

JULY 2019 SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.30AM				
7 th	Rev Richard Thompson			
14 th	Rev Helen Roberts (including Communion)			
21 st	Honley Own Arrangement			
28 th	Mr Byron Lockwood			
TRINITY EVENTS IN JULY ALL WELCOME				
Wednesday	Friendship Group meet from 2pm			
6 th - 7 th	Walk round Honley and see the beautiful well-dressings			
9 th	Circuit Leisure Group Walk from Brockholes meet at 11am for a walk, picnic lunch and activity			
14 th	Civic Society/Trinity walk meet at Trinity 2.15 or 2.23 from Woodhead Road take 310 bus to Hepworth then walk back to Honley Leader Bert			
TRINITY ROTA FOR JULY				
Date	Vestibule Stewards	Church Stewards	Flowers	Coffee team Pat Waite
7 th	Marina & Roger Woodhead	Margaret Sheppard Jean Parker	Margaret Armitage	Ann Hirst Joyce Draper
14 th	Linda & Steve Craven	Glenys Pallister Pat Waite	Barbara Leach	Barbara Leach Margaret Spooner
21 st	Jean Wood Di Harris	Bob & Jane Armitage	Jean Parker	Margaret Collison Maureen Doran
28 th	Wendy Peach & Abigail	Margaret Armitage Penny Winterbottom	Jean Wood	Jean Wood Ann Hirst
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**TRINITY CHURCH HONLEY
NEWSLETTER JULY 2019**

A Message from our Minister, Rev Helen Roberts

Telling the Story

How do you tell a story? Do you use words? Gestures? Pictures? As I write, we at Trinity Church are displaying the 'Knitted Bible' - 33 scenes of woolen figures and props - and Gatehead is preparing to be a fringe venue for Holmfirth Art Week (7-14 July) with art works made by Methodist Minister Rev Sally Coleman, currently based in Sheffield, which reflect her thoughts and feelings about God. Two very different ways of sharing spiritual stories.

We all have ways of communicating that we prefer - face to face, over the phone, or by email - even old fashioned letter in the post. Maybe it varies with who you are talking to/with. Throughout the Bible, and in the lives of Christians, people have heard about God and from God in many different ways. There is no one way to talk to God, no 'right way' to pray. You may have been taught as a child 'hands together eyes closed' that is just to shut out distractions, useful in a busy assembly, not so good if praying in the car! Sometimes people will pick an object to deliberately focus on. Some will use words out loud, sometimes words in our minds. Sometimes all we have is our feelings - and they can be a prayer too.

Sometimes in communicating with each other it can feel like we are talking different languages - it may be that the other person's preferred way of communicating is not the same as ours. We notice this when it is very obvious - someone using sign language for example - but it can happen when we think we are speaking the same language. There is a lot of division in many ways in our country and our world, and maybe we need to make a special effort to try telling our stories and sharing our views in ways that others can understand. We need to find the languages of love in all our communicating with one another.

Rev Helen Roberts

The August Newsletter will be available on Sunday 25th August. Please let Jane Armitage have any articles by Sunday 17th August.



Letters Received

Thank you for the recent gift of flowers. I appreciate this, and also the comfort and friendship I enjoy at Trinity Church in Honley. **Joyce Roberts**

Thanks to Retiring People who will still be around but retired from jobs they have done for many years:-

Vera Stanley

Margaret Sheppard

Ann Hirst

Continuing: Wendy Peach as Registrar (for which many thanks)

TLC new on the Rota: Val Balaam and joining the Coffee Rota

Holmfirth Circuit Leisure Group Walk

The forecast for the 11th June was not good with wind and rain. We were walking from Gatehead but 9 of us took the risk. As it turned out it did not rain nor was it particularly windy and Margaret led us out and up the deeply rutted path coming out on to Wood Royd Hill Lane passing a couple of friendly donkeys. Climbing the hill we followed the road then turned onto a track over fields and down through woods. We came to a fork in the track and the party split up with some carrying on down the wood to cross over and climb back up Barnside whilst the rest of us took a long but slightly easier route back up Sheffield Road. After our picnic lunch we had a quiz devised by Margaret which entertained us all. It had begun to rain by this time but not heavily.

Well Dressing weekend 6 & 7 July

The next event on our 50th anniversary calendar is our well dressing weekend. This follows a tradition started in Derbyshire as a thanksgiving for the clean water the wells provided to the various villages. Well dressings are pictures made from growing things like flower petals, leaves, cones, bark, seeds etc, constructed on a bed of clay over a wooden board. They depict a wide range of themes.

We have made this a village-wide event so there will be several well dressings throughout Honley with an official opening at 10am on Saturday 6 July on the steps of Trinity Church. A leaflet will be available which will include a map showing where the various sites are and where refreshments will be served. At Trinity we will start to make our panel on Wednesday 3 July and work to complete it will continue on Thursday 4 July and Friday 5 July. Other groups may also be making their panels in Arthurs' room at Trinity. Our panel will be displayed outside the front of the church. All the panels will stay in place for the whole weekend and into the following week for as long as they remain in good condition.

Merran Smith has designed our panel and its theme is 'Celebrating 50 years of Trinity Church'. We will need helpers on all preparation days, and we will also need addresses of any gardens we can raid for materials! We will get a 'shopping list' together of items required so please listen out for our requests! If you have time or materials to spare to help with this exciting project please give you name to Hilary Turner, Di Harris or Jane Armitage.

Knitted Bible Exhibition

Our June event in celebration of Trinity's 50th Anniversary was a fascinating exhibition depicting stories from the Old and New Testaments. The scenes were knitted in 2008 by members and friends of St Georges United Reformed Church in Hartlepool, who started in February of that year with the aim of creating one scene only, the Last Supper. However, once started, they say that "enthusiasm and imagination combined to make us much more ambitious" and there are now 34, illustrating the best known stories in the Bible.

The attention to detail and the humour surrounding some of the stories fascinated both children and adults, with everyone choosing their favourite scene and more than one person visiting four times during the 10 days the exhibition was with us. The Activities Committee were on hand to serve teas, coffees and biscuits and donations were invited rather than charging an entrance fee. School children were looked after by the Revd Helen with storytelling and the thrill of the exhibition giving them lots to talk about. Everyone had their favourite. Mine? Noah's ark, with beautiful animals from the tiniest ladybird to the elephants and giraffes, all supervised by Mr & Mrs Noah, standing on board the ark. St Georges Church lent us the exhibition free of charge and I'm sure we will be more than happy to give them a donation in grateful thanks for giving us all a real treat.

Jane Armitage