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Readings & News: 26th October 2025:

St Mary's Todmorden, St Michael's Cornholme and St Peter's Walsden

Joel 2: 23-end: O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given early rain for your vindication, he has poured down abundant rain, early and later rain, as before. ²⁴The threshing-floors will be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, destroyer and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶You shall eat plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. My people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the Lord, am your God; there is no other. My people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁸Afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams; your young men shall see visions. ²⁹Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. ³⁰I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ³²Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

2 Timothy 4: 6-8; 16-18: ⁶As for me, I am being poured out as a libation and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 8: 9-14 ⁹His disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰He said, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive; listening they may not understand."' ¹¹'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so they may not believe and be saved. ¹³The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. ¹⁴As for what fell among thorns, these are ones who hear; but as they go on their way, are choked by the cares, riches and pleasures of life and their fruit does not mature.

Collect: Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion: Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns: 26th October: St Mary's Hymns O&N Walsden: St Peter's at the Mill



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To Enter: Lead us heavenly Father - **379**

Gradual: Breathe on me breath of God - **84**

Offertory: Come ye thankful people come - **133**

Communion: Faithful shepherd – **156**

Communion: Blessed assurance – **74**

Recession: In Christ Alone – **678 A&M**

I: Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

G: Breathe on me breath of God

O: Will you come and follow me?

C: Ubi caritas - Taize

R: In Christ alone

- **Wednesday 29th October – 4pm** planting more bulbs for Cockcroft and Wilkinson AND **6pm** – a 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; rehearsal 30th Oct at 7pm**
- **Confirmations:** Sunday 30th November with Bishop Smitha at 2.30pm.
- **Rainbow Faith: 4pm on 2nd November** remembering, mourning and celebrating
- **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: It's time to plant bulbs; search RHS & RSPB for bird & insect friendly plants

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 Radnizic, 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: Daniel Roberts, Eileen Connor, Helen Day McCabe, Janet Mitchell, Norman Pinnington, Gilliam Cottam, David Rhodes, Chris Stocks, Sandra (care taker at St Peter's school), Nicholas Bates, Muriel Burnop Boyce



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In Memory: Ida Bailey, Elizabeth M. (Betty) Savage, Percy Greenwood, John H. Wild, Frank Newell, John Thomas Todd, Helen D Southwell, Jeffrey Lofthouse, Jack Fielden, Agnes J Ormerod, Richard D. Brown, Jean Humphrey, Pauline Wade