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Readings & News: 19th October 2025: Luke the Evangelist **St Mary's Todmorden, St Michael's Cornholme and St Peter's Walsden**

Isaiah 35: 3-6 Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Acts 16: 6-12a ⁶ They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸ so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi.

Luke 10: 1-9 ¹⁰ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Collect: Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion: Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns: 19th October: St Mary's Hymns O&N **Walsden: Forest Church today, 2pm**

To Enter: Christ whose glory fills the skies - **105** St Peter's Churchyard, planting bulbs

Gradual: I, the Lord of sea and sky - **332**

Offertory: Praise to the Holiest – **572**

Communion: Love is his word - **429**

Communion: This is my body – **674**

Recession: Onward Christian pilgrims - **531**

- **Martha Tilston by Sloman Music:** at St Mary's: **TODAY** 19th October 7.30pm
- **ALSO TODAY:** 4pm in St Mary's Crypt – Alan Creedon, shares his grief journey



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- **Planting with Tod in Bloom: 4pm on Wednesday 22nd October;** creating a floral memorial to Tod's two Nobel Prize winners (subject to bulbs arriving in time!)
- **Todmorden Choral Society Autumn Concert: Saturday 25th October at 7.30pm**
- **Wednesday 29th October – 6pm** – meeting to consider a **Friends of Cross Stone**
- **Friday 31st October, Ghostly Tales** of St Mary's, Christ Church and Tod's past:
Help welcome with sales of refreshments etc
- **Confirmations:** Sunday 30th November with Bishop Smitha at 2.30pm.
- **All Souls Service** for those who have died and gone before us: **Sunday 2nd November at 6pm:** with candle lighting and reading of names. **All welcome**
- **Remembrance Sunday: 9th November** – service in Church at 9.30am, followed by the procession to the **Memorial in Centre Vale Park for 10.50am**
- **Christmas Fair 2025: Saturday 6th December from 11am to 3pm:** help needed with stalls, baking, bottles, chocolate and gifts for tombolas and raffles. See BOX
- **Christmas Services: Sunday 21st December – 6pm** – 9 Lessons and Carols;
Choir rehearsals on Thursdays 4th, 11th and 18th December @ 7.30pm
- **Blue Christmas: Monday 22nd December at 6pm**
- **Crib and Christingle: Christmas Eve – 24th December at 4pm**
- **Town Carols: Christmas Eve – 24th December at 6pm**
- **Midnight Mass: Christmas Eve – 24th December at 11.30pm**
- **Christmas Morning: 8am and 11am Services for Christmas Day**

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

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A new Bishop for Leeds Diocese: We have now chosen the panel to select the Bishop 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: Keep it simple... **Reduce** your use, **Re-use** where possible and **Recycle**

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, Glynys Radnzic, 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, Helena Cook, Edith Thomas, Natasha McArdle, Ann Mason, Zoe Beesley, Peter and Elaine Shackleton, the Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan and the Yemen.

Recently Departed: Sandra Taylor, Daniel Roberts, Eileen Connor, Helen Day McCabe, Janet Mitchell, Norman Pinnington, Gilliam Cottam, David Rhodes, Chris Stocks

In Memory:

Dianne Nightingale, Edna Sharp, Kenneth Arthur Ibbotson, Alice Law, Vincent Lumb, Annie Healey, John Hollinrake, Kathleen Bullimore, Louisa Sykes, Lillas Jackson, John S. Taylor M.B.E., Ellen Daniels, Edith Crossland, Florence E.K Gregory, Donald Bailey, Jack Fielden, Antoinette Elizabeth Swain, Mary Jons, Sylvia Margaret Aldworth

AND **WELCOME** to **Teddy Francis Murray**, son of Matthew and Jenny, grandson of Jan