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### **Readings & News: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026:**

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

**Genesis 12: 1-4a** Now the Lord said to Abram 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you and the one who curses you I will curse and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. <sup>4</sup>So Abram went as the Lord told him and Lot went with him.

**Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17** <sup>4</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us <sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**John 3: 1-17** <sup>3</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Collect:** Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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**Post Communion:** Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Hymns: 1<sup>st</sup> March: St Mary's Hymns O&N**

**Introit:** Christ Triumphant - **104**

**Gradual:** I cannot tell - **303**

**Offertory:** I heard the voice of Jesus - **310**

**Communion:** Lord is my light - **944**

**Communion:** Be still for the presence - **67**

**Recessional:** God is our strength: **219**

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

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm TOGETHER for an Inclusive Church:** Online meeting. For the link please contact: [togetherinleeds@gmail.com](mailto:togetherinleeds@gmail.com)

**MONDAYS every week @ 12.00 - Come and Play** - food and fun in the Lower Room for children and carers - last orders 1.30pm & **Creative Group in church@ St Mary's:** every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week **ALL WELCOME** Next session: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10am

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm** – A gig for St Patrick's with Out of the Box and TFF

**Feast of the Annunciation – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - service at St Mary's at 7pm

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 2-4pm:** **Barmy Bingo:** all the prizes, raffle, food and drink: £8

- **Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – service at 7.30pm**

- **Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 11am, Walk of Witness from St Jo's & 2pm at St Mary's**

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Dawn Service at 6am and Easter, with Egg Hunt at 11am**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 3-5pm:** **Assembly Bangers, all the hymns you love from school**

**Annual Meeting (APCM) 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026** – please sign up for the electoral roll to vote.

**Funeral Eric Knowles: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: 10.45am St Mary's & 12.15 Burnley**

**Funeral of Pat Wild: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: 12.15pm at Priestwell and then Burnley Crem**

**Memorial Service for Dorothy Jordan - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11am, at St Mary's**

**Funeral of Brenda Young: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: 1pm at St Mary's & burial at St Peter's**

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

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**We continue to pray for:** Gwen Mills, Jacob Howarth, Roy Yearsley, Viv Hawksworth, Mandy Fielden, Norman Cruikshank, Margaret McArdle; Sarah Battershell, Robert Scholey, Glynys Radzic, Joyce Campion, Trevor Smith, Meg Kennedy, Margaret Blackburn, Jeffrey Hunter, Caroline Van den Brut, Jerzy Browne, Jonathan, Nigel Bentley, Rita, Lisa & Michael Kenyon, Helena Cook, Edith Thomas, Natasha McArdle, Ann Mason, Zoe Beesley, Lorna and Peter Shackleton, Roger and Pat Dale, Helen Colclough, Maureen Marshall, Val Cottam, the Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan and the Yemen

**Recently Departed** Peter Drew, Christine Oldham, Pat Wild, Eric Knowles, Brenda Young

**In Memory:** Bob Miller, Arnold Sutcliffe, Evelyn Pickles, Vera Dearden, Sarah J Stansfield, Roy Dale, William Cardwell, Anthony W. Beet, John Elliott, Roy Taylor, Hilda Morris, Joseph Daniels, May Barker, Joyce Scholfield, Barry Sutcliffe, William Cottam, Glyn Jones, Albert Blackburn, Bill Sunderland, Christine Smith (Priest)