

United Benefice of Skipton, Christ Church with Carleton, St Mary



Newsletter

JULY 2025

Weekly Services

Christ Church

Sunday at 9.30am – Eucharist

Wednesday at 9.30am – Eucharist

St Mary's

Each Sunday at 11.15am

3rd and 5th Sunday – Bread Wine and Worship

2nd and 4th Sunday – Parish Eucharist

1st Sunday of each month: 8am BCP Communion; 11.15am Family Praise

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JULY LECTIONARY READINGS

Tuesday 01 July <i>Henry, John and Henry Venn, priests, evangelical divines, 1797, 1813, 1873</i>	Genesis 19.15–29; Psalm 26; Matthew 8.23–27
Wednesday 2 July	Genesis 21.5, 8–20; Psalm 34.1–12; Matthew 8.28–end
Thursday 3 July <i>Thomas the Apostle</i>	Habakkuk 2.1–4; Psalm 31.1–6; Ephesians 2.19–22; John 20.24–29
Friday 4 July	Genesis 23.1–4, 19, 24.1–8, 62–end; Psalm 106.1–5; Matthew 9.9–13
Saturday 5 July	Genesis 27.1–5a, 15–29; Psalm 135.1–6; Matthew 9.14–17
Sunday 6 July The Third Sunday after Trinity	2 Kings 5.1–14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6.[1–6]7–16; Luke 10.1–11, 16–20
Monday 7 July	Genesis 28.10–end; Psalm 91.1–10; Matthew 9.18–26
Tuesday 8 July	Genesis 32.22–end; Psalm 17.1–8; Matthew 9.32–end
Wednesday 9 July	Genesis 41.55–end, 42.5–7, 17–end; Psalm 33.1–4, 18–end; Matthew 10.1–7
Thursday 10 July	Genesis 44.18–21, 23–29, 45.1–5; Psalm 105.11–17; Matthew 10.7–15
Friday 11 July <i>Benedict, abbot c.550</i>	Genesis 46.1–7, 28–30; Psalm 37.3–6, 27–28; Matthew 10.16–23
Saturday 12 July	Genesis 49.29–end, 50.15–25; Psalm 105.1–7; Matthew 10.24–33
Sunday 13 July The Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Amos 7.7–17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1.1–14; Luke 10.25–37
Monday 14 July <i>John Keble, priest, poet 1866</i>	Exodus 1.8–14, 22; Psalm 124; Matthew 10.34–11.1
Tuesday 15 July <i>Swithun, bishop c.862; Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1274</i>	Exodus 2.1–15; Psalm 69.1–2, 31–end; Matthew 11.20–24
Wednesday 16 July <i>Osmund, bishop, 1099</i>	Exodus 3.1–6, 9–12; Psalm 103.1–7; Matthew 11.25–27
Thursday 17 July	Exodus 3.13–20; Psalm 105.1–2, 23; Matthew 11.28–end
Friday 18 July <i>Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess, founder of the Community of St. Andrew, 1883</i>	Exodus 11.10–12.14; Psalm 116.10–end; Matthew 12.1–8
Saturday 19 July <i>Gregory, bishop and his sister Macrina, deaconess, teachers of the faith, c.394 and c.379</i>	Exodus 12.37–42; Psalm 136.1–4, 10–15; Matthew 12.14–21

Sunday 20 July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity	Amos 8.1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-42
Monday 21 July	Exodus 14.5-18; Psalm 136.1-4, 10-15 or Canticle: Exodus 15.1-6; Matthew 12.38-42
Tuesday 22 July Mary Magdalene	Song of Solomon 3.1-4; Psalm 42.1-10; 2 Corinthians 5.14-17; John 20.1-2, 11-18
Wednesday 23 July Bridget, abbess, 1373	Exodus 16.1-5, 9-15; Psalm 78.17-31; Matthew 13.1-9
Thursday 24 July	Exodus 19.1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Canticle: Bless the Lord; Matthew 13.10-17
Friday 25 July James the Apostle	Jeremiah 45.1-5; Psalm 126; Acts 11.27 - 12.2; Matthew 20.20-28
Saturday 26 July Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Exodus 24.3-8; Psalm 50.1-6, 14-15; Matthew 13.24-30
Sunday 27 July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Hosea 1.2-10; Psalm 85*; Colossians 2.6-15[16-19]; Luke 11.1-13
Monday 28 July	Exodus 32.15-24, 30-34; Psalm 106.19-23; Matthew 13.31-35
Tuesday 29 July	Exodus 33.7-11, 34.5-9, 28; Psalm 103.8-12; Matthew 13.36-43
Wednesday 30 July	Exodus 34.29-end; Psalm 99; Matthew 13.44-46
Thursday 31 July	Exodus 40.16-21, 34-end; Psalm 84.1-6; Matthew 13.47-53



A very warm welcome to The Revd Clare Wood who has joined the Benefice as a Curate.

She was ordained Deacon on Saturday 28th June at Wakefield Cathedral. Her first services in both churches was on Sunday 29th June and this was followed by a 'welcome lunch' at Christ Church Hall.

Revd Clare is married to The Revd Matthew Wood who is the Vicar of Linton, Burnsall & Rylstone.



'Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.'
(Proverbs 13:12)

Do you feel you are in a battle right now to hold onto hope?

Hope in the Lord is not in vain. However, in the midst of disappointment and what might feel like delay, hope is not an easy thing to hold on to.

We must be kind to ourselves and tend to our sick hearts where hope has been deferred. A sick heart is not something you can just shake off, but we must sit in the disappointment with God and let Him bring healing to us.

However, we must hold onto hope in this time for the sake of those around us who are looking for something to hope in. Hope is one of the things that distinguishes the church in the midst of a hopeless world. No matter what is going on around us, we always have something to hope in, or rather, someone.

What is hope? It is a familiar word, but it can be a bit of an abstract concept. Here are a few words and verses to help scaffold the meaning. In the Bible, it often refers to confident expectation (e.g. *Proverbs 23:18*). It often refers to tenacious faith (e.g. *Romans 4:18*). It often refers to active waiting (e.g. *Psalms 27:14*).

Hope at this time is your grounding and security. It is your 'anchor for the soul, firm and secure.' (*Hebrews 6:19*) This hope is not just for you, but there will be people around you who are looking for some kind of anchor in a turbulent world. The answer is hope in Jesus, and through the hope that you have, people will be able to latch onto this anchor as well.

However, hope is also your vehicle to move. It is also the thing that pulls you higher. 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; They will soar (Hebrew meaning: they will rise; they will ascend; they will go up) on wings like eagles.' (*Isaiah 40:31*)

Every day that you choose to hope in the Lord, you are going higher and higher and being pulled out of stuckness and disappointment. Hope causes movement and makes you stronger. When you hope in the Lord, you gain spiritual ground.

Hope is essential right now. So many times in the Psalms, David commands himself to hope in the Lord! (e.g. *Psalms 42:5*) Let's do the same!

Don't get complacent, but each day, remind yourself that no matter what you might see or hear around you, you choose to hope in the Lord.

By Mary Swain, Dayspring Church, author of the [40 Days Devotionals series](#).

News & Stories from the Church of England

New data shows 'sheer scale' of child poverty - Bishop of Leicester

Two child benefits limit drives poverty and harms the life chances of children, Bishop of Leicester says as new data on Child Poverty is published.

The End Child Poverty Coalition, together with the Centre for Research in Social Policy at Loughborough University, has published data (available at: <https://endchildpoverty.org.uk/child-poverty-2025/>) on the number of children living in poverty in each Westminster constituency and local authority across the UK. The Bishop of Leicester, Martyn Snow, who is the Church of England's lead bishop on poverty, has issued the following response:

"These statistics remind us of the sheer scale of child poverty and the particularly high levels in certain parts of the country. Churches are doing all they can to love their neighbour and offer hope and opportunity to people in the communities they live among and serve.

"But we know from the struggles of many people in our congregations, and the demand we see for our projects every day, that there is much work to do to turn the tide on poverty. I pray that the Government's child poverty strategy will rise to the challenge we face, addressing the two-child limit and other policies which drive poverty and harm the health, wellbeing and life chances of our children."

- *The General Synod of the Church of England backed a call last year for an end to the two-child benefit limit. The limit means families can only claim child tax credit and universal credit for their first two children, if they were born after April 2017.*

Also, a newly published report by **Christians Against Poverty** paint a troubling picture of the devastating impact that debt and poverty is having on people in the UK. The rising cost of living, alongside issues like low incomes and mental health, is fuelling a deepening poverty crisis across the UK. This report explores the complex challenges individuals face and offers a vital and detailed understanding of poverty today.

The report is available at: <https://capuk.org/about-us/policy-and-research/client-report-2025-no-time-to-lose>

Lord's Prayer tops Shakespeare, Dickens, Churchill and National Anthem in public recognition poll

The Lord's Prayer is still more easily instantly recognised by the British public than some of the most famous lines from Shakespeare, Dickens or Churchill, new research suggests.

- More Brits correctly identify source of 'Give us this day our daily bread' than 'To Be or Not To Be'; 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times' or 'Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us'
- 'Ancient words still resonate with people of all faiths and none', says Archbishop
- Survey singles out forgiveness as line in Lord's Prayer people most likely to find meaningful
- Almost six in 10 people have prayed the Lord's Prayer in their daily life

People in the UK are more likely to identify correctly a short extract from the Lord's Prayer – also known as the Our Father – than one from the National Anthem and other sources chosen for their deep cultural resonance, a new poll has found.

The polling, carried out for the Church of England ahead of the annual Pentecost prayer initiative [Thy Kingdom Come](#), also found the reference in the prayer to being forgiven and forgiving others was the element people found most meaningful to them.

Pollsters Savanta surveyed more than 2,000 people across the UK. They asked them to match seven famous lines - spanning areas ranging from literature and history to popular culture – with their source, from a list of correct answers.

The famous literary lines were "To be or not to be", from Hamlet, by William Shakespeare, and the opening to Dickens's A Tale of Two Cities: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times".

From British history, people were asked if they recognised the phrase "Never in the field of human conflict, was so much owed by so many to so few" - Churchill's stirring words in the House of Commons in August 1940 amid the Battle of Britain.

Famous musical lyrics offered were "You'll never walk alone" which was a hit for Gerry and the Pacemakers – also the anthem of Liverpool FC; and "Happy and glorious / Long to reign over us," from God Save The King.

From the world of film, they were asked if they recognised "May the force be with you" from Star Wars. And, among the list, was "Give us this day our daily bread" from the Lord's Prayer.

Overall, the phrase from the Lord's Prayer was recognised correctly by the largest number of people (80.3 per cent), just ahead of Star Wars (79.9 per cent).

They were followed by Hamlet's "To be or not to be" (73 per cent) the extract from the National Anthem (63 per cent); the line from Churchill's 'The Few' speech (61 per cent); and You'll Never Walk Alone (58 per cent).

A minority of those surveyed (39 per cent) correctly identified the opening line from Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities*.

Overall 89 per cent of those surveyed said that they had previously heard of the Lord's Prayer or the Our Father. This was highest among those who described themselves as Christian (95 per cent), but also by 88 per cent of those who said they had no religion.

Overall 89 per cent said they had ever said or prayed the Lord's Prayer and 58 per cent said they had done so in their daily life.

The survey then gave people the full wording of Lord's Prayer and asked them to select the lines they found most meaningful. The most commonly selected line was "...and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" with 43 per cent overall and more than half (56 per cent) of Christians surveyed.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, is currently leading a 'Lord's Prayer Tour' of events at churches and cathedrals across the north of England attended by thousands of people, as part of his Faith In The North initiative. He said:

"These results reflect what we've been hearing across the North of England through our Faith in the North initiative, which invites people to explore the Lord's Prayer.

"Though ancient, its words continue to resonate with people of all faiths and none.

"In a world of shifting cultures and changing circumstances, the Lord's Prayer remains a steady guide - perhaps never more so than now.

"Lines like 'Give us this day our daily bread' speak powerfully to today's challenges, reminding us to seek sufficiency, not excess, and to consider what 'enough' truly means."

The enduring popularity of the Lord's Prayer is echoed in the growing number of people engaging with daily worship in both traditional and new ways. Well over three million people have now used the Church of England's [Daily Prayer podcast and app](#), which offers Morning and Evening Prayer in audio form. Launched during the pandemic, the service has seen over 12 million downloads, with thousands tuning in each day. Blending scripture, music, and reflection, it reflects a wider resurgence of interest in regular prayer and spiritual rhythm, showing that ancient words continue to find new life in modern formats.

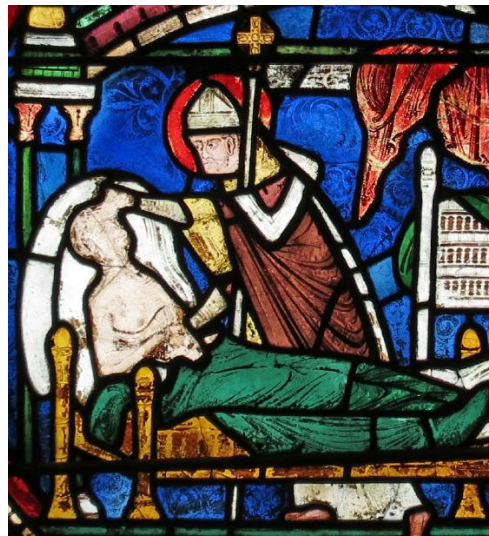
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Diocese of Canterbury publishes document to help discern next Archbishop

The process to [identify the next Archbishop of Canterbury](#) is underway and the Diocese of Canterbury's Vacancy in see Committee – the group that manages and oversees the Diocese's role in the process – has published its [Statement of Needs](#). The document incorporates views which were gathered as part of a public consultation as well as explaining what life in our diocese is like for those who live, work and worship here.

The Statement of Needs is available at:

<https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f209069c4808/content/pages/documents/abc-statement-of-needs-04-06-25.pdf>



Appointment
of the 106th
Archbishop
of Canterbury

Statement
of Needs

 Diocese of Canterbury
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The online consultation had responses from people across Kent, including the views of children and young people in the Diocese who took part in consultation activities in schools and youth groups.

The Statement of Needs will be read by candidates as well as the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC), the body that is meeting to pray, reflect and ultimately nominate someone to be the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury. The CNC will make its nomination to the Prime Minister who, if he accepts will advise His Majesty the King, who will formally appoint the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

The document states: 'The Archbishop is 'our' Archbishop alongside their responsibilities in the Church of England, the nation, the Anglican Communion and on the world stage. We offer in the Diocese of Canterbury and in the Cathedral Precincts a home, where the Archbishop will feel they belong.'

The Chair of the Vacancy in See Committee, the Venerable Dr Will Adam, said: "I would like to thank everyone who took part in our diocesan consultation to help the process of discernment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury. The responses gathered have helped us put together a Statement of Needs that captures the opportunities and challenges in our diverse corner of the country, reflecting the coastal, urban and rural communities and the church in all its variety in this diocese. The document will be enormously helpful to the Crown Nominations Commission and to candidates as we continue to discern who God is calling to be our next Archbishop."

The process of identifying the next Archbishop of Canterbury began after Archbishop Justin Welby announced his intention to resign in November 2024. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the Bishop in the Diocese of Canterbury alongside their national and global roles. The candidates and CNC will be informed by the themes from a wider consultation that [took in the views of 11,000 people](#). It will sit alongside the Statement of Needs as well as other information provided by the National Church and Anglican Communion.

The Nicene Creed



2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the original development of the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed originally dates from the year 325 when it was agreed by the First Council of Nicaea. Part of the purpose of developing the creed was to give expression to the understanding of God as Trinity. This means that Christians believe in one God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Since 325, the creed has been modified, expanding particularly on the description of the Holy Spirit. Some of these modifications were not accepted by all churches and remain a point of disagreement between western and eastern churches.

The Nicene Creed is nevertheless the most widely-accepted creed in the Christian faith, used by many denominations including the Anglican Communion. It is a reminder of the common faith we share – both with Christians around the world today and throughout history with all those who have affirmed these words over the last seventeen centuries.

To celebrate the anniversary, a variety of resources have been produced for the use of churches, groups and individuals. Church House Publishing has produced a series of reflections, *We Believe: Exploring the Nicene Creed*. This resource unpacks the significance of each part of the creed through daily biblical reflections, which offer prompts to reflect and pray. You can find all the *We Believe* resources in the AChurchNearYou.com Resource Hub (<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/hub/the-nicene-creed/>) and on the Church of England website (<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/nicene-creed>).

As an occasion of ecumenical significance, Churches Together in England is marking the anniversary in a variety of ways – further information can be found at <https://cte.org.uk/nicaea2025/>

A Prayer for the Middle East

With all that is happening in the Middle East at present, let us join together in prayer for God's peace to rule and reign.



Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your Kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.'

1 Chronicles 29:11

Forthcoming Events



Skipton Choral Society
directed by Robert Webb

Bradford Concert Band
directed by Matthew McKirgan

Summer Concert

Join us for a concert celebrating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, featuring music from stage and screen and a Last Night of the Proms finale

Hymn to the Fallen
Lux Aeterna (Nimrod)
Londonderry Air
You'll Never Walk Alone
Dambusters March
Climb Ev'ry Mountain
White Cliffs of Dover
We'll Meet Again

7.30pm Saturday 5th July
Christ Church, Cross Street, Skipton BD23 2AH
Tickets £15/under-18s free via [ticketsource](#) or on the door



Pinsuti Chamber Choir
directed by Robert Webb

Path of Miracles

Joby Talbot

A journey along the medieval Camino de Santiago with readings, projections and Joby Talbot's seminal Path of Miracles

7.30pm Saturday 12th July
Christ Church, Cross Street, Skipton BD23 2AH
General admission £15/under-25s £10/under-18s free via [eventbrite](#) or on the door



BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY ORGAN RECITAL

MONDAY 25 AUGUST:
Summer Bank Holiday

11:00 am at CHRIST CHURCH

ROBERT MARSH
(Christ Church Skipton)

The recital begins at 11.00am with refreshments prior to the concert.

There will be a retiring collection.



Christian Aid is on a journey. We are building a world free from poverty, and based on dignity, equality, justice and love.

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- Poverty – We reach those most in need, in some of the hardest to reach places around the world.
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To be part of our global movement for change, please visit:

<https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/>

Skipton Food Bank

This is a list of standard items that we use to make up our food parcels. All items should be in good condition, unopened and not past their *use by* or *best before* date.

This is a list of what currently is included in our food parcels

Food

- Tinned meat
- Custard
- Tinned fruit
- Instant Coffee
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Jam/Marmalade
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Tinned veg, e.g. Sweetcorn, Peas, Carrots
- Rice
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned Fish
- Quick cook meals – noodles, rice & pasta
- UHT milk
- Pasta
- Soup
- Beans
- Cereal

Toiletries

- Toilet roll
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shower Gel
- Sanitary Products

We also collect

- Dog food
- Cat food
- Nappies (large size 5 or 6 most helpful)
- Baby wipes
- Household cleaning items and washing powder

Our heartfelt thanks. Together, we are able to provide much needed support to many households in Craven.

Foundation Craven

is part of the [Inspire North](#) charity group.



Foundation Craven delivers the following services:

- **Resettlement and Community Safety Scheme (RACS):** A high performing short term support service working with offenders who have the highest need and pose the greatest risk to themselves and the community.
- **North Yorkshire Young People's Pathway:** This service offers young people the necessary support, advice and mediation to enable them to stay in their present accommodation. Where it is not possible for someone to remain at home, we have a variety of accommodation options to suit their needs.
- **Mental Health Scheme:** This service takes referrals from many places, including the Community Mental Health Team, GP, hospitals, substance misuse agencies as well as self-referrals, for those with a severe and enduring mental health diagnoses. We offer a mixture of floating support and accommodation based supported housing.

Area served: Craven District Council - Skipton and surrounding areas.

Foundation Craven is across the road from Christ Church, at:

The Carriage Works, 3-5 Cross Street, Skipton BD23 2AH

Telephone: 01756 701195

Contact Email Craven@foundationuk.org

Website: <https://www.foundationuk.org/>

Foundation Craven welcomes donations of:

- Food items
- Household goods
- Soft furnishings (beddings, towels, cutlery
- Monetary contributions online at <https://www.foundationuk.org/donate/> or in the Cross Street office (hours: 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)