

Holy Trinity Church Thorpe Hesley and Scholes (LEP)

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November 2020 newsletter

Worship in November

Due to new lock down restrictions the church is now closed for services. However the church will be open for private prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays 10am – 11am. We hope to have our first service again on Sunday 6th December, this will be confirmed nearer the time.

There will still be the online service which you can find on our website www.thorpeandscholes.org

Praying Through Lockdown

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land' (2 Chronicles 7:14).

This is a critical time in the life of our country. Our Archbishops in a Pastoral Letter, have called us to respond with prayer during the time of the lockdown. Many of you will already be praying or feel at full stretch in addressing this crisis but for those who feel stirred to pray specifically in a new way in this season. The national church is encouraging us to use **6.00pm each Thursday** as a particular focus for prayer.

Memory Christmas Tree:

This year has seen the cancelling of all our events and special services, including our Memorial Service where we remember those who have died. It is important for us to remember and honour those we have lost so this year we are dedicating one of our Christmas trees in church in memory of those who had died, especially during 2020. For those whose funerals we have taken, their names will automatically be added to the tree. However, if you would like a loved one's name added to the tree, please let Revd Lynn know. The tree will be in the entrance to the church from the beginning of December through to end of Christmas.

Christmas Activities to look forward to – something different for 2020!

The Events committee have been busy thinking of alternative ways we can share the Christmas message with our community. Even in lockdown we can still all take part in these new activities. We may be disappointed that our usual Christmas events and services are not happening this year but let's embrace these new and exciting ideas. Tell your friends and family as well too.

Nativity Journey 1st to 15th December – enjoy a family walk around the village looking at the decorated houses and gardens to follow the story ending with our beautiful outdoor Nativity Scene outside Church. A map can be downloaded from www.thorpeandscholes.org and is also sent round with this newsletter. Further info from Kay on 07708421017 or kayhester@hotmail.co.uk

12 Days of Christmas Challenge 1st to 12th December – we are supporting Rotherham foodbank by placing items in a box every day for 12 days. If you are unable to go shopping you could put a coin in a jar each day instead. A calendar with information about items needed and how to drop off your completed box or jar is available to download on www.thorpeandscholes.org and is sent round with this newsletter. Further info from Fiona on 07963955263 or fionawilsons61@hotmail.com

Make a Christingle Sat 19th December in Trinity Community Centre - Places need to be prebooked for this and more details will be available soon. For further info contact Andrea on 0114 2459665 or info@trinitycentre.org.uk

Large Christmas Tree outside Church – this year we are having a large tree outside Church next to the Nativity Scene. We want to decorate it with lots of lights to bring some Christmas cheer to people as they walk by. If anyone wishes to make a donation towards this please contact Steve on 07742000765 or place in an envelope in the collection plate in Church marked Christmas Tree.

Advent daily reflections – starting 1st December we will be journeying towards Bethlehem with daily readings and reflections. These will come in a form of booklet. In all the busyness of this season (yes even with restrictions) we need moments to stop and be still to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

ChildAid To Eastern Europe

If you would like a copy of the Christmas Card or Alternative Gifts Catalogue and/or the Newsletter, please let Hilary know. Alternatively, you can see everything on the ChildAid website and order cards and gifts there. <https://www.childaidee.org.uk>
Hilary [0114 246 3857](tel:01142463857), hilary.perry@btinternet.com

The Funeral of Jack Hague will be on Monday 7th December at 1pm in church followed by committal at Grenoside. Due to limit on numbers able to attend it will be by invitation. If you wish to post a condolences card to Jack's family, Joyce has Stephen's address. Please contact her.

Some good news.... Congratulations to Cynthia Valentine who will be celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday 21st November.
We hope she has a lovely day!

Raise Funds for Church

Here are three easy ways to raise funds for church that won't cost you a penny

12 Days of Giving - Ecclesiastical, our insurance provider, are giving away £1000 every day from the 7th to 22nd December. Follow this link <https://www.movementforgood.com/12days/index.php?cn=1136178&ct=church> to nominate us. The more nominations we have the more chance we have of winning.

Easy Fundraising – If you are doing your Christmas shopping (or any other shopping) online make sure you go through easyfundraising.
easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 4,000 retailers such as eBay, John Lewis, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com. Retailers then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to the cause. Please register using this unique link – just click sign up - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/CQRN53/> Plus, once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 donation. There's no catch or hidden charges.

Amazon Smile – If you shop on Amazon do a swap to Amazon Smile. Follow this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>, click on the Amazon Smile tab and search for Holy Trinity Thorpe Hesley. Once you've selected the church as your chosen charity Amazon will donate a small percentage of your purchase cost to church as long as you use Amazon Smile every time.

Please share this information with your family and friends and if you have any questions about any of these please get in touch with Julia

Grapevine

If you need a copy of Grapevine, it can be collected from [18 Sough Hall Crescent](#) or via Richard Perry on [0114 246 3857](tel:01142463857), hilary.perry@btinternet.com and he will deliver one.

QR code at Church - if you have downloaded the NHS Covid 19 (Test and Trace) app onto your smartphone you are now able to check in using the QR code displayed in the Church entrance.

***** If you have Covid symptoms please do not come to church, stay at home and get tested*****