

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



Revd. Peter & Margaret Jeffery

Encouraging words

COLOSSIANS 1.1-14

At the start of his letter to the Christians at Colossae, Paul commends them for their faith in Jesus, which is bearing good fruit. He prays that they may continue to build up a community of love and mutual encouragement where everyone's needs are met.

Encouraging words are so important for ensuring people have the confidence to do the things that are asked of them. Today, we will consider some of the encouraging words Paul said to the church in Colossae and how they may also encourage us today.

14th July - St Camillus de Lellis, patron of the sick

Sometimes those who suffer are best at helping others in a similar situation. Discharged from the Venetian army with an incurable leg wound, St Camillus (1550 – 1614) founded a religious order called the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians). Both in their Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, and by travelling to plague-stricken parts of the world, the Camellians dedicated their lives to caring for the sick. Camillus is the patron of the sick and of nurses.

SUNDAY 13 JULY
2025
TRINITY 4

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 30.9-14

PSALM

PSALM 25.1-10

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 1.1-14

GOSPEL

LUKE 10.25-37

SERVERS

SCOTT ORMROD

ANTHEA GEE

FIRST READING

FIONA LAMB

PSALM

DAVE TOWLER

SECOND READING

SCOTT ORMROD

INTERCESSIONS

ALYSSA HARGREAVES

SIDES PERSON

DARRELL & JENNIFER INGALL

Collect Trinity 4

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEKS HYMNS

Processional

O thou who camest from above

Gradual

He who would valiant be

Offertory

Father hear the prayer we offer

Communion

Longing for light
Let there be love
Amazing grace

Recessional

To God be the glory

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Romans

'Paul's letter to Rome is the high peak of Scripture...all roads in the Bible led to Romans, and all views afforded by the Bible are seen most clearly from Romans' (J I Packer)

Paul probably wrote his letter to the Christians in Rome around AD 57 at Corinth, on his third missionary journey. The original recipients of the letter were predominantly Gentile, although Jews would have constituted a substantial minority of the congregation.

Paul set out to explain the relationship between Jew and Gentile in God's plan of salvation, as the Jewish Christians were being rejected by the larger Gentile group in the church. Paul begins by showing that both Jews and Gentiles are sinners in need of salvation. He shows how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus eternally affects both world history and every person.

This salvation, secured by Jesus, must be received by faith, as the example of Abraham shows. As salvation is not just about starting the Christian journey, Paul goes on to show how believers are freed from sin, law and death. This is made possible both through their union with Christ in His death and resurrection and by the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

The theme of the book centres on the Gospel of Christ, which brings us into a right standing with God through faith: 'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."' (Rom. 1:16,17).

11,000 people take part in consultations for the next Archbishop of Canterbury

More than 11,000 people have so far participated in the consultations for the next Archbishop of Canterbury. It was carried out online, by post and in person between February and March this year.

The public consultation was a unique opportunity to influence the future of leadership within the Church, helping to discern the gifts, skills and qualities that will be required in the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, to meet the needs of the Church today and in the years to come.

The themes that emerge through this consultation will sit alongside the 'Statement of Needs' produced by the Diocese of Canterbury, as well as other information provided by the National Church and Anglican Communion. This information will inform the Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission of the needs of the mission of the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion.

In your prayers this week....

Anne and her family; Anthony; Jean Angell; Lesley; Denise Edge; Piper Fletcher; Geoffrey Green; Alyson Healey; Peter Jeffery; Terry Marsden; Michael Parker; Maralyn Pawson; Ruben; Carol Sharp; Karen Spencer; Vanessa Starsmore; Christopher, Stella and Will Streidling; Victor Smyth; Kelly Swift; Christine Russell; Lisa White; Peter Wilkins.



This weeks flowers are in memory of Margaret Boyd

If you would like flowers in church either in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day please speak to Angela W



Please continue to pray for Revd. Peter Jeffery, Ruth and Elizabeth following the death of Margaret.

Revd. Peter was the vicar of this parish from 1985 to 1998 whilst Margaret served as lay reader.

From the Parish Prayer list:

Fr. Larkin and Congregation of St. Patricks Catholic Church; Industrial Road; John Street West; Ladstone Towers; Langton Street; Laurel Mount; Leigh Street; Lime Tree Court; Linden Place



Use a bowl in the sink when washing fruit, vegetables of dishes. You can then use the waste water to water your plants.

Fill a jug of water and put it in the fridge for when you want a cool drink.

Quotes

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power. - Abraham Lincoln

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. - 2 Timothy 4:7



Next week

SUNDAY 20TH JULY 2025
TRINITY 5

FIRST READING

GENESIS 18.1-10A

PSALM

PSALM 15

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 1.15-28

GOSPEL

LUKE 10.38-42

SERVERS

FIRST READING

DAVE TOWLER

PSALM

GLENIS MCCARTHY

SECOND READING

DAVE GILL

INTERCESSIONS

PETER HENRY

SIDES PERSON

JACKIE GILL & KEVIN HENRY

DIARY

Monday

Tuesday

10am Digital Cafe &

Coffee Morning

11.30am Mid week

Communion

Wednesday

5.45 Bible Study

Thursday

MU Summer Lunch

Friday

Saturday

10am Coffee Morning

Sunday

10.30am Morning

Worship

Reflecting Faith: Saying 'Hello'

Last month we considered how, when we are invited by the priest to come and receive Holy Communion, our immediate response is one of being overwhelmed with the enormity of what we are being offered. We recognise how unworthy we are, to even be in God's presence, never mind taking Him in our hands and making Him part of ourselves.

Now, for the next few months, let's consider some other key moments in our church services. Let's start at the very beginning.... Just saying hello!

How do you say 'hello' to the people you meet? We don't use the same words, gestures and tone to each person, nor on each occasion.

When we meet a very senior person in our workplace; we tend to be deferential and formal. By the time we have worked together for some months, we will still hold them in high regard and with respect, but we are probably more relaxed in their presence.

As for members of our close family, there's a time for huge hugs and explosions of laughter, such as at the arrivals desk of the airport, but such a greeting is probably not so appropriate when we meet them in a formal restaurant for lunch.

So it is on a Sunday morning, when we meet with the members of our church in the setting of a church service.

By meeting together for worship, we have come deliberately into a consciousness of God's presence. It's not that He hasn't been with us on the way there, but this is a specific and intentional thing.

So, when the person leading the service says 'hello' at the start of the service, they are not just welcoming you as an individual but rather acknowledging that we are meeting together in the presence of God, to worship Him.

This is special. This is amazing. This is huge.

This month: When you next go to a church service take note of the leader's opening words and your expected response to them. What is your acceptance to that wonderful invitation?

Proposals to enhance pensions mark a major step in supporting clergy well-being

A major step in a significant package of proposals for clergy well-being has been announced, which if implemented will increase future pension benefits for existing and future pensioners.

The improvements include restoring the target pension level to two-thirds of pensionable stipend, coupled with an increase to pensions that have come into payment since 2011.

General Synod will be asked to consider these proposals, which will require changes to the scheme rules, this July, with potential implementation after April 2026.

Further work is also underway to increase support and choice for clergy retirement housing, including measures to help clergy get on the housing ladder during stipendiary ministry.

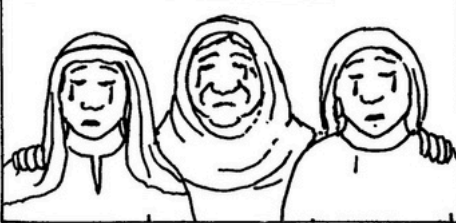
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Ruth chapters 1 and 2

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.

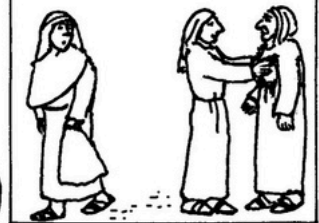


Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.

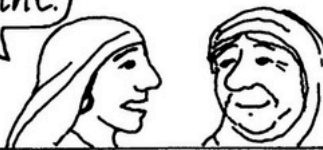


Go back to your parents' homes.

The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.



I will stay with you. Your people and your God will be mine.



So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem.

Call me 'Mara' not 'Naomi' * because God has made my life bitter.

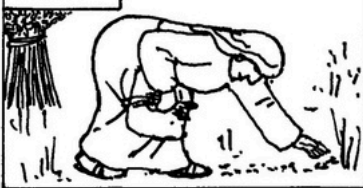


* 'Naomi' means 'Pleasant' 'Mara' means 'Bitter'

It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.



She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard

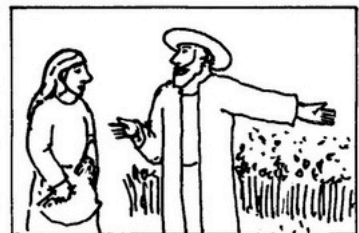


The field's owner, Boaz, arrived.

Who's that girl?



That's Ruth, who came from Moab with Naomi.



Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.

I worked in Boaz's field.



He is a near relative!

Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.





Good Morning

This Morning we welcome our friends from St. Pauls who are joining us in worship today

Revd. Tommy's holiday.

Revd. Tommy is taking a well earned break for the next couple of weeks. We have been unable to find holiday cover. For the next 3 weeks we will be following a service of the word, which will be lead by Peter, Dave G, and Anthea. Revd. Tommy will be back at his desk on Monday 4th August, in the meantime, should you require the vicar, or anything church related, please speak to one of the church warders

Rushbearing Stalls- Saturday 6th September

If you would like a stall at this years Rushbearing please speak to Rebecca Lumb

Rushbearing – Saturday 6th September

It's that time of year again as we begin preparations for Rushbearing 2025! As always, we'll be running our raffle, tombola, and bottle stalls, and we're now kindly asking for donations to help stock them. If you have any items you'd like to contribute, please speak to Angela W or Janet T.

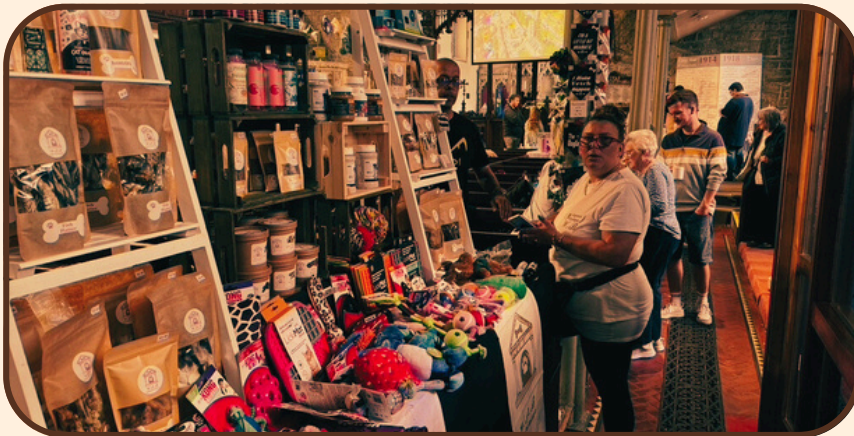
Also, don't forget about our popular holiday hampers! If you're heading off on holiday or visiting somewhere special, why not bring back a small gift or treat to include in one of our hampers? If donating food or sweets, please ensure the expiry date is well beyond September.

Details about how to book your own stall at the event will be shared next month.

Home Visits

If you know someone who would appreciate a home visit—whether just for a chat or to receive communion—please add their name to the list at the back of church. Let's continue to care for one another in every season.

SOWERBY BRIDGE RUSHBEARING 2025 CRAFT FAIR - YOUR CREATIONS DESERVE A CROWD—BOOK YOUR STALL TODAY!



DATE & TIME

6 SEPT 2025

FROM 10 AM - 4 PM

LOCATION

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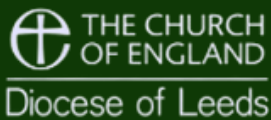


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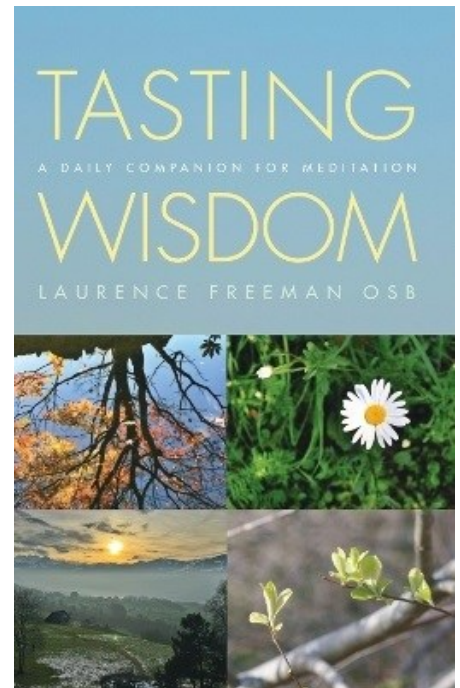


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end or punctuate the day.



Smile Lines

Church Notices that didn't quite 'make it'...

The preacher for Sunday next will be
found hanging on the notice board in the
porch.

Churchyard maintenance is becoming
increasingly difficult, so it will be
appreciated if parishioners cut the grass
around their own graves.

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