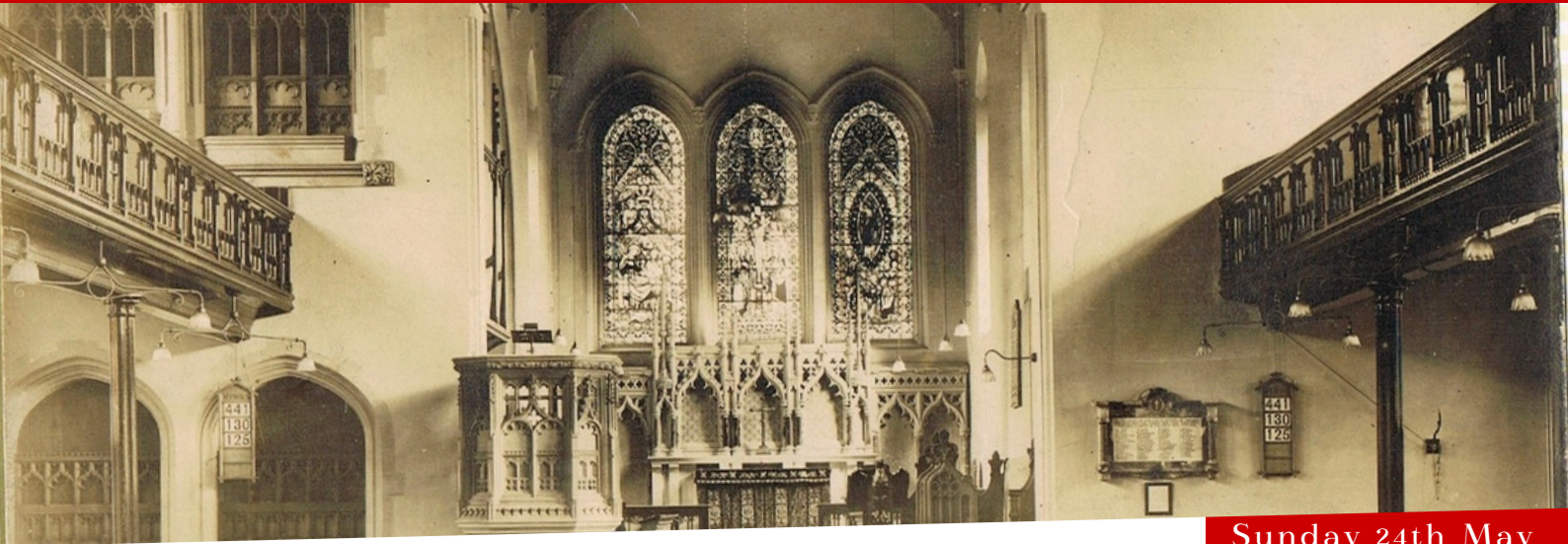


CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



God's gift

1 CORINTHIANS 12.3B-13

Paul writes to the church in Corinth who were in danger of thinking they were 'God's gift' to the Church – believing their spiritual gifts made them special. Paul explains that the Holy Spirit gives different gifts to God's people, but they are to be used to serve the common good. The believers should be united as one body in Christ, no matter their background or status.

This week we consider how we can honour all the gifts God gives and use them for the benefit of others.

Fire of Pentecost

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

We all get tired and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure

with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

For us today, many of us have felt emotionally drained with the uncertainties caused by Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the pain and uncertainty of what will happen in the war in Ukraine.

So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.

Sunday 24th May
2026
Pentecost

FIRST READING

ACTS 2.1-21

PSALM

PSALM 104.26-36,37B

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12.3B-13

GOSPEL

JOHN 20.19-23

SERVERS

DAVE GILL

TBC

FIRST READING

DAVID TOWLER

PSALM

RICHARD SMITH

SECOND READING

DAVE GILL

INTERCESSIONS

ALYSSA CALLIGHAN

SIDES PERSON

PAULINE CHESLETT &

LINDA FIRTH

Collect Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS HYMNS

Processional

Come down O love divine

Gradual

Breathe on me, breath of God

Offertory

Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

Communion

Spirit of holiness I am the bread of life

Recessional

Lord the light of your love is shining

24th May - John & Charles Wesley, evangelists & hymn-writers

John and Charles Wesley were the founders of Methodism. Two of 19 children born to Samuel and Susannah Wesley of Epworth Rectory in Lincolnshire in 1703 and 1707, their father was the local rector, while their mother was a spiritual inspiration to her many children.

Both John and Charles went to Christ Church, Oxford (1720 and 1726). John was ordained, and Charles and some friends formed a 'Holy Club' while still at college. It consisted of men who dedicated themselves to Bible study, prayer, fasting and good works. Such regular disciplines soon earned Charles the nickname 'Methodist'. The name stuck.

Both Charles and John felt called to the mission field, and so in 1735 they sailed to Georgia. Their time among Indians in America was not a success – they struggled for any real spiritual authority in their ministries. Feeling failures, they returned to England in some depression. John summed it up: "I went to America to convert the Indians; but, oh, who shall convert me?"

Then the Wesleys made friends with some Moravians. They stressed that salvation cannot be earned, but must be received by grace through faith in Christ. Charles was the first to experience this 'true' conversion,

when on Pentecost Sunday, 21st May 1738, he wrote that the Spirit of God 'chased away the darkness of my unbelief.'

Only three days later, on 24th May, 1738, it was John's turn. As he wrote in his journal: "In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed."

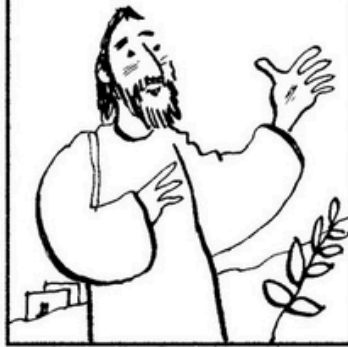
John and Charles Wesley then devoted the rest of their lives to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. In doing so, they turned England upside-down. When the established Church threw John out, he took to the fields, preaching to coal miners and commoners. His itinerant evangelism took him 250,000 miles on horseback and to preach over 40,000 sermons. His small 'societies' attracted some 120,000 followers by the time of his death.

Charles became the most prolific and skilled hymn-writer in English history, writing hymns that are sung widely today, such as 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.' In all, he wrote more than 6,000 hymns.

The legacy of the two brothers lives on. As well as Methodism, their teaching has widely impacted the holiness movement, the Pentecostal movement, and the charismatic movement.

The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast

JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE
VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT
A GREAT DEAL



ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

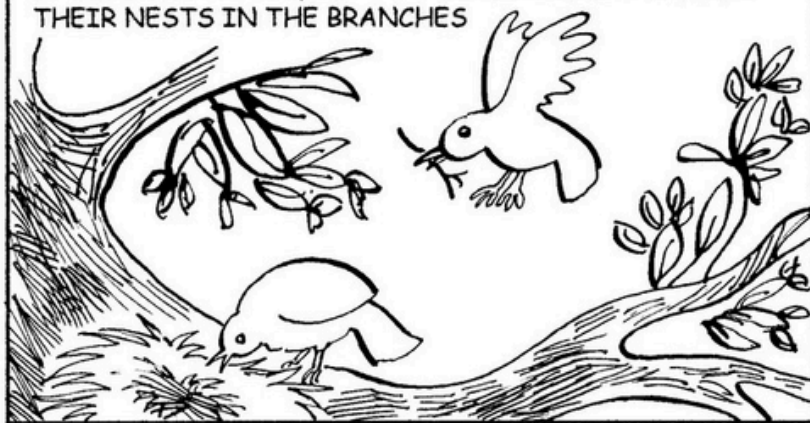


IT IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST
OF SEEDS....



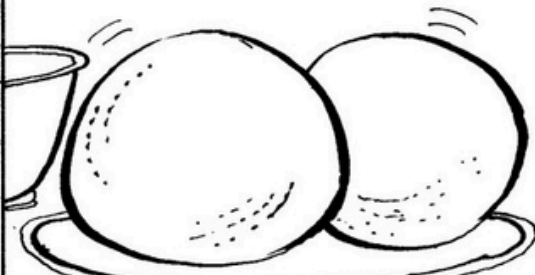
BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS
THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS

IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE
THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES



JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT,
WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR,
THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE
HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A
HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES
OF OTHERS.

In your prayers this week....

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



This weeks flowers are to celebrate what would have been Peter & Angela Wilkin's wedding anniversary.

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
Only Jesus Christ by His Holy Spirit can open blind eyes, give life to the dead and rescue souls from Satanic bondage. - John Stott

The Spirit is the source of all our natural gifts. - D MacLeod

The Holy Spirit is the heavenly Lover's engagement ring given to us. - Michael Green

He who has the Holy Spirit in his heart and the Scriptures in his hands has all he needs. - A MacLaren

We could not pray at all were it not for the Holy Spirit. - D Martyn Lloyd-Jones

From the Parish Prayer list:

Give thanks for what God has provided; Town Hall Street; Tuel Lane; Union Street; Upper Bolton Brow; Upper Fountian Street; Victoria Avenue; Victoria Road; Victoria Street.

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Irons use a lot of electricity to get hot - only iron clothes that really need it.

Blessed are those who shop locally, those who eat produce in season, those who buy Fairtrade products and those who buy second-hand.



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A special breed

A Samaritan is a special breed
They listen to that special need
We listen to what the people say
It's sometimes funny, sometimes not
We give our all, yes all we've got
Then, talk some more, and listen hard
New Sams come and old Sams go
We do our best, for those in need
Because we are a special breed.

Ian Russell October 2000

Next week

SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2026

TRINITY SUNDAY

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 40:12-17, 27-31

PSALM

PSALM 8

SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 13.11-13

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28.16-20

WORSHIP LEADER

ALYSSA CALLIGHAN

FIRST READING

RICHARD SMITH

PSALM

HELEN PEDLEY

SECOND READING

ANTHEA GEE

INTERCESSIONS

SARAH TOWLER

SIDES PERSON

ANGELA WILKINS & REBECCA LUMB

DIARY

Monday

Bank Holiday

Tuesday

10.00am Coffee Morning
1pm Craft & Chatter

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

10:00am Coffee Morning

Sunday

10.30am Service of the Word



Ken's 90th Birthday

Vanessa & Fiona invite all to join in celebrating Kenneth's 90th birthday on Sunday 7th June 2026. Please join us for sandwiches and cake following the family service.

Our Fundraising team

Angela, Peter, Janet, Kevin, Rebecca, have planned a series of events to celebrate our 500 years of faith in Sowerby Bridge. The next event will be Hymns/Pimms on Saturday 27 June. If you have any fundraising suggestions please do speak to one of the above team. Thank you.

I Know - 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 with Iknow speak to Peter

Revd. Tommy's Holidays

Revd Tommy will be on leave from 25th May till 7th June, please reach out to the Churchwardens.

Rushbearing – Saturday 5th September

It's that time of year again as we begin preparations for Rushbearing 2026! As always, we'll be running our raffle, tombola, and bottle stalls, and we're now kindly asking for donations to help stock them. If you have any items you'd like to contribute, please speak to Angela W or Janet T.

Also, don't forget about our popular holiday hampers! If you're heading off on holiday or visiting somewhere special, why not bring back a small gift or treat to include in one of our hampers? If donating food or sweets, please ensure the expiry date is well beyond September.

If anyone would like a stall please speak to Rebecca Lumb

Pam Miller will be looking after this years cake stall, please speak to her if you would like to bake a cake or two

Financial information for

March

Receipts 2,075.75

Payments 2,941.79

Financial information for

April

Receipts 1,993.49

Payments 2,945.46

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Moses

Sinai

God

disputes

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staff

Egypt

mountain

food

Aaron

moan

Rephidim

land

oasis

grumble

quails

Elim

months

Amalekites

helped

Staying Connected - Introducing the iKnow Church App

We're pleased to be introducing our new **iKnow Church app**, a simple new way for us to stay connected as a church family throughout the week, not just on Sundays.

The app will help bring church life together in one place and make it easier to keep up to date with what's happening. Through the app you'll be able to:

- Keep up with church news and events
- Receive important updates and reminders
- Listen to sermons and other content during the week
- Keep your contact details up to date
- View rotas and add unavailability (for those involved in teams and serving roles)

The biggest thing we'd encourage everyone to do is:

Please make sure you enable PUSH NOTIFICATIONS when setting up the app.

This will become one of the main ways we keep in touch as a church community. Rather than searching through emails, social media, or wondering if you've missed something, important updates can come directly to your phone when needed.

The app is designed to help us stay informed, stay connected and stay involved in church life.

If you have any questions, need help setting up the app, or run into any issues, please speak to Peter Henry, our iKnow administrator, who will be happy to help.

"Because church isn't just for Sunday morning — we're a community throughout the whole week."

Download the app on Apple app store or Google play today and log in our app by using the church code **15450705**. You will need your email address and we can reset your password if required





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Inspired - Stories of adventure, risk-taking & God's faithfulness

By Simon Guillebaud, 10Publishing, £3.99

Inspired brings together the stories of eight very different individuals. Although their lives are unique, they all share the same thing: they are being used by God to share the gospel of hope around the world.

From the jungles of Brazil to the mountains of Cambodia, Simon Guillebaud introduces a series of modern-day missionary stories that will encourage your faith and reassure you that God is still very much at work in the world.



Smile Lines

What God is like

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand. "He is an artist!" said the little boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

Ordinary people Sharing God's love in our world.

Growing in faith. Living by prayer. Loving God's word.

Living Loving Learning.