



All Saints Higher Walton

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Our Vision : To be a Church maturing in faith, growing in fellowship and serving our community

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OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICES

7th October Trinity 19 HARVEST	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Morning Worship
14th October Trinity 20 <i>18th Luke the Evangelist</i>	10.00am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
21st October Trinity 21	10.00am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
28th October Trinity last <i>29th Simon & Jude Apostles</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Morning Worship

OCTOBER MIDWEEK SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Wednesday 3rd	10.15am	Holy Communion Many Brook House
	10.45am	Holy Communion Arrowsmith Lodge
Monday 15th	Monday Group 8pm at HWCC Bring & Buy Sale and Games night. Members arranging games	
Wednesday 31st	10.00am	Holy Communion BCP

As previously advised, in addition to the 8am Holy Communion BCP on the first and fourth Sundays, we are holding a single service each Sunday at 10.00am during the Vacancy. The service style has been considered carefully by the Ministry Team and Geoff and Janet have given some general comments in the last Newsletter.

Please note that Holy Communion in the Retirement homes will in future be on the first Wednesday of the month instead of the Tuesday.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism 2nd October
Olivia Hindle



We send our best wishes to Olivia and remember her and her family in our prayers

HARVEST SUNDAY

This will be on Sunday 7th October.

Collection and distribution of

Harvest gifts will be as in recent years. Please bring flowers, pot plants or cakes for distribution to parishioners. Any canned or non-perishable packaged goods will be added to our Food Bank collection for the Salvation Army Food Bank

Offers of help with distribution on Monday 8th (am) will be most welcome.



FAREWELL TO SIMON AND MARGARET

Last Sunday, All Saints` was well filled with people from both 9.15 and 11.00 congregations and many others who perhaps attended in the past or who we do not see often for various reasons, to say "Goodbye" and "Thank You" to Simon and Margaret after their 19 years of service to God, His people at All Saints and the local community.



In a service full of celebration and positive looking forward to whatever God has in store for All Saints, the Wardens and Ministry Team received prayers for their future part in leading our Church and joined in prayers of thanks for Simon and Margaret and for their future across the Pennines, in whatever path they may take.



Presentations of gifts including items with special memories of All Saints were made to Simon & Margaret. These included some beautiful wooden crosses carved by Tony James from our old pews, while Simon & Margaret left us a piece of polished limestone, quarried in their new home village of Cridling Stubbs and used as a cornerstone for York Minster.

After the service refreshments included a magnificent cake baked by Irene Ingham.

The PCC, led by the Wardens Janet and Geoff, have now started discussions with the Diocese about the process of finding a new Vicar. We have a prayer which you might use to support them.

"Heavenly Father, we ask for the presence of Your Holy Spirit to guide the parish during the vacancy. Teach us to be patient and tolerant with one another as we prayerfully seek Your will in the search for a new Vicar to lead us.

We pray for unity and love between us all in the Church.

We ask for the gifts and strength we need for the coming weeks.

Keep us united in love that together we may walk the ways of Your kingdom. We ask it in Jesus` name. Amen"





Here's another signpost! A couple of friends who are holidaying in Devon sent me this picture to see what I would make

of it! I've never been to this 'Holy City' though in the words of Hebrews 13:14 I read, "For there is no permanent city for us here on earth; we are looking for the city which is to come" [GNT]. We are assured in the last book of the Bible that God has prepared for us a Holy City, the New Jerusalem, to which we are all invited. I wonder how a city in Devon compares with the New Jerusalem. I'll have to ask! There's a sense of going on Pilgrimage about that verse in Hebrews, moving from here to somewhere permanent and most satisfying. We've thought before of the Christian life as a journey, a Pilgrimage.

A couple of clergy friends have just led a Pilgrimage which included visiting Lindisfarne or Holy Island. We first went there in 1995 on a sabbatical and I will never forget the deep spiritual impression I felt as I stood by the statue of St. Aidan in the ruins of the Monastery. The sense of God's presence was almost tangible. Cardinal Basil Hume wrote about him, "There must have been something very compelling about Aidan. He was clearly a man of God and a man of prayer. That was the secret of his evangelising." He lived his faith. Aidan and the other Celtic Saints came to a pagan country, not unlike our increasingly godless culture, which they saw turn to faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of their lives as a result of their prayers and teaching the Gospel.

Aidan is a particular favourite of mine along with St. Cuthbert who was also on Holy Island. These men allowed God to transform their comfortable lives to become lonely evangelists in hostile lands to bring the precious Good News of Jesus to needy communities. They saw the whole of Northumbria turn to Christ in their time. As we travel along on Pilgrimage with Jesus towards the Holy City at his invitation, let us be more and more a people of prayer who live out the captivating depths of the Good News. Let us work in harmony, worshipping in unity, encouraging each other generously as we draw others to experience the one true God and his Son Jesus who gave his life for us that we may finally come to his Holy City. Oh, by the way have you said 'yes' to his invitation as Aidan and Cuthbert did?

David Woodhouse

CHURCH FLOWERS

16th September

David and Judith van Boyd



AN INVITATION FROM THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Group ladies would like to invite you to a special talk from Grasmere Gingerbread. Come and listen to their story and hear about their famous gingerbread.

This is being held on **Monday 19 November at 8pm in Higher Walton Community Centre**. Admission is just £2 including tea/coffee and biscuits



BISHOP JULIAN'S HARVEST APPEAL 2018

I am very pleased that this year's Bishop's Harvest Appeal will support agricultural programmes in two very different countries.

In Sierra Leone, your gift will enable **Kids in Kailahun** project to give orphaned children the skills and resources to make a good living from the land.

In the Amazon part of Brazil, marginalised Quilombola (ex-slave) communities will be helped by Christian Aid to make the most of the Brazil nut harvest and protect a vital part of the world environment as they do so.



Diocesan Food Bank News



Last year (2017/18), Trussell Trust foodbanks in Blackburn diocese distributed **18649** three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis. Of these, **7030** went to children.



The number of people receiving emergency food supplies in Blackburn diocese increased by **19%** on the previous year.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR FOOD BANK COLLECTION AT ALL SAINTS



Thanks to digital technology, the Vicar never got the name wrong again

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