

St. Philip's News



○ praise the Lord,
all you nations;
extol him, all you peoples.



For great is his love
toward us,
and the faithfulness of
the Lord endures
forever.

Praise the Lord.

© Psalm 117:1-2

June 2026

Ordinary Time isn't Ordinary

If you've ever looked at the church calendar and wondered why such a large chunk of the year is labelled 'Ordinary Time', you're not alone. After the colour and drama of Easter, Pentecost and all the great festivals, it can feel a little ... well, plain. Green vestments, no major celebrations, no special liturgical fireworks. Just 'ordinary'.

But perhaps that's exactly the point.

Ordinary Time isn't a dull stretch to be endured until Advent rolls round again. It's the season that mirrors most of our real lives. Most of us don't live from mountaintop to mountaintop. We live in the in-between: the weekly shop, school runs, work emails, washing up, caring for family, trying to be kind when we're tired, and remembering to pray when our minds are full of other things. Ordinary Time reminds us that God is just as present in these moments as in the big, dramatic ones.

The colour for this season is green – the colour of growth. Not the sudden, spectacular growth of spring bulbs bursting into flower, but the slow, steady kind that happens almost without us noticing. The kind that takes root quietly. The kind that lasts.

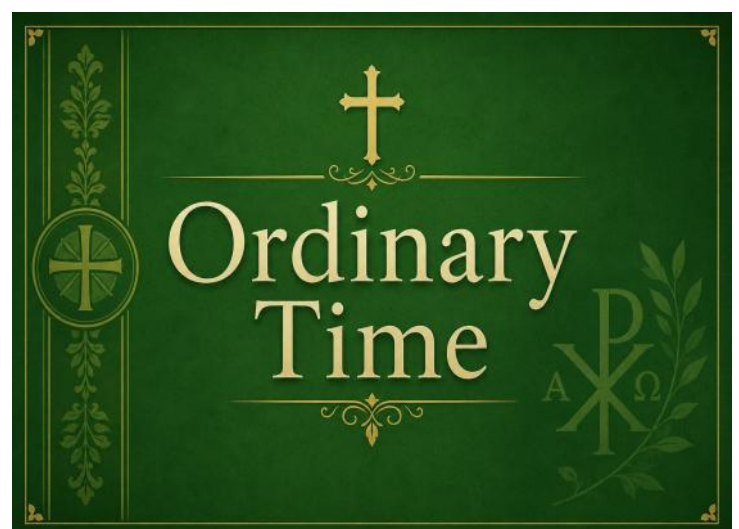
In the Gospels, Jesus spends far more time walking dusty roads, sharing meals, teaching small groups and healing quietly than he does performing headline-grabbing miracles. The kingdom of God, he tells us, is like yeast working through dough,

like a seed growing in secret, like a lamp giving light in an ordinary house. It's everyday stuff. Familiar stuff. And yet it's holy.

Ordinary Time invites us to pay attention to the small things: the conversations that encourage us, the prayers whispered on the bus, the neighbour we check in on, the moment of stillness before the day begins. These are not distractions from our spiritual life – they *are* our spiritual life. God meets us in the ordinary because that's where we spend most of our days.

So, as we move into June and settle into these 'green weeks', perhaps we can see them not as a lull but as an invitation. An invitation to grow quietly. To notice God in the gentle rhythms of our days. To trust that the Spirit is at work even when life feels uneventful. And to remember that in God's hands, nothing ordinary stays ordinary for long.

Revd Jonathan



Services in June



Friday 5 June

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

Sunday 7 June

9.30am **Morning Worship**
 - Trinity 1

1st Reading: **Romans 4: 13-25**
 Ros Loach

2nd Reading: **Matthew 9: 9-13,**
 18-26
 Simon Carlton

Intercessions: John Edward

Friday 12 June

2.00pm **Prayer Meeting**

Sunday 14 June

9.30am **Communion**
 - Trinity 2

1st Reading: **Romans 5: 1-8**
 Christine Dagg

Gospel: **Matthew 9:35 – 10:8**
 Maureen Martin

Intercessions: Ann Riley

Friday 19 June

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

Sunday 21 June

9.30am **All Together Worship**
 - Trinity 3

1st Reading: **Romans 6: 1b-11**

2nd Reading: **Matthew 10: 24-39**

Friday 26 June

2.00pm **Prayer Meeting**

Sunday 28 June

9.30am **Communion**
 - Trinity 4

1st Reading: **Romans 6: 12-end**
 Jill Waddington

Gospel: **Matthew 10: 40-end**
 Jill Dorrington

Intercessions: John Prior

Prayer for Growth



*God of Mission, who alone brings
growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit
to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.*

*Help St Philip's to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you, and
in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

PCC Update – May 2026 Meeting

The PCC met on **Monday 11th May** for its first meeting after the APCM. We began, as always, with prayer and Scripture - this time from *Psalms 121*, reminding us that “*my help comes from the Lord*”.

Here’s a short overview of the key things discussed and decided.

Fire Safety & Building Matters

- A Fire Risk Assessor has confirmed our **building capacity is now 240**, thanks to the new rear exit.
- West Yorks Fire & Rescue are pleased with our progress, especially the training for Fire Wardens and Marshalls.
- PCC agreed we need **training in the use of fire extinguishers**.
- Permission has been granted by Leeds City Council for the removal of **diseased trees**; checks with the DAC are underway to confirm whether a Faculty is required.

Elections & Appointments

- Warm thanks were expressed to **Kathryn Exley** for her 8–9 years as PCC Secretary.
- **Diane Brennan** was co-opted as Secretary.
- Other appointments included:
 - * **Vice Chair:** Alan Stanley
 - * **Treasurer:** Tim South
 - * **Disability Officer:** Anne Stanley
 - * **Young People Contact:** Beckie Briggs
 - * **Environment Officer:** Deborah Murdoch-Eaton

Appointments were also made to the Sub-committees of **Mission & Ministry, Estates, and Governance**.

Finance

- An anonymous **£500 donation** was received in March and we have also been notified of a legacy.
- There have been significant fire/safety costs.
- Further estimates are needed for upcoming works, and the **Reserves Policy** will be reviewed later in the year.

Rector’s Report

- A letter confirmed that the **Pastoral Scheme** adjusting parish boundaries comes into effect on **14 May 2026**.
- The Scouts have invited us to have a presence at their **Gala on 14 June**; a small team will coordinate this.

Estates & Fabric

- Agreement given for a **new fence** on the western boundary.
- A request has been received to hire the hall for a **children’s science activity camp** in July; safeguarding checks will be completed.
- A local school will use the facilities on **17 June** during their annual hike.
- Gas works outside the church may briefly affect heating for the café.
- **Quinquennial works** continue positively, with painting and window repairs planned for the summer.

Safeguarding

- The PCC unanimously adopted the **Safeguarding Policy**.
- **Beckie Briggs** will continue as the PCC’s Safeguarding Lead and will also oversee the **Historic Abuse Policy**.

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.



Pilgrimage - St Cuthbert's Way

At Easter many of you may have seen the BBC 2 Programme "Pilgrimage" in which celebrities undertook a walk to Holy Island. This month Revd Jonathan will be walking part of the St. Cuthbert's Way, from Kirk Yetholm to Holy Island. On the final day, he will walk across the iconic causeway and beach to the island.

Please pray for him as he undertakes the walk, for rest and refreshment and for a fresh sense of God's calling and where he is leading us.

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

Prayer Alert!

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.





The Café will be open every Friday in June, from 9:00am to 12:00pm and on **Saturday 27th June** from 10:00am to 12:00pm for teas, great coffees, irresistible cakes, toasted teacakes, bacon butties & crumpets!



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.

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.



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.



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

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).

**TRULY
MY SOUL
FINDS
REST
IN GOD**
PSALM 62:1



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



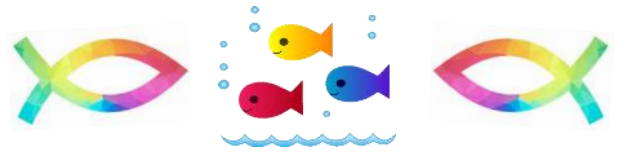
St. Peter's
Thorner

SONGS of Praise

Sunday
28th June
@ 6pm



Little Fishes



Parent & Toddler Group

For ages 0 – 4

Every Tuesday
10.30am – 12.00pm



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

Find us on Facebook
www.stphilips-scholes.org

ST. PHILIP'S FLOWERS

Week	Sponsor
7 June	Mrs Maureen Martin
14 June	Mrs Susan Saxton
21 June	Mrs Samantha Moscrop
28 June	Mother's Union

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!

THORNER TUESDAY EVENING HOME GROUP

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

We will be continuing to look at the issues raised in 'Awaken', a book by Anne Calver and John McGinley. We aim to finish around 9.30pm.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

On 1st June we welcome Pauline Robson to give her talk entitled "Theatricals!". This will be at the usual time of 7.30pm.

On 6th July we are not having our normal evening meeting. We are going to Crag House Farm in the afternoon to celebrate 150 years of the Mother's Union.

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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God of joy, thank you for small moments that make us smile. Open our hearts to laughter, delight, and gratitude. Help us share joy generously.

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.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for entries into the May issue of this Newsletter is

Thursday 25th June 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.

Humanifesto

I want to be a grace guerrilla,
No longer a chameleon of karma:
The time has come to stand out
From the crowd.

I want to give forgiveness
A fighting chance
Of freeing me,
To live in love,
And live it out loud.

I want to drink deep
Of the foolishness of wisdom,
Instead of swallowing
The wisdom of fools:
To find a source
In the deeper mines of meaning.
I want to search-out the unsearchable
To invoke the invisible:
To choose the truths
The TV hypnotists aren't screening.

No camouflage
No entourage
No smoothly fitting-in
I want a faith that goes further
than face-value
And a beauty that goes deeper
than my skin.

I want to be untouched by my
possessions,
Instead of being possessed
By what I touch:
To test the taste
Of having nothing to call mine:
To hold consumption's cravings back;
To be content with luck or lack
To live as well on water as on wine.

I want to spend myself
On those I think might need me,
Not spend
All I think I need on myself:
I want my heart
To be willing to make house-calls.
Let those whose rope is at an end
Find in me a faithful friend,
Let me be known as one who
re-builds broken walls.

No camouflage
No entourage
No smoothly fitting-in
I want a faith that goes further
than face-value
And a beauty that goes deeper
than my skin.

I want to be centred outside the circle
To be chiselled from a different seam
I want to be seduced by another story
And drawn into a deeper dream
To be anchored in
an undiscovered ocean,
To revolve around an unfamiliar sun;
A boom-box tuned
to an alternate station;
A bullet fired from a different gun.

No camouflage
No entourage
No smoothly fitting-in
I want a faith that goes further
than face-value
And a beauty that goes deeper
than my skin.

Jeff Lucas

I Bee-long to Jesus



"I have called you by name;
you are Mine."

— Isaiah 43:1

Today's Devotional

Jesus knows your name.
He made you special, and
He loves you so much.

You are not just one in a
big crowd—you belong to Him.

Just like bees belong in a hive,
you belong with Jesus.
He stays with you, cares for you,
and calls you His own.

**You are loved.
You are known.
You belong to Jesus.**

Let's Think

How does it feel to know
Jesus knows your name?

Let's Pray

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for knowing my name
and loving me.
I am so glad I belong to You.
Help me remember that
I am Yours every day.
Amen.





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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.

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