

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



Archdeacons Visitation 2025

Seeing the invisible God

COLOSSIANS 1.15-28

In one of Paul's richest theological reflections on the coming of Jesus, he talks about the crucified Christ as the invisible God made visible. True authority and power are not found in the pomp and might of Caesar, but in the humility and suffering of Jesus.

Today we consider how we see God, not just with our eyes, but how we perceive and know his character, as revealed in Christ.

Walking is amazing - here's how to get started

Walking is simply good for you. Even a casual stroll can give your overall physical and mental health a boost.

So says Britain's leading walking charity, Ramblers.

It also says that the current mantra of 'ten thousand steps a day' need not daunt you, as "you don't need to adhere to this to feel the benefits of getting outside and stretching your legs." Even walking for just 30 minutes five times a week can help ward off back pain, according to a recent study.

So – here's five ways to get going....

- Walk in the morning – you are more likely to fit it in before the day takes off.
- Start gently, set an easy pace.
- Keep it short, to start with. Build up your distances gradually.
- Aim to build it up to last for at least half an hour.
- Work out some simple local routes that suit you.

Doctors tell us that 'movement is medicine', and this medicine is certainly cost-free.

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

Collect Trinity 5

Almighty God, send
down upon your
Church the riches of
your Spirit, and
kindle in all who
minister the gospel
your countless gifts
of grace; through
Jesus Christ our
Lord.

THIS WEEKS HYMNS

Processional

Praise my soul the
King of heaven

Gradual

The kingdom of
love is justice and
joy

Offertory

Be thou my vision

Communion

Father hear the
prayer we offer

Recessional

Love divine

CofE Bishops urge Prime Minister to rethink migration rhetoric

Fifteen Church of England bishops have joined Jewish, Muslim, and other Christian leaders in urging the Prime Minister to reconsider migration rhetoric that they warn risks deepening division and undermining compassion.

They have signed a joint letter to the Prime Minister, calling for a more compassionate and respectful tone in the national conversation around migration.

The letter, coordinated by HIAS+JCORE, a UK-based Jewish organisation that advocates for racial justice and refugee rights, expresses deep concern that current political rhetoric risks “strengthening those who would divide us” and undermines the UK’s proud tradition of offering sanctuary to those in need.

Among the signatories are 15 Church of England bishops, including: Bristol, Chelmsford, Gloucester, Guildford, Leeds, Leicester, Lichfield, Lincoln, London, Manchester, St Albans, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Southwark and Winchester.

Together, the leaders warn that the Prime Minister’s recent reference to the “incalculable” damage done by uncontrolled migration risks “strengthening those who would divide us.”

While acknowledging public concerns around migration, the signatories stress the need for a response which is “principled, and lowers the temperature of the debate, respecting the dignity of all who make up our nation.”

From stained glass to medieval graffiti: annual conservation grants for churches revealed

More than £260,000 was distributed by the Church of England last year to support conservation of historic items and works of art in parish churches.

They ranged from stained glass and organs to curtains, a carpet and an 18th century Bible famous for its misprints. In all, there were 124 projects in 33 dioceses, including wall paintings, monuments, church bells and even medieval graffiti.

The conservation grants programme is administered by the Church of England’s Cathedral and church buildings department from funds provided by The Pilgrim Trust, the Radcliffe Trust, the Anglican Parish Churches Fund, The Oswald Allen Fund, the Gunnis Fund and the Church of England Net Zero Fund.

This year, the conservation grants scheme is being extended, thanks to the support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The danger of electric cars

Electric cars may be the ‘future’ of British motoring, but meanwhile, more of them are catching fire. From 131 blazes three years ago, there were 232 blazes needing a fire brigade last year – a 77 per cent increase in just two years. Electric car fires are more dangerous than petrol or diesel car fires, because they are extremely hard to put out. This is because water, foam or fireproof blanket have little to no effect: lithium-ion battery fires are self-sustaining and continue to burn until the entire battery is consumed.

Electric car fires are normally the result of ‘thermal runaway’, where batteries have got damaged or overheated, and then begin to irreversibly overheat.

There is to be a total ban on new petrol and diesel cars by 2030.

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 celebration of Janet Turner and William Wilkins Birthdays, both of which end in a 0

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

From the Parish Prayer list:

Street Angels; Pub's and clubs within the Parish; Pye Nest Road; Recreation Road; Regent Parade; Regent Place; Rochdale Road; Rose Grove; Rose Grove Lane; Rose Hill.



Tap into wasted water
Fixing that dripping tap could save over 5,500 litres of water a year - that's a lot!

Feeling flush?
Fitting a Flushsaver in your toilet could save 1.2 litres with every flush.

Quotes

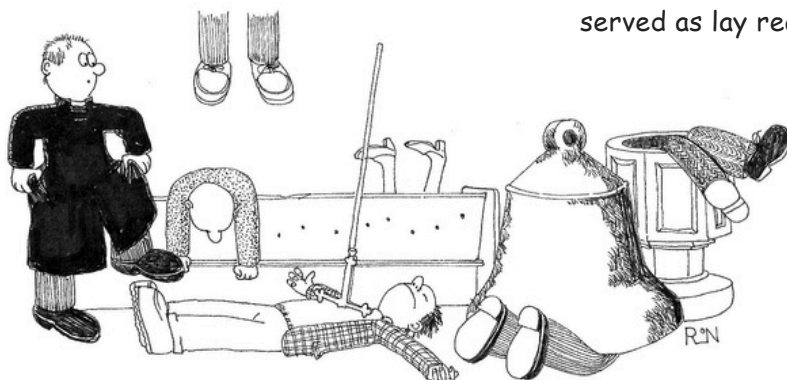
If you can't shine, at least twinkle! -
Alistair Begg

Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere. - Anon



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.



It was a normal Sunday Morning in Midsomer Parish Church

Next week

SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2025
TRINITY 6

FIRST READING

GENESIS 18.20-32

PSALM

PSALM 138

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 2.6-15,(16-19)

GOSPEL

LUKE 11.1-13

SERVERS

FIRST READING

GLENIS MCCARTHY

PSALM

SARAH TOWLER

SECOND READING

DAVE GILL

INTERCESSIONS

PAUL HEALEY

SIDES PERSON

SUE SANDERSON & JANET
TURNER

DIARY

Monday

Tuesday

10am Digital Cafe &
Coffee Morning

11.30am Mid week
Communion

1pm Knit & Natter

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

10am Coffee Morning

Sunday

10.30am Morning
Worship

Wonder and Worship: Reflections in a Scottish Rainforest

It can be easier to notice things away from home, when we are relaxed and surrounded by unfamiliar sights in an exotic location. But sometimes the same wonders are there in our own back yard. GK Chesterton was a great advocate of intensive observation, and he invited his readers to take a fresh look at things that might be taken for granted. The rewards for this mental adjustment are great, and can feed into our worship in new ways.

I first learned to appreciate old growth forests on the West coast of Canada: the centuries-old tangle of logs and underbrush, and thick layers of moss and lichen, that provide rich resources for countless organisms. Several years later, in Scotland, I stumbled over a few acres of birch and hazel, lush with moss and ferns, and humming with insect and bird life. Fallen logs lay everywhere, vegetation grew up the trees, creepers hung down, and sunlight slanted through clearings.

I later discovered that this patch of woodland is one of the few remaining areas of old growth Atlantic rainforest, so I visited one sunny morning when I had more time to linger. The wood is home to 140 species of lichen and 100 of moss, so I found myself looking very closely at tree trunks and boulders. Each lichen is a unique relationship between a fungus and a particular collection of single-celled algae – an example of the collaboration that is so essential to every ecosystem.

Places like this are worth preserving, respecting, and appreciating as much as a work of art or a historic city. I'm so grateful to the community that chose to preserve it, and the Creator who used such intricate and patient processes to create it. As the animals and plants around me did what comes to them naturally, I did what I was made for – thanking God for everything I saw. I found myself praising God alongside all those species of lichen, moss and trees. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150).

There is a growing call to take both our personal devotions and our church services outside from time to time, and there are a growing number of resources to help us do this. As you go through your week, can you find one new way to appreciate your surroundings, and praise God alongside the rest of Creation?

Editor: Dr Ruth Bancewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

The doctor and the ill person



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS CALLED MATTHEW - A TAX COLLECTOR TO BE HIS FOLLOWER.

JESUS EVEN WENT TO MATTHEW'S HOME.



THIS SET PEOPLE'S TONGUES WAGGING. THEY THOUGHT JESUS WAS LETTING THE SIDE DOWN!

BUT JESUS EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TALK TO EVERYONE!

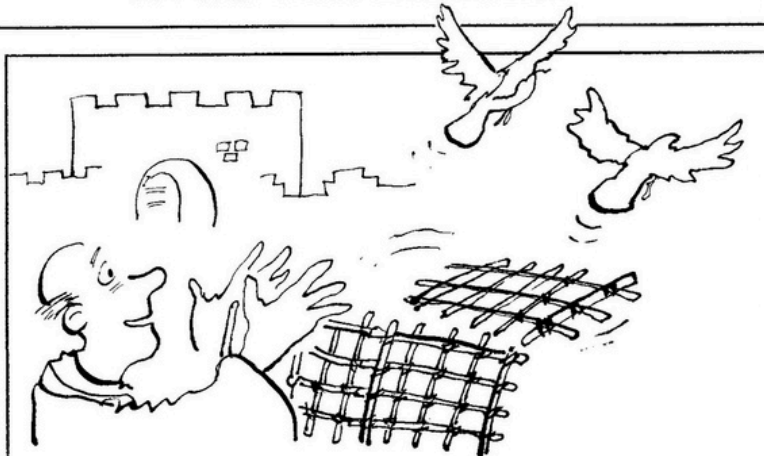


"PEOPLE WHO ARE WELL DO NOT NEED A DOCTOR"



"BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE SICK"

"IT IS KINDNESS THAT GOD WANTS"



"NOT ANIMAL SACRIFICES!" see Matthew Ch. 9 v.9-13



Margaret Jeffery's funeral

Margaret's funeral is at St. James', Hebden Bridge on 31st July at 11.30am, followed by a light lunch and refreshments in the church before going to Park Wood.

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 – 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.

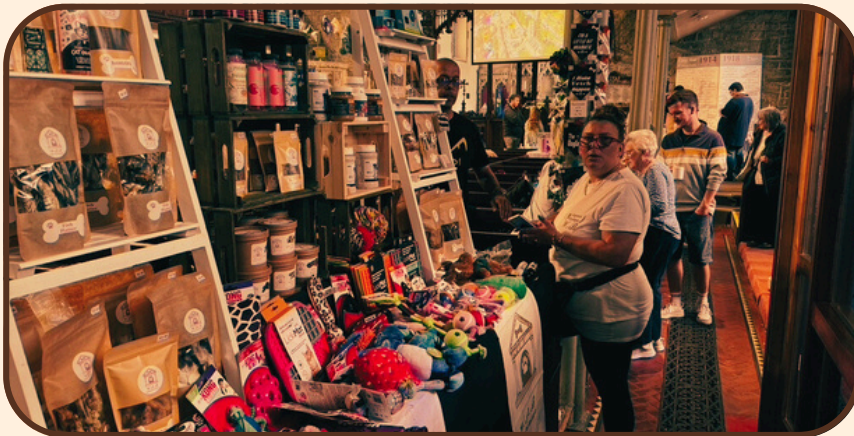
Also, don't forget about our popular holiday hampers! If you're heading off on holiday or visiting somewhere special, why not bring back a small gift or treat to include in one of our hampers? If donating food or sweets, please ensure the expiry date is well beyond September.

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

Morning and Evening Prayers

Once Revd. Tommy is back at his desk he would like to try Morning Prayer on a Monday and evening prayer on a Thursday. Both would be via Zoom / MS Teams. To gauge interest in this there is a sheet at the back of church

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

CHRIST CHURCH,
SOWERBY BRIDGE
WHARF STREET, HX6 2LW

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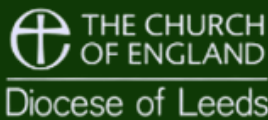


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*Before You Open Your Bible -
nine heart postures for
approaching God's Word*
By Matt Smethurst, 10Publishing,
£3.99 (discounts on bulk orders)

We know the Bible is important, but many of
us struggle with it. We're not biblical experts—
though we may have started enough reading
plans to be really familiar with Genesis. If
we're honest, the Bible often intimidates us,
confuses us, and reading it doesn't always
thrill us.

And yet, the Bible is where God reveals His
loving character and incredible plan of
redemption. In a practical and engaging
manner, Matt Smethurst—managing editor of
The Gospel Coalition—presents nine heart
postures that will prepare you to unpack all
that's awaiting you in God's Word, for without
the 'right heart postures', we're not yet ready
to start reading.



Smile Lines

Getting ready

Two children watched their grandmother
reading her Bible. "Why does she do
that?" whispered one. "I expect she's
studying for her final exams," came the
reply.

Life choice

A small boy returned from Sunday School
in tears. When questioned by his mother
for the reason of his distress, he gulped:
"Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I
want to be an engine driver."

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