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Readings & News: 26th July 2026: Todmorden, Cornholme and Walsden

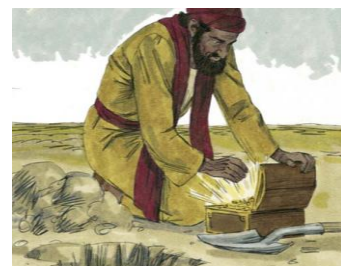
First Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5-12 ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an under-standing mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself under- standing to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 26-end ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52



Mustard seed and tree;
treasure in a field and fish





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Hymns: 26th July 2026: from Hymns O&N

Introit: Faithful shepherd feed me - 156

Gradual: Amazing Grace - 29

Offertory: The Lord's my shepherd - 654 **Communion:** Sing we of the blessed - 605

Communion: Oh the Love of my Lord - 539 **Recessional:** Great is Thy faithfulness: 249

Collect: Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion: Strengthen for service Lord, the hands that have taken holy things may the ears that have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; the eyes which have seen tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

FUNERAL: Pauline Brown: Wednesday 29th July at 11.30am, St Mary's then Cross Stone

Next Creative Group tomorrow, **Monday 27th July at 10.30am**, then September 14th.

Rainbow Faith Service - Next Sunday 2nd August at 4pm

Next Exploring Faith Bible Studies: exploring the Holy Spirit - Tuesday 4th August at 11am, Wednesday 5th August at 7.30pm

Hymns & Pimms returns on Saturday 8th August, 2-4pm; cakes and volunteers needed;

Summer Orchestra - Saturday 5th September - volunteers and baking needed

Heritage Week - Dedication festival 6th September at 11am, with unveiling of plaque to Terry Halstead former Reader and Bell Ringer, who was still ringing aged 100

Civic Service Celebrating 550 years - Sunday 13th September at 11am

Open Exhibition from 6th to 20th September - Volunteers needed for church opening

Solar Panels and Eco Church - At the TCE Annual Meeting on 22nd July it was agreed that TCE would join a partnership with St Mary's to get the solar panels installed at St Mary's. Watch this space for more news of plans and fundraising.

For notices, weddings, funerals, baptisms and volunteering please contact:

- Rev Catherine: 07711 611201 / Catherine.Shelley@leeds.anglican.org

We continue to pray for: Gwen Mills, Jacob Howarth, Roy Yearsley, Viv Hawksworth, Mandy Fielden, Norman Cruikshank, Margaret McArdle; Sarah Battershell, Robert Scholey, Joyce Campion, Trevor Smith, Meg Kennedy, Jeffrey Hunter, Caroline Van den Brut, Jerzy Browne, Nigel Bentley, Rita, Lisa and Michael Kenyon, Natasha McArdle, Ann Mason, Zoe Beesley, Lorna & Peter Shackleton, Roger & Pat Dale, Maureen Marshall, Val Cottam, Rowena, Ven Bill Braviner, David Hamilton; Mary Clear, Dr Diana Harris, Asst AD Jen Middleton, Richard Goodeve, Jules Mercer, Mark Johnston, Stephen Maw, the Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen

Recently Departed Glenys Radnizic, Audrey Slater, Betty Ashworth, Pauline Brown, Michael Wallerton, Jane Bastow

In Memory: Cyril Bradley, Frederick S Bell, Frank Pickles, J. Trevor Lapisch, Rosemary Lever, Christopher D Rea, Kathleen Ormerod, Joy Louise Bailey, Edith Howorth, Carrie Rogers, Eileen Sutcliffe, C. Kerry Dawson, Michael J. Hodge, Kathleen Wadsworth



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