

Readings & News: 8th February 2026:

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

Genesis 1:1-2:3



Romans 8: 18-25 ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6: 25-end ²⁵'Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Collect: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in



all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who are nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns: 8th February: St Mary's Hymns O&N

Introit: All my hope on God is founded – **19**

Gradual: Eternal Father, strong to save - **153**

Offertory: Seek ye first the kingdom of God - **590**

Communion: Let us with a gladsome mind - **392** **Communion:** Wait for the Lord - **949**

Recessional: Thou whose Almighty Word – **684**

St Mary's Mens' Fellowship lunch, AGM and Planning at the Top Brink, 12.45pm on **Wednesday 11th Feb.** If you need transport, please phone John B. on 07463125625.

ASH WEDNESDAY is 18th February 2026; there will be services with ashes at **St Michael's Cornholme at 2pm** and at **St Mary's at 7pm in the evening.**

Lent Course: Growing Good – thinking about **the Bible and our social outreach** as a church. **Throughout Lent** - Tuesdays at 11am and Wednesday evenings.

Feast of the Annunciation – Thursday 25th March - Closing Blessing for St Peter's and birth of a new parish service at St Mary's at 7pm

Annual Meeting (APCM) 10th May 2026 – Jacob's Join and meeting. This is an important year for Synod Elections; please sign up for the electoral roll so that you can vote.

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

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A new Bishop for Leeds Diocese: Almighty God, you give us bishops to be shepherds of Christ's flock, guardians of faith and leaders in mission. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us in this season of loving, living and learning and guide us, by your grace, to discern your choice for our new Bishop. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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 Radnzcic, Joyce Campion, Trevor Smith, Meg Kennedy, Margaret Blackburn, Jeffrey Hunter, Caroline Van den Brut, Jerzy Browne, Roger & Clifford, Jonathan, Nigel Bentley, Rita, Lisa & Michael Kenyon, Les Marshall, Helena Cook, Edith Thomas, Natasha McArdle, Ann Mason, Zoe Beesley, Lorna and Peter Shackleton, Helen Colclough, Maureen Marshall, Val Cottam, Peter and Mary Dawson, the Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan and the Yemen.

Recently Departed: Harry Pearce, Ginger Taylor, Peter Drew, Christine Oldham

In Memory: Jeffrey Plowes, Lizzie Greenwood, Sidney Carter, Jonathan Crabtree, Norman Altham, John Scholfield, Alan Quilter, Kathleen Lees, Nellie Endley, Alice Powell, Doris Spence, Florence Barratt, Sam Hargreaves, Bernard Grundy, Gwenda Uttley, Lily Scholfield, Hermione Ashworth, David Greenwood, Richard Todd