

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



Standing Firm in Faith and Remembrance

2 THESSALONIANS 2.1-5,13-17

This week's reading offers us a timely reminder for today, Remembrance Sunday — a call to stand firm in faith and hold fast to the hope that God has given us in Christ.

Paul writes to a community facing confusion and fear, urging them not to be unsettled, but to remember the truth they have received and to remain steadfast in the love and comfort of God.

On Remembrance Sunday, we too are called to remember — not only the past, but the faith and courage that shaped it. We remember the men and women who gave their lives in service and sacrifice

through war and conflict, that others might live in peace. Their courage speaks to us of commitment, endurance, and the costly pursuit of hope in the face of darkness.

Paul reminds us that “God loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace.” As we reflect on the pain of loss and the price of peace, we hold on to that eternal comfort — the assurance that God's love is stronger than death, and that His kingdom of peace will one day be fulfilled.

May this season of remembrance renew in us a spirit of gratitude, compassion, and faithfulness. And may the God who gives comfort and strength guide us to be peacemakers in our own time, honouring the past by living with hope for the future.

**SUNDAY 9TH
NOVEMBER
2025
REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY, 3RD
BEFORE ADVENT**

FIRST READING

JOB 19.23-27A

PSALM

PSALM 17.1-9

SECOND READING

2 THESSALONIANS 2.1-5,13-17

GOSPEL

LUKE 20.27-38

SERVERS

DAVE GILL

ANTHEA GEE

FIRST READING

PAUL HEALEY

PSALM

HELEN PEDLEY

SECOND READING

DAVE GILL

INTERCESSIONS

PETER HENRY

SIDES PERSON

TBC

Collect
3rd before
Advent

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS
HYMNS

Processional

O God our help in ages past

Gradual

Eternal Father strong to save

Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness

Remembrance

I vow to thee my Country

National Anthem

Offertory

He who would valiant be

Communion

Make me a channel of your peace

Be still for the

presence of the Lord

Recessional

Thy hand O God has guided

Remembrance Sunday

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London.

There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

By John McCrae

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 Willie Bottomley

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:

HM King Charles III; Members of the Royal Family; Eaglescliffe; East Parade; East View; Ediths View; Edward Street; Egerton Street; Elm Avenue; Elm Place.



Recycling

1. Check you know what can be recycled in your area -if you're not sure check the council website.
2. Set up simple systems in your home to make it easy to recycle. Where do you need a paper and card recycling bin, what about a compost bucket?

Blessed are the litter-pickers, the composters, those who buy eco-friendly cleaning products, those who recycle.

Blessed are those who start small, for taken all together their impact will be great.

Quotes

A great war leaves the country with three armies - an army of cripples, an army of mourners and an army of thieves. - Anon

War is the slaughterhouse of mankind, and the hell of this present world. - John Trapp

War is not an act of God but a crime of man. - Cordell Hull, former US Secretary of State

Death takes away the difference between king and beggar, and tumbles both the knight and the pawn into one bag. - Thomas Adams, son of US President John Adams

Next week

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

2025

2ND BEFORE ADVENT

FIRST READING

MALACHI 4.1-2A

PSALM

PSALM 98

SECOND READING

2 THESSALONIANS 3.6-13

GOSPEL

LUKE 21.5-19

SERVERS

GRAHAM LAMB

PETER HENRY

FIRST READING

HELEN PEDLEY

PSALM

ALASTAIR ROSS

SECOND READING

GRAHAM LAMB

INTERCESSIONS

CHRIS ROSS

SIDES PERSON

KEVIN HENRY & JACKIE GILL

JUNIOR CHURCH

TBC (L) & DAVE CALLIGHAN (A)

DIARY

Monday

9:30 Morning Prayer in church

Tuesday

10am Coffee Morning

11.30am Midweek service of Holy Communion

1pm Knit & Natter

Wednesday

Thursday

6:30pm BCP Evening prayer

Friday

Saturday

10am Coffee Morning

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion

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praying

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The Nicene Creed: The Church and the Future

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

‘We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church’: The Creed affirms the four marks of the church, defining a truly orthodox Christian community:

one: despite the many different churches and traditions, there is only one Church to which we all belong. ‘There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.’ (Galatians 3:28).

holy: the church is a holy community set apart for God (ekklesia, lit ‘called out’), whose mission is to reflect God’s holiness in worship and live out His love in the world.

catholic: this doesn’t refer to the Roman Catholic church, as the word means ‘universal’, reminding us of the unity of the church across the whole world and all denominations.

The church aims to apply the same gospel in whatever situation, context or culture it finds itself.

Apostolic: The apostolic ministry of the church (‘apostolos’) is one of being sent to communicate the good news of the gospel: ‘Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.’ (Matt 28.19).

‘We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins’: As baptism is a sign of belonging to the church, it can only happen once. The issue addressed in the Creed is that of Christians who left during persecution, but wanted to be accepted back by rebaptism. It affirms the principle ‘one Lord, one faith, one baptism’ (Ephesians 4:5). Today, those baptised as children, theologically can’t be re-baptised to demonstrate an adult commitment. However, they can be confirmed or reaffirm their baptism vows.

‘We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come’: The Creed ends with a statement of hope, that we will share in Jesus’ resurrection life after death.

It is not simply about the immortality of our soul, but the resurrection of our bodies. They will be transformed to fit us for life of heaven for eternity: ‘The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable...it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.’ (1 Corinthians 15:42-44).

Our series on the Nicene Creed concludes this month, as Canon Paul Hardingham considers a bedrock of our Christian belief: that the Church has an eternal future.



Christmas Decorations

This Christmas we have loads going on in church, as such this year we would like to start decorating church ready for all our events. If you can stay back after next Sundays service (16/11) to help, that would be appreciated.

Christmas Fair

It's that time again when we ask for your help and support. we are looking for donations of:

Tombola prizes

Raffel Prizes

Cakes for the cake Stall

Please speak to either Angela Wilkins or Rebecca Lumb

Dates for your Dairy.

Saturday 22 November – Buble and Bubbles – tickets £10.

Saturday 29 November – Christmas Fair, 10.00am-4.00pm.

Saturday 13 December – Live Nativity at St. Paul's Church, Sowerby Bridge.

Saturday 13 December – Family Film Night in Church. Doors open 5.00pm, film starts 5.30pm.

Thursday 18 December – Nine lessons and Carols, 7.00pm with Friendly Brass Band accompanying some carols.

Saturday 20 December – Christians Together Carol singing at Tesco, Sowerby Bridge, 11.00am-12.30pm. All very welcome.

Sunday 21 December – Christingle service, 4.00pm.

Wednesday 24th December - Crib service 4.00pm

Wednesday 24 December – Midnight Communion, 11.30pm.

Thursday 25 December – Short Christmas day service, 10.30am.

Bubl  and Bubbles!

Seth McNamee
as Michael Bubl 



*A wonderful way to
start your
Christmas season.*

**Saturday 22nd November
7:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Tickets: £10 Adults | £5 Children
£25 Family**

**Includes a complimentary glass of
bubbles or soft drink**

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The Jesus Storybook Bible Advent Activity Book - 24 Guided Crafts, plus Games, Songs, Recipes, and More

*By Sally Lloyd-Jones, Zondervan,
£9.34*

This is your guide to a complete and creative celebration of the holiday season, filled with crafts, games, recipes, songs, and activities for every day of Advent. The Jesus Storybook Bible Advent Activity Book highlights the significance of the Nativity and meaning of God's most precious gift.

The book is a journey through the Bible stories in both the Old and New Testaments that lead to Christmas. It

includes:

24 days of crafts along with songs, recipes, and activities to celebrate Advent, with easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions and colour photos

Variations on the activities to make them appropriate and accessible for all ages and families.

A perforated insert with punch-out Jesse Tree ornaments that correspond with the stories of Advent. All supplies needed are commonly found around the house or easy to obtain.

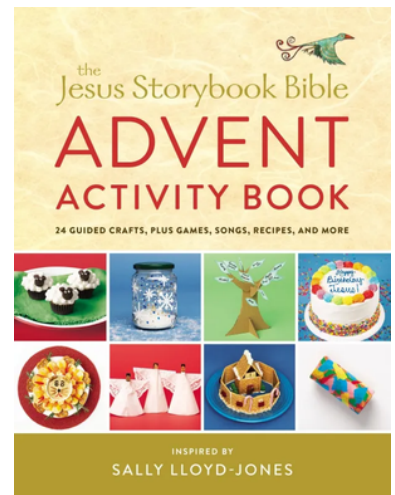
This Christmas, start new holiday traditions with your family with The Jesus Storybook Bible Advent Activity Book, based on the bestselling The Jesus Storybook Bible, with over six million copies sold.

Smile Lines

Hear, hear

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



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