said this, he died.

Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

A reading from Acts [7:55-60]

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

A reading from 1Peter [2:2-10]

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, a chosen and precious cornerstone, a foundation stone laid down by those who believed in the Messiah. Mercy and compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:1-14) Glory to you O Lord.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, and it will be done for you, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion Prayer: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

All those affected by Coronavirus, and those who are providing care and support.

We ask God’s healing for: Oliver, Christopher, Michelle, Jacob, Mary, Marie, Mary, Alice, Chris, Cecily, Dorothy, Richard and Malcolm.

We pray for those of our congregation in nursing homes and residential care: Janet, Jean and Tony.

Our work with children: Our local schools, Mini Church, Messy Church, Youth Group, First Steps Toddlers and Toddler Praise.
NOTICES

Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic the following changes are being made:

All public worship is suspended until further notice. You are encouraged to use the prayers and resources on the church website and pray at your usual times.

Please see the church website for latest updates www.allsaintsbingley.org.uk

Messy Church & Youth Group meetings are currently suspended and will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Also cancelled:

Ale Saints Beer Festival is postponed until later in the year.

The Church Annual Meetings will be rescheduled.

We continue to hold in our prayers all those who are working in the ‘front line’ as we fight Covid 19, especially those in our parish who work in the NHS and Care homes.

BEAF meeting: The next meeting of the Bradford Episcopal Area Forum scheduled for 7pm on 19 May has been changed to a Zoom meeting. The meeting will primarily look at sharing / learning from each other experiences of being church during lockdown. If you would like to join the Zoom conference, please email the Vicar, and he will supply you the link and logon details for the online meeting.

Congratulations to Tom and Laura, who have found a special way to celebrate their postponed wedding. On Saturday 9 May, at the time of their planned wedding, guests will be meeting via Zoom for a short service of blessing and celebration of their time together.

Daily Hope: The Church of England has set up a free phone number for this who don’t have access to the internet. This provides a Hymn, Prayer and a Bible Reading. The number is 0800 8048044. Please share this number.

On Sunday 2nd June at 6 pm Bradford Cathedral are hosting an ‘on-line’ event for ‘Hope on the Edge’ entitled Care and Prayer for the Planet. Further details nearer the time.

For his latest fundraising event former paratrooper and All Saints choir member, 88 year old Jeffrey Long, is walking 26 miles to raise funds for Support Our Paras, he is carrying a pack that contains 26 pairs of socks which he is donating to the Salvation Army for those in need. If you would like to support Jeffrey’s walk visit: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jeffrey-longmbe

Parish Diary

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all public worship is suspended until further notice.

You are encouraged to join in daily prayer at your usual service times. Daily prayer (morning prayer) can be found on the church website.

A short service of Holy Communion will be live streamed at 10:30 am every Sunday.

A link to this, together with an order of service for you to use can be found on the church website.

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Thank you to everyone who has been able to continue supporting the work of the parish church in these unprecedented times. Without your support, we wouldn’t be able to continue to do what we do!

If you would like information on how you can help, or how to transfer your giving to a Standing Order, our Stewardship Officer, Dennis will be happy to help you.
(Tel. 01274 568074).

How can we help you?

As a community of Christ, we are keen to offer support to vulnerable parishioners and those who are self-isolating.

This may include a friendly phone call, or assistance with shopping for essential supplies.

If you would like support, please email, inc name, phone number / kind of support required to:

care@bingleyparish.org.uk

If you are able to offer support by phoning / talking to parishioners / or by being willing to shop for essential supplies, please contact Rev’d Martyn direct or via the above email.