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Readings & News: 22nd February 2026:

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

Genesis 2: 15-17,3:1-7 ¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶The Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' **3**The serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷The eyes of both were opened and they knew they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Romans 5: 12-19 ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4: 1-11: 4 Jesus was led by the Spirit to the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for 40 days and nights and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴He answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by each word that comes from the mouth of God."' ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city & placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels" and "On their hands they will bear you up, so you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ⁷ Jesus said, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ⁸ Then the devil took him to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God and serve only him."' ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



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Collect: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion: Lord God, you have renewed us with living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, thru' Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns: 22nd February: St Mary's Hymns O&N

Introit: Lead us heavenly Father - 379

Gradual: Forty days and forty nights - 190

Offertory: O love that wilt not - 517

Communion: Ubi Caritas - 946

Communion: In the Lord - 929

Recessional: Now my tongue - 473

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 - service at St Mary's at 7pm

MONDAY 23rd February 10am: Crafting Group in church@ St Mary's: **ALL WELCOME & @ 12.00 - Come and Play** - food and fun in the Lower Room for children and carers

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

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

- **Maundy Thursday 2nd April – service at 7.30pm**

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

Easter Sunday 5th April – Dawn Service at 6am and Easter, with Egg Hunt at 11am

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

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

Funeral of Christine Oldham: Wednesday 25th February, 1pm @ St Mary's

Funeral of Pat Wild: Friday 6th March: 12.15pm at Priestwell and then Burnley Crem Memorial Service for Dorothy Jordan - Saturday 7th March at 11am, at St Mary'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 Champion, 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, Helen Colclough, Maureen Marshall, Val Cottam, the Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan and the Yemen

Recently Departed: Ginger Taylor, Peter Drew, Christine Oldham, Pat Wild

In Memory: Sam Atkinson, Kathleen Raby, Harry Pickles, Millicent May Raby, Clifford Greenwood, Rose Smith, Alice Goldie, Sue Page, Jane Louise Gill, Elizabeth Ann Shackleton, William Walton, Caroline Endley, Kenneth Ormerod, Anthony Allen, Peter Marshall, Robert Sutcliffe, Douglas Fiddling, Nicholas C. Widdup, Clifford Suthers, Maureen Holdsworth, Evie-Mae Thorp, Joseph Smith, Susan P Grogan, Ken Hemingway