

Bishop Toby's Easter Greetings

"*Christos anesti!*" my hairy Greek college roommate used to shout loudly and embarrassingly on Easter morning, "Christ is risen!" And he taught me to shake off my English reserve and shout back, "*Alethos anesti!* – He is risen indeed!"

That joyful Easter greeting which began when the disciples shared their encounters with their risen Lord still echoes around the world, especially so after the weeks of Lent that we have walked through together.

This year, each of the bishops in our diocese spent a day in one or more of our cathedrals or churches for prayer and, where appropriate, fasting. Many people from parishes, chaplaincies and sister churches came to join us – some

for just a few minutes, some for much longer.

We came away encouraged by the desire for prayer that we found in one another, and the opportunity to be silent together, as well as to bring our different needs, and those of the communities and the world around us, to God.

I would love to do more praying with people around the Episcopal Area, maybe in deaneries or parishes. If others would like to take this further, please get in touch!

My experience, sitting in Bradford Cathedral that Saturday, was that the risen Christ was with us, by his Spirit, teaching us to pray and even praying in

us in ways that we could not express ourselves.

May the risen Christ be powerfully present in all of our lives and our churches this Easter, and may the Spirit lead us also to where God is at work in our families, our friends, our schools and colleges, our places of work and leisure. "Go ahead," says Jesus, "and I'll meet you there!"



The Easter BEAN by Tamar Howarth

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KATHERINE GRASHAM, YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORKER WRITES...

Following on from our local event Ignite, where our team partnered with Church Growth, I have been working with local clergy, youth workers, and ecumenical partners to see how we can connect young people from different churches in our area. We are currently looking at replicating the model of a group called Unite, who meet monthly around churches in northern Bradford and take it in turns to host their young people to eat, worship and have fun together. I visited the current Unite group back in September, as well as getting the low-down at one of their planning meetings, and I was so impressed with how well they all work together. We are really looking forward to developing more Unite-style meetings across the Bradford area.

If you're interested in getting involved with something like this, or if our team can help you with anything in your ministry to children, youth or families, such as Messy Church, confirmation or good practice, please get in touch.

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BAILDON CHOIR ON SONG

The Revd Sandra Benham, vicar of Baildon writes...

In October 2015, the choir of St John's, Baildon, consisted of just seven dedicated adults. Two and a half years later, on Saturday February 3rd 2018, at 4.00pm, we held a service of celebration and thanksgiving at St John's for the musical life of the parish. This service was led by the choir (which at the last count had reached twenty-three members - including thirteen talented and enthusiastic children), the massed chorus of St John's Voices (members of the local community) and the younger children's St John's Little Voices. With the addition of the parish's four highly skilled organists and pianists, along with the newly-formed Worship Band, the service was a true celebration through worship, prayer and music of what has been

achieved in such a short amount of time.

Two of the original adults, Judith and Ian Ibbotson, commented that, 'The children have really enhanced the leading of weekly worship with their enthusiasm, exuberance and commitment; they are a joy and a blessing.' Along with her husband Chris, Joan Dearnley (another longstanding member of the choir), has been a founder member of the Worship Band. Joan feels that, 'with piano, saxophone, clarinet, harp, violin, guitar, flute, cornet and drums - played by musicians ranging from nine years old to retirement - this must be one of the most varied bands in the diocese!'



THY KINGDOM COME - 10 TO 20 MAY 2018

From Canon Paul Maybury.

The 10 days, from Ascension Day to Pentecost, have been increasingly recognised, around the world and across the denominations, as a time for Christians to pray for others to find faith in Jesus. To this end many resources are available on the website:

www.thykingdomcome.global

To encourage churches, during the ten days of Thy Kingdom Come, there will be a Diocesan Celebration on **Sunday 13 May from 3pm - 6pm at Bradford Cathedral.**

There will be worship led by the Voices in Praise Gospel Choir from the New Testament Church of God in Leeds; Joe King and band. There will be prayer spaces and creative ways of engaging with the priorities of Thy Kingdom Come; Information stalls from various organisations; a talk from Bishop Nick; Refreshments and resources.

The event is suitable for all ages. A programme with more detail will be available nearer the time. In the meantime, please plan to come by booking here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thy-kingdom-come-diocesan-celebration-tickets-43503186201>

BDCSA – WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO?

The Bradford Diocesan Council for Social Aid (BDCSA) is a small local Charitable Trust, originally managed by the Diocese of Bradford, and now by the Diocese of Leeds, and made up of Trustees who are appointed by the Bishop's Council.

It exists to enable the Church of England in the Bradford Episcopal Area to meet the needs of people. It is therefore keen to receive grant applications from churches and church-based organisations that are looking for the resources that they need to do this.

The Charity supports any charitable activity connected with the Church of England in the Bradford Episcopal Area and with particular emphasis on the following: -

- a) To assist in the promotion of youth work and work amongst the elderly.
- b) To support churches who are seeking to support work with the needy or destitute within their parishes.
- c) To support work in helping the integration of different ethnic groups
- d) The provision of support to those with addictions particularly in the areas of drugs, alcohol and gambling

There are two types of grant:

Small Grants: Up to £500 to encourage the planning of a new project, or to meet the costs of starting a project.

Large Grants: Grants can be for up to £3,000 in any one year

Grant funding is available for this year.

For more information about the fund or to request an application form please contact Mr. Peter Capel-Cure, by email to petercapelcure@gmail.com or phone 01423 771179



#PLEDGE2PRAY



DIOCESAN GROUP VISIT SUDAN

Canon Paul Maybury was one of eight people from across the diocese who recently visited our link dioceses in the Province of Sudan:

It was only last year that the 5 dioceses in Sudan became the newest Province in the Anglican Communion and Ezekiel made Archbishop. He sends his greetings to us and particularly to those



who have prayed for him over many years. The visit was designed to strengthen the meaningful and supportive links between our dioceses. We travelled extensively across the country visiting churches and schools and engaging in many wide-ranging conversations. Sometimes offering observations and advice and other times simply rejoicing in our common humanity and shared faith.

The Anglican church in Sudan is alive and well despite being a small minority in a Muslim context. The members of the church are often those who are poorest in the community and many are internally displaced people. These people have endured much hardship in their lives. Many are widows as their husbands were killed in the fighting.

Like other parts of the church in Africa the Christians often declare, "God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.". Whilst there we were blessed by their joy, their generosity and their hope. We saw toilets and classrooms which had been funded by the generosity of churches in this diocese and could see, at first hand, the very real difference that these, relatively small things, had made. We were able to show our hosts that they are not alone because we, the people of the Diocese of Leeds, are with them in their struggles and will continue to support them by our prayers and practical support.

If your church would like to know more, and possibly receive a visit from someone on the trip, please contact the co-chair of the Link group, the Revd Anne Russell (revanne.ingleborough@gmail.com)

LAY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.

Please find details below of various training opportunities for lay people in the coming months. If you have any queries or any ideas for future training please feel free to contact Sharon Bavington, the Lay Training Officer for the Bradford Area,

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- 'Bible in a Day', Exploring the Big Story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. April 14th 9.30am-3.45pm. St. John's Great Horton. Saint Street. BD7 4AB. Bring your own lunch, drinks provided. Book with Carol Stenner carol.stenner@leeds.anglican.org
- Disciples Making Disciples with Matt Summerfield from Urban Saints. 'Grow Your Faith and Help Others to do the Same'. Thursday 26th April 7.30pm. St. John's Bowling. Neville Road, Bradford. BD4 8QS. Tickets £4 booked in advance, or £5 on the door. Under 21's FREE. Please book by email: stjohnscoord@gmail.com or see [Urban Saints](#)
- 'Help Me To Pray for Others' With workshops including; 'starting a healing prayer team', 'praying for forgiveness' and 'when prayer is not answered'. June 30th 9.30am – 3pm. St. Peter's Shipley, Moorhead Lane. BD18 4JN. Bring your own lunch, drinks provided. Book with Carol Stenner carol.stenner@leeds.anglican.org
- Lay Conference 'Together in Faith'. June 9th 2018. Harrogate Conference Centre. A unique opportunity for up to 1700 laity from across the Diocese of Leeds to come together to learn, share, and be inspired. With keynote speakers and self-select sessions. Clergy will be speaking with their PCCs about who is best to represent their parish at this exciting event

HOLY WEEK IN ILKLEY

Canon Philip Gray, Vicar of St Margaret's, Ilkley, has landed an A-list preacher for Holy Week -- Professor Morna Hooker, of Cambridge University. Starting on Palm Sunday, this world-renowned theologian will deliver 10 sermons, concluding her visit on Easter Sunday evening

Professor Hooker is particularly famous for her commentary and writing on the Gospel of St Mark. Morna, who is also a Methodist lay preacher, will preach each day in Holy Week from Palm Sunday evening until Easter Day evening.

'With our distinguished guest in the pulpit we can look forward to a very special Holy Week,' says Fr Philip.



HOLY TRINITY BINGLEY LECTURES

As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Parish celebrations, Holy Trinity Bingley with St Wilfrid Gilstead are holding a series of lectures. The subjects vary from 'What is the Church' to 'LGBTQ and marriage', and will be given by Jane Williams and Very Rev Kelvin Holdsworth to name two. Entry is free to all lectures. Please invite anyone you think may be interested and do come along yourself. See www.goo.gl/4jBpge for more information

BISHOP'S STUDY DAY

Bishop Toby held a Study Day for Clergy and Readers in February. The theme was Silence.



Dr Alison Woolley helped to facilitate the day and spoke about "What is Silence and why is it important" There was then an opportunity to spend time in silence with the option of doing various activities, including walking a Labyrinth, watching the film The Big Silence, drawing or just sitting quietly in the splendour of Bradford Cathedral.

Many commented on being grateful to have the opportunity to have space to pause and reflect; a welcome oasis in busy lives.

Bishop Toby holds two Study Days a year. All licenced clergy should attend these and they are also open, on request, to active retired clergy with PTO as well as licenced Readers. The next Study Day is on 14th June, venue to be confirmed

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Marion Gaskell (Shelf) and **Jenny Savage** (Steeton) are both retiring in April. Marion writes: "It has been a great pleasure to serve God in the parish of Shelf with Buttershaw for over 15 years. Highlights have included becoming a Jesus Shaped People church, seeing increasing lay teams, starting a parent and toddler service, closer links with our Church School and helping my husband set up a thriving Scout Group. We also helped a local community group on the Buttershaw and Woodside estates build its capacity. I trust that God will bless Shelf with Buttershaw richly in the years to come." We wish them all the best for their retirement.

Adam Dickson has joined St John's Great Horton as Associate Vicar.

Andrew Howorth was licenced as Associate Vicar at St John's Menston alongside his role as University Chaplain

HOLY TRINITY BINGLEY PRESENTS

150 years
Parish of Holy Trinity Bingley
with St Wilfrid Gilstead

Bingley Lectures 2018

20 APRIL
Dr JANE WILLIAMS
Exploring the Church

1 MAY
Very Rev KELVIN HOLDSWORTH
Somewhere over the border (LGBTQ & the church)

14 JUNE
Colin BUCHANAN
Changing face of liturgy

4 JULY
+ TOBY HOWARTH
Ministry in a multi-religious area

19 SEP
Rev. GORDON DEY
Rev. GARY HODGSON
Rev. HELEN HODGSON
Urban ministry

11 OCT
+ NICK BAINES
Church in W. Yorks and popular culture

FREE ENTRY, TICKETS FROM www.bingley.church,
eventbrite.co.uk or SCAN THE QR CODE
ALL LECTURES 7pm - 9:30pm
AT HOLY TRINITY BINGLEY, BD16 2PR
Sponsored by: GEORGE PICKERSGILL
Diocese of Leeds

Taize ~a service of prayer and worship
 Good Friday. Friday 30th March 2018 7pm
 St Wilfrid's Lidget Green. Bradford. BD7 2LU



Veni Sancte Spiritus
 Come Holy Spirit

WELLSPRINGS TOGETHER BRADFORD

CLOSING THE HOLIDAY GAP - RESOURCE PACK NOW AVAILABLE

Wellsprings, our partnership with the Church Urban Fund, hosted a well-attended meeting with workshops in Bradford last month. From this meeting, we have created a resource pack, covering lots of questions attendees asked.

You can download this resource pack from [our website here](#).

And if you would like to know more about what Wellsprings does, including information about being a Place of Welcome please sign up to their [newsletter](#) or visit their website.



VACANCIES

We are currently looking for clergy to fill roles in Girlington /Heaton/ Mianningham, Harden/Wilsden/ Cullingworth /Denholme and shortly will be seeking a vicar for Wyke. See [Vacancies on the website](#).

Bradford Cathedral are also seeking:

[Head Verger](#)

[Co-ordinator of Volunteers](#)

Details of both posts can be found on the Cathedral website or by clicking the links above.

Please pass this information on to anyone you think may be interested in any of these roles.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

LYCiG Local Learning Community: 15th May 2-4
Trinity Centre.

BEAF 22nd May 7 for
7.30pm Cottingley
Cornerstone

Lay Conference: Sat 9th June
2018 Harrogate

Ordinations:

Priests: 23rd June 3pm
Bradford Cathedral

Deacons: 30th June Ripon
Cathedral

Bradford Clergy (& Readers)
Study Day:
14th June 2018 10-3

National Estates Churches
Network

Conference: 16th April 2018
Blackburn Cathedral 10-3

[Click here to book](#)

Admission of Church
Wardens

5th June 7pm St Andrew's
Kildwick

6th June 7pm St John's,
Clayton

Church Warden Training
27th June 7-9pm (Primarily
for new Wardens

6th Oct 10-12 noon

Venue: Trinity Centre
Bingley

CONTACT DETAILS FOR AREA BISHOP, ARCHDEACON AND PA

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PA: Carmel Dylak, carmel.dylak@leeds.anglican.org 0113 353 0290 / 0291

Office hours: Mon to Fri 8.30am to 5pm

The Trinity Centre, John Escritt Road, Bingley, BD16 2ST

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