

Glossop Parish Church of All Saints

Newsletter: August 2025

Diocesan Vision Prayer

Gracious God,
in your mercy, and for your glory,
renew us, reshape us, revive us –
with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love –
that, in transformed lives, through growing church and building community,
we may see your Kingdom come
and be good news for all.
Amen.

Services

Sunday 3rd August - Foodbank Sunday
Parish Eucharist 10.30am

Sunday 10th August
Parish Eucharist 10.30am

Sunday 17th August
Parish Eucharist 10.30am

Sunday 24th August 10.30am
Parish Eucharist 10.30am

There will be no Wednesday services during the month of August.

Special days in August

- 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord
 - 15 The Blessed Virgin Mary
 - 24 Bartholomew the Apostle
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80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War

On 15 August, we mark the 80th anniversary of VJ Day, paying tribute to those involved in the end of the Second World War, as well as reminding us to pray and work for peace in our communities and in the world. You can find out more about the commemorations taking place for the anniversary of VJ Day on the government's dedicated website.

The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion will mark V J Day with a ceremony in Norfolk Square Glossop on Friday 15th August.

Assemble 10.45 am facing the Cenotaph (there will not be a procession).

Fr. Norman will lead the service which will include prayers, a reading, "Words to the Fallen", 2 minutes silence, "The Kohima Epitaph" and it is planned to have the Last Post & Reveille sounded.

The Mayor of High Peak & the President of the RBL Glossop Branch will lead the laying of wreaths.

The Parade Marshal will be Mr David Halligan.

July Saint

Our July saint is Mary Magdalene, often called Mary of Magdala, who was a prominent follower of Jesus in the Bible stories, particularly known for her presence at his crucifixion and resurrection.

Although we know relatively little about her, she appears in all four gospels and in some of the gnostic texts.

She is described as one of the women who travelled with Jesus and his disciples, providing them with material support, and so possibly she was a woman of means. She is specifically named as the first person to see the resurrected Jesus in the gospels of Mark and John.

In John's Gospel, Jesus instructs her to tell the disciples about his resurrection, making her the first person to announce the good news, and earning her the title 'disciple to the disciples'.

Over time, Mary Magdalene has come to be thought of as a repentant prostitute but there is no biblical evidence for this and it is probably the result of conflating her story with that of the woman who washed Jesus feet with her tears. This seems to have stemmed from a sermon by one of the early Popes.

In the narratives when the women are mentioned, she is always named first, so there is no doubt that she was a highly respected and important member of the early church.

We celebrate her on July 22nd.

Prayer

Almighty God,
Whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection,
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace that we may serve you in the power of him
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen

Arrangement for licensing services

Saturday, September 27th, 2.30pm followed by tea and cakes at Glossop Parish Church.

Sunday, September 28th, 10.00am Joint Family Eucharist at St Andrews, Hadfield followed by a bring and share lunch. This will be Fr David's first service with us.

Morning prayer at Glossop Parish Church 10.30am.

Mary's Meals

About Mary's Meals

“Our idea is a simple one that works. We provide one daily meal in a place of education in order to attract chronically hungry children into a classroom, where they receive an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty.

Mary's Meals began by feeding 200 children in Malawi. Today we feed more than 2 million hungry children every day.

“The average worldwide cost for us to feed a child for a whole school year is just £19.15/ €22.00/ \$25.20 (USD). Wherever possible, Mary's Meals uses locally grown food to support the local economy. We work hard to keep our running costs low and to ensure that at least 93% of donations go on our charitable work. This is only possible since most of our work is done by an army of volunteers.

“With 67 million children of primary school age (about 6 to 11 years) out of school, our work is just beginning.”

(From [Mary's Meals' LinkedIn profile](#))

Refreshments Donations

Thank you to everyone who generously gives a donation for their refreshments at the end of our weekly Sunday Parish Eucharist. Your generosity enables us to support the work of other organisations engaged in God's mission in the world.

By supporting Mary's Meals we demonstrate our commitment to the third of the Five Marks of Mission: 'to respond to human need by loving service'.

Thank you from the Rev Chris

“I thought you'd like to know what I used some of the money so generously given to me by Glossop Parish Church and St Andrews.

“A new garden bench and a rose arch.

“Trying to get stuck in to parish life here - seems to be mainly funerals at the moment! But I already have one Care home service fixed up in Chapel.”

Feedback on Flower Festival at Holy Trinity Church, Dinting

Wow! The Flower Festival we held last weekend (11-13 July) to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Dinting Vale was a resounding success. All the flower displays were fantastic, with some very creative ones, especially the one from Glossop Parish Church which was on an Eco theme. It got some very admiring comments and was much appreciated and enjoyed by all who saw it. We also served refreshments which were all freshly made by members of our church. The fellowship over the three days was great, with one lady remembering the one we had to celebrate 100 years. Much has changed since then I think. We also had the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attend our service on the Sunday morning and share our fellowship afterwards. All in all a thoroughly enjoyable event and in the closing words of our sermon on Sunday 150 Not Out!

Thank you to our flower ladies for their inspiration and creative display of our flower arrangement and for all they do week in and week out.

Note from our Flower Ladies

Our display "Being an Eco Church" had a good reception and very positive feedback. Let's hope it brings more people to come and enjoy our church garden.

Continuing the Eco-Church Journey

As part of our commitment to the fifth Mark of Mission – to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth – the wonderful team who week-by-week decorate the church building with beautiful and creative floral arrangements have ditched floral foam ('oasis') for chicken wire.

The Diocese of Worcester explain why floral foam is bad for the environment:

1. Floral foam is plastic which, because of its cellular structure, easily crumbles into microscopic fragments adding to the global problem of microplastics.
2. Floral foam is not biodegradable and will last for centuries unless broken down through the action of light or heat, or interaction with other chemicals.
3. Pouring water from floral foam down the drain increases the amount of microplastics in rivers and oceans. Studies have shown that microplastics discarded into the sewerage system can bypass sewage treatment processes and be re-released

into the sea as post-treatment wastewater or back to farmland when the recovered sludge is used as fertiliser.

The team have also used flowers from their gardens, roadsides and the churchyard to create floral arrangements.

Glossopdale Foodbank

Mile of Pennies Appeal

So far Glossopdale Foodbank have collected £59.00, part of their mile of pennies appeal. We have a jar at the back of church for pennies and loose change which is taken to the Foodbank at the beginning of every month along with our collection of food and general goods for the Foodbank.

Our 'custom and practice' at the Parish Eucharist on the first Sunday of each month (3rd August 2025) is to collect food and non-food items for the Glossopdale Foodbank.

As a worshipping community we want individuals and households across Glossopdale to flourish both spiritually and physically. And yet we know that there are people across Glossopdale who, for whatever reason (e.g., low wages, unemployment, delays or cuts in benefits, zero-hour contracts, debt), are unable to 'put food on the table'. Last year over 7,500 local people (approximately 25% of the local population) received almost 69,000 emergency meals from the Foodbank, a four-fold increase since 2016.

Feedback from concerts

Reported from Facebook:

"Enjoyed an uplifting afternoon at the Dark Peak Music Foundation's Summer Concert at The Parish Church of All Saints, Old Glossop - a wonderful way to round off the 2024-25 season.

"It was a joy to hear so many talented young musicians performing across both parts of the concert. From the Junior Strings' lively rendition of "The Wellerman" and the Senior Strings bringing Vivaldi to life, to the Young Voices Choir melting our hearts with "The Seal Lullaby" and the Intermediate Strings impressing with "The Bare Necessities", part 1 alone was 90 minutes of sheer musical delight.

“Part 2 kept the magic going. The Glossop Junior Wind Band opened with "March from First Blow", followed by the Chinley Junior Wind Band's brilliant take on Rudy. Their combined performance of the Wallace & Gromit theme was a real crowd-pleaser. The Dark Peak Wind Quartet, Intermediate Wind Band and Dark Peak Concert Band continued the high standard with music from Les Misérables, How to Train Your Dragon and Jurassic Park; all played with energy, heart and exceptional talent.

“The standard this afternoon was phenomenal. We also said goodbye and good luck to those moving on to exciting new chapters, many of whom have been with the Dark Peak family almost a decade. A heartfelt thank you to the entire Dark Peak Music Family and to everyone who supports this brilliant organisation in any way, shape or form. Your hard work, passion and dedication continue to inspire.

“The Dark Peak Music Foundation is a vibrant, creative and inclusive charitable organisation based in the Peak District, serving young musicians (from beginner to advanced level) from Glossopdale, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Hayfield, New Mills and the surrounding areas since its formation in 2000.

“The Foundation provide a supportive and inclusive environment which helps their members develop their musical and teamwork skills. For more information about Dark Peak Music and explore how you may be able to help & support them with their work then please feel free to take a look at their website:

<https://darkpeakmusic.co.uk/>

Candlelight concerts

We understand that these were amazing concerts.

Here are some comments left on our Facebook page:

“Absolutely beautiful enjoyed every minute of it.”

“It was a fantastic concert .”

“Very professional performance. Thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Candles looked great added to the atmosphere.”

<http://www.lumos-experiences.com/>

Saturday Mornings

Church open every Saturday morning 10.00-12.00 noon.

As well as the usual cleaning, flower arranging, preparation for Sunday services and winding of the church clock we welcome quite a few visitors who come to look round the church.

We also welcome wedding couples who are making arrangements for their weddings.

Organ update

The cost of the organ repair was £2376. which included VAT. We have claimed the VAT back leaving us £1980 to fund. We have now received £1660.00 In donations plus gift aid. We still need to find £320.00.

Duke of Norfolk school leavers service - One More Step Along the Way I go

On a cold and positively wet end of term Tuesday morning all the children from Duke of Norfolk school came into church to celebrate the end of the current school year and to say goodbye to the year 6's.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for their time in primary school.

We pray for courage and confidence as they move to secondary school, that they may embrace new challenges and continue to grow in knowledge and understanding. Bless them for their love and guidance.

We ask all of this in your name. Amen.

Update on Mirfield

Community of Resurrection annual Festival Day in Mirfield 5th July.

Five of us went this year. We hired a 7 seater taxi, picking us all up at our homes and we arrived at Mirfield for 10am.

We had a lovely day meeting friends from last year and enjoying High Mass, Benedictine and Evening prayers before returning home at 6pm. In between services we had homemade lunch, afternoon tea & cake, a visit to the book shop and enjoyed being together in the serene surroundings of the monastery. A long, but lovely day.

Christian aid house to house collection

The collection is finally wound up. The cash was paid in last week and Christian Aid returns form completed and verified. The on line page closed on Monday. So final total was: £3530. There will be approximately £230 added to that total from the Gift Aid forms which were filled in. I was particularly pleased to see the 'Delivery only' figure increased this year - in fact we had a 'Charity voucher cheque' for £100 in the door quite late. Thanks so much for all your help and support.

Plastic Free July

From [Plastic Free July's Facebook page](#):

It's just one bottle, one bag, one straw. But imagine that same thought echoed by billions. Suddenly, it's not just one — it's mountains of plastic choking our oceans, filling our landfills, and entering our food chain.

That's why millions of people are finding that small changes, like refusing a single-use plastic bottle, can help reduce plastic waste.

One simple swap really does make a difference.

Are you ready to be part of the solution? Start your journey here:

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/category/getting-started/>

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight 2025 will take place 22 September – 05 October.

Once again the UK will be celebrating the difference we can all make when we choose Fairtrade and campaign as part of the global fair trade movement.

Tea/coffee afternoon

Glossop Parish Church - Tuesday 23rd September - 2.00 - 4.00pm

Coffee Morning

Bradbury House - Saturday 4th October - 10.00-12.00 noon

Notes from the Belfry

The bell ringers hosted 20 cubs from 3rd Glossop pack in mid-June for a fun-filled session. The cubs got the chance to climb the 17 stone steps up to the ringing gallery, and enjoyed chiming several of our bells, and also practising ringing different combinations on hand bells. Thanks to all who helped to run the session. Last Saturday morning, we also organised a 'Learn to Ring' workshop, for those potentially in taking up bell ringing as a hobby, offering them an hour-long individual session to learn some of the basics of bell handling. We will try to offer one more of these Saturday morning workshops in the latter part of the year, so if you are interested—or know others in the community who might be—look out for future notices. While the bell ringing band remains stable in number, our hope in the second half of this year is to continue to grow, and to recruit a couple more people interested in learning the centuries' old art of change ringing. Our tower now follows what is called the ARTs programme of bell instruction, a national initiative which has transformed how bell handling skills are taught. Alan is an accredited and experienced ARTs Methods teacher, and Andrew is working towards his accreditation.

In August, we will welcome three separate groups of visiting ringers to our tower – on August 9th a band from the north east will ring; on August 16th the Whiting Society will again return to Glossop for a day of ringing; and on August 21st a band from Saddleworth will ring a Quarter Peel from 11am until noon.



Parish lunch

Lunch club - Monday 18th August, meet at Pico Lounge at 1.00pm, all welcome.
Walking group - every Tuesday meet outside Glossop Parish Church 12.30pm.

Creationtide or the Season of Creation

This is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

Many churches choose to use this time of year to hold special services and events to give thanks for God's gift of creation, and to renew their commitment to caring for our one planet home.

[Season of Creation | The Church of England](#)

Exhibition of Local Nature Walks

During the month of September, to celebrate Creation Season we are hoping to display photographs and descriptions of local walks around Glossop.

The church will be open the first two Saturdays in September 10.00-12.00 noon and 2.00-4.00pm.

Tea/coffee and cakes.

Lammas Celtic Gathering

Saturday 2nd August 4pm at Glossop Parish Church.

“We celebrate the beginning of the harvest season. We will also consider how the breaking of bread is not just a symbol but a way of life All are welcome, from all faiths and none.”

[Download Leaflet](#)

September 13th - coffee morning - Update on Swifts.
Glossop Parish Church 10.00-12.00noon.

For the 80th anniversary of VJ Day

God of the nations,
our refuge and our dwelling place,
we remember with thanksgiving
those whose service achieved Allied victory in the Pacific,
and hold before you all those who suffered
from the devastation and trauma of war.
As we pray for those who suffer the atrocities of war,
strengthen our resolve to pursue what makes for peace,
through the one in whom we are reconciled and made one,
even Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

[80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War | The Church of England](#)

For *Peace and Quiet* and more information of events, please visit:
[A Church Near You, Glossop Parish Church of All Saints.](#)

Peace and Quiet is offered online as an opportunity, whenever you need it, to take time out from the daily tasks, worries and fears which are our common experiences of life. Through words, music and pictures we encourage a time of calm 'mindfulness' and renewed hope.
