

Notices

For Your Prayers: We will shortly be reviewing the names on our prayer lists. If you would like a name to remain after **19th July**, please give the *first name and surname* to Fr Kevin. After this date, names will be removed assuming there has been an improvement in their health.

Healing Service: From the beginning of August Fr. Kevin will be offering a service which includes the anointing of sacred Holy Oil and the laying on of hands. The service will take place after the Wednesday Mass, if you wish to attend simply stay after the Mass or arrive at 11.20am.

Twelve-hour Votive Candles: Sometimes we feel called to light a candle and be still in the presence of God as we offer our prayers. This calling feels even stronger if it falls on an anniversary - their passing, a birthday, wedding etc. If you so wish you can now buy a large votive candle for only £2 in remembrance of an anniversary. Please ask either John Ladley Church Warden or Fr. Kevin for a candle.

News from the Parish and the Diocese: Previously Fr Kevin used to send out a weekly email to members of the congregation and individuals in the community giving news and updates, with a sprinkling of humour. If you would like to start receiving emails titled 'From the Rectory' please email: kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org

Facebook Page: Fr. Kevin now has a FB page that you are welcome to follow, just search for Fr. Kevin Greaves

Easy fundraising: Did you know that whenever you buy anything online you could be raising donations for church. There are over 8,000 retailers ready to make a donation and best of all is it doesn't cost you a penny! **1.** Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for The Parish Church of All Saints Castleford, and join for free. **2.** Every time you shop online, a reminder will pop-up asking if you want to donate, click yes and that's it! **3.** The retailer will then make a donation to All Saints. Please let others know about this, so they can support their church.

Websites:

Parish: www.castlefordteamparish.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/castlefordteamparish

Church of England A Church Near You: www.achurchnearyou.com

The Parish Church of All Saints Castleford

The Sixth Sunday After Trinity

12th July 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10 – 13

Thus says the Lord: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 65: 8 - end

Refrain: To you, O God, shall all flesh come, and you will blot out their sins.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. *R*

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. *R*

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. *R*

Second Reading: Romans 8: 1 - 11

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia. We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord**

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ**

For Your Prayers

For the sick: Mark, Shirley, Jean, Chris, Julian, Trevor, Muriel, Dorothy, Albert, Alison, Angela, Andrew, Graham, Kirsten, Jane, Fiona, Jean, Chelsea, Anita, Tim, Caroline, Hillary, Rio, Pat, David, Mabel, Pamela Julia, Richard, Michael, June, Trevor, Ryan, Jane, Lucy, Josh, Karen and Martin.

Recently departed: Terence Rotherforth.

In Memory of those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Bertha Varley

Services

Gluten Free Host: If you are Confirmed and intend to receive the host but are a coeliac please let the welcome team know before the Mass. The priest will then ensure there is a gluten free host for you to receive.

Sunday 12th	10.00 am Solemn Mass with Hymns
Sunday 18th	10.00 am Solemn Mass with Hymns
	12.00 pm Baptism Service

Services at Holy Cross, Airedale.

On the odd occasion you may find that you cannot attend a service at All Saints. You are therefore warmly invited on those occasions to attend our neighbouring Anglican Parish of Holy Cross Airedale. Their normal pattern of worship is:

Sunday	8.30 am Holy Communion
	10.00 am Family Communion
	6.00 pm Silent Prayer
Monday	6.00 pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday	9.45 am Holy Communion

Social Events

Knit and Nat Friendship Group: Tuesday 2pm for a couple of hours at St Michael and All Angels Church Hall, Smawthorne. All are welcome to pop along with hobby activity and meet new friends and enjoy a cuppa!

Dementia Friendly Pop-Up Café: Thursday 10am for a couple of hours at St Michaels and All Angels Church Hall, Smawthorne. Dementia friendly cafe where everyone is welcome to come to relax over a drink and biscuit (donations welcome). Resources are available to occupy as well as offer a chance to reminisce about times past in a warm and welcoming environment.

Summer Fayre: Saturday 8th August 1pm to 3pm. Volunteers needed to run the stalls and collect contributions. Contributions welcome for:

- Cakes/Scones
- Raffle prizes
- Tombola
- Bottle tombola
- Books

Please note: volunteers are still needed to look after stalls.

Monthly Raffle for Church Funds is Back: If you would like to donate any toiletries and/or buy any tickets please see Linda Greenwood. *(not to be mistaken with the raffle/donations for the summer fair)*