

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

# WEEKLY NEWS



## *Beyond hope*

**MATTHEW 9.9-13,18-26**

After calling Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him, Jesus is criticised for his association with ‘tax collectors and sinners’. He responds that he was sent to those who are sick. The gathering is interrupted by a synagogue leader whose daughter is sick. On his way to the girl, a woman who has been ill for 12 years touches Jesus’ cloak. Jesus restores the girl to life and heals the woman. News of this spread quickly!

Today’s passages show how Jesus offers love and acceptance for those who seem beyond hope. How might we live as a witness to others so that no one sees themselves as beyond hope?

## *A joy and privilege to be received by the Pope, says Archbishop of Canterbury*

The Archbishop of Canterbury has praised the Pope for speaking out against injustice and about hope; has commended working

together for the common good; and has endorsed the strengthening power of common witness, in an address after a recent private meeting at the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican.

She prayed with Pope Leo and said: “It is a joy and a privilege to be received by you, together with this delegation from Lambeth Palace.”

She said: “Your Holiness, you have spoken powerfully about the many injustices in our world today, but you have spoken even more powerfully about hope. The world needed this message at this time — thank you. It reminded us that, despite our sufferings, people long for life in all its fullness, and countless people are working each day for this vision of the common good.”

She continued: “May we continue to work together in that hope, trusting that the one who has begun this good work among us will bring it to completion. Please be assured of a warm welcome for the Church of England should you honour the United Kingdom with a visit.”

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
2026  
Trinity 1

### **FIRST READING**

GENESIS 12:1-9

### **PSALM**

PSALM 33:1-12

### **SECOND READING**

ROMANS 4.13-25

### **GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 9.9-13,18-26

### **WORSHIP LEADER**

ANTHEA GEE

### **FIRST READING**

HELEN PEDLEY

### **PSALM**

PAUL HEALEY

### **SECOND READING**

DAVE GILL

### **INTERCESSIONS**

DAVE CALLIGHAN

### **SIDES PERSON**

JANET TURNER & JANE

MUNDY

## Collect Trinity 1

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

## THIS WEEKS HYMNS

### Processional

At the name of Jesus

### Gradual

O worship the Lord

### Offertory

He who would valiant  
be

### Recessional

SCREEN

## William of York, a victim of injustice

Have you ever been the victim of someone else's malice and ambition? Then William of York (d 1154) is the saint for you. William Fitzherbert was born into a noble family, with royal connections. He was also smart – appointed treasurer of York at a young age, and also as a chaplain to King Stephen. But none of it went to his head – he was loved for his kind, amiable and easy-going personality.

Then in 1140 Thurston, the archbishop of York, died. The canons of York knew whom they wanted, and with royal support William was made Thurston's successor. Yet all was not well: a disappointed minority hated him and had the support of powerful men. William was accused of simony, and of being unchaste. The row brought in the Pope and several bishops, and William was cleared. Yet still – all was not well. That Pope died, and the new Pope was a Cistercian, who preferred the enemies of William. And so, he was deposed.

Yet William seems to have taken all this malice and power-grabbing in his stride. He simply retired to Winchester to live as a devout monk until 1153. Then that year several of his key enemies died, and he was restored as archbishop to York. At last all looked good for him – and he made a triumphant return to York in 1154.

But then – disaster struck again: a few days later William was dead – poison was strongly suspected. He was buried in his cathedral and miracles were reported at his tomb. He was regarded as both the victim of grave injustice and as a saint. In 1421 the famous St William window was made, depicting his life and miracles and death in 62 scenes.

## Peaceful mind in June

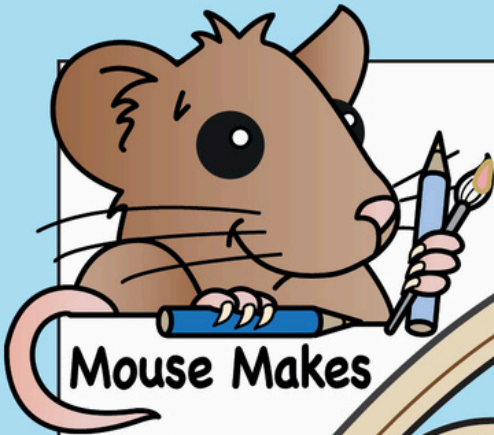
June is a time when we tend to spend more time outside, and probably see more of other people...

*A man that has friends must show himself friendly... Proverbs 18:24*

*Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord. – Leviticus 19:18,34*

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! – Psalm 133:1*




*Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends. – Proverbs 17:9*



"May the grace of the Lord  
**JESUS CHRIST** and the  
 love of **GOD** and the  
 fellowship of the  
**HOLY SPIRIT** be  
 with you all."

2 Corinthians  
 13:14



		
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**JESUS • CHRIST**  
 SON • SAVIOUR • LORD  
 EMMANUEL • MESSIAH  
 SHEPHERD • LAMB • WAY  
 TRUTH • LIFE • DOOR  
 BREAD • WORD • HEALER  
 VINE • ALPHA • OMEGA

**GOD • FATHER**  
 ABBA • LORD • JEHOVAH  
 YAHWEH • ALMIGHTY  
 HOLY ONE • SAVIOUR  
 ETERNAL • CREATOR  
 KING • MAJESTY • JUDGE  
 SHIELD • ROCK • I AM

**HOLY SPIRIT**  
 GIFT • HELPER • WITNESS  
 COMFORTER • GUIDE  
 ADVOCATE • WISDOM  
 POWER • TRUTH • BREATH  
 LIFE • ETERNAL • DOVE  
 WIND • FIRE • TEACHER



# In your prayers this week....

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



This weeks flowers are in memory of This week's flowers are in memory of Lilian Robinson and Jim Smyth.

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

All but God is changing day by day. - C Kingsley

We expect our young people to lay down their lives for our nation, but most of us are not willing to lay down our bank accounts for God. - Anon

We trust not because 'a god' exists, but because THIS God exists. - C S Lewis

## From the Parish Prayer list:

Pupils staff and Governors of Bolton Brow Primary Academy; Cliffe Terrace; Clifton Street; Clyde Street; Corporation Street; Croft Street; Crow Wood Park; Daisy Mount; Dale Street

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## Hot tip for houseplants

Bathrooms are warm, humid environments that are great for some houseplants. Why not collect cool water from your shower before it warms up and give your indoor plants a drink?

Blessed are those who care for Creation as God does, for they are doing God's work in the world.



REN  
The plug was stolen in 1548

## Next week

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026  
TRINITY 2

### FIRST READING

GENESIS 18:1-15,(21:1-7)

### PSALM

PSALM 116: 1,10-17

### SECOND READING

ROMANS 5.1-8

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 9.35-10.8(9-23)

### SERVERS

DAVE GILL

GRAHAM LAMB

### FIRST READING

PAUL HEALEY

### PSALM

SARAH TOWLER

### SECOND READING

DAVE GILL

### INTERCESSIONS

DAVE CALLIGHAN

### SIDES PERSON

JANET TURNER & JANE MUNDY

## DIARY

### Monday

10.30 Morning Prayer

### Tuesday

10.00am Coffee Morning

11.30 Mid week Communion

1pm Craft and Chatter

### Wednesday

### Thursday

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

### Friday

### Saturday

10:00am Coffee Morning

### Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion



### **Ken's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Celebrate Ken's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday after this mornings service

### **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

### **Iknow - Notifications**

For every notification we send via our app in June, we get entered into a draw to win £500 towards our Iknow software, which is why you've had one every day. After June, you won't get as many, but I hope you have found them as a helpful reminder of what we have going on in church.

At the moment we have 16 people set up, with 48 on the Electoral Roll, it would be great to have everyone set up, speak to Peter to get you on our App and never miss a notification again

### **Financial information for May**

Receipts £2,011.87

Payments £1,842.00

## *Look Back Look Forward*

During May we continue the Easter Season and had the milestone of Ascension Day. I hope you are able to take time of your normal routine and really reflect on the meaning of this season and glory of the ascension. I am always amazed how each Easter season is different, and how there is always new way to hear and understand the Easter story.

We celebrated Easter Sunday with a baptism and it was great to see so many people in Church and joining in. Please keep Vinci and her family in your prayers.

Anthea and I continue to do assemblies at Tuel and Christchurch, and there are a couple of things you can pray for with the schools. Firstly, it is now one school and will soon be one site, so please pray for all the staff and students for a peaceful transition. Secondly the year 6's did the exams this month and will be getting ready to move to secondary school so please keep the families in your prayers.

We also have Messy Church this month and around 20 children attended and all seemed to have a good time. We focused on the lilies of the field passage in Matthew and acted out being flowers, then planted some flowers and did some crafts. We only have one Messy Church left till the next school year.

Alyssa completed her first month as Warden and I want to thank her for her commitment to the role and to Dave and Peter for helping train and support her. Catherine also volunteered to join Junior Church and Richard has become a reader. Thank you to all those who volunteer.

Looking forward I am off two weeks, I will check my emails now and again but will be largely offline so please contact Dave or Alyssa if you need anything. When I return we have a wedding on the 13<sup>th</sup> June as Kim and Alan will have their special day in our Church. I know they will have a great life together and am looking forward to their big day.

*Rev. Tommy*

# *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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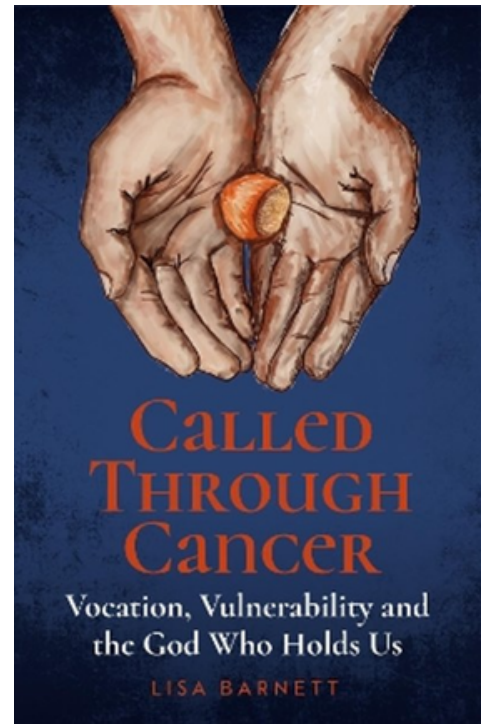
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## *Called Through Cancer - Vocation, Vulnerability and the God Who Holds Us*

*By Lisa Barnett, Canterbury Press, £13.99*

What if cancer isn't a detour from your calling – but part of it? In this deeply personal and spiritually grounded account, Anglican priest Lisa Barnett reflects on her own journey through cancer treatment and discovers a profound truth: that even in suffering, we are called. Drawing on the wisdom of St Ignatius of Loyola and her extensive experience in vocational ministry, Barnett explores how illness can become a sacred space – where God is found, faith is deepened and vocation is reimagined.

With honesty, theological insight and pastoral sensitivity, she invites readers to see each stage of illness – from diagnosis to treatment, vulnerability to recovery – not as a disruption, but as a vocation in its own right. The book is for anyone navigating serious illness, and for all who seek to understand calling in the shadow of pain.



### *Smile Lines*

#### **A lesson in lies**

A vicar told his congregation, “Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17.”

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the Vicar asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, “Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying.”

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