

Michah 6.6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Galatians 3.23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Luke 10.25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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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:

Anne Samuels, Doreen Shire, Jean Cook, Julie, Margaret Lambert, and Todd.

Those who have died

Margaret Corker and Margaret Ellis

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

O God,
we thank you that you have inspired
people in all nations and in all cultures.
May we follow you,
committed to your way of love and justice,
united in the desire to
recognise and respect
the dignity and worth of every human being.
In the name and the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

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This week

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

Tuesday 10 Feb

9.30am Tots Worship *Crafts and activities, songs and stories for toddlers and their carers. With a fruit snack for the children and a relaxing cup of coffee for adults.*

Wednesday 11 Feb

9.00am Morning Prayer

12 noon Wednesday Welcome

Thursday 12 Feb

9.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 13 Feb

9.00am Morning Prayer

Notices

Thank you.

A big thank you to all those who helped clear up after Christmas last Wednesday. Not only was the tree and crib cleared away, but the church was given a quick clean. If anyone would like to help with smaller cleaning tasks on a weekly or fortnightly basis please have a chat with the Churchwardens.

Prayer board.

The prayer board at the back of church neat the memorial book has had a facelift. Please do add prayers of concern and please do date the prayers request or suggestions so that they can be regularly refreshed.

Ash Wednesday

This year the beginning of Lent falls on **18 February**. There will be a Sung Communion service at 7.30pm to which members of the Methodist Church have been invited.

PCC meeting.

The next meeting is on Wed **25 February** at 7.30pm

World Day of Prayer

– formerly the Women’s World Day of Prayer – will be at Norley Methodist Church on Fri 6 March at 1.30pm.

Margaret Ellis

On **Wednesday 25 February**, there will be a funeral service in Church at 12.45pm.

Visiting Preachers in 2026

15 February Sunday next before Lent

The Ven Michael Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester.

1 March The Second Sunday of Lent

Revd Andrea Jones, formerly Vicar of Hawarden, Wales.

22 March The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Andrew Rudd, a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) at St Laurence’s Church, Frodsham.

19 April The Third Sunday of Easter

Revd Jane Parry. Retired priest in the United Benefice of Norley, Crowton and Kingsley (including Alvanley)

Next week: 15 February, 2026

The Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 24.12-18;

2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9

Safeguarding is a priority

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

Website

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12605/>

COVER PICTURE

This illustration is by Mark Howard from 25 Educational www.base25.com and is on the cover of the resource booklet produced by Churches Together in Ireland and Britain, Love your Neighbour: <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Racial-Justice-Sunday-resource-2026.pdf>.pagespeed.ce.dCns4cHgC.pdf

Welcome

to St Paul’s Helsby

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

8 February, 2026

Racial Justice Sunday

*We welcome as our Preacher today
Winsome Richbell-Brown,*

Licensed Lay Minister (LLM or Reader)
at St Cuthbert’s, Cheadle.



Racial justice is a major priority for the Church of England and this has implications for the way we do ecumenism. The 2021 report, *From Lament to Action* stated,

“In our work as the Taskforce, we have considered 25 reports from the mid-80s onwards with a total of more than 160 recommendations... Since then, the Church of England has considered motion after motion, debate after debate, yet we still find ourselves in the position where – throughout our life as a church – the flourishing of UKME/GMH Anglicans is hard to discern.”

Collect

Merciful God,
you are righteous and love justice:
stir the hearts of your people that,
rejoicing in our diversity,
we may repent of the wrongs of the past,
and, by your grace,
seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



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’.

HYMN TUNES

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GR	670 ii [679]
OFF	557
COM	560 ii
FIN	765