

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

# WEEKLY NEWS



## *Breaking bread*

**LUKE 24.13-35**

Two disciples walk back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. They are in despair about the death of Jesus. Jesus appears and walks beside them, but they do not recognise him. He teaches them from the Scriptures, and they see who he is when he breaks bread with them.

The Gospel passage prompts questions about how we know Jesus: Cleopas and his friend only recognised Jesus when he blessed and broke bread. This act, whether eucharistic or in everyday hospitality, is profound. This week, we explore knowing Jesus in breaking bread and hospitality and consider the stories Jesus was telling before they recognised him.

## *Dawn chorus*

If you sleep with your bedroom window open, you will know all about the dawn chorus around now. The birds are busy establishing their territorial rights, and the 'early birds' have probably already selected a nest site and started building.

The blackbird builds a solid cup of twigs, plant stems and leaves, lined with a thick skin of mud covered with finer grasses and leaves. The long-tailed tit forms a soft hollow ball of mosses, hair and wool, with a tiny hole as entrance. The wrens do it differently, with the male wren sometimes building several nests before his finicky mate will accept one. He gets his revenge, though, because he sometimes installs a second wife in one of the rejected sites.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

2025

Easter 3

**FIRST READING**

ACTS 2.14A,36-41

**PSALM**

PSALM 116: 1-3, 10-17

**SECOND READING**

1 PETER 1.17-23

**GOSPEL**

LUKE 24.13-35

**SERVERS**

ANTHEA GEE

DAVE GILL

**FIRST READING**

GLENIS MCCARTHY

**PSALM**

RITA JAGGER

**SECOND READING**

ANTHEA GEE

**INTERCESSIONS**

ALYSSA CALLIGHAN

**SIDES PERSON**

JNET TURNER & JANE

MUNDY

## *Collect* *Easter 3*

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

## *THIS WEEKS* *HYMNS*

### **Processional**

Jesus is Lord

### **Gradual**

Alleluia give thanks

### **Offertory**

Rejoice the Lord is King

### **Communion**

All I once held dear  
As we are gathered

### **Recessional**

I want to walk with  
Jesus Christ

## *Loving people in later life*

*Nearly one in five people in England are aged 65 and over, with more than a quarter of the population expected to be above 65 by 2065.*

*These figures illustrate why UK churches need to keep a focus on outreach to older people. To ignore them is to miss out on a major mission opportunity.*

*And so current initiatives include lunch clubs, exercise sessions, singing classes, tea and coffee times, outings and a broad range of social activities open to the community.*

*But 'later life' or 'retirement years' is a catch-all term that says little about the fast-growing number of people in these age groups. A fit-and-well 65-year-old is very different to a 95-year-old person living in a care home.*

*One – hopefully helpful – way of describing ministry to older people focuses on their health and ability. My proposed categories would be:*

*The 'go-go' people: Men and women, often new to retirement, who are physically and mentally active and often looking for opportunities for voluntary service in areas, perhaps very different to their previous paid work.*

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*This age group is often the backbone of many churches, providing the voluntary support for all kinds of church activities – from staffing the church toddlers' group to membership of the church council.*

*The 'slow-go' people: Men and women who are no longer as active, perhaps because of illness, adjusting to life following bereavement, or needing to care for a family member.*

*Here the mission opportunity may be around inviting them to join in church social events, such as lunch clubs or drop-ins, where they can meet new people and be drawn into the life of the church.*

*The 'no-go' people: These are older people who are now home-based or living in a care setting. Visits from church members, services held at care homes, and 'live-streaming' of church services can also be a link for them to the worshipping community. Many churches have adopted care homes in their area.*

*And then, at the end of life, churches can also provide sensitive funeral services, tailored to the wishes of the bereaved, and their families.*

*Ministering to men and women in later life can be richly rewarding, both for the people concerned, and for the churches who take on this important ministry. We ignore it at our peril...*

500<sup>YR</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
1526 – 2026

A JOURNEY THROUGH  
**500 YEARS**  
OF FAITH

From the Old Brig Chapel in 1526  
to Christ Church Today  
*A talk by Peter Henry*

**SOWERBY BRIDGE CHURCH.**



DOORS OPEN  
6:00PM

TALK STARTS  
7:00PM

*Saturday 9th May*

TICKETS: £5.00

Purchase in Church or Online



  
Christ Church



# In your prayers this week....

Alyson Healey; Lukas Powell;  
Maralyn Pawson; Helen Pedley;  
Christine Russell; Vanessa  
Starsmore; Victor Smyth; Kelly  
Swift



This weeks flowers are in memory of loved ones who have gone before us.

If you would like flowers in church either in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day please speak to Angela W

## Quotes

Christ is either both Saviour and Lord, or He is neither Saviour nor Lord. - John R De Witt

Tomorrow's history has already been written... at the name of Jesus every knee must bow. - Paul E Kauffman

The trouble is, we won't let God help us. - George MacDonald

Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position. - Anon

## From the Parish Prayer list:

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides; Youth Groups and Organisations; Patricia Gardens; Peel Street; Perseverance Street; Plainfield; Plane Tree Road; Pleasant Street; Poplar Avenue; Princess Street.

**ECO CHURCH**  
AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT



When using a washing machine ensure there is a full load and turn down the temperature.

Heating the water to higher temperatures uses more energy.

Blessed are those who put their money where their mouth is, for their shopping bags contain seeds of hope for God's creation.



## Next week

SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025  
EASTER 4

### FIRST READING

ACTS 2.42-47

### PSALM

PSALM 23

### SECOND READING

1 PETER 2.19-25

### GOSPEL

JOHN 10.1-10

### SERVERS

GRAHAM LAMB

PETER HENRY

### FIRST READING

RITA JAGGER

### PSALM

FIONA LAMB

### SECOND READING

GRAHAM LAMB

### INTERCESSIONS

SARAH TOWLER

### SIDES PERSON

REBECCA LUMB & ANGELA WILKINS

## DIARY

### Monday

10:30 Morning Prayer

### Tuesday

10.00 Coffee Morning

11.30am Mid week

communion

### Wednesday

### Thursday

3.30pm Messy Church

6.30pm BCP evening Prayer

### Friday

### Saturday

10am Coffee Morning

### Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion



### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting.**

**Our annual church meeting will be held after the service on Sunday 26 April 2026.**

following the morning service next week we will be holding our annual meeting. Peter will be standing down this year, as Church Warden, following 11 years of service but can be nominated as a representative on PCC. Church Wardens will be appointed along with Parochial Church Council (PCC) members and Deanery Synod representatives. Do you feel one of these posts is something you are being called to?

### **APCM booklets and financial information**

Have been emailed out, but copies are available in church

**Nomination forms** for Church Warden, Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod representatives are available at the back of Church. Church Wardens are appointed on an annual basis. Peter will be standing down this year following 11 years of service. From the PCC Sarah and Helen will be at the end of their term of office and can be elected for a further term. Graham is also at the end of his term of office but is not standing for re-election.

### **IKnow - Rota Holidays**

With the warmer weather approaching, can I ask that if you are on any rota's can you please add your holidays onto the system, it just makes planning roles easier to manager Any issues please do speak to Peter



**By Aidan**

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of **Christ Church Sowerby Bridge**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in **Church on the  
26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026 after the morning service**

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows—

To the Parochial Church Council four representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- (a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting
- (b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- (c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;
- (d) the annual fabric report under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018;
- (e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
- (f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed: *A Gee*

PCC Secretary

AN EVENING WITH  
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SATURDAY 2ND MAY  
DOORS OPEN  
18:30



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Service starts.



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## *All the Times You Were Not There* - a memoir of family, failure and faith from London's East End By Emma Fowle, SPCK, £13.99

In 1980s East London, families lived by an unspoken code. You can throw a punch to make a point, stolen goods make financial sense, and a few too many beers were par for the course. But you never abandon your family.

That was Emma Fowle's father's greatest mistake.

A champion powerlifter with a dangerous appetite for risk, he dragged his family into a world of steroids, cocaine, illegal raves, debt collecting, fraud and infidelity. Then, one day, he simply walked out – leaving behind a trail of chaos and questions that would take decades to untangle.

Set against the gritty backdrop of London's East End, this book is a raw and redemptive memoir about the cost of broken promises and the unexpected grace that can transform even the most fractured family story.

Through her Christian faith, Emma learns to reframe her past: not as a story of failure, but of survival, forgiveness and hope. With unflinching honesty and tender insight, she writes about what it means to grow up searching for love in the ruins and to find redemption where you least expect it.

### *Smile Lines*

#### **Show and Tell**

A schoolteacher asked her students to each bring in an object that represented their religion. The first student got up and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David." The second student got up and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary." The third student got up and said, "My name is Tommy. I am a Baptist, and this is a casserole."

**Ordinary people Sharing God's love in our world.**  
**Growing in faith. Living by prayer. Loving God's word.**  
**Living Loving Learning.**



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