

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



Archdeacons Visitation 2025

A new focus

COLOSSIANS 3.1-11

Paul invites those who have been raised with Christ to have a new focus: to look beyond everyday realities to the life hidden with the risen Christ, who is seated at God's right hand. Those who share Christ's new life have stripped off the old self and must put to death old ways of living that separated them from God.

This week we consider how setting our minds on godly things has profound practical consequences on our day-to-day living, both for ourselves and those whose needs we see more clearly as a result.

4th August - Sithney, the saint who preferred mad dogs to women

You know how some men find some women's interest in romance and clothes hard to cope with? Well, Sithney (or Sezni) should be the patron saint of all such men.

According to a Breton folk legend, Sithney was a hermit of long ago, minding his own business, when one day God told him that he was going to make him the patron saint of girls. Sithney was horrified. He foresaw a future where thousands of young women were forever plaguing him to find them good husbands and fine clothes... the thought of it appalled him. So Sithney begged God for some other job, something more peaceful, than dealing with young women. "Very well," said God. "You can look after mad dogs, instead."

Sithney replied cheerfully: "I'd rather have mad dogs than women, any day." And so it was. Since that time, young women have pestered other saints to bring them husbands and fine clothes, while sick and mad dogs have been taken to drink water from the well of St Sezni, patron of Sithney, near Helston in Cornwall.

SUNDAY 3RD
AUGUST 2025
TRINITY 7

FIRST READING

ECCLESIASTES 1.2,12-14;
2.18-23

PSALM

PSALM 49.1-12

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3.1-11

GOSPEL

LUKE 12.13-21

SERVERS

FIRST READING

PSALM

SECOND READING

INTERCESSIONS

SIDES PERSON

PAULINE CHESLETT & LINDA
FIRTH

Collect Trinity 7

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS HYMNS

Processional

Blessed assurance,
Jesus is mine

Gradual

Come down O Love
Divine
Spirit of the Living
God, fall afresh on
me

Offertory

Take my life and let
it be

Communion

Recessional

My Lighthouse
video

What's the Big Idea? An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: 1 Corinthians

‘When people become Christians, they don’t at the same moment become nice. This always comes as something of a surprise’ (Eugene Peterson).

After founding the church in Corinth Paul spent a year and a half with them, showing them how to live out this new life as a community of believers. Corinth was a major commercial centre in Greece and a crossroads for travellers and traders across the Empire. Its people placed a high premium on wisdom, but Corinth was also known for its immorality. Little wonder that the church was plagued with so many problems! However, after Paul left the church factions developed, immorality was rife, and worship had become a selfish grabbing for the supernatural. Paul’s letter, written around AD 55 in Ephesus, is a response to these problems.

It is clear that, although the church was gifted (1:4–7), it was immature and unspiritual (3:1–4). Paul’s purpose for writing was to:

- instruct and restore the church in its areas of weakness, correcting erroneous practices such as divisions (1:10–4:21), immorality (ch. 5; 6:12–20), litigation in pagan courts (6:1–8) and the abuse of the Lord’s Supper (11:17–34).*
- correct false teaching concerning the resurrection (ch. 15).*

This letter is very relevant for us today, as we are also powerfully influenced by our cultural environment. Many of the questions and problems that confronted the church at Corinth are still with us. Yet despite the problems, Paul’s focus remained on knowing Christ in His life and trusting in the power of the cross: ‘For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.’ (2:2).

When I say I am a Christian

*When I say, “I am a Christian,” I’m not shouting, “I am saved!”
I’m whispering, “I get lost; that is why I chose this way.”*

When I say, “I am a Christian,” I don’t speak of this with pride.

*I’m confessing that I stumble and need
Someone to be my Guide.*

*When I say, “I am a Christian,” I’m not bragging
I am strong.*

*I’m professing that I’m weak, and I pray for
strength to carry on.*

*When I say, “I am a Christian,” I’m not bragging
of success.*

*I’m admitting I have failed and cannot ever pay
the debt.*

*When I say, “I am a Christian,” I’m not claiming
to be perfect.*

*My flaws are all too visible, but God believes
I’m worth it.*

*When I say, “I am a Christian,” I still feel the
sting of pain.*

*I have my share of heartaches, which is why I
cry His name.*

*When I say, “I am a Christian,” I do not wish to
judge.*

*I have no authority; I only know I’m loved.
Author unknown*

In your prayers this week....

Anne and her family; Anthony; Jean Angell; Lesley; Denise Edge; Piper Fletcher; 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 George Marsh.

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



"We've had a tip-off that the sermon is going to over-run again."

From the Parish Prayer list:

The Bishop of Huddersfield, Smitha Prasadam; The Archdeacon of Halifax, Archdeacon. Bill; Bankfield Terrace; Beach Avenue; Beech Road; Beech View; Beech Villas; Belgrave Street; Belmont Street; Bentley Mount



Keep a jug of water in the fridge
Have cool water in the fridge ready to drink, so you don't need to run the tap until it turns cold.

Don't wash your car - or use a bucket
Be proud to have a dirty car this summer!
Just washing your windscreen cuts your water usage dramatically.

Quotes

Don't bother much about your feelings.
When they are humble, loving, brave, give thanks for them; when they are conceited, selfish, cowardly, ask to have them changed. - C. S. Lewis

Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God. - Jim Elliot



Angela Wilkins; Catherine Priestley; Donna Daglish; Sarah Towler

Next week

SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST 2025
TRINITY 8

FIRST READING

GENESIS 15.1-6

PSALM

PSALM 33.12-22

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 11.1-3,8-16

GOSPEL

LUKE 12.32-40

SERVERS

ANTHEA GEE

DAVE GILL

FIRST READING

GLENIS MCCARTHY

PSALM

RITA JAGGER

SECOND READING

ANTHEA GEE

INTERCESSIONS

JUSTINE HELLIWELL

SIDES PERSON

JANET TURNER & ANGELA WILKINS

DIARY

Monday

Tuesday

10am Coffee Morning

11.30am Mid week

Communion

1pm Knit & Natter

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

10am Coffee Morning

Sunday

10.30am Holy

Communion

The Nicene Creed part 3: The Incarnate Jesus

For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

In this study we are looking at what the Nicene Creed says about the ministry of Jesus on earth.

‘For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven’: Jesus came down to earth to save us all. Salvation involves healing and rescuing us from the wrong things in our lives, which result in death itself. The Creed demonstrates the importance of having a proper understanding of Christ that safeguards the gospel of salvation. ‘For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.’ (Luke 19:10).

‘by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man’:

Although the word ‘incarnate’ doesn’t appear in the New Testament, it expresses the meaning of Jesus’ birth. Heresies of the time included Adoptionism (i.e. Jesus became God’s Son only at His baptism) and Docetism (i.e. Jesus appeared to be human, as a fully divine being). The incarnation affirms that the divine son, was conceived in Mary’s womb by the power of the Spirit and born in time as a human being: ‘The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.’ (Luke 1:35). If Jesus was not conceived both fully divine and human, the Christian understanding of salvation is lost.

‘For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried’:

In the Creed we move straight from Jesus’ birth to His death, which is the climax of His ministry. Jesus dying for our sins on the cross lies at the heart of God’s plan of salvation. The mention of Pontius Pilate roots our faith in history and reminds us of the important part people played in God’s plan. ‘He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.’ (1 Peter 2:24).

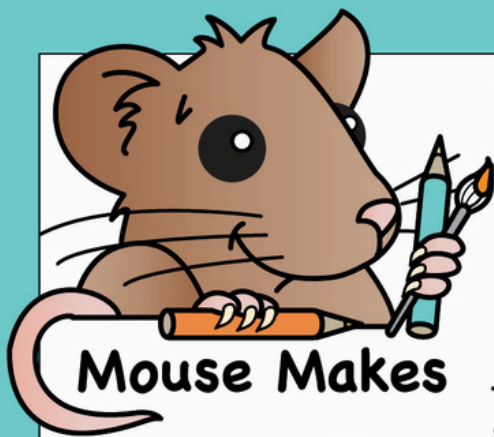
What is the place of the incarnation in your understanding of the Christian Faith?

Our series on the Nicene Creed continues this month. Canon Paul Hardingham considers a bedrock of our Christian belief: that Jesus is the Son of God.

Public consultation about the next Bishop of Leeds launches

The Diocese of Leeds has launched its public consultation looking for the views of all people across our region about the next Bishop of Leeds. We are asking for people to answer three questions about our new bishop and the future of our diocese, These questions can be answered by scanning the QR code.





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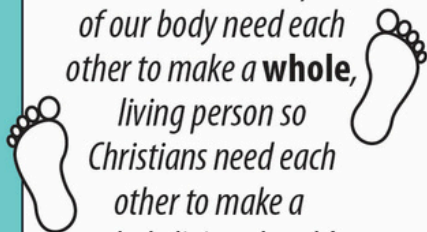
"Just as a **body**, though **one**, has **many** parts, but all its many **parts** form one body, so it is with **Christ**. For we were all baptised by one **Spirit** so as to form one body... Even so, the body is not made up of one part but of many...

...Now you are the body of Christ, and **each** one of you is part of it."

from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Just as the different parts of our body need each other to make a **whole**, living person so Christians need each other to make a whole living church!



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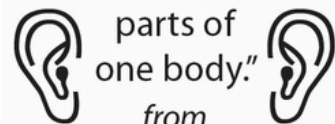
Look in the Bible verses for the words written in **bold** then look for these words too!

GOD • TOGETHER • EQUAL • ALL • EVERY
HEAD • EYES • EARS • MOUTH • TONGUE
TEETH • NOSE • ARMS • HANDS • FINGERS
LEGS • KNEES • FEET • TOES • GIFTS



"Though we are many, we are one body in **union** with Christ, and we are **joined** to each other as **different** parts of one body."

from
Romans 12:1-7





Rushbearing – Saturday 6th September

Its time for us to start getting ready for rushbearing. so far we are looking for donations of:

Cakes for the cake stall, see Sue Sanderson

Raffle, tombola and bottle prizes, see Angela Wilkins

Bacon, t-cakes, Mushy Peas, Milk, buns etc, a full list will be at back of church next week

Volunteers sign up to help in the kitchen or help on a stall, sign up sheet at the back of church next week

Revd. Tommy

Is back at his desk from tomorrow all rested

Margaret Jeffery's funeral

Margaret's funeral was live streamed, if anybody would like to watch this back, please speak to Peter for the link

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

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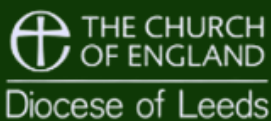


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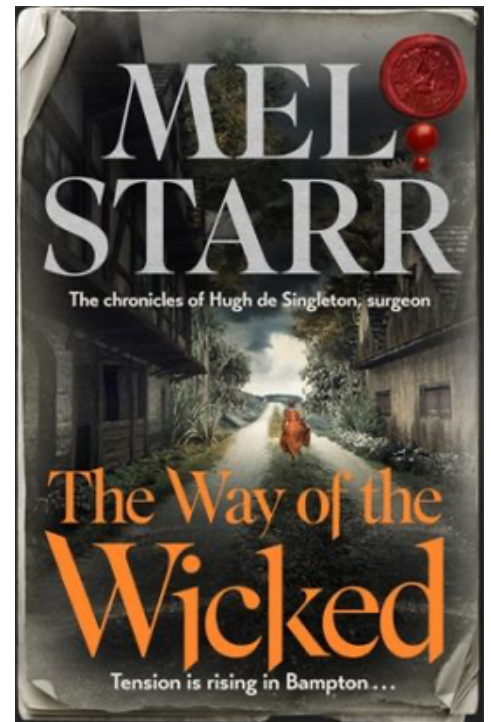
Visit the world of 14th century England in this
thrilling historical murder mystery, the 17th in
the popular Chronicles of Hugh de Singleton

When Kendrick Wroe is found dead in the
frozen Shill Brook, most suspect he has been
poaching Lord Gilbert's fish, though Sir Hugh
believes this may not be so. Then one of
Kendrick's friends is slain; another seems to
be in mortal peril, and Hugh's daughter Bessie
is abducted. As the deaths rise and events
begin to spiral out of control, it's all Hugh can
do to master his anxiety and uncover the
killer.

Smile Lines

Fish & Chips

Some tourists touring the north of
England stopped to visit a Priory. The
Prior gave them a tour of the buildings,
ending in the kitchen, where one monk
was making fish and chips. One tourist
said brightly: "You must be the fish friar,"
to which the monk gravely replied, "No, I
am the chip monk."



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