

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



No compromise

MATTHEW 10.24-39

Matthew continues Jesus' teaching on mission to the world pointing out that the disciples must expect opposition, including possibly from their own families. Following Jesus won't be straightforward, but he reminds the disciples of their value and of God's love for them.

This week we ask: What is the true cost of discipleship? What is sacrificial living, and how do we do it? Can we be those who do not compromise and know God's great reward?

International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services - 25th June

Each year, the Christian Police Association hosts an International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services. This year it will be on Thursday 25th June 2026. There are four ways to get involved:

- Watch the CPA YouTube channel 'International Day of Prayer' playlist
- Join one of the Zoom meetings held on the day. Contact CPA for details.
- Use the Pray 4 Your Police (P4YP) material on its Publications Page.
- Engage in its Social Media using the hashtag #WaveofPrayer

Please help support Emergency Service colleagues around the world, as they face a variety of challenges. More info at:
<https://cpauk.net/events/>

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

Collect *Trinity 3*

God our saviour,
look on this
wounded world in
pity and in power;
hold us fast to your
promises of peace
won for us by your
Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEKS *HYMNS*

Processional

And can it be

Gradual

Lord of all
hopefulness

Offertory

When I survey the
wondrous cross

Communion

Seek ye first

When I needed a
neighbour

Recessional

Go forth and tell

Giving thanks for fathers

There is no finer sound in the world
than your child calling you ‘daddy’, or
‘dad’. I love it!

And as I look around our
neighbourhood, dads today are far
more involved in their children’s lives
than when I was a child. Pushing
prams, holding hands while out on a
walk, bathing, playing games. Dads
are in all these activities and more. I
see the dads on either side of our
house, and they obviously love their
kids with all their hearts.

Unfortunately, too many kids grow up
without a stable and involved male
figure in their lives over the whole of
their childhood and beyond. And no
prizes for guessing the outcome; when
they reach fatherhood, their kids often
grow up without a stable and involved
male figure in their lives.

The month of June brings Fathers’ Day
– this year on the 21st June. May all
dads reading this be pampered like
never before! If it’s a fine day, it may
be a case of ‘Stand back everyone-
dad’s going to bar-b-q’. But before we
get carried away, let’s spare a thought
for those who for one reason or
another couldn’t be dads, or whose
dads fell far short of the high
expectations we invest in them, or
who lost a dad at a crucial time in life
and feel a permanent ache where
‘Dad’ should be.

*Our Christian faith teaches us to look at
God as ‘Father’- we address Him as
such in the opening words of the Lord’s
Prayer, and it was Jesus’ custom to talk
to God as ‘Father’. Maybe, taking into
account those who have had a very
mixed experience, or a bad experience
of fathers, we should qualify what we
say of God and call Him ‘the Good
Father’, or ‘our Good Father’.*

*Because that is what the experience of
countless Christians would testify to;
that God is a good father. I think of the
picture Jesus paints in the parable of
the Prodigal Son; the father on the
look-out for his wayward son day after
day, and when he sees him in the
distance runs all the way to him to
embrace him. Now in Jesus’ time, in
that culture, fathers did NOT run, least
of all to welcome returning no-goods
who had wasted half the father’s
fortune. Fathers were people of dignity.
Run? Never!*

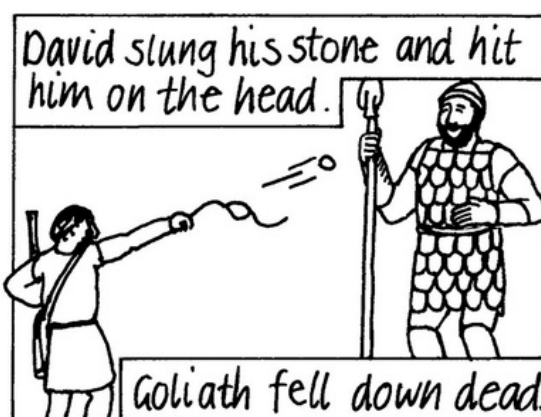
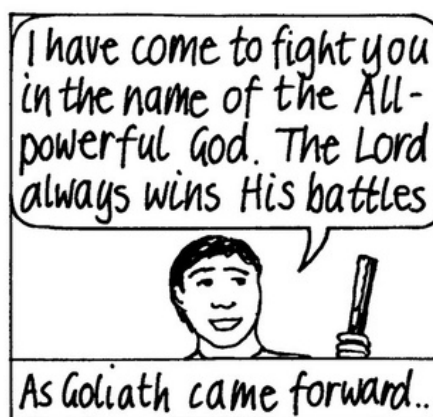
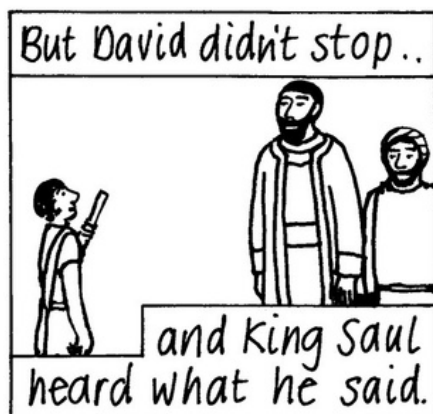
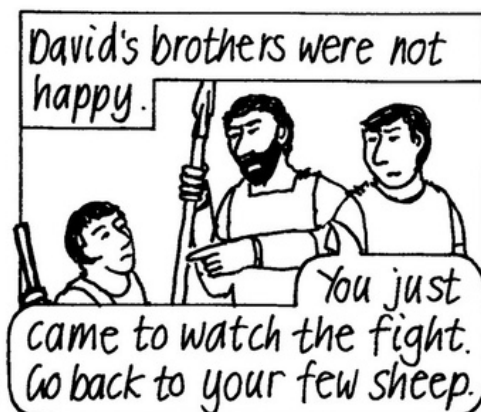
*Jesus has turned that on its head. We
can be sure that a welcome awaits us;
we turn to God, or return to God, and
find that He’s already half-way towards
us, coming at speed to embrace us.*

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 17:1- 50

The Philistine and Israelite armies
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them..



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 Len Shaw.

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

The great of this world are those who simply loved God more than others did. - A W Tozer

We must lay it down as an elemental principle of religion that no large growth in holiness was ever gained by one who did not take time to be often alone with God. - Austin Phelps

Most men pray more for full purses than for pure hearts. - T Watson

From the Parish Prayer list:

For the needs of our church; Rosevale View; Saffron Close; Scar Head Road; Smiths Yard; South View; Spring Bank; Spring Garden; Spring Terrace.

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Using a watering can instead of a hose is an easy way to save water.

You can save even more by filling it with leftover water from the washing up.

Also keep on top of weeds in your garden. They grow quickly and compete with your plants for valuable moisture.

Blessed are those who feed the hedgehogs, who make fat balls for the birds, who build bug hotels and who plant flowers to attract bees.



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Next week

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026
TRINITY 4

FIRST READING

GENESIS 22:1-14

PSALM

PSALM 13

SECOND READING

ROMANS 6.12-23

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10.40-42

SERVERS

PETER HENRY

GRAHAM LAMB

FIRST READING

REBECCA LUMB

PSALM

DAVE CALLIGHAN

SECOND READING

PETER HENRY

INTERCESSIONS

ALYSSA CALLIGHAN

SIDES PERSON

LINDA FIRTH & PAULINE

CHESLETT

DIARY

Monday

10.30 Morning Prayer

7pm PCC

Tuesday

10.00am Coffee Morning

11.30 Mid week Communion

1pm Craft and Chatter

Wednesday

Thursday

3.30pm Messy Church

6.30pm BCP Evening prayer

Friday

Saturday

10:00am Coffee Morning

2pm Hymns & Pimms

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion



The Children's Society home collection boxes

an enormous thank you to those who have contributed over the year in the above boxes. I have sent £240.51 to the Children's Society and this money will help so many young people. Thank you.

Ruth Saville

This week we learnt of the death of Ruth a true Scouter and friend to many . Please keep Revd. John Saville (Retired Methodist Minister at St. Pauls) and there family in your prayers

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



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



♥ = 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.



Reflected Faith Series: The Creed

Last month we considered where the Creed is placed within the service. This month let's think about what is in the Creed(s).

It's important to know that the earliest known Creed, which is still substantially used today was first found in a letter from around AD 341. This is known today as the Apostles' Creed because it is widely thought to have been originally written by the Apostles themselves.

Every phrase in it can be noted as derived directly from biblical texts and it is the compilation that has taken so much thought and discussion until we arrive at the versions we use in churches today.

Because the Creed succinctly includes everything Christians believe, it unites us all in those truths; whichever Christian denomination you choose to worship within.

So, establishing wording that expresses the faith of all Christians has been the challenge.

Protestants sometimes wonder at the phrase, 'the holy catholic Church' being included, but the word 'catholic' here has the meaning of 'universal' rather than denominational.

We are ALL united in our basic faith.

This is what makes us Christians and distinguishes us from other 'churches', whether they have the name of Jesus in their title or not.

Only Churches which acknowledge and include one of the recognised creeds can join the international organisation of 'Churches Together'.

Essentially, this is a sure way to know that you are at a Christian service.

In more recent years the Church has authorized several Affirmations of Faith which contain the key tenants of faith but are shorter and, if you like, simpler to understand.

This month

Because the Creed has to be universally accepted within established churches, deviations from the texts are not permitted. However, just for the joy of thinking ... what would you include in a statement of faith if you were drafting it? Which friends would you want to include on your 'committee'?



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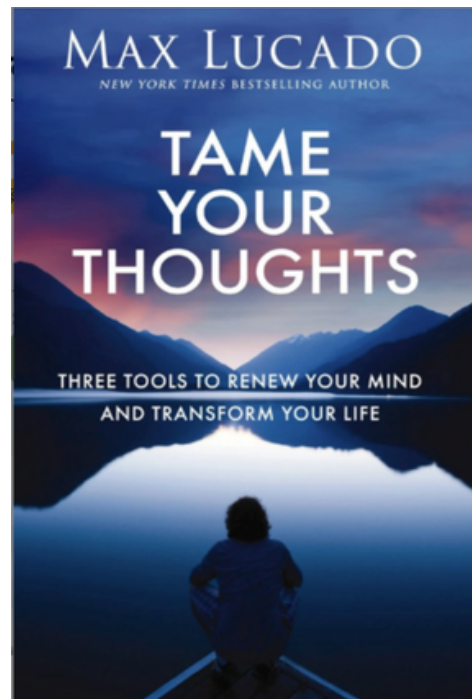
Tame Your Thoughts - Three Tools to Renew Your Mind and Transform Your Life

By Max Lucado, Thomas Nelson
£12.78

When was the last time you awakened to a swirl of out-of-control thought? Perhaps you felt overwhelmed with worry, fear, temptation, or guilt.

The way we think directly impacts our lives. Positive thoughts generate positive actions. Negative thoughts encourage negative actions. But the Bible encourages us to manage our thoughts, and so deal with those waves of worry, guilt, temptation, or fear.

This book offers three key thought-management tools: take intrusive thoughts captive, test each message against the truth of Scripture, and interrupt those poisonous thought threads. All in all, we can learn to think as God would have us to do.



Smile Lines

Quiet prayers

The little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a very low voice. "I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered.

"Wasn't talking to you," said the small one firmly.

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