

St. Philip's News



I have heard your prayer and seen your tears
2 KINGS 20:5

May 2026

Maienschein - The Shine of May

There's a German word I've come across recently: *Maienschein*. It simply means "the shine of May" – and is used to describe that particular quality of light that belongs to this month and no other. Not the tentative glimmers of March and April, nor the full blaze of midsummer, but something in between: bright and generous and full of promise.

You'll have noticed it yourself, probably without looking for it. The way the evenings have stretched and opened up. The light sitting longer on rooftops and garden fences. The way you step outside and realise, with something close to relief, that the world is lit again.

There's something almost physical about the light of May after winter. We don't just see more light - we feel it. Energy returns. Colour returns. There's a general sense that things are, once again, possible.

Which is exactly where I find myself reaching for something Jesus said in John's gospel: *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"* (John 8.12). It's one of those verses that can slide past us if we're not careful - too familiar, maybe. But perhaps this May, when the *Maienschein* is doing its work, we might find it takes on more significance.

Jesus isn't just making a poetic claim. He's describing something experiential - the difference between stumbling in the dark and finding your way clearly. Between living narrowed and contracted, and living with a sense that the path ahead is visible and worth walking.

The light of May doesn't demand anything of us. It simply shows up, generous and unhurried, and things grow in it. There's a lesson there. Faith, at its best, is something like that - not a set of obligations imposed from outside, but a light we walk in, and gradually find ourselves living differently because of it.

So, this month, perhaps notice the *Maienschein*. Let it be more than weather. Let it be a small, daily reminder that light is not something we generate for ourselves - it's something we receive and are changed by. That, I think, is grace. And May is full of it.

Reed Jonathan



Services in May



Friday 1 May

2.00pm **Communion**
Priest: *Gordon Cooper*

Sunday 3 May

9.30am **Communion**
 - **5th of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 7: 55-end
 Maureen Martin

Gospel: John 14: 1-14
 Simon Carlton

Intercessions: John Edward

Friday 8 May

2.00pm **Prayer Meeting**

Sunday 10 May

9.30am **Communion**
 - **6th of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 17: 22-31
 Stella Ambler

Gospel: John 14: 15-21
 Chris Prior

Intercessions: John Prior

Friday 15 May

2.00pm **Communion**
Priest: *Robin Paterson*

Sunday 17 May

9.30am **All Together Worship**
 - **7th of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 1: 6-14

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

Friday 22 May

2.00pm **Prayer Meeting**

Sunday 24 May

9.30am **Communion**
 - **Pentecost**

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-21
 Jill Dorrington

Gospel: John 20: 19-23
 Gill Sinclair

Intercessions: Beckie Briggs

Sunday 31 May

10:00am **Benefice Communion**
 - **Trinity**

1st Reading: 2 Cor 13: 11-end
 Reader from Barwick

Gospel: Matt 28: 16-end
 Reader from Thorner

Intercessions: Ann Riley

**GOD HAS A PLAN.
TRUST IT, ENJOY IT.**



A QUIET MORNING FOR THE SOUL

SATURDAY 16 MAY 10AM TILL 1PM

Step inside.

Rest a while.

Light a candle for someone you love.

Pray for peace in our world.

Hold your hopes and worries before God.

No expectations. No pressure.

Just a gentle space for anyone who needs it.

Whether you are connected to St Philip's, to another church, haven't been in years, or have never been before, **you are welcome.**

One of the ministers will be available if you would like to talk.

ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, MAIN STREET, SCHOLES

Our PCC

Meet the Parochial Church Council...

Following the APCM on 26th April, the following people now make up the PCC:

Revd. Jonathan Brennan
Ann Riley ~ Churchwarden
John Prior ~ Churchwarden
Tim South ~ Treasurer
Debbie Murdoch-Eaton ~ Deanery
Christine Dagg ~ Deanery

PCC Representatives:

Malcolm Ambler	Beckie Briggs
Simon Carlton	Maureen Martin
Ann South	Alan Stanley
Anne Stanley	



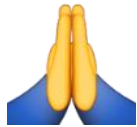
Would you be willing to receive urgent prayer requests from other members of St Philips by email?

Prayer Alert!

If you would please read more below.

Just recently one of our church community asked a few people to pray for his wife who was very sick in hospital. Prayers were offered to God, and he answered them by enabling her health to improve very significantly. Sometimes prayers are answered in a different way – the important thing is that we all have a church community to pray for us when times get difficult.

If you would be willing to receive the occasional email prayer alert please let Alan know:



- stphilipsprayer@elmetetrinity.org
- or 07739 184781.

All you are committing to is to allow us to contact you with confidential prayer requests by email and then to pray.

The same email and phone number can be used to ask for prayer.

Thank you.

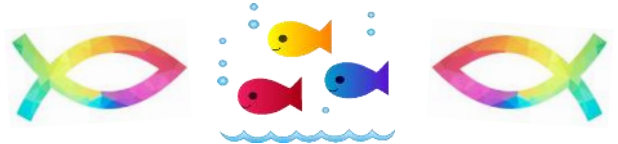
PRAY
without ceasing
1 Thess. 5:17

let all that I am
PRAISE THE LORD

Psalm 103:1



Little Fishes



Parent & Toddler Group

For ages 0 – 4

Every Tuesday
10.30am – 12.00pm



Closed 26th May for school holidays

Drop in for friendly chats,
craft activities and
coffee & cakes

Find us on Facebook
www.stphilips-scholes.org



The Café will be open every Friday in May, from 9:00am to 12:00pm and on **Saturday 30th May** from 10:00am to 12:00pm for teas, great coffees, irresistible cakes, toasted teacakes, bacon butties & crumpets!

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for entries into the May issue of this Newsletter is **Thursday 21st May 2026.**

Please send any items to admin@elmetetrinity.org

If you need anything advertising between editions of the Newsletter, please contact Diane who will send out information via email and Facebook.

Need prayer?

Got something on your heart and need a listening ear? Our Prayer Ministry Team are here every Sunday after the morning service, just come over to the Prayer Area on the right side of the church. It's private, confidential, and you'll be with people who care.



GIVING

SUPPORT THE WORK OF ST PHILIP'S

St Philip's is a charity which receives no funding from the government and is entirely dependent on donations to keep its doors open, continue its work in the community and maintain its buildings and surroundings.

If you would like to support us, you can donate in the plate or use the contactless device at the entrance to church. If you would like to give regularly, you can set up a Standing Order or use a Giving Envelope.

More info from Tim South, the Treasurer or Revd Jonathan.



Standing Order

Giving Envelope



Contactless



Collection Plate



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If you pay UK Income Tax, we encourage you to Gift Aid all your giving to church. Gift Aid in the UK is a scheme enabling registered charities to reclaim the tax from the Government on a donation made by a UK taxpayer, increasing the donation by 25p for every £1 you give, without costing you any extra.

Be the light

Matthew 5:16



ST PHILIP'S, SCHOLES
31 MAY @ 6:30pm

If you've never been to Taizé worship service before, why not consider coming along. It involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, periods of silence and liturgical readings.

Elmete
Elderberries



Every Monday 1pm - 3pm
(except Bank Holidays)

Each week we offer:

- *Gentle, chair-based, exercise
- *Help with family history research
- *Crafting & card-making
- *Games, Bridge, Jigsaws & Dominoes
- *Drawing & Painting
- *Brass Band & Folk Singing
- *Knitting, Crochet & Needlework
- *Computer & Camera assistance
- *Refreshments & a warm welcome

*Drop in to learn new things,
make new friends and enjoy a cuppa*

For Everyone: body, mind and spirit

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

This month we are having a "Bag Beetle Drive" in St Philip's at 7.30pm. This will be on 11th May, the 2nd Monday of the month.

In June we will be back to the normal 1st Monday so we will meet on 1st June. Pauline Robson is giving her talk entitled "Theatricals!"

Mothers' Union is a global Christian movement working with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change. Our members are active in 83 countries and work tirelessly to serve their communities to build a future where everyone thrives.

Ending violence, ending poverty, ending injustice. We are a truly worldwide Christian movement. And a local one!

We usually meet on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at St Philip's church.

If you want to know more, please contact:

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Elizabeth Lawson ~ 07518 642 942

God's got this

1 Peter 5:7

THORNER TUESDAY EVENING HOME GROUP

meets at 7.30pm in the home of John and Jill Waddington, Beckfields, Station Lane, Thorne, LS14 3JF.

We will be continuing to look at the issues raised in 'Awaken', a book by Anne Calver and John McGinley. As one reviewer says, 'Awaken will stir your spirit, open your eyes, and equip your heart to be part of the new thing God is doing. Don't miss the moment - revival begins with the awakened!' We aim to finish around 9.30pm.



come
serve
with us

We need more volunteers in every area of church life, so if you would be interested to help with:

- Music Group
- Reading / Intercessions
- PA Desk
- Refreshments
- Welcome team
- Prayer Ministry

or would just like to find out more, please contact Revd Jonathan, Ann Riley or John Prior.

All volunteers would be required to undertake necessary training / legal checks (DBS).



FOOD BANKS NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

We are supporting
the work of
Seacroft Parish Foodbank.

Drop off points in Scholes:

- . Church
- . Four Pines, Elmete Croft



Elmete Trinity Benefice

Shopping List

- long life milk
- tinned vegetables
- tinned fruit
- tinned rice pudding or custard
- coffee & tea bags
- sugar or sweeteners
- soup
- pasta sauce
- cereal
- baked beans
- tinned tomatoes
- soap
- washing powder/capsules
- deodorant
- sanitary items
- shampoo/conditioner
- any baby or child items

REJOICE ALWAYS

PRAY CONTINUALLY

GIVE THANKS

in all circumstances



HOME
GROUP



Friendship & Fellowship



Prayer



Laughter



A traditional hymn or two



WHERE: John & Sally Edward's home
73 Nook Road, Scholes LS15 4AX



WHEN: First Wednesday of the Month
7:30pm - 9:00pm

Everyone is welcome!

Especially if you are not a regular at a home group – no need to book, just turn up.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Is there something you'd like us to pray about? You can send your prayer requests by using this QR Code and completing the form. All prayer requests are confidential.



Prayer Group

What is prayer?

And why do we do it?

Prayer is our way of communicating with God and, incidentally, with each other.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoon of every month to discuss and then pray for people and events within our local community and in the wider world.

If you want to know more, please speak to Ros Loach or email admin@elmetetrinity.org.

You would be very welcome to come along at any time, as and when you can, for a cup of tea and chat to find out what it is all about.

CARING FOR EACH OTHER...

If you haven't seen someone for a while, please either try and find out how they are or let us know and we will try and make contact. Please also ask the person if they would like to go on the prayer list (using their full name or just first name). A note to us giving a contact number or address of the person concerned often helps.





ST. PHILIP'S FLOWERS

Week	Sponsor
3 May 2026	Flower Fund
10 May 2026	Mrs Beryl Walker
17 May 2026	Mrs Ann South
24 May 2026	Mrs Julie Read
31 May 2026	Benefice Service Flower Fund

Thank you for the beautiful flowers we have in church each week which are sponsored by YOU as shown above. There are some vacancies over the year, so if you would like to sponsor the flowers one week, please see Pat Ridsdale or Beryl Walker.

And Thank you!



I WILL
praise
YOUR
NAME
FOREVER
FOR
WHAT
you have
done
in your
name
I WILL
HOPE
for your
name
is
good
PSALM 52:9

Lord, teach me to pray

Lord, sometimes I'm afraid to pray.
It scares me, this whole business of talking to you.
Listening to you.
Who am I ...?
And what does it mean?
It's a heavy thing, Lord, to be in contact with you.
It would be all right
if I could just use the passkey,
open the letterbox, drop in my requests,
like a mail order catalogue,
and wait for the parcel to come.

But when I pray
I hear you talking back to me.
I hear you saying "You've used the words.
Now what are you going to do about it?"
Confronting, searching.
I think of Jesus, in the garden.
I catch a glimpse of what prayer meant to him.
Sweat ... like blood ...
Agonising, painful.
Prayer from the depths of his being
whether for others, or himself.
Prayer beyond easy words.
Commitment.
To the cross. And beyond.

Lord, teach me to pray in his name.
In his spirit.
Not only believing prayer.
Not simply believing you'll do something about it.
But identifying prayer.
Putting myself into it,
standing alongside you, Lord
and committing myself to do all I can
to bring about what I'm praying for.

Lord, help me.
When I pray for peace, help me not to create dissension.
When I pray for my neighbour, stir me up to help him.
When I pray "Your Kingdom come" inspire me to
share in its building.
Help me put my will where my mouth is.
And not to shift onto your shoulders
the things I can do something about myself.

Eddie Askew



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If you would like to speak to someone about any aspect of St Philip's Church safeguarding policy, or you have any concerns, please speak to Beckie in the first instance. You can also contact Revd Jonathan Brennan.

Loving.
Living.
Learning.

We aim to:

Love God, the world and one another.

Live in the world as it is, but, drawn by a vision of something better, we want to help individuals and communities flourish.

Learn when we get things wrong, by listening and then growing together.

www.leeds.anglican.org

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Diocese of Leeds