



St Mary's Honley & St George's Brockholes
<http://www.hwbparish.org.uk>

2nd May 2021.

Sunday Service on Zoom

Join Zoom Service

Why not share this and invite your friends and neighbours to join with us?

And sing to your hearts content to the glory of God.

Service starts at 10.00 you can join this from 9.45am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82052570669?pwd=bFY1OHQvd3pGaW90QXNIa2ljUEExqZz09>

Meeting ID: 820 5257 0669

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On your phone +44 203 051 2874

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In Church: Sunday

HOLY COMMUNION

St Mary's: 11.00am. St George's 12.00.

For the moment, the normal Covid restrictions will apply.

For Sunday services at services, please book a place with Martin 01484 661751.

Leave a message if you get no answer.

Places will be limited by capacity to meet social distancing requirements,

you must wear a mask and there will be **NO singing,**

and please do not socialise after the service.

Please assess your own risk and take every precaution to stay safe.

In particular if you are in an extremely clinically vulnerable group, please do remember that government guidelines.

Schools are very important and our involvement in them is a privilege. We have a vacancy on the board of Governors at Brockholes for a church representative. Are you interested want to know more? Please speak to Martin.

Captain Tom 100 challenge.

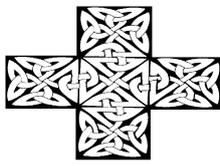
Saturday [May1st] I am going to play 100 tunes on the piano in aid of Kirkwood hospice.

If anyone wishes to donate you can do so through my Captain Tom JustGiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elizabeths-captain-tom-100-challenge2021>

[Or if you cannot do that, let me have it and I will see it gets added to it.]

Thanks Love & prayers, Elizabeth Jones.



Pause, pray and remember people we have lost.

We Remember:

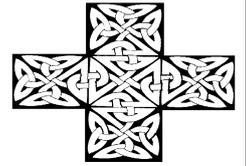
The years mind of
Frank Booth, Sydney George Felgate, Rachael Alice Beryl Hope Kaye,
Geoffrey Mellor Aspinall

Also, the family and friends of

Beth Dove and Pat Dransfield

Prayer resources

A number of resources are available at
www.ChurchofEngland.org/PrayerForTheNation.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

via Zoom

20th May 2021 7:30pm

This is a chance to review what has happened with our church family over the past year and to elect the PCC for the coming year. We have vacancies for both St Mary's and St George's. we also have a position to serve on Deanery Synod. Please request nomination forms from Charles Kaye.

There will be elections for Church Wardens.

To vote for Church Wardens you need to be either on the Electoral Roll or be resident in the Parish. To vote for PCC members you will need to be on the Church Electoral Roll.

Reports about the life of the church over the last year will be available via email. If you would like an emailed copy then please request from Charles Kaye: charlesmkaye@hotmail.co.uk

To be able to be a part of the APCM for a Zoom link.

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You can still take part if you do not want to join through video on Zoom as you can join via a telephone call. +44 131 460 1196

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Honley MU invite you all to our next Zoom meeting at 7.30 on Wednesday May 5th
Our visiting speaker is Emily Druce, who delivers music therapy at 'Womencentre' in Huddersfield, which supports the wellbeing and mental health of women. Members will be sent the zoom link but if you are not a member email me with your own email address to liz.short57@btinternet.com or by phone 07855370477. Information regarding donating to the charity will be given on the night. Look forward to seeing you there.

Jennie Waind has a small quantity of Mothers Union Cards, Birthday and Sympathy Cards. Please contact her directly while church is closed.

GIVING

Help to keep the parish churches open.

All our funding comes from the giving of the people who attend or those who feel that they want to support us. We do not receive any money from any other source.

You can now make donations online just follow this link.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/a459163d-1461-4ce0-bc1c-4c98dca169c8>



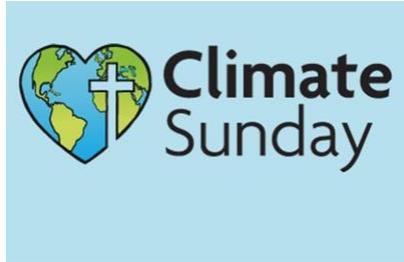
A virtual Coffee morning

Wednesday's on Zoom 9.30 to 10.30 join us at any time online: chat, share stories, listen to the music... have coffee or tea at home

Join Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83218275796?pwd=TmNreHVuY2NPcU9tWE4yK3pCSHhEUT09>

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SUNDAY 9th MAY

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St George's 12.00.

Please let Martin know if you hope to come, as numbers are restricted.

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John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Martin's Talk:

I wonder how often you clean out your wardrobe? You maybe throw out the clothes that you have outgrown, or not worn for some time and perhaps you give them to a charity. Imagine if you never threw anything out? What do you think might happen?

You would eventually run out of space, and you wouldn't be able to find anything, because your room was so jam packed with everything you have gathered over the years. Can you imagine that? The more things we gather the less room we have for something new, and every so often we need a clear out, to make space for something else.

God wants to grow good fruit in our lives, because His purpose for our lives is to make us more and more like Jesus. When we think about the fruit of the Spirit, we see all of it in Jesus' character. Jesus is love, pure love. He is full of joy, peace and patience. Jesus is kind, good and faithful. He is full of gentleness and self-control. If we are to become like Jesus and bear this good fruit of the Spirit, Jesus says that we need to stay connected to Him. On a grapevine, the branch that is connected to the vine bears fruit because it is connected to the source of life. If cared for and nurtured, then in due course fruit will appear naturally.

It is the same with us. When we are connected to Jesus, the source of life, the Holy Spirit will fill our lives and if cared for and nurtured in due course good fruit will appear naturally.

This is a passage about connections and their importance to what is harvested from the component parts. Without togetherness and cooperation and mutual activity, it does not yield what it could and should.

Especially after a year of disconnection, and the sense of detachment that so many have experienced, this is a deeply meaningful theme. Are we not better together? Are we not stronger when working in combination with each other? When our God given gifts are shared with each other in the service of our Lord?

The Gospel here portrays a good image for partnership working with others, letting life flow from one group or organisation to another and so creating potential for transformation through whichever branches are working to that end.

We can assume the vine represents God and Jesus. We are represented as one of many branches and fruit is produced on each branch. If the branch does not produce fruit, then in the Gospel image, it is taken off and cast aside for it is not contributing to the very purpose of the vine which is to bear fruit. As God's people, we are rooted in the vine, but that does not mean we determine the form of the other branches.

We have learned during this last twelve months that there are many good agencies, charities and ad hoc groups that bear rich fruit within society, at a time when society has clearly been in trouble. We have witnessed so much good will, and so much creative Spirit in our communities; many without such action would have had nowhere to turn to for help and assistance. This is true whether it is answering physical need or the mental/spiritual needs of so many individuals, families, and groups.

The Church is not caring for our world on its own! Sometimes we are guilty of considering the other players in the game of life to be the opposition, rather than seeing these other agencies as teammates.

The image of the vine, the branches and the rich fruit remind us of how important it is that we work together; and more than that, how important it is for us to be the providers of life, grace, and abundance of spirit in order that those who receive from us, can be a source of nourishment and strength to others as they carry out their work.

We need to recognise that there are other agencies better placed, suited, and resourced than us. They may be more able to carry out a particular work in our societies than we are. Indeed, as church members we may well already be involved in these groups and in this way, we can carry the light and love of God with us.

Jesus is the one 'true vine' and his followers are members of God's true people if they belong to him and remain 'in' him. The picture of the 'vine' is not just a clever illustration from gardening. It is about who Jesus and his people really are, and what is now going to happen to them as a result. It is a way of speaking of the intimate relationship with him that they are to enjoy, and (so to speak) to cultivate. Branches that decide to 'go it alone', to try living without the life of the vine, soon discover their mistake.

How do we 'remain' in him? What does it look like in practice? We must remain in the community that knows and loves him and celebrates him as its Lord. There is no such thing as a solitary Christian. We can't 'go it alone'. But we must also remain as people of prayer and worship in our own intimate, private lives. We must make sure to be in touch, in tune, with Jesus, knowing him and being known by him.

Once again, the most extraordinary promises about prayer (verse 7) accompany the sharpest warnings (verse 6). And, though it always hurts, we must be ready for the Father's pruning knife. God is glorified, and so will we be, by bearing good quality fruit, and lots of it. For that to happen, there will pruning necessary to allow the growth to be healthy and fruitful.