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Sunday 22nd September Welcome to All Saints

Hymn: 6 All creatures of our God and King

Collect: Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from Joel [2:21-27]

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 Timothy [6:6-10]

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all

kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Hymn: 249 Great is Thy faithfulness

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [6:25-33] Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you O Christ

Hymn: 133 Come, ye thankful people, come

Hymn: 541 O Thou who camest from above

Post Communion Prayer: Lord of the Harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn: 719 We plough the fields and scatter

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We ask God's healing for: Oliver, Christopher, Michelle, Jacob, Mary, Marie, Mary, Alice, Chris, Richard, Edward, Stuart, Stue, Debbie, Chris, Christopher, Anne, Carol, Janet, Ann & Rosemary. We pray for those of our congregation in nursing homes and residential care: Janet, Jean, Tony & Dorothy.

We pray for our work with children: Our local schools, Mini Church, Messy Church, Youth Group, First Steps Toddlers and Toddler Praise.



17th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 22nd September
Harvest Festival

Parish Diary

Sunday 22nd September

10.30 am Parish Eucharist & Harvest Festival

Thursday 26th September

10.30 am Holy Communion

11.15 am Community Café

Sunday 29th September

10.30 am Parish Eucharist
12.30pm Baptisms of Blake & Destiny Jagger

Dates for your diary

Sunday 6th October

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Friday 1st November

7.30 pm Explosive Light Orchestra
(A tribute to ELO)

Sunday 3rd November

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 1st December

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Church Opening - the church is open daily for visitors and private prayer between the hours of **10.00 am and 4.00pm**

A massive THANK YOU for all your donations so far which have been greatly appreciated by HOMELESS not HOPELESS

We are now collecting Tinned potatoes, individual fruit drinks in cartons, wet wipes and pot noodles which will be distributed to the homeless in Bradford. Please leave donations in the box at the back of church

Come along to our Knit & Natter at St Aidan's on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 10am-11.30am. Knitting skills are not essential...just natter and enjoy coffee /cake together. We look forward to seeing you. Carolyn

Confirmation 2024

On Sunday 3 November, All Saints Sunday, we are being joined by Bishop Toby for a confirmation service.

If anyone wishes to be confirmed or would like more information please speak to Reverend Martyn.

Come along to The Children's Society Quiz at St. Wilfred's Hall

on Saturday 12th. October at 6.30.

Tickets £5 to include Pie, Pea & pudding supper from Enid or other committee members.

