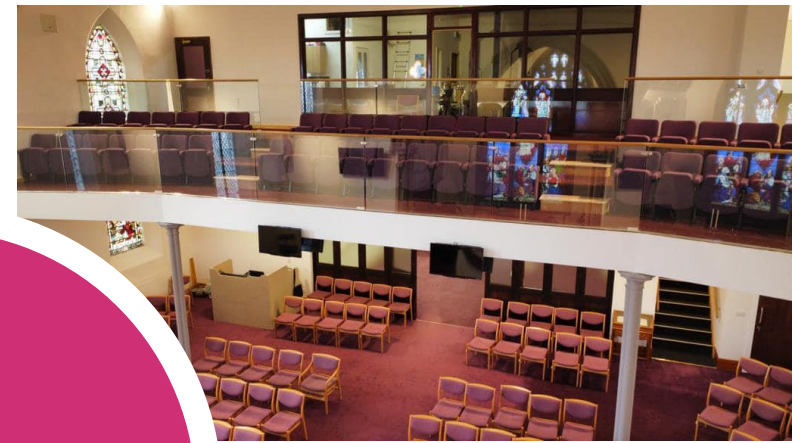
For Holy Trinity to continue to be a welcoming community to all who seek to come to worship, there was a need to increase the capacity of the building by removing a pair of decommissioned Georgian balconies, replacing them with a new glass fronted mezzanine, with modern access requirements and fit for modern purposes.

Phase 1 comprised redeveloped toilets, new storage areas, and redecoration of the lounge.

Phase 2 involved demolishing the old Georgian balconies, building the new glass-fronted mezzanine, installing a new light/sound system and redecorate the nave and chancel.

This work was undertaken (with a large leap of faith!) during the pandemic lockdown and completed by Easter 2022. We now enjoy these wonderful new, bright, modern facilities and thank God for His faithfulness.

*fit for growth
fit for purpose*





ST. JOHN'S GREENGATES

As a designated 'Resourcing Church' for Bradford, we are delighted to partner in ministry with St. John's, Greengates.

In past years, the Sunday morning communion service at St. John's had declined to unsustainable levels. However, the current picture is anything but negative!

A few years ago, a mission-focussed café-style church on Sunday afternoons began to attract local families – both those who are exploring faith and those looking for a new church home.

From that initial monthly service, St John's Community church has grown and now meets weekly on Sunday afternoon with a regular congregation of 30-40 people. Recent initiatives include 'Reconnect' (a midweek community gathering) and a monthly Messy Church.

Greengates and Apperley Bridge, with their easy commute into nearby Leeds, have seen significant building of new housing developments in recent years. This provides exciting opportunities for ministry and mission. The parish also includes established areas of social and privately owned housing with high levels of financial deprivation. Historically, the church has had little presence in these areas.

We are prayerfully exploring new ways to serve and love all our local communities and to present the good news of Jesus.



ST CUTHBERT'S

WROSE

Holy Trinity's role as a 'Resourcing Church' for North East Bradford has most recently partnered with St Cuthbert's, Wrose.

This is an exciting time for both churches as we explore strategic ways of working together to serve our closely connected local communities and our shared hope for sharing the gospel of Jesus.

The congregation of St. Cuthbert's is made up of committed, faithful believers who have seen slightly declining numbers in recent years, but are hard-working, passionate and servant-hearted.

St Cuthbert's enjoys fantastic, modern facilities with great flexibility and wonderful potential.

The opportunity to share resources to build God's Kingdom is warmly welcomed by all churches in the partnership, and we prayerfully seek God's plans, equipping and empowering for the future!



new
partnership,
fresh vision,
exciting future

