

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



Newsletter

MAY 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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MAY LECTIONARY READINGS

Friday 1 May <i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>	Isaiah 30.15-21; Psalm 119.1-8; Ephesians 1.3-10 John 14.1-14
Saturday 2 May <i>Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith, 373</i>	Acts 13.44–end; Psalm 98.1–5; John 14.7–14
Sunday 3 May 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14
Monday 4 May English saints and martyrs of the Reformation Era	Acts 14.5–18; Psalm 118.1–3, 14–15; John 14.21–26
Tuesday 5 May	Acts 14.19–end; Psalm 145.10–end; John 14.27–end
Wednesday 6 May	Acts 15.1–6; Psalm 122.1–5; John 15.1–8
Thursday 7 May	Acts 15.7–21; Psalm 96.1–3, 7–10; John 15.9–11
Friday 8 May <i>Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer c.1417</i>	Acts 15.22–31; Psalm 57.8–end; John 15.12–17
Saturday 9 May	Acts 16.1–10; Psalm 100; John 15.18–21
Sunday 10 May 6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-18; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21
Monday 11 May Rogation Day	Acts 16.11–15; Psalm 149.1–5; John 15.26–16.4
Tuesday 12 May Rogation Day <i>Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952</i>	Acts 16.22–34; Psalm 138; John 16.5–11
Wednesday 13 May Rogation Day	Acts 17.15, 22–18.1; Psalm 148.1–2,11–end; John 16.12–15
Thursday 14 May Ascension Day	Acts 1.1-11 <i>or</i> Daniel 7.9-14; Psalm 47 <i>or</i> Psalm 93; Ephesians 1.15-23 <i>or</i> Acts 1.1-11; Luke 24.44-53
Friday 15 May <i>Mathias the Apostle</i>	Isaiah 22.15-25; Psalm 15; Acts 1.15-26; John 15.9-17
Saturday 16 May <i>Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877</i>	Acts 18.22–end; Psalm 47.1–2, 7–end; John 16.23–28
Sunday 17 May 7th Sunday of Easter <i>Sunday after Ascension Day</i>	Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10,32-35; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11
Monday 18 May	Acts 19.1–8; Psalm 68.1–6; John 16.29–end
Tuesday 19 May <i>Dunstan, archbishop,, monastic reformer,988</i>	Acts 20.17–27; Psalm 68.9–10, 18–19; John 17.1–11
Wednesday 20 May <i>Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804</i>	Acts 20.28–end; Psalm 68.27–28, 32–end; John 17.11–19
Thursday 21 May <i>Helena, protector of the Holy Places, 330</i>	Acts 22.30, 23.6–11; Psalm 16.1, 5–end; John 17.20–end
Friday 22 May	Acts 25.13–21; Psalm 103.1–2, 11–12, 19–20; John 21.15–19
Saturday 23 May	Acts 28.16–20, 30–end; Psalm 11.4–end; John 21.20–end

Sunday 24 May Pentecost <i>Whit Sunday</i>	Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30; Psalm 104.26-36,37b; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; or Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39
Monday 25 May The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735 <i>Aldhelm, bishop, 709</i>	1 Peter 1.3-9; Psalm 111; Mark 10.17-27
Tuesday 26 May Augustine, archbishop, 605 <i>John Calvin, reformer, 1564</i> <i>Philip Neri founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595</i>	1 Peter 1.10-16; Psalm 98.1-5; Mark 10.28-31
Wednesday 27 May	1 Peter 1.18-end; Psalm 147.13-end; Mark 10.32-45
Thursday 28 May <i>Lanfranc, monk, arch bishop, scholar, 1089</i>	1 Peter 2.2-5, 9-12; Psalm 100; Mark 10.46-end
Friday 29 May	1 Peter 4.7-13; Psalm 96.10-end; Mark 11.11-26
Saturday 30 May <i>Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906</i> <i>Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431</i> <i>Apolo Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist, 1933</i>	Jude 17, 20-end; Psalm 63.1-6; Mark 11.27-end
Sunday 31 May Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20



May Bank Holidays

Organ Recitals at Christ Church

❖ **Monday 04/05/2026**

William Campbell (Bradford Cathedral)

❖ **Monday 25/05/2026**

Charles Dobson (Holy Trinity, Skipton)

**The recital begins at 11.00am with refreshment
prior to the concert.**

There will be a retiring collection.

Revd Clare's Ordination

The ordination to the Priesthood of our Curate, the Revd Clare Wood, will be
at Ripon Cathedral on **Saturday 27th June, at 2.00pm.**

Revd Clare will celebrate her First Mass at Christ Church
on **Monday 29th June at 4.00pm.**

All are Welcome!

Benefice Services at Christ Church



Solemn Mass
Thursday 14th May
at 7.30pm



Corpus Christi

Solemn Mass with Benediction
Thursday 4th June
at 7.30pm



There will be a Confirmation Service at Christ Church on **Sunday 5th July, at 10.00am**. The service will be led by the Bishop of Ripon, The Rt Revd Anna Eltringham.

Please note that, as this is a Benefice service, there will be no service at St Mary on that day.

St George's Day – a celebration for everyone in England

22/04/2026

Voices from across the Church of England come together today to invite people across the country to share in celebrating St George as “our patron saint – for everyone in England”.

The film, being shared across Church of England social media channels today, tells how St George, a Roman soldier martyred in the 3rd Century, became a symbol of courage and inspiration to Christians to stand strong in their faith.

It details how he became the patron saint of cities, regions and countries across three continents – including England where the Cross of St George ultimately became part of the Union Flag “placing the cross at the very heart of our national symbol”.

St George's Day isn't only about flags or legends, such as the story of the dragon, the film adds: “It draws on a deep tradition of faith, stretching across centuries and continents. “St George is our patron saint – for everyone in England.”

The film is part of a package of material and resources shared by the Church of England today to support churches celebrating St George's Day [including prayers](#) and a range of [stories](#) featuring St George's churches across the country – focussing on their history, traditions and work in their local communities today.

For the first time there will be a special [national online service for St George's Day](#) from St George's Church on the Harold Hill estate in Romford.

“St George's Day is a great opportunity to bring people together in unity to celebrate all that we have in common in this country,” said the Bishop of Leicester, Martyn Snow, who chairs the Bishops' Working Group for Promoting Unity in our Nation, and also appears in the film.

For more Information: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/promoting-unity-our-nation/celebrating-st-george-martyr-and-patron-saint-england>

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>

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Prayer vigils at our cathedrals during Crown Nomination Commission meetings

The Crown Nomination Commission for the Diocese of Leeds, the group choosing who the next Bishop of Leeds will be, starts meeting soon, and our cathedrals will be holding prayer vigils on the days of their meetings.

The Crown Nomination Commission is responsible for identifying and recommending candidates for the role of diocesan bishop. It includes six diocesan representatives, six members from General Synod, the Archbishops or their representatives, and the two appointments secretaries.

The Crown Nomination Commission meets multiple times to develop the role profile, shortlist candidates, and conduct interviews.

Once the discernment process is complete, a candidate's name is submitted to the Prime Minister, who advises the King to make the appointment.

The dates of the Crown Nomination Commission meetings are:

- Wednesday, March 4, 2026
- Wednesday, May 13, 2026
- Thursday, May 14, 2026

On each day an all day prayer vigil will be held at one of our three cathedrals, with the first one taking place at Wakefield Cathedral on Wednesday, March 4. On Wednesday, May 13, a vigil will be at Bradford Cathedral, while on Thursday, May 14, one will be at Ripon Cathedral.

All are welcome at any of the vigils to pray about our next bishop.

Our six diocesan representatives elected to the Crown Nomination Commission (CNC) are: the Revd Canon Paul Cartwright; the Revd Canon Rachel Firth; Canon Professor Joyce Hill; the Ven Dr Andrew Jolley; Mr Hugh Lorimer; and Canon Zahida Mallard.

Please see below a prayer for this time.

God our loving Father,
You pour out upon your people the Spirit of your love,
as we seek your will and follow it.
Be with those whose charge it is to discern the new bishop of this diocese.
Empower them to know your will,
set aside their own wants and wishes,
and seek that which is good for all your people in this place.
For we ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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- 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.



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).

St Mary's 'Coffee Pot' is open each Friday

from 2pm – 4pm

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Please send any Notices/articles for the June edition to

christchurchstmarysoffice@gmail.com before 25th May.

Thank you.