

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

# WEEKLY NEWS



## *There's a place for you*

### **1 PETER 2.2-10**

Peter encourages Christian communities facing persecution that they are specially called by God and given a new identity as 'living stones', built together like a new temple, supported by Jesus the cornerstone. The believers should keep on trusting and praising God who has shown them light and mercy.

Like the church in 1 Peter, we might question our place in the world and how we navigate life and all its complexities. This week, we learn that even amid our doubts and fears, God has a place for us.

## *'Thy Kingdom Come' - global prayer movement marks ten years*

This year the global prayer movement Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) will take place from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Spanning the 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost, the initiative encourages Christians to pray for five people whom they know (friends, families, neighbours) to come to faith.

This year is a special one for Thy Kingdom Come. It was ten years ago, in 2016, that it began as a call to prayer from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York.

TKC has since grown into a global wave of prayer, involving tens of millions of Christians, in dozens of denominations, in almost 90% countries worldwide.

To mark these first ten years, the new archbishop, Sarah Mullally, has written a Novena for the initiative.

This year's theme is 'God With Us'. With the help of leaders from across the church traditions, TKC will explore a different Bible story each day, one which demonstrates God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and communities.

Sunday 3rd May  
2026  
Easter 5

### **FIRST READING**

ACTS 7.55-60

### **PSALM**

PSALM 31.1-5,15-16

### **SECOND READING**

1 PETER 2.2-10

### **GOSPEL**

JOHN 14.1-14

### **SERVERS**

ANTHEA GEE

DAVE GILL

### **FIRST READING**

FIONA LAMB

### **PSALM**

ALYSSA CALLIGHAN

### **SECOND READING**

DAVE GILL

### **INTERCESSIONS**

DAVID CALLIGHAN

### **SIDES PERSON**

JACKIE GILL & KEVIN

HENRY

## Collect Easter 5

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

## THIS WEEKS HYMNS

### Processional

Father I place into  
your hands

### Gradual

How sweet the name  
of Jesus sounds

### Offertory

O Jesus I have  
promised

### Communion

Rock of ages, cleft for  
me

Lord of the Dance

### Recessional

Video

## What's the Big Idea? - an Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament: Ezekiel

Ezekiel was a prophet who proclaimed judgment to God's people in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC. He was among the group of Jews exiled in Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. Ezekiel received his call when he was 30 years old through a vision of the glory of God. His ministry finished 22 years later with a vision of the restored Temple in Jerusalem.

Ezekiel spoke to a community forced from its home, who had broken faith with God. He presents a God who rules over all people and history. He is a God who desires to be known and acknowledged ('then they will know that I am the Lord'). As a priest, Ezekiel was deeply concerned with the holiness of God. This call to holy living includes an emphasis on individual responsibility (chapter 18), which is a significant milestone in biblical thought.

Ezekiel offers a vision of true hope for those who have undergone judgment. He promises a restored Temple as a sign of God's presence among his people. He also promises a future 'prince' who will rule with justice and restore God's relationship with his people (34:23-4).

*In restoring them morally and spiritually, God promises to use them to bring light to the Gentiles. They will demonstrate the holiness of God's name, because they will know him from the heart. This is the promise that is fulfilled in Jesus and made possible for us:*

*'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.'* (36: 26-27).

## Archbishop of Canterbury to visit West Africa

*This summer, from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> August, Archbishop Mullaly will visit the Anglican Church of the Province of West Africa "to strengthen the ties between the See of Canterbury and the Province".*

*Archbishop Mullaly will visit Ghana and Cameroon at the invitation of Dr Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith, the Bishop of Asante-Mampong and Primate of West Africa, who was among the 26 Primates to attend the archbishop's installation at Canterbury. The visit is part of Archbishop Sarah's commitment to building relationships across the Anglican Communion.*

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



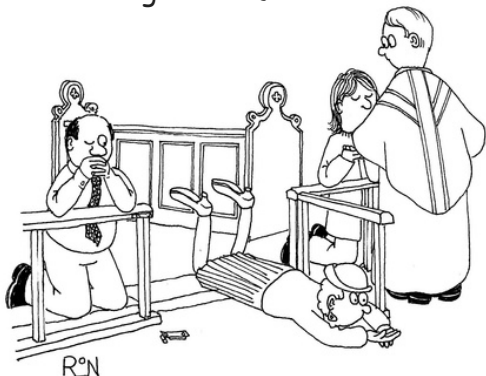
This weeks flowers are in memory of Lily Turner

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

Life can become once more a grand adventure if we will surrender it to God.... He brings one adventure to an end, only to open another to us. ... with Him we must be ready for anything. - Paul Tournier

Humility is the beginning of true intelligence - John Calvin



R°N

Terry made a note to fix the bolt

## From the Parish Prayer list:

The Bishop of Huddersfield, Smitha Prasadam; The Archdeacon of Halifax, Archdeacon. Bill; Bankfield Terrace; Beach Avenue; Beech Road; Beech View; Beech Villas; Belgrave Street; Belmont Street; Bentley Mount.

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Electric tumble dryers use energy. If it's a nice day dry your clothes outside. In the winter most drying is done by the wind, so check the forecast for wind days and nights as you can hang washing overnight (as there is no dew in the winter).

Blessed are those who look upon the world with God's loving eyes and seek to protect it, nourish it, and enable it to flourish.



## Next week

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026

EASTER 6

### FIRST READING

ACTS 17.22-31

### PSALM

PSALM 66.7-20

### SECOND READING

1 PETER 3.13-22

### GOSPEL

JOHN 14.15-21

### SERVERS

ANTHEA GEE

GRAHAM LAMB

### FIRST READING

ALYSSA CALLIGHAN

### PSALM

CATHERINE PRIESTLEY

### SECOND READING

ANTHEA GEE

### INTERCESSIONS

PAUL HEALEY

### SIDES PERSON

DARRELL & JENNIFER

INGALL

## DIARY

### Monday

### Tuesday

10.00 Coffee Morning

11.30am Mid week

communion

### Wednesday

5.45 Bible Study

### Thursday

6.30pm BCP evening Prayer

### Friday

### Saturday

16pm 500yrs of faith talk

### Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion



### **A Personal Thank You**

I would just like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for the very kind gifts, thoughtful ode, and beautiful card I received. I was genuinely touched and a little overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness.

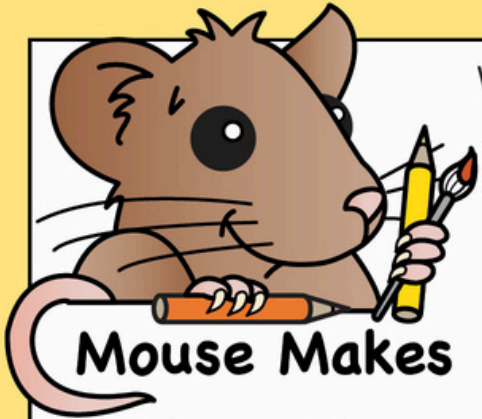
It has been a real privilege to serve as your churchwarden, and I'm incredibly grateful for the support, friendship, and encouragement and prayers I've received from you all along the way.

Thank you once again—it truly means a great deal.

Peter

### **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 with Iknow speak to Peter



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

\_\_\_\_\_ *Genesis 1:2*

The

\_\_\_\_\_ of the Father.

*Acts 1:4*

**Mouse Makes**

The Spirit of

A \_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 8:15*

H \_\_\_\_\_ *John 14:26*

The Spirit of

\_\_\_\_\_ *John 16:13*

The Spirit of

\_\_\_\_\_ *Acts 16:7*

The Fruit of the Spirit  
*Galatians 5:22-23*

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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read *Acts 2:1-41*

How many believers were baptised that day?

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K E O N P P E A C E G O D  
I N U F A K J D H J R R F  
N T N A T L O V E O A D H  
D L S I I O H O L Y C D L  
N E E T E A I C P L E E G  
E N L H N D E A E D E B L  
S E L F C O N T R O L J O  
S N O P E P T E A C H E R  
J S R J O T R U T H F S Y  
R S P I R I T I L U I U K  
K P P R O M I S E R S R  
I D W I N D D O V E W

Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

HOLY • SPIRIT • COUNSELLOR • COMFORTER  
ADVOCATE • TEACHER • LORD • PROMISE  
GLORY • GRACE • FAITH • DOVE • FIRE • WIND

# *'He gave us eyes to see them' - Stained Glass windows*

You may know the story of the little girl with her family during a guided tour around a cathedral. As the bright sun streamed through one of the windows, she asked the guide who were the people depicted there. "Those are the saints," he replied.

Later that evening the girl told her mummy, "I know who the saints are." "Do you, dear? Who are they?" the mother asked. The little girl replied: "They are the people who let the light shine through."

When the summer sun rises, its light catches the east window of a church I look after. It shines through the figures and colours of the Annunciation scene to bathe the chancel in a warm glow. Later as the sun sets, it shines once again through the west window showing Christ surrounded by angels, with the same wonderful effect. They are two stained glass windows by the Victorian designer, Kempe. But in St Mary's Church, Fairford in Gloucestershire, there are an incredible 28 windows of medieval glass that have survived the centuries and continue to astonish the visitor.

As the sun catches this array of windows, the colours take on a new, vibrant life. We see scenes in the life of our Lord and our Lady, Old Testament prophets, New Testament apostles and the communion of saints. The eye moves round and we reach the west window portraying Christ in majesty and the day of judgement. This great work has been attributed to the royal glazier, Barnard Flower, who was influenced by the late medieval illuminated prayer books. The windows are a living witness to his skill and faith.

George Herbert has a poem that calls us to shine out like the church windows. It is easy, he says, to be "brittle crazy glass", but in God's good grace we can become like a window where colours and light, belief and life can combine and mingle to radiate out into the world.



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## *Hallelujah! - The History of Contemporary Worship in 100 Songs* By Les Moir, SPCK, £19.99

From How Great Thou Art to The Blessing, Hallelujah invites you on a journey through 100 of the world's most beloved worship songs – songs that have shaped church life and personal devotion over the last 50 years.

Inside, you'll find the full lyrics to each song, along with the remarkable stories behind them: how they were written, what inspired them, and why they continue to resonate with worshippers around the world. Whether you're rediscovering old favourites or exploring new ones, this book will deepen your appreciation for the songs that move your soul.

Each song entry also features a QR code, giving you instant access to:

– Classic and contemporary performances on

YouTube

– Printable chord charts for every song, perfect for musicians and worship leaders

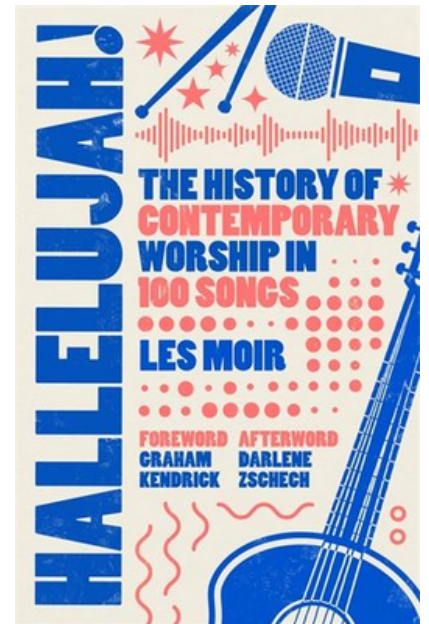
More than a songbook, Hallelujah is a companion for anyone who wants to understand, play, and live the worship they love.

## *Smile Lines*

### **What the Bible really means....**

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means, Daddy."

His father smiled "Okay. What does the Bible mean? "It's easy, Daddy." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"



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