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## **Readings & News: 22nd March 2026:**

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

**Ezekiel 37: 1-14 37** The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you and cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say "Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, "Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

**Romans 8: 6-11** <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**John 11: 1-45 11** Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha... the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory...



**Collect:** Merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the Cross



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we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

**Post Communion:** Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Hymns: 22<sup>nd</sup> March: St Mary's Hymns O&N**

**Introit:** There's a wideness in God's mercy - **662** **Gradual:** Breathe on me - **84**

**Offertory:** Gifts of Bread and Wine - **200**

**Communion:** I am bread of life - **299**

**Communion:** Only by grace - **528**

**Recessional:** The spirit lives - **666**

**Lent Course: Growing Good:** throughout Lent: Tuesdays at 11 am & Thursdays, 7.30pm

**MONDAYS every week @ 12.00 - Come and Play** - in the Lower Room for children and carers & **Creative Group in church@ St Mary's:** Next on **Monday 23rd March at 10am**

**Feast of the Annunciation – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm** at St Mary's, uniting St Peter's & St Mary's parishes. AND **3pm screening of Archbishop Sarah's installation as the first female Archbishop of Canterbury**

**Holy Week: Labyrinth Monday to Thursday** afternoon and **Wednesday evening;** volunteers needed to welcome visitors and supervise. Please sign up on the sheet.

**Anne Lister Pilgrimage: Halifax Minster to Shibden 12.30pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**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**

**Next Rainbow Faith Service - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 4pm, St Mary's Easter Tide & Poetry**

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

**Funeral of Peter Parrish: St Thomas Heptonstall: Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00, then Burnley**

**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 and Natasha 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, Lisa & Michael Kenyon, Peter Shackleton, Ann Mason, Zoe Beesley, Roger and Pat Dale, Maureen Marshall, Val Cottam, the Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan and the Yemen

**Rest In Peace:** Pat Wild, Eric Knowles, Brenda Young, Peter Parrish, Edith Thomas

**In Memory:** Fred Eastwood, Elizabeth Alice Hodgkinson, Muriel Greenwood, David H Thorne, Martha Sharp, Lucy Bainbridge, Joan M. Dixon, Arthur Rubach, James (Jim) Heaton, Alice Cryer, Margaret 'Meg' Lumb, May Parker, Rose Gaulton, Kelvin James Leeson, Kenneth Sutcliffe, Clifford Clayton, Mary Whitham, Robert D (Bob) Uttley MBE