

Amos 6.1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
the notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

I Timothy 6.6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16.19-31

Jesus said 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with

what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

Prayers

Those who are sick or in need

We pray for all those who are ill in mind, body and/or spirit, known, and unknown, to us and from within our community. We pray especially for:

*Beryl Bedford, Doreen Shire, Jean Cook, Julie,
and Margaret Lambert.*

Those who have died

We pray especially for all those known to us and those from within our Parish who have recently died, remembering especially:

Brenda Turner and Sarah Parker

and loved ones whose anniversaries are at this time.

If you would like to be prayed for yourself or a loved one, please talk to Sandra Green or the Churchwardens.

A prayer for healing

*This is the prayer to be used at the service of healing on
Sunday 28 Sept at the 11.00am Sung Communion.*

Spirit of the living God present with us now,
enter you, body, mind and spirit,
and heal you of all that harms you,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer after communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but
fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish in Vacancy

Churchwardens

Christine O'Neill and Pamela Marsden

PCC Members

Christine O'Neill (Vice-chair), Heather Green (Secretary), Doreen Glover, Judith Meyer, Pamela Marsden, Peter Smallwood, Riza Yassin, Sandra Green and Tony Green.

Safeguarding

Pamela Marsden is the church's Safeguarding Officer, and her details are at the back of church and on the church website.

Baptisms, Wedding and Funerals

All formal requests should go to Heather Green as the PCC secretary but of course people may chat informally with any of the retired clergy.

Church Hall bookings Please email Christine O'Neill.

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This week

Church is open every day until 5.00pm for private prayer or simply a place to be quiet.

Tuesday 30 Sept

9.30am Tots Worship

7.00pm PCC mtg

Wednesday 1 Oct Sept

9.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 2 Oct

9.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 3 Oct

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.15am Loxley Hall and Home Communions.

Sunday 5 Oct

Harvest lunch after the service. Please sign the list at the back. There is no cost - donations on the day.

Notices

Extraordinary meeting of the parishioners Sun 14 Sept

Chaired by the Rural Dean, Christine O'Neill and Pamela Marsden were appointed as Churchwardens.

PCC meeting

On 17 September the PCC appointed Peter Smallwood, Riza Yassin and Tony Green to fill three casual vacancies.

PCC meeting Monday 29 Sept at 7.00pm in Church.

Next week: 5 October, 2025

Harvest Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 26.1-11;

Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35

Welcome

to St Paul's Helsby



*A Christ-centred Church,
serving the local community*

28 September, 2025

*The Fifteenth
Sunday after Trinity*

Collect and Readings

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Amos 6.1a, 4-7*

NEW TESTAMENT *1 Timothy 6.6-19*

GOSPEL *Luke 16.19-31*



An induction loop is provided in the building for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use it please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Hassocks

Hassocks (kneelers) are stored at the back of church. If you require a hassock during worship or an event, please see a member of the welcoming team who will happily supply you with one.

HYMN TUNES	
PR	358
GR	604
OFF	16
COM	566
FIN	644

Safeguarding is a priority

As part of our Safeguarding Policy, we politely ask you DO NOT take photos/record during the service.

Thank you.