The Parish Church of



Bingley

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Sunday 28th April Welcome to All Saints

Hymn: 216 God is love, his the care

Collect: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

A reading from Acts [8:26-40]

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized? 'He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

A reading from 1John [4:721]

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Hymn: 475 Now the green blade riseth

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [15:1-8] Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

Hymn: 408 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Communion Hymn: 82 Bread of heaven

Post Communion Prayer Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn: 503 O Jesus I have promised

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. 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.

NOTICES

A massive THANK YOU for all your donations so far which have been greatly appreciated by

HOMELESS not HOPELESS

We are now collecting JAM AND TINNED CARROTS

which will be distributed to the homeless in Bradford.

Please leave donations in the box at the back of church

For all current & future All Saints events information please visit the events website at www.allsaintsevents.com

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

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY EVENT 'SING FOR YOUR SUPPER'

Come and join in the singing of your favourite hymns at Holy Trinity Church on Friday 17th May at 4pm Children from Trinity & All Saint's school will be singing their favourite songs too and if your Hymn/Song is chosen you are asked to give a donation.

Then 'a light supper will be served' for £3



5th Sunday of Easter Sunday 28th April

Parish Diary

Sunday 28th April

10.30 am **Holy Communion**

12.30 pm **Baptism of Oliver Garnett**

Thursday 2nd May

10.30 am **Holy Communion** 11.15 am **Warm Space**

Friday 3rd May

10.00 am Knit & Natter at St Aidan's

Sunday 5th May

8.00 am Holy Communion [BCP] 10.30 am **Holy Communion** 6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

Dates for your diary

Friday & Saturday

24th 25th May **Ale Saints Beer Festival**

Sunday 2nd June

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

Sunday 7th July

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

Friday 19th July

7.30 pm Go Your Own Way

(Fleetwood Mac Tribute Group)

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