

TOGETHER IN FAITH



Finding refreshment in God during the heatwave

As we move into July, many of us are feeling the effects of the recent heatwave. Long sunny days can be a blessing, giving us opportunities to enjoy God's creation, spend time with family and friends, and appreciate the beauty around us. Yet periods of intense heat can also be challenging, especially for older members of our community, those with health concerns, and anyone feeling isolated or uncomfortable.

At times like these, we are reminded of the importance of caring for one another. A simple phone call, a visit, or an offer to help with shopping can make a significant difference to someone struggling in the heat. As a church family, we are called to love our neighbours and support one another in practical ways.

The Bible often uses images of water and refreshment to describe God's care for His people. In the book of Isaiah we read: *'When the poor and needy search for water and there is none, and their tongues are parched with thirst, then I, the Lord, will answer them'* (Isaiah 41.17). These words remind us that God understands our needs and promises His presence in every season of life.

Just as our bodies need water and rest during hot weather, our souls need spiritual refreshment. Summer can be a wonderful time to slow down, spend a few quiet moments in prayer, read scripture, or simply sit in gratitude for God's blessings. Even amid busy schedules and holiday plans, taking time to connect with God can bring peace, strength, and renewed hope.

As temperatures rise, please remember to take sensible precautions: drink plenty of water, seek shade during the hottest parts of the day, and check on friends, neighbours, and relatives who may need extra support. Small acts of kindness often reflect God's love in powerful ways.

May this July be a month of warmth not only from the sunshine, but also from the love, fellowship, and compassion we share. May we find refreshment in God's presence and be a source of encouragement to those around us.

God bless
Katrina

Church Services

Sunday 5th July
Fifth Sunday after Trinity
Romans 7.15-25a
Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Sunday 12th July
Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Romans 8.1-11
Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Sunday 19th July
Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Romans 8.12-25
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Sunday 26th July
Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Romans 8.26-end
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Morning Prayer on Zoom
Tuesdays at 9.15am
Please see Joyce for details



Fantastic concert from
Skelmanthorpe Training
Band in church.

For information

Prayer requests

If you have any prayer requests please contact Rev'd Katrina Robinson-Brown. In June we will be praying for people who live on: Cumberworth Road, Dale Street, Dene Road and East Fold.

First Aid and keeping safe



We are running a St John's Ambulance community first aid session in church, covering the basics of what to do in an emergency situation, details to follow. According to <https://www.defibfinder.uk/> there are defibrillators in Skelmanthorpe at West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Squash Club, St Aidan's C of E Primary School, St Aidan's CE Academy, Pennine Industrial Equipment Ltd, Darby and Joan Club, Visual Systems Healthcare, Shelley College Reception and Weavers Cottage.

Events this month

Sustainable Flowers

The Church of England is encouraging churches to think of ways to be more eco friendly and sustainable with sourcing and displaying flowers, so Julia, Trevor and Margaret visited Highlands Farm in Emley, which grows a wide variety of flowers for flower arranging. It was interesting to see how the farm operates and flowers were purchased to try in church. They offered a wide range of colours and varieties at very reasonable prices. It was lovely to see locally grown and sourced flowers in church, including herbs and native British species.



St Aidan's Church
Skelmanthorpe

Everyone welcome

Family Fun Afternoon

on the green

SUNDAY 19 JULY 2.00-4.00PM

Lots of activities for all ages to enjoy

ACTIVITIES

- Teddy Tombola
- Ice-creams
- Stalls & games
- Hook a Duck
- Face & nail painting
- Craft activities
- Hoopla bottle stall
- Target throwing and more...

June Monthly Draw

1st – 36 Ruth Firth
2nd – 67 Ruth Sherrin
3rd – 27 Peter Frost
June £50 bonus – 3 John Britton



Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th July
10.00am - 12 noon
Entry £4.00

Get in touch



Baby and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday in term time
for 0-5 year olds
9.00am - 11.00am
Free entry



Family Fun Afternoon

Sunday 19th July 2.00-4.00pm
Stalls, games, ice-creams, face/nail painting and more...

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