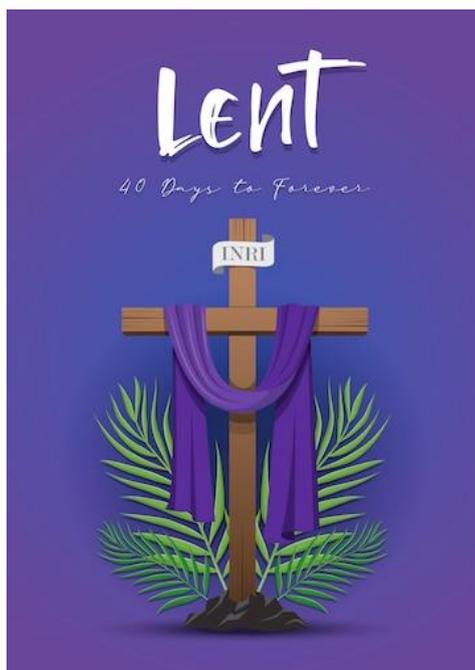


**United Benefice of Skipton, Christ Church
with Carleton, St Mary**



Newsletter

March 2026

Weekly Services

Christ Church

Sunday at 9.30am – Eucharist

Wednesday at 9.30am – Eucharist

St Mary's

Each Sunday at 11.15am

3rd and 5th Sunday – Bread Wine and Worship

2nd and 4th Sunday – Parish Eucharist

1st Sunday of each month -

8am BCP Communion

11.15am Family Praise

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MARCH LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday 2nd Sunday of Lent	1 March	Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17
Monday <i>Chad, bishop, missionary, 672</i>	2 March	Daniel 9.4-10; Psalm 79.8-9, 12, 14; Luke 6.36-38
Tuesday	3 March	Isaiah 1.10, 16-20; Psalm 50.8, 16-end; Matthew 23.1-12
Wednesday	4 March	Jeremiah 18.18-20; Psalm 31.4-5, 14-18; Matthew 20.17-28
Thursday	5 March	Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1; Luke 16.19-end
Friday	6 March	Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Psalm 105.16-22; Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46
Saturday <i>Perpetua, Felicity and companions, martyrs, 203</i>	7 March	Micah 7.14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103.1-4, 9-12; Luke 15.1-3, 11-end
Sunday 3rd Sunday of Lent	8 March	Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42
Monday	9 March	2 Kings 5.1-15; Psalm 42.1-2, Psalm 43.1-4; Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	10 March	Song of the Three 2, 11-20 or Daniel 2.20-23; Psalm 25.3-10; Matthew 18.21-end
Wednesday	11 March	Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9; Psalm 147.13-end; Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	12 March	Jeremiah 7.23-28; Psalm 95.1-2, 6-end; Luke 11.14-23
Friday	13 March	Hosea 14; Psalm 81.6-10,13,16; Mark 12.28-34
Saturday	14 March	Hosea 5.15-6.6; Psalm 51.1-2, 17-end; Luke 18.9-14
Sunday 4th Sunday of Lent	15 March	1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41
Monday	16 March	Isaiah 65.17-21; Psalm 30.1-5, 8,11-end; John 4.43-end
Tuesday <i>Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c.460</i>	17 March	Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12; Psalm 46.1-8; John 5.1-3, 5-16
Wednesday <i>Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 386.</i>	18 March	Isaiah 49.8-15; Psalm 145.8-18; John 5.17-30
Thursday Joseph of Nazareth	19 March	2 Samuel 7.4-16; Psalm 89.26-36; Romans 4.13-18; Matthew 1.18-25
Friday <i>Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687</i>	20 March	Wisdom 2.1,12-22 or Jeremiah 26.8-11; Psalm 34.15-end; John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday <i>Thomas Cranmer, archbishop, Reformation martyr, 1556</i>	21 March	Jeremiah 11.18-20; Psalm 7.1-2, 8-10; John 7.40-52
Sunday 5th Sunday of Lent	22 March	Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45
Monday	23 March	Susannah 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [or 41b-62] or Joshua 2.1-14; Psalm 23; John 8.1-11

Tuesday 24 March <i>Walter Hilton, mystic, 1396; Paul Couturier, priest, ecumenist, 1953 Oscar Romero, archbishop, martyr, 1980</i>	Numbers 21.4–9; Psalm 102.1–3, 16–23; John 8.21–30
Wednesday 25 March Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm 40.5-11; Hebrews 10.4-10; Luke 1.26-38
Thursday 26 March	Genesis 17.3–9; Psalm 105.4–9; John 8.51–end
Friday 27 March	Jeremiah 20.10–13; Psalm 18.1–6; John 10.31–end
Saturday 28 March	Ezekiel 37.21–end; Canticle: Jeremiah 31.10–13 or Psalm 121; John 11.45–end
Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday	Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21.1-11; Psalm 118.1-2,19-29 Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14 - 27.66 or Matthew 27.11-54
Monday 30 March <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	Isaiah 42,1-9; Psalm 36.5-11; Hebrews 9.11-15; John 12.1-11
Tuesday 31 March <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	Isaiah 49,1-7; Psalm 71.1-14; 1Corinthians 1.18-31; John 12.20-36



Christingle Donation to the Children's Society

A donation of £127.00 has been made to the Children's Society. A collection of £88.13 was made during the Christingle Service and £38.87 was collected in the Christingle Candles from the congregation.

Thank you all for supporting the Children's Society.

Chris Dada – Children's Society Coordinator



On Friday March 6th, at 2 pm, Christ Church is hosting the local WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, which this year has been put together by women in Nigeria!

All welcome.

2026 ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS



TUESDAY 24TH MARCH, 7.00PM – ST. MARY



SUNDAY 22ND MARCH, 11.00AM - CHRIST CHURCH

Serving on Deanery Synod ...

Should be seen in the light of discipleship. It is the offering of oneself, one's time, energy and commitment to serving the church, and through that, God himself. It is much more than just attending meetings, it is an opportunity to be actively involved, contribute, and participate in the mission and ministry of the church and parish. Here is a little information of what it is all about.

Every Diocese is divided into groups of neighbouring parishes, known as Deaneries. Christ Church and St Mary are part of the Skipton Deanery. Each Deanery has an Area Dean and a Deanery Synod. The function of the Deanery Synod is to represent every parish in the Deanery, to act as a link between the PCCs and the Diocese, to debate and discuss any issues or matters relevant to parishes, deaneries or the Church of England in general. It is a good way of finding out what is happening in the wider church, to recognise the common challenges we all face in parish ministry and to seek to address these together as the body of Christ that we are called to be collectively.

Synod can remind us of our common purpose and broaden our knowledge and understanding of the Church's "bigger picture" at the same time. It reminds us that we are part of something much bigger than our local parish church and provides an opportunity to meet together with other parishes to share ideas, experiences and resources and to contribute actively to the mission and ministry of the wider church.

Synod members are elected every three years and hold office for a three year period. To be eligible to serve on Deanery Synod a person needs to be over 16, have been on the electoral roll for at least 6 months, and receive Holy Communion regularly. They also need to be proposed and seconded by people who are themselves on the electoral roll.

This year at our respective APCMs, we will be electing Deanery Synod Representatives to serve for a new triennium starting on 1st July. Each of our churches is allocated 2 lay representatives, in addition to the Vicar and both Curates, who are ex-officio clergy members of Deanery Synod.

Thanks,

Kathia

LENT COURSE



Led by Revd Emma. They will take place in the Hall at Christ Church and will run every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 7pm-9pm, starting with the first one on Wednesday 25th February. Each session will close with a short optional Compline. **ALL WELCOME**

BENEFICE OF SKIPTON CHRIST CHURCH WITH CARLETON ST MARY

SERVICES FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026

Palm Sunday – 29th March: This year there will not be a joint procession and service at Holy Trinity as in the past few years.

Instead, we will be holding our own service for the benefice as a whole at Christ Church at 9.30. There will not be a separate service at St Mary.

Monday 30th March: 7.30pm - Said Holy Communion at St Mary

Tuesday 31st March: 7.30pm - Said Holy Communion at Christ Church

Wednesday 1st April: 7.30pm - Said Holy Communion at St Mary

Thursday 2nd April: Maundy Thursday
7.30pm - Holy Communion followed by Vigil until 9pm ending with a short Compline at St Mary

Friday 3rd April: Good Friday
3pm - Stations of the Cross at Christ Church
7.30pm - Veneration of the Cross at Christ Church

Saturday 4th April: 7.30pm - Easter Vigil Service at Christ Church (this includes the Fire, lighting of the Easter Candle, the Vigil and the Renewal of Baptism Vows)

Sunday 5th April: 9.30am - Easter Day Communion Service at Christ Church

11.15am - Easter Day Communion Service at St Mary

Thy Kingdom Come 2026 - 14th May - 24th May



'God with us' - new theme for TKC 2026

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in. This year's Thy Kingdom Come is all about the presence of God through His spirit.

The God who is with us in the everyday - in the joys and sorrows of life (and everything in between) and the One who longs to reveal Himself to those who do not yet know Him.

For further information please visit:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/thy-kingdom-come-2026>

Pilgrims from across the diocese can go to Taizé this summer

People from across the diocese will have the opportunity to spend some time in a rhythm of prayer, sharing and community this summer, as part of a pilgrimage to Taizé.

Taizé is an ecumenical community in Burgundy in France, where people travel from all over the world to join with the brothers there, deepening their faith and prayer life and exploring vocation.

The songs and prayers of the community continue to inspire worship worldwide. The pilgrimage from the Diocese of Leeds is being led by the Rt Revd Smitha Prasadam, Bishop of Huddersfield, and will take place from Saturday, July 25 to Monday, August 3.

Bishop Smitha said: “Join us on a pilgrimage which takes the intrepid traveller on a journey of faith from the heart of Yorkshire to the very heart of God.

“The journey may be long, but the experience lasts a lifetime.”

You can find detailed information in the handbook available at: <https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/63dac5b59618e/content/pages/documents/draft-taize-handbook-2026.pdf>

To book your place please email taize@leeds.anglican.org by Sunday, May 31. The total cost will be £400, excluding sundries.

People will also have the chance to worship in the style of Taizé and learn more about what the pilgrimage entails at events across the diocese, with more details below.

- Saturday, March 21, 1pm – 3.30pm, Leeds Roman Catholic Cathedral, with refreshments and a chance to meet some brothers from Taizé
 - Saturday, April 25, 12pm, Holy Nativity Mixenden
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Online Lent Meditation - Led by Henriette Howarth.

An opportunity during this Lenten season to meet with others online and to take time to reflect, pray and practice silent prayer and meditation.

We will use Scripture, poetry, music and silence as ways to connect with God this evening.

Date and Time : 19th March 2026 - 8:00pm - 9:00pm

To book your place and receive the Zoom link, please email charlie.scott@leeds.anglican.org

**St Mary's 'Coffee Pot' is open each Friday
from 2pm – 4pm**

United Benefice of Skipton Christ Church with Carleton St Mary
April 2026 Newsletter

Please send any Notices/articles for the February edition to
christchurchstmarysoffice@gmail.com before 26th March.

Thank you.

Please support



Christian Aid is on a journey. We are building a world free from poverty, and based on dignity, equality, justice and love.

Our understanding of how to address and eradicate poverty is based on three pillars.

- Poverty – We reach those most in need, in some of the hardest to reach places around the world.
- Power – We challenge the systemic and structural causes of poverty by holding those in power to account.
- Prophetic voice – We speak truth to power and build local and collective agency

To be part of our global movement for change, please visit:

<https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/>

Skipton Food Bank

This is a list of standard items that we use to make up our food parcels. All items should be in good condition, unopened and not past their *use by* or *best before* date. This is a list of what currently is included in our food parcels

Food

- Tinned meat
- Custard
- Tinned fruit
- Instant Coffee
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Jam/Marmalade
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Tinned veg, e.g. Sweetcorn, Peas, Carrots
- Rice
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned Fish
- Quick cook meals – noodles, rice & pasta
- UHT milk
- Pasta
- Soup
- Beans
- Cereal

Toiletries

- Toilet roll
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shower Gel
- Sanitary Products

We also collect

- Dog food
- Cat food
- Nappies (large size 5 or 6 most helpful)
- Baby wipes
- Household cleaning items and washing powder

Our heartfelt thanks. Together, we are able to provide much needed support to many households in Craven.



Mary's Meals currently works in 16 of the world's poorest countries, feeding over 3 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. They are asking you to donate any left-over foreign currency or obsolete UK currency that you may have lying around. Just bring any foreign or old coins/notes to church by 31 December and we will pass them on. The money raised from this initiative will help Mary's Meals bring hope to more desperately hungry children across the globe. Every 10p is enough to provide a hungry child with a nutritious meal in school.

Mary's Meals would like to thank you for your continuous support & prayers.

Mary's Meals UK

Units 10-13, Claremont Centre, 39 Durham Street, Glasgow, G41 1BS, Scotland



Foundation Craven

(part of the [Inspire North](#) charity group)

Foundation Craven delivers the following services in Craven District Council - Skipton and surrounding areas:

- **Resettlement and Community Safety Scheme (RACS):** A high performing short term support service working with offenders who have the highest need and pose the greatest risk to themselves and the community.
- **North Yorkshire Young People's Pathway:** This service offers young people the necessary support, advice and mediation to enable them to stay in their present accommodation. Where it is not possible for someone to remain at home, we have a variety of accommodation options to suit their needs.
- **Mental Health Scheme:** This service takes referrals from many places, including the Community Mental Health Team, GP, hospitals, substance misuse agencies as well as self-referrals, for those with a severe and enduring mental health diagnoses. We offer a mixture of floating support and accommodation based supported housing.

Contact Email Craven@foundationuk.org Website: <https://www.foundationuk.org/>

Telephone: 01756 701195

Foundation Craven welcomes donations of:

- Food items
- Household goods
- Soft furnishings (beddings, towels, cutlery)
- monetary contributions can be made online at

<https://www.foundationuk.org/donate/>

or in the office across the road from Christ Church, at:

The Carriage Works, 3-5 Cross Street, Skipton BD23 2AH

(hours: 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).