

WEEKLY NEWS



Knowing together

1 PETER 1.3-9

Peter, a disciple of Jesus, becomes a wise and inspiring leader of the Early Church. He writes to Christians who are living in scattered communities across the eastern Mediterranean area. Peter encourages them to stay faithful in the face of lots of difficulties and persecution.

Peter writes to Christians in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who are experiencing persecution, a test of their faith – faith that is clear even without having seen the one in whom they believe. This prompts questions about how we know Jesus. Though we haven't seen Jesus, we know him. We all have different ways of knowing and growing in our faith. As a church community, we can share our experiences, supporting each other in our journeys of faith.

C of E welcomes Government's Schools White Paper announcements

The Church of England has welcomed the Government's Schools White Paper and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) consultation, "recognising the opportunity they offer to secure long-term improvements for children, young people and families."

As the largest single provider of schools in England, and with a long history of serving the most vulnerable, the Church – through the National Society for Education – has committed itself to "engaging constructively with the consultation process."

Notable inclusions relate to strengthening support for children with SEND and improving the coherence of the SEND system. Also, the White Paper's ambition to enhance collaboration across the school system aligns with the Church's experience that "well-led, vision-driven school trusts can enable children and adults to flourish together."

Sunday 12th April
2025
Easter 2

FIRST READING

ACTS 2.14A,22-32

PSALM

PSALM 16

SECOND READING

1 PETER 1.3-9

GOSPEL

JOHN 20.19-31

SERVERS

DAVE GILL

GRAHAM LAMB

FIRST READING

RICHARD SMITH

PSALM

GLENIS MCCARTHY

SECOND READING

DAVE GILL

INTERCESSIONS

PETER HENRY

SIDES PERSON

DARRELL & JENNIFER

INGALL

Collect *Easter 2*

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

THIS WEEKS *HYMNS*

Processional

Crown him with many crowns

Gradual

Amazing grace

Offertory

Jesus the name high over all

Communion

Breathe on me, breath of God
Make me a channel of your peace

Recessional

We have a gospel to proclaim

Breakfast - with Jesus Christ

"It is the Lord!" (John 21:7) There is something very reassuring in the simple scene by Galilee's lake, described on that post-Easter morning. Taking place there was the birth of a mighty world-wide adventure that has not ended yet! Was there ever a breakfast like it? They'd been fishing all night, but in vain.... until they heard a distant call from the shore: "How are you doing, guys?"

There is even the little detail in the instructions from the beach that it was to be on the right side of the boat that the net should be thrown out this time.

That Stranger. That voice! Suddenly the net was full of wriggling fish. It was like coming in at the start of the film again – (see Luke 5:6). Then Peter's hundred-yard splash to the shore... the charcoal fire and 'large' tilapia fish. Then the typical action of fishermen in counting the catch. How the Bible teems with stories.

And now breakfast on the beach, with Jesus Christ! It was a re-commissioning for the apostle Peter, who only days earlier had denied any knowledge of Jesus. From now on it would be different. "Feed my sheep," said Jesus.

- *Whose call but Christ's call? Peter would never be the same again.*

Those who have truly heard the call of Christ, will still be standing firm when revolutions explode, when finances plunge, when a church falls apart, when a country falls apart.

- *Whose word but Christ's word? 'Feed my sheep,' were His words. Whoever we may be teaching, Christ's servant is to see to it that what is taught is Christ's word and not one's own. The power that brings forgiveness and resurrection life can only come from one source!*
- *Whose flock, but Christ's flock? 'MY lambs... MY sheep' – they were never ours! Realise this – and so much of the conflicts that can occur between the friends of Jesus will cease overnight.*

Can you smell the tilapia fish grilling on that little fire by Galilee's beach? The Stranger on the shore is calling YOU. Along with John, dripping wet in the boat, recognise that He is no stranger. "It is the Lord."

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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

When Jesus bowed His head,
And dying took our place,
The veil was rent, a way was
found to that pure home of
grace. - John Elias

Christ is now creation's
scepter-bearer, as He was once
creation's burden-bearer. - A J
Gordon

From the Parish Prayer list:

Rev. Kathia and congregation of St.
Pauls Methodist Church; Hollas Lane;
Hollins Bank; Hollins Bungalows;
Hollins Lane; Hollins Mill Lane; Holmes
Road; Hope Street; Houghton Towers

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If you have grass, set aside areas of longer grass and temporary no-mow areas - eg around the edges of the area. Collect and compost all cuttings This gives an opportunity for a wider variety of plants, like wildflowers to grow, attracting a range of insects, such as crickets, grasshoppers, moths and butterflies, and giving them a home.

If you don't have grass, could you convert any areas of gravel or paving? Or add some beds or pots?

Blessed are those who feed the hedgehogs, who make fat balls for the birds, who build bug hotels and who plant flowers to attract bees.



Next week

SUNDAY 19TH 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

DIARY

Monday

10:30 Morning Prayer

Tuesday

10.00 Coffee Morning

11.30am Mid week

communion

1.00 Craft & Chatter

Wednesday

5.45 Bible Study

Thursday

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.

At this meeting you will be able to ask questions/bring your thoughts and hear what has been happening over the year at your Church. At the meeting Church Wardens will be appointed along with Parochial Church Council (PCC) members and Deanery Synod representatives. If you feel this is something you are being called to please have a word with Revd. Tommy or one of the PCC/Deanery Synod members. There is a list of current members in the Community Room.

APCM booklets and financial information

These will be emailed to members on our Electoral Roll early next week – I'm just waiting for a couple of reports. If we do not have your email address copies will be posted onto you.

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.

Christ Church CE (VA) Junior and Tuel Lane Infant School

After many years of seeking to amalgamate the two schools I am really pleased to report that when the above schools go back after the Easter holidays they will be called Christ Church CE (VA) Primary School. Tuel Lane children from years 1 and 2 will move up to the Christ Church building in September 2026 with the rest of the children moving soon after. This is a big move for the schools and we ask for God's blessing and protection on all the families, children, staff and governors. Anthea

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of **Christ Church Sowerby Bridge**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in **Church on the
26th 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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Christ Church

Serving Sowerby Bridge since 1821

Dare to be True - George Herbert: Verse and Prose By Wendy Cope, SPCK, £16.99

A fresh and affectionate celebration of George Herbert – the greatest devotional poet in the English language – introduced by award-winning poet Wendy Cope.

Herbert’s verse, playful in form yet profound in reflection, continues to speak across the centuries, uniting poetic artistry with questions of meaning, belief and the human condition.

Drawing on Herbert’s friendships with John Donne and Lancelot Andrewes, Cope situates him within the rich world of 17th-century literature and faith. As T. S. Eliot once wrote, Herbert is “a major poet” and in this volume, readers will see why.

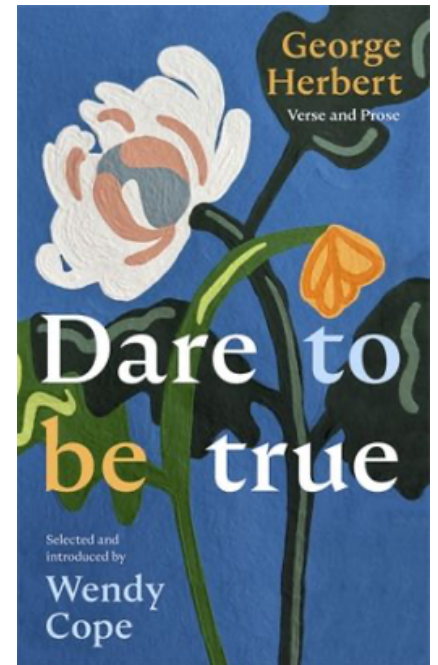
From his celebrated poem Love (III) – described by Simone Weil as “the most beautiful poem in the world” – to lesser-known works revealing his honesty and humour, this collection invites a new generation to rediscover the clarity, depth and craftsmanship of Herbert’s voice.

Perfect for readers of poetry, literary history, and those drawn to reflections on art, faith and human experience.

Smile Lines

Sidesman

Sidesman to newcomer at church door: “Good morning. How far down do you wish to sit?”
Baffled newcomer: “Well, all the way, of course.”



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

Rev. Tommy Daghish

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