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Readings & News: 30th November 2025: Advent 1

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

Isaiah 2: 1-5.2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Romans 13: 11-end ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24: 36-44 ³⁶'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns: 30th November: St Mary's Hymns O&N Confirmation Hymns:

Introit: O Come, O Come Emmanuel - 480

All creatures of our God & King - 6

Gradual: Lord of the Dance – 305

Dear Lord and Father of mankind - 144

Offertory: All creatures of our God and King - 6

Be still for the presence of the Lord - 67

Communion: Wait for the Lord – 949

I watch the sunrise - 334

Communion: Benedictus (Blessed): **Karl Jenkins**

God of the moon and stars – **Paul Field**

Recessional: Jubilate everybody – 371

I, the Lord of sea and sky - 332

- **THIS SUNDAY Confirmations:** 30th November with Bishop Smitha at 2.30pm.
Support our candidates; to **help with welcome and refreshments** please see Mel.



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- **Advent Study:** Tuesday 2nd, 9th & 16th @ 11am & Wednesday 3rd, 10th & 17th @ 6pm: **Theme: The Christmas Story: a tale of Revelation and Grace**
- **Dementia Friendly Carols: Wednesday 3rd December 1pm:** Dementia Friendly Todmorden with Millread, Waterside, Independent Living and Todmorden schools
- **NEXT Saturday: Christmas Fair: 6th December from 11am to 3pm:** Donations of bottles, chocolate and tombola/raffle gifts needed; please place in the Black Box **AND baking and volunteers also needed – speak to Mel who is co-ordinating**
- **Rainbow Faith for Christmas:** Sunday 7th December at 4pm: with baby
- **Interfaith Vigil for World Human Rights Day:** 6pm on Wednesday 10th December
- **CHRISTMAS 2025: 9 Lessons and Carols: Sunday 21st December – 6pm** – with Mulled Wine; **Choir rehearsals** on Thursdays 4th, 11th and 18th December @ 7.30pm
- **Blue Christmas: Monday 22nd December at 6pm:** light a candle for those we miss
- **Crib, Christingle and Tractor Fun: Christmas Eve – 24th December at 4pm**
- **Town Carols: Christmas Eve – 24th December at 6pm** With Mulled Wine afterwards
- **Midnight Mass: Christmas Eve – 24th December, starts 11.30pm, with carols**
- **Christmas Morning: 8am, quiet, said service and 11am Service with Carols**

Funerals: Elaine Shackleton, St Mary's on Thursday 4th December at 10.30am, then Park Wood

Last year we raised **£735.13 for the Children's Society** but our Children's Society rep Jean Taylor has hung up her bag. **We need a new rep.** Please contact Rev Cath

Regular giving: The PCC is not renewing the envelopes scheme as the cost has increased to £187. We have alternative envelopes for those who cannot make online donations but we are strongly encouraging people to give regularly via the **Parish Giving Scheme**, as it calculates the **Gift Aid** for us or **via Standing Order** if you prefer to give through your bank. Let us know if you need help to complete forms or set up your giving online. For those wanting to give week to week please consider a regular donation; it helps us to Budget and claim Gift Aid. **Please speak to Rev Catherine, Bev, Mike or Wardens for more details & to arrange help.**

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

- Rev Catherine: 07711 611201 / Catherine.Shelley@leeds.anglican.org

A new Bishop for Leeds Diocese: Copy Statement of Needs now available at back of Church
Please continue to pray for the discernment process, which will continue into 2026

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 & Clifford, Jonathan, Nigel Bentley, John (Ginger) Taylor, Rita, Lisa & Michael Kenyon, Les Marshall, Helena Cook, Edith Thomas, Natasha McArdle, Ann Mason, Zoe Beesley, Lorna and Peter Shackleton, the Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan and the Yemen.

Recently Departed: Sandra Furness, Nicholas Bates, Peter Cuddy, Patricia Dower, Dorothy Jordan, Susan Lowry, Elaine Shackleton, Katie McQueen (aka Wilmore)

In Memory: Thomas A Cryer, Christopher Patrick Walker, Joyce Flood, Jack Wright, Joan Bentley, Daniel Mills, Norah Sutcliffe, Jack Greenwood, William Fielden, Alice Redman, John Hodgins, Lewis Crabtree, Eileen Fielden, Sybil Seamer, Edna Varley, Geoff Gale, Hannah C Eastwood, Malcolm Birkett, Peter C. Stansfield, George Hammond, Kevin Taylor



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