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Readings & News: 14th September 2025: Holy Cross Day
St Mary's Todmorden, St Michael's Cornholme and St Peter's Walsden

Numbers 21: 4-9 ⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food. Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So, Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Philippians 2: 6-11 ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 3: 13-17 ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Collect: Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. **Alleluia.**

Post Communion: Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen**

Hymns: 14th September: St Mary's Hymns O&N

To Enter: Thou whose almighty word - **684**

Gradual: I watch the sunrise - **334**

Offertory: O worship the king - **551**

Communion: Bless the Lord my soul - **923**

Communion: Enemy of Apathy - **Anthem**

Recession: Praise to the Lord - **573**

St Peter's: Service @ The Mill

There are no services at

Walsden during September

BUT St Peter's will support the

Scarecrow Festival on

20th/21st September



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Harvest and Foodbank Collections: We will celebrate **Harvest** on **Sunday 5th October** and collect for Todmorden Food Drop In. The most needed items are: Baked beans, Instant coffee, Pasta, Corned Beef and other Tinned meat meals, Biscuits, Tinned peas, carrots, sweetcorn, tuna, fruit, rice pudding, custard; plus Peanut butter, tampons/ Sanitary towels, Laundry tablets/capsules, Toothbrushes & paste, soap, shampoo & conditioner: **You can also donate at:** <https://localgiving.org/charity/todfooddropin>
We will also have a Jacob's Join lunch at church; all welcome; sign up at the back

Confirmations: Bishop Smitha will visit St Mary's on Sunday 30th November for Confirmations at 2.30pm. **A Confirmation group will meet on Thursdays 18th and 25th September, 2nd and 30th October all at 7.30pm.** Others still welcome to join.

Saturday 27th September from 2-6pm – Oktoberfest: Beer, Wurst and much more...

Friday 31st October, Ghostly Tales – recruiting now for people to help tell the stories of St Mary's, Christ Church and Todmorden's Spooky past. **Meeting to get to know more on Wednesday 24th September, 7.30pm** at St Mary's.

Celebrating some Anniversaries in late August/early September:

Mark and Fiona Johnston – 40th Wedding anniversary

Margaret and Philip Blackburn – 70th Wedding anniversary

Tim Benjamin – 50th Birthday, celebrated in church today... cake available!

National School will be 180 this year, celebration on 10th October in school; see flyers

For notices, weddings, funerals, baptisms and volunteering please contact:

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A new Bishop for Leeds Diocese:

Almighty God, you give us bishops to be shepherds of Christ's flock, guardians of faith and lead your people in mission. Send your Holy Spirit upon this Diocese of Leeds to guide us as we discern your choice for our new bishop and receive them with joy; walk with them in faith; and serve with them in hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eco Church: Creation tide continues through September. Let's pray today for those who keep our parks and public areas maintained and planted; for Tod in Bloom and Incredible Edibles; for the Friends of Centre Vale, Friends of St Peter's and Friends of Christ Church.

Refreshments: *Please ensure sugar and food are put away and crumbs swept up. Stray food attracts stray mice etc Please help avoid pests.*

We continue to pray for: Gwen Mills, Muriel Cridge, Jacob Howarth, Roy Yearsley, Viv Hawksworth, Mandy Fielden, Norman Cruikshank, Margaret McArdle; Sarah Battershell, Robert Scholey, Gillian Cottam, Daniel Roberts, Glynys Radnzcic, Joyce Campion, Trevor Smith, Meg Kennedy, Margaret Blackburn, Jeffrey Hunter, Caroline Van den Brut, Jerzy Browne, Maureen Fielden, Roger & Pat Dale, Clifford, Jonathan, Nigel Bentley, John Taylor, Rita, Lisa & Michael Kenyon, Les Marshall, Janet Mitchell, Helena Cook, Edith Thomas, Natasha McArdle, the Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan and the Yemen.

Recently Departed: David Wilson, Tricia Roberts, Brian Howley, Sandra Taylor

In Memory: Amy Holt, John Richards, Joyce Chadwick, Cyril R Ingham, Eileen Mason Michael Llewellyn Scott, Emily Terry, Keith Duddell, George T. Stansfield, Daniel Carter James R. "Jim" Jackson, Sophie H. Beaird, Hannah Dennett, Mary Umpleby