

Genesis 32.22-31

Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18.1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice

to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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, Colin Gentle, Doreen Shire, Jean Cook, Julie, Margaret Lambert, Norman Littler and Todd.

Michael Mills is currently self-isolating with Covid

Those who have died

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

*Brenda Taylor and
those from the Jewish Community killed in Manchester
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.

Prayer after communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ,
for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.
Amen.

This week

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

Tuesday 21 Oct

9.30am Tots Worship *Fun, drinks and activities for small children and their parents, carers or guardians.*

Wednesday 22 Oct

9.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 23 Oct

9.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 24 Oct

9.00am Morning Prayer

Coming Soon

Saturday 25 October

Church Big Clean

In preparation for a wedding on Saturday 1 November and Remembrance a week later, there will be an opportunity to in cleaning the church from 10.30am to 12 30pm – free cups of tea but no crumbly biscuits!

Saturday 1 November

Prayers of Remembering

On Saturday 1 November there will be a joint service of remembering in Helsby Methodist Church at 4.00pm. It is customary at such services to read out the names of those we wish to remember. This could be anyone who has died recently or whose anniversary is at this time, or a person whose memory on your heart There will also be an opportunity at the service to light candles for those for whom this practice is helpful. The service will last about 45 minutes. There is a list at the back of church for the names of those to be remembered.

Sunday 2 November

All Saints Day

Wednesday 5 November

PCC Meeting at 7.00pm

Sunday 9 November

Remembrance Sunday

Wednesday 19 November

PCC Meeting at 7.00pm

Sunday 23 November

Christ the King

We are delighted to welcome a visiting preacher, The Ven Judy Hunt, who is retired and lives in our Diocese.

Notices

Sidespeople

The PCC would like more sidespeople to help share the load of preparing and hosting services in church (there was some discussion of this at the APCM). Please have a chat with Heather Green

Ministers of Communion

If you would like to assist in distributing communion, usually the wine but sometimes the bread, please have a chat with Gary.

A big Thankyou to Doreen, Judy and Sandra who organised the Harvest Lunch – a great time was enjoyed by everyone who came. There were generous donations to church for the food too!

Helsby News. If you do not receive *Helsby News*, there are copies at the back of church. There is an article in the latest edition about Remembrance Sunday.

Next week: 26 October, 2025

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 14.-7-10,19-22;

2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18; Luke 18.9-14

Welcome

to St Paul's Helsby



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

19 October, 2025

*The Eighteenth
Sunday after Trinity*

Collect and Readings

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 32.22-31*

NEW TESTAMENT *2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5*

GOSPEL *Luke 18.1-8*



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. Please feel to take one for your use and please put them back after the service.

Safeguarding is a priority

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

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GR	116
OFF	90
COM	452
FIN	828