

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



Treasuring generosity

1 TIMOTHY 6.6-19

The final chapter of Timothy focuses on where real contentment is to be found – not in the pursuit of worldly wealth but in godly living. True riches come from God and should be shared generously. Timothy is urged to treasure what will endure and, above all, to fight the good fight of faith.

Today we are looking at how we are God's treasure, and given gifts, skills and abilities to share with others. Are we generous in how we use them?

29th September - Michael and All Angels

St Michael is an archangel, whose name means 'who is like unto God?' He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes'

of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.

From early times, St Michael's cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wiltshire), Clive (Gloucestershire) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael's Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8th century. By the end of the Middle Ages, St Michael had 686 English churches dedicated to him.

In art St Michael is often depicted as slaying the dragon, as in the 14th century East Anglican Psalters, or in Epstein's famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral. Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. St Michael's most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel, where a Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10th century.

The 'All Angels' bit of this feast-day was added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with St Michael.

SUNDAY 28TH
SEPTEMBER
2025
TRINITY 15

FIRST READING

AMOS 6.1A, 4-7

PSALM

146

SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 6.6-19

GOSPEL

LUKE 16.19-31

SERVERS

DAVE GILL

GRAHAM LAMB

FIRST READING

ALASTAIR ROSS

PSALM

SARAH TOWLER

SECOND READING

DAVE GILL

INTERCESSIONS

DAVE CALLIGHAN

SIDES PERSON

SUE SANDERSON &

JANET TURNER

Collect Trinity 15

Lord God, defend
your Church from all
false teaching and
give to your people
knowledge of your
truth, that we may
enjoy eternal life in
Jesus Christ our
Lord.

THIS WEEKS HYMNS

Proclamation

Immortal invisible,
God only wise

Gradual

The Spirit lives

Offertory

Lord of all
hopefulness

Communion

For the beauty of
the Earth

Breathe on me

breath of God

As we are gathered

Recessional

And can it be

Government urged to make Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme permanent

The C of E has welcomed a recent call by MPs on the Culture, Media and Sport select committee for the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme to be made permanent, and for the cap to be lifted on claims.

Chair of the Committee Dame Caroline Dinenage has written to the Heritage Minister Baroness Twycross, calling for the scheme – which gives grants covering the VAT on repairs of more than £1,000 for listed places of worship – to be made permanent.

In the letter, Dame Caroline says the scheme was initially introduced ‘in recognition of the social work of churches and their important contribution to our country’s heritage.’

“These features still stand: 45% of the UK’s Grade I buildings are owned by the Church of England and churches remain communal spaces for social and charitable activities,” she said.

She added: “The scheme is welcome recognition of the role of churches and their contribution to our heritage, but without certainty over its future many repair and refurbishment projects are at risk of never getting off the ground.

“The Government needs to commit to the scheme by making it a permanent source of support, and by lifting the cap of £25,000, so historic places of worship can concentrate on the important work they do in our communities.”

“As one diocese said: ‘funding into built heritage will multiply to wider community benefits ...VAT relief for a listed church is also often VAT relief for a food pantry, youth work and mental health groups.’”

Synod approves transformation of Church governance

A major overhaul of the Church of England’s national structures has recently been approved by the General Synod.

The National Church Governance Measure, which will bring together separate national church bodies, received final approval in a vote at Synod in York this summer.

The Measure, which now requires Parliamentary approval, is the product of a four-year process designed to simplify and transform the Church’s national structures to better serve, support and encourage local churches.

Two existing bodies, the Archbishops’ Council and Church of England Central Services (known as ChECS) – which oversee a wide range of the church’s national functions – will be replaced by a new charity called Church of England National Services (CENS).

It will also take over the non-investment functions from the Church Commissioners and most of those of the Offices of the Archbishops at Lambeth and Bishopthorpe Palaces.

The measure was the product of a major review of the Church’s governance structures which called for an overhaul to rebuild trust and deliver greater transparency.

In your prayers this week....

Anne and her family; Anthony; Jean Angell; Lesley; 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 Emily Tweedale

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:

Ourselves; Our Family, Parents and Grandparents and other family members who support each other; Our Friends; Willowfield Drive; Willowfield Road; Wood Nook Grange; Wood Nook Lane; Woodlands Drive; Woodroyd; Woodroyd Gardens.

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Try some home-made environmentally friendly cleaning solutions. There are plenty of recipes to be found on the internet so why not give it a go.

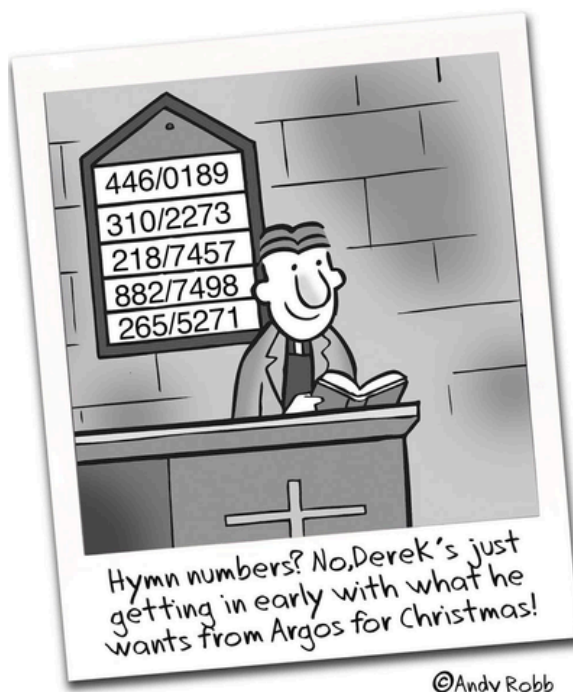
One example is using white vinegar which can act as an all-purpose surface cleaner.

Quotes

The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well. - Foe Ancis

Children are a great comfort in your old age, and they help you reach it faster too. - Lionel Kauffman

Experience is that marvellous thing that enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again. - FP Jones



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Next week

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025

TRINITY 16

HARVEST FESTIVAL

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

PSALM

100

SECOND READING

REVELATIONS 14:14-18

GOSPEL

JOHN 6:25-35

SERVERS

GRAHAM LAMB

PETER HENRY

FIRST READING

SASRAH TOWLER

PSALM

RITA JAGGER

SECOND READING

GRAHAM LAMB

INTERCESSIONS

ALYSSA HARGREAVES

SIDES PERSON

DARRELL & JENNIFER INGALL

DIARY

Monday

Tuesday

10am Coffee Morning

11.30am Midweek

service of Holy

Communion

1pm Knit & Natter

Wednesday

5.45pm Bible Study

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

10am Coffee Morning

10am Gardening Club

Sunday

10.30am Holy

Communion

The tale of the RICH FOOL



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN
WHO HAD LOTS OF LAND WHICH
GREW WONDERFUL WHEAT.

I HAVEN'T ANYWHERE TO
KEEP ALL THIS FOOD



I KNOW! I'LL PULL DOWN
MY BARN AND BUILD
BIGGER ONES



THE MAN DEMOLISHED HIS
OLD BARN....

...AND BEGAN TO BUILD
NEW ONES.



SOON I'LL BE THE RICHEST
MAN IN THE TOWN!



I'M SO LUCKY - I CAN
EAT, DRINK AND BE
MERRY!



BUT THAT VERY NIGHT,
THE MAN DIED!



WHAT GOOD WERE HIS
RICHES NOW?



JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S NOT
YOUR WEALTH THAT MATTERS,
IT'S HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE
THAT'S IMPORTANT

‘He gave us eyes to see them’: William Holman Hunt’s Scapegoat

14th September in the Jewish calendar is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It is a time of fasting and prayer, and its observance is regulated by Leviticus 16.

The Old Testament ritual involved cleansing the priesthood and the people when a scapegoat bearing the sins of the faithful was sent into the wilderness. Much of that ritual has lapsed, but the heart of Yom Kippur is prayer that the relationship of love and service between God and His people would be renewed and restored. The goat that was sent by relays into the desert had a scarlet cord – a reminder that ‘though our sins be scarlet, yet they shall be as white as snow.’

It is the subject of William Holman Hunt’s famous painting that is in the Lady Lever Art Gallery at Port Sunlight. This village was founded by Lord Leverhulme in 1889 for the workers in his soap factory. It consists of gabled houses and Elizabethan style cottages which nestle side by side around the impressive domed art gallery containing a wealth of paintings and sculptures.

Work on ‘The Scapegoat’ began in 1854 and was completed two years later. Holman Hunt went to the Dead Sea to paint the goat in situ, following the Pre-Raphaelite principles of art embodying exact detail and accuracy in its subject matter. There is a photograph of the artist by his easel, a paintbrush in one hand and a rifle in the other. It was a time of political tension between Syria, Palestine and Turkey, which combined with the constant danger of hostile tribesmen in the area.

Undaunted, Holman Hunt sketched by the sea and then finished the details off in his rooms in Jerusalem. He described the scene as a ‘beautifully arranged horrible wilderness.’ In the distance are the hills of Edom against the sky, and in the foreground the solitary goat with the scarlet cord over its head. It is a bleak landscape, and on the frame surrounding the picture are the words from Leviticus: ‘The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a barren region, and the goat shall be set free in the wilderness.’

At the time critics were not sure what to make of the painting, as there was no recognisable story or moral so beloved of the Victorians. Elegant ladies inquired if the artist was going to put in the rest of the flock, and one critic said it was an excellent portrait of Lord Stratford.

We look at the painting with the eyes of faith and realise that the scapegoat was sent over the river Kidron into the wilderness, the very same river our Lord and His disciples crossed to the Garden of Gethsemane which heralded the passion of Jesus. We can see this sad creature, isolated and alone, bearing the sins of God’s ancient people, and think of Isaiah’s words: ‘He was despised and rejected by others.’ A scapegoat in the Old Testament bearing the sins of the people: the Lamb of God in the New Covenant who takes away the sin of the world.

The Revd Michael Burgess surveys works of sacred art that can be found in various museums



Morning Prayer – Now Online Every Monday.

We are delighted to announce that Morning Prayer will now take place every Monday at 9:00am via Microsoft Teams.

This is a wonderful way to start the day together in prayer, scripture, and reflection – Whether you're at home, at work, or on the go, you can join with others as we pause and place the day ahead into God's hands. To join, simply click this link:

👉 <https://bit.ly/CCSBMorningPrayer>

All are welcome – whether you've joined us before or this will be your first time. Why not make Morning Prayer part of your weekly rhythm?

Gold Eco-Award

The Parochial Church Council have agreed to work towards the Gold Eco Award. As part of this there will be some surveys for all of us to voluntarily complete to provide evidence of our commitment. The first of these surveys will be given out today and we would very much appreciate your support in completing the survey and returning it by Sunday 5 October. There will be a box at the back of Church for the surveys to be placed in.

Follow our Virtual Balloon Race!

You can follow the race online at www.balloonrace.net/ccsb. Don't miss out on the fun!

Harvest Festival

We have always supported **CART (Christian African Relief Trust)** at harvest, this year is no different, they are asking for money to go towards the costs of sending a container as well as being able to provide equipment for Schools. If you wish to support CART, please make cheques payable to them, our card reader will also be set up for donations to CART

Happy Days Food Bank, again this year, we will be supporting, please see the list of items at the below

We have been asked to concentrate on Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meals, and UHT Milk. However please feel free to donate anything from the following list: Corned Beef; Sardines; Sandwich pate; tinned veg; Pasta; Pasta sauce; UHT Milk; Cereal; Rice Pudding; Biscuits; Tea Bags, Long Grain Rice; Jam; Washing Tablets; Toiletries (body wash; shampoo; razors; soap; sanitary products. **Please ensure everything has a good date on it**

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 5th October 2024
10.30am

Supporting
Happy Days with food and toiletries
CART with gifts of money to support on going
projects

**Happy
Days**

Helping the Homeless



*The land yields its harvest, God, our God, blesses us.
Psalm 67:6*

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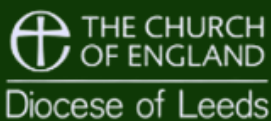


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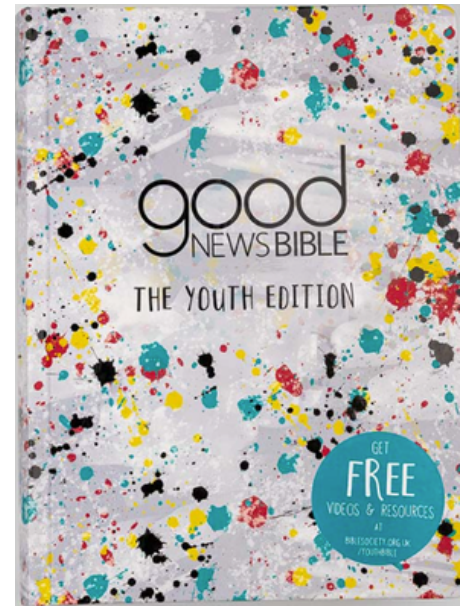


Good News Bible - The Youth Edition *Bible Society, £24.99*

Winner of the Christian Resources Together Bible of the Year award 2019, this award-winning Bible produced by Bible Society and Youth for Christ is still helping young people to explore the Bible, regardless of where they are on their faith journey.

Key features include:

- links to a dedicated YouTube playlist with 30 videos unpacking key themes
- hundreds of interactive elements to encourage a deeper engagement with the text
- space for writing, doodling and drawing
- a full-page introduction to each book of the Bible
- 32 colour pages of key things to know about the Bible, and help with tough topics



Smile Lines

Using the English language...

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that. . .

electricians could be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed,
and dry cleaners depressed?

Likewise, bedmakers might be debunked, bulldozer operators degraded, organ donors
delivered, software engineers detested, and underwear manufacturers debriefed?
And won't all composers one day decompose? On a more positive note, perhaps we can
hope politicians will someday be devoted...



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