

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



Out of your comfort zone

MATTHEW 9.35-10.8(9-23)

Jesus sends out the 12 disciples to be like shepherds bringing good news and healing to the lost sheep of Israel. Jesus instructs them how to go, what to take and how to respond to welcome (or unwelcome) behaviour. They are not to take much so that they can rely on the kindness of strangers.

This week, we explore how sharing the good news with others is a key part of faith and how we can learn to do so, even when it might feel challenging.

Called to One Hope': Anglican Consultative Council to meet in Belfast in June and July

Gathering Anglicans from around the world, the 19th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC-19) will take place in Belfast from 27th June to 5th July 2026.

Themed 'Called to One Hope' from the letter to the Ephesians, this important international gathering of Anglican bishops, clergy and laity will explore how the Church can share the reconciling love of Christ in a fragmented world.

Supported by the Anglican Communion Office and hosted by the Church of Ireland, ACC-19 will also be the first official Anglican Communion meeting attended by the new Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Sarah Mullally DBE.

Meeting every three years, the Anglican Consultative Council is one of four 'Instruments of Communion', alongside the Lambeth Conference, Primates' Meeting, and Archbishop of Canterbury. Every member church is entitled to send up to three representatives, which include both clergy and lay people, as well as bishops. The last ACC met in Ghana, in 2023.

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

HELEN PEDLEY

SIDES PERSON

DARRELL & JENNIFER
INGALL

Collect Trinity 2

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never
fails: deepen our
faithfulness to you
and to your living
Word, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

THIS WEEKS HYMNS

Processional

City of God

Gradual

Let all the world in
every corner sing

Offertory

O God beyond all
praising

Communion

Will you come and
follow me

Peace is flowing

Recessional

Love divine, all loves
excelling

What's the Big Idea? - an Introduction to the Books of the Bible: Colossians

This month we return to look at the books of the New Testament. Many today are asking: 'How does Jesus uniquely reveal God to us? This question lies at the heart of Paul's letter to the Colossians. The church in Colossae was a fruit of his three years ministry in Ephesus (52-55 AD). Paul went on to write this letter while in a Roman prison around 61 AD.

Paul was dealing with gnostic false teachers who denied that Jesus was fully God and man. They taught that enlightenment could be reached through special knowledge and rigorous self-discipline.

Paul attacked this false teaching by focusing on the supremacy of Christ: 'in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have this fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority' (2:9-10).

He affirms that Jesus is: Lord of all Creation, who sustains everything. As the exact representation of God, He is first-born over all creation (1:15-17) and there is no place for worshipping angels or any other power (2:18).

Head of the Church (1:18), to whom the Colossians should submit (2:6, 7) and not be seduced by vain speculations (1:16-18).

Supreme Saviour (3:11), who has defeated all spiritual powers on the cross (2:15), allowing them to share in the power of His resurrection (2:20). All are adopted into His family and so there are no special qualifications needed to experience God's favour (2:8-20).

In chapters 3&4 Paul demonstrates the practical implications for the Christian's daily life. We are challenged to abandon the old life and cultivate our new life in Christ (3:5-4:6). If we maintain Jesus as our Lord, He will prove truly sufficient for all our needs.

Christian Growth in East Africa

The church community is growing fast in East Africa. There were 55 million Christians in the Eastern African Region in 1970 and, 50 years later, in 2020, there were over 300 million, spread across 435,000 congregations.

That is an average annual rate of increase of +3.5%. That is faster than the average rate for population growth of +2.9%.

The Eastern Africa Region is made up of some 20 countries, ranging from very small (Seychelles with about 96,000 people) to the largest (Ethiopia with about 113 million).

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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

Our life is scarcely the twinkle of a star in God's eternal day. - B Taylor

God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame. - Elizabeth Barrett Browning

God loves His children as well in adversity as in prosperity. - T Watson

Grace is the sum and substance of New Testament faith. - J I Packer

From the Parish Prayer list:

Rev. Jeanette and congregation in the Ryburn Benefice; Lord Street; Lower Clifton Street; Lower Clyde Street; Lower Hollins; Malton Street; Marina Gardens; Marton Heights; Mayfield Gardens.



Planning your day out or holiday journey? Use public transport if you can & reduce your carbon emissions. Travelling by train or ferry to Europe can be part of the adventure.

Blessed are those who offset their carbon.



...well you cannot fault the efficacy of the new 'Planned Giving' scheme...

Next week

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2026

TRINITY 3

FIRST READING

GENESIS 21:8-21

PSALM

PSALM 86:1-10,16-17

SECOND READING

ROMANS 6.1B-11

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10.24-39

SERVERS

GRAHAM LAMB

PETER HENRY

FIRST READING

SARAH TOWLER

PSALM

REBECCA LUMB

SECOND READING

GRAHAM LAMB

INTERCESSIONS

DAVE GILL

SIDES PERSON

JACKIE GILL & KEVIN HENRY

DIARY

Monday

10.30 Morning Prayer

Tuesday

10.00am Coffee Morning

11.30 Mid week Communion

Wednesday

5.45pm Bible Study

Thursday

11am Mothers Union

Friday

Saturday

10:00am Coffee Morning

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion



Thank you

'What a wonderful day I had to celebrate my special birthday'. Thank you all for your good wishes and attendance, the lovely cards and messages. May God bless you all Kenneth.

Hymns & Pimms – Saturday 27th June

As part of the Sowerby Bridge Festival, join us at Christ Church from 2pm–5pm for an afternoon of music, fellowship and refreshments.

We're delighted to welcome the Friendly Brass Band and we'd love you to help choose the music. Please add your favourite hymn or school assembly song to the suggestion sheet at the back of church.

Enjoy strawberries and cream, scones, cakes, Pimms and other alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks available throughout the afternoon.

Free entry – all welcome. Come along and have a good sing!

"What's your favourite hymn or school assembly song? Add your choice to the sheet at the back of church and join us for a good sing!" 🎵

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 May

Receipts £2,011.87

Payments £1,842.00



CHRIST CHURCH
SOWERBY BRIDGE

HYMNS

& Pimms!

A joyful afternoon of music,
community and celebration! ♥

SATURDAY
27TH JUNE
= 2 TILL 5PM =

PART OF THE
SOWERBY
BRIDGE
Festival!

REFRESHMENTS
INCLUDING PIMM'S,
OTHER ALCOHOLIC
& NON-ALCOHOLIC
DRINKS,
STRAWBERRIES,
SCONES & CAKES

FRIENDLY
BRASS BAND
JOINING US!

♥ = FREE EVENT = ♥
♥ *Everyone welcome - all ages, all voices!* ♥

*Refreshments available to purchase - your support
helps us keep our community events going. ♥*

WHY NOT SUGGEST YOUR *Favourite* HYMN? ♥

Come along for a good sing!



ALL WELCOME - EVERYONE, EVERY AGE!
Sing together. Celebrate together. Community together.



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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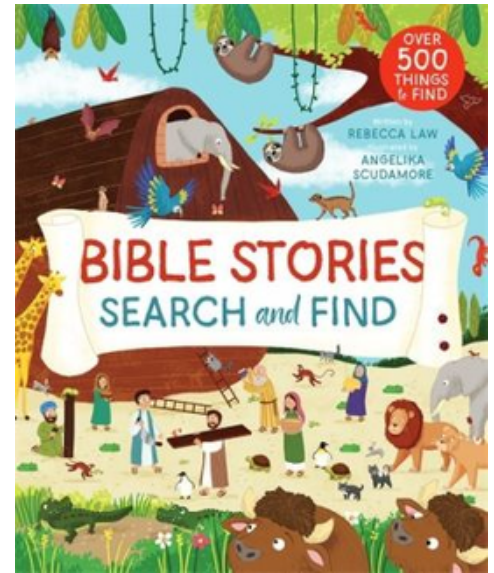


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Serving Sowerby Bridge since 1831

Bible Stories Search and Find By Rebecca Law, SPCK, £9.99

The book is a helpful introduction to the Bible for children ages 6-9. Youngsters will have fun searching for the more than 500 hidden objects across 20 fantastically illustrated scenes, while learning key stories from God’s Word. This interactive Bible storybook could be an exciting way for your children to engage with the Bible while developing concentration and biblical knowledge.



Smile Lines

New vicar

The new vicar taking his first service was determined to make a good impression. The congregation sat spellbound throughout the eloquent sermon and the extended intercessions, which seemed to cover the whole category of human wants. After the service one church member asked another in awe: “Don’t you think our new vicar prays well?”

“I most certainly do,” came the answer. “Why that man asked the good Lord for things that our old vicar didn’t even know He had!”

Car travel

A minister was looking at potential cars down at the dealership. Pointing to one, he asked the salesman: “Cargo space?”
Confused, the salesman replied slowly and clearly: “Car no do that...no go heaven. Car go road.”

Ordinary people Sharing God’s love in our world.
Growing in faith. Living by prayer. Loving God’s word.
Living Loving Learning.

Rev. Tommy Daghish

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