

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



The cost of following Jesus

PHILEMON 1-21

In his shortest and most personal letter, Paul writes to a slave-owning Christian, Philemon, on behalf of Onesimus, his runaway slave who has also become a Christian and is a valued helper to Paul. The letter is a challenge to Philemon to count the cost of following Jesus, either by taking Onesimus back or releasing him for Christ's service.

This week we consider the cost of following Jesus in our daily lives and how doing so makes us stand out from the crowd.

11th September - Protus and St Hyacinth, victims of mindless violence

On the anniversary of the Twin Towers, we remember two innocent people who also met their death in the flames of mindless violence. These were Roman martyrs mentioned in the 4th century list of martyrs. Hyacinth's tomb was discovered in the cemetery of Basilla, with his name and the date of his burial (11th September). Inside were charred bones, indicating death by fire. An inscription by Damasus says Protus and Hyacinth were brothers, and another ancient source called them 'teachers of the Christian law'.

SUNDAY 7TH
SEPTEMBER
2025
TRINITY 12

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 30.15-20

PSALM

PSALM 1

SECOND READING

PHILEMON 1-21

GOSPEL

LUKE 14.25-33

SERVERS

DAVE GILL

GRAHAM LAMB

FIRST READING

FIONA LAMB

PSALM

DAVE TOWLER

SECOND READING

DAVE GILL

INTERCESSIONS

ALISTAIR ROSS

SIDES PERSON

PAUL HEALEY & PETER
HENRY

Collect Trinity 12

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS HYMNS

Processional

Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual

As the deer pants
for the water

Offertory

He who would
valiant be

Communion

Will you come and
follow

Christ is the one
who calls

Bind us together

Recessional

Action Video

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

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

This month we are looking at what the Nicene Creed says about the present and future ministry of Jesus.

'On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures': Jesus' resurrection is central to the Christian Faith, for as Paul says, without it 'our preaching is useless and so is your faith.' (1 Cor 15.14). The Resurrection demonstrates the triumph of Jesus over sin and death, as well as recognising the breaking in of the new creation and Jesus as Lord over creation. The Creed affirms that it also fulfils the promises of Scripture, as Jesus explains on the Road to Emmaus: 'And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.' (Luke 24:27).

'He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father': In the Creed, the Ascension is given equal weight to the Cross and Resurrection, as Jesus is restored to the place of honour alongside His Father. With Christ seated on the throne, there is now a man on the throne who is also God the Son.

In His absence on earth, Jesus sends His Spirit to live in believers, 'Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.' (Acts 2:33). He remembers His people, 'because He always lives to intercede for them' (Hebrews 7.25).

'He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end': Jesus will return in judgement as 'the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.' (Acts 10:42). God will put all things right, punishing all evil and establishing His full reign over everything. In contrast to human judgment, which is always partial and subject to error, this final judgment will be utterly true and right, because God knows our hearts completely.

How much does the idea of judgment help make sense of the fate of evil in the world? 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.

Prayer for September 2025

Heavenly Father, September is the month of new starts for so many. New starts can be exciting, but they can also be daunting. We don't always know what to expect and sometimes we feel as if we are on our own in a strange new place, or situation.

Help us to know that, as your people, we are never alone. You promised, through Jesus, to be with us always and You gave us Your Holy Spirit to empower us.

In some ways every day is a new start – a new gift from You. As we unwrap the gift of each new day, this September, en-courage us to receive it confidently and expectantly. Help us to know that we can do all things, through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us. We can! In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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 Mollie Wallace.

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



As far as Reg could tell, the burglar had disturbed nothing in the vestry

From the Parish Prayer list:

Pupils staff and Governors of Bolton Brow Primary Academy; Cliffe Terrace; Clifton Street; Clyde Street; Corporation Street; Croft Street; Crow Wood Park; Daisy Mount; Dale Street.



Use a bowl: in the sink when washing dishes, fruit, or vegetables to collect water, which can then be reused for plants
Alternatively- Steam vegetables: instead of boiling them to save water and retain more nutrients.



Anthony Momoh
Christine Ross
Darrell Ingall
Dave Callighan
Hayley Hargreaves
Jackie Gill
Rhys Rawstron

Quotes

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point. - Billy Graham

Because of God's grace, failure is never final. - Anon

Don't give up on yourself. God doesn't. Even Moses was once a basket case. - Anon

We never do anything so secretly but that it is in the presence of two witnesses: God and our own conscience. - Anon

Next week

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER
2025
TRINITY 13

FIRST READING

EXODUS 32.7-14

PSALM

PSALM 51.1-10

SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 1.12-17

GOSPEL

LUKE 15.1-10

SERVERS

GRAHAM LAMB

PETER HENRY

FIRST READING

DAVE TOWLER

PSALM

GELNIS MCCARTHY

SECOND READING

GRAHAM LAMB

INTERCESSIONS

PETER HENRY

SIDES PERSON

DARRELL & JENNIFER INGALL

DIARY

Monday

Tuesday

10am Coffee Morning

11.30am Midweek

service of Holy

Communion

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

10am Coffee Morning

5.30pm Film Night

Sunday

10.30am Holy

Communion

Look Back Look Forward

By the time you read this, we will have had another Rushbearing festival. It is great to see so many people in the church. Church is the heart of a community, people will have ties to work, schools, homes etc – but these things change, and you can move. The Church is constant. We worship God who is the same today, as they were yesterday, as they will be tomorrow. The Church is a place of rest in the storms of life and we must always remember that. There are times when we need it and times when we need to tell others about it.

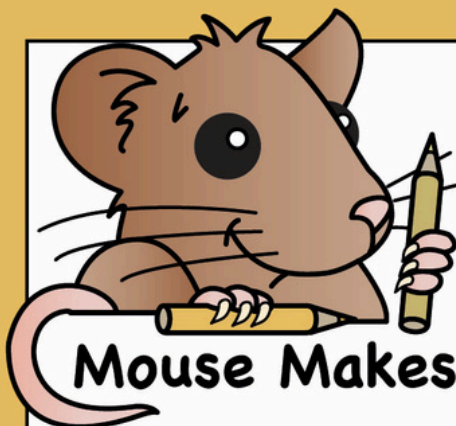
The reality is after Rushbearing, we are on the road to Remembrance Day and Christmas. This time of year is always busy and wonderful so please do invite as many people as you can to all that we have going on. Likewise, as the schools are back we will begin Messy Church and Movie Night. Attendance at these is always unpredictable but the best way to ensure that people turn up is word of mouth.

Continuing the theme of invitation, please remember to invite people back to Church who have not been for a while and stay in contact with people. We are considering ringing people who have not been to Church for a few weeks. We need to balance caring for people without hassling. We understand that people have busy lives, but if we do ring, it is not checking up, just checking in.

Looking back is difficult because I was not here for most of the month. Dave Callighan preached a few weeks ago about our personal trinity of mind, body, and soul, and how we need to care for each of these. We need to listen to them all and take the right action, and sometimes we need to talk to others. I say this to encourage you to do the same if you need to.

I just want to take this time to say thank you to everyone who helped out during my time off, both in the Church and the Diocese, who helped out and stepped in during my time off. It truly helped, and it is great to know there is so much support available.

Rev. Tommy



Mouse Makes

"May the people **praise** you **God**...
The **land yields** its harvest, God,
our God **blesses** us."

- from Psalm 67:5-6

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.
He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains
at the right time. He makes sure that we
have the harvest at just the right **time**."

- from Jeremiah 5:24

"**Honour** the
Lord with your
wealth and the
first part of
your **harvest**."

- Proverbs 3:9

"God... gives you **rain** from
heaven and good harvests
at the right times. He gives
you plenty of **food** and
fills your hearts with **joy**."

- from Acts 14:16-17

"So the one who **plants** is not
important, and the one who **waters**
is not important. Only GOD is
important because He is the one
who makes things **grow**."

- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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Find the words in **bold** type in the bible quotes in the
wordsearch then look for the words below too!

PLOUGH • FIELD • SOIL • SCATTER • SOW • SEEDS • SUN
REAP • PICK • CROPS • GRAIN • CORN • BARN • BREAD • THANKSGIVING



Revd. Tommy New contact number

Revd Tommy has a new contact number - 07378 517 835, should you wish to contact Tommy please use this number

Morning and Evening Prayers

we are going 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

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated either good, gifts or time to yesterdays Rushbearing festival. Im sure you will all agree this was a fantastic day as always

Public testing of the Emergency Alerts system

The government will be carrying out a national test of the UK Emergency Alerts system on 7 September 2025 at 3pm.

The test alert will be sent to all compatible 4G and 5G mobile phones and compatible tablets across the UK. This follows the first successful national test in April 2023.

Why the test is taking place

Regular testing ensures the system is functioning correctly, should it be needed in an emergency.

The test is not intended to alert you to real danger and you will not need to take any further action.

What the test will look and sound like

An emergency alert looks and sounds very different to other types of messages you might receive on your phone. You'll hear a loud, siren-like sound and your phone or tablet will vibrate.

If you have a vision or hearing impairment, audio and vibration attention signals will let you know you have received the test.

Opt out of the test

You can opt out of emergency alerts, including the national test, but you should keep them switched on for your own safety. Learn more about how to opt out of emergency alerts.



CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Get Ready to Sparkle and Shop!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

CHRIST CHURCH
10:00AM - 4:00PM

Our community Christmas Craft Fair is just around the corner, offering unique, handmade Christmas gifts, beautiful decorations, and festive fun for all ages

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Artisan gifts & decor
- Festive holiday treats
- Fun activities for kids
- Raffles and games

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FOR MORE INFO

Join us to celebrate the season, support local makers and find that perfect Christmas gift!

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www.christchurchsb.org.uk



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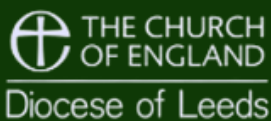


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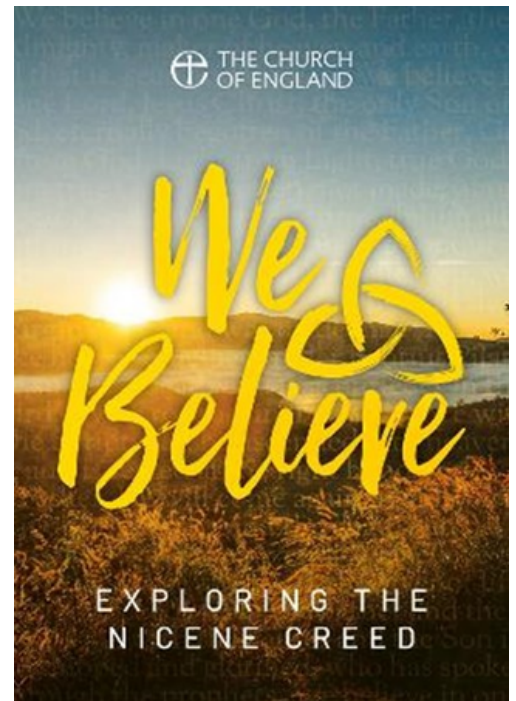
We Believe - Exploring the Nicene Creed

Various authors, Church House Publishing, £3.99

Here you can join with believers around the world in celebrating 1700 years of the Nicene Creed, one of the most enduring statements of Christian faith.

We Believe offers 24 daily Bible readings and reflections to help you pray and reflect on the Nicene Creed's timeless truths. Taking each line of the Creed in turn, it provides a short Bible reading, a reflection, a question to help you grow in faith, and a prayer, drawing you deeper into the Creed's meaning and significance for your life.

Whether you have been reciting the Creed for many years – or are exploring Christian faith for the very first time – this beautifully illustrated booklet will offer you new insight and inspiration.



Smile Lines

Your choice

One beautiful Sunday morning, a priest announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a £100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £50 sermon that lasts 15 minutes, and a £10 sermon that lasts a full hour. "Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

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