



Open : Warm : Welcoming

The “Business is Un-usual” Newsletter : Issue 2. May 2020



The Vicar writes: This issue I want to commend to you for your prayers the leaders of our Diocese, Archdeacon Anne, our Area Bishop Jonathan, our new Diocesan Secretary Jonathan Wood and our Diocesan

Bishop Nick. They are both leading and supporting clergy in the midst of this wider crisis, with personal and professional advice enabling us to serve our parishes. With clear and concise advice on matters pastoral and practical, these colleagues are experts in their fields. The confidence they are able to give clergy in uncertain times should not be underestimated.

The advice from our Bishops is rooted in scriptural reflection and their considerable experience in the church and wider world. We are encouraged to be ourselves and serve as God calls in each parish context. We are encouraged to share with and support one another through the networks we have so none of us feel isolated or overwhelmed. And they have urged caution and care as we begin to consider our next steps.

The Church of England is working regionally and nationally with expert advisors, other faith groups and the Government on next steps which are safe and which reflect our legal and moral responsibility to our employees and the public. The church building is not yet open. When it does open, however it opens, you will hear from us – the Diocese and your PCC. Decisions will be made based on the best scientific, legal and theologically grounded advice.

Meanwhile I encourage you to look to the scriptures as one of the wells from which you can draw spiritual water, even in this time where refreshment seems far off. I encourage you to be kind to yourself. Whether you feel useful or useless right now, engaged or detached - fortunately, there will be no exam at the

end of this. Be who you can be, serve how you can serve. And last but not least I encourage you to connect with the worship and community of the church as it is now – our faith requires nurture regardless of the building we can or can't be in.

A prayer for Pentecost:

The fire of the life of God burns around us
in passion for change,
in energy for a new creation.
The flames of the Spirit rise into the air
springing from a warming hope,
leaping in life that will not be stilled.
The coals of glowing life
remain when we think they have long gone,
waiting for the kindling of commitment,
in the imagination of God.

Call to worship by Dorothy McAra-McMahon “Liturgy for High Days: Pentecost” SPCK 2006



A word from Alan: As required by the insurers I have visited the building to ensure we have no problems. I can report that all is well.

We had our quinquennial inspection on the 20th April and linked this to a meeting with Aura Ltd to sign off retention monies, as the defects liability period for the works undertaken had expired. We ensured that we kept 2 meters apart.

During the inspection it was found that the gutters were full of debris, hence why we had water pouring in

on the Sunday when the storm hit. Verity and I have been sourcing quotes to undertake this cleaning at least twice a year. Previously Simon Moor had undertaken the task. However, Rachel seemed a little reluctant when asked if she would continue to clear them.

As you are aware, the planning permission for the proposed works to enable a new entrance, staircase, lift and car parking expired in February. Primarily we had insufficient funds to secure the project and could not therefore make a substantial start, which would have preserved the permission. PCC decided that we should make a fresh application. This has been submitted and is subject to negotiations with a new planning officer. The Civic Society has objected to parking along the north wall and the moving of the Joseph Kaye tomb. We await further deliberations. We are hopeful that a compromise can be reached.



Following a generous offer to pay for the re-gilding of the baldacchino we have obtained the faculty and work was due to commence. Unfortunately, the current situation has prevented this work being undertaken.

I hope this has proved useful and that you keep safe, happy and well.

Introducing our new parish

administrator: Hello, I'm Verity, and I'm the new Parish Administrator at St Peter's. I might be new to the job, but I'm not a new face in the congregation. I started attending HPC as a first year undergraduate at Huddersfield University in 1999. I lived in St Peter's Buildings, which is now a car park, and it was hearing the bells, and looking over the gardens from my bedroom that prompted me to come and see what went on here. At the time, the vicar was Brian McGuire, and the director of music was Trevor Walshaw: Trevor and Shirley, and the rest of the congregation really became my Huddersfield family and were for the most part responsible for this homesick, 19-year-old me not packing her bags and heading back home to the south coast!



It was also at HPC that I met the then organ scholar, but I think you all know the end of that story! Richard and I were married

at HPC in 2009, and we now have Ted (almost 10), Willem (8) and Freddie (6). Richard is now director of music, and sits on the PCC. The boys can sometimes be seen robed and singing with the choir, and are

generally first to the biscuits to a Sunday. We live in Almondbury, with a wide and varied menagerie of animals.... some quite unusual! When I'm not working in the parish office, I'm a singing teacher and am also involved with the Musicians' Union.

Currently, I'll be in the office on Tuesday to Friday, and I'm always very happy to hear from you! If you're receiving this newsletter by post, and would prefer an emailed version, do drop me a line.

Children's Church: we hope all our children are keeping busy at home, but if you'd like to have a look at 'Roots online', you'll find lots of activities to have a go at. Do keep sending photos of things you've done to Rev Rachel.

Bible study and online services: There's still time to join the online bible study group that is taking place from 6.45 on Wednesdays via Zoom. Contact Verity for joining details.

You can also join us live on Facebook at 9am and 8pm for the daily office. Just search Huddersfield Parish Church.

Parish & Community

Contact Details

Rev'd Canon Rachel Firth 07793 709988,

vicar@huddersfieldparishchurch.org

Rev'd Carol Hawkins, Curate 07799 364901

Carol.hawkins@leeds.anglican.org

Pastoral Care Team Contact:

Alan on 07748 930848 are@talktalk.net

Parish Office: Verity on 01484 427964
office@huddersfieldparishchurch.org

Kirklees Community Response

for anyone who is vulnerable & in need of help.

Under 18s 01484 456848 :

Help with personal care: 01484 414933

Community Response Helpline:

01484 226919

Please let us know on

office@huddersfieldparishchurch.org if you can receive information from us by email or if you have suggestions or contributions for the newsletter.