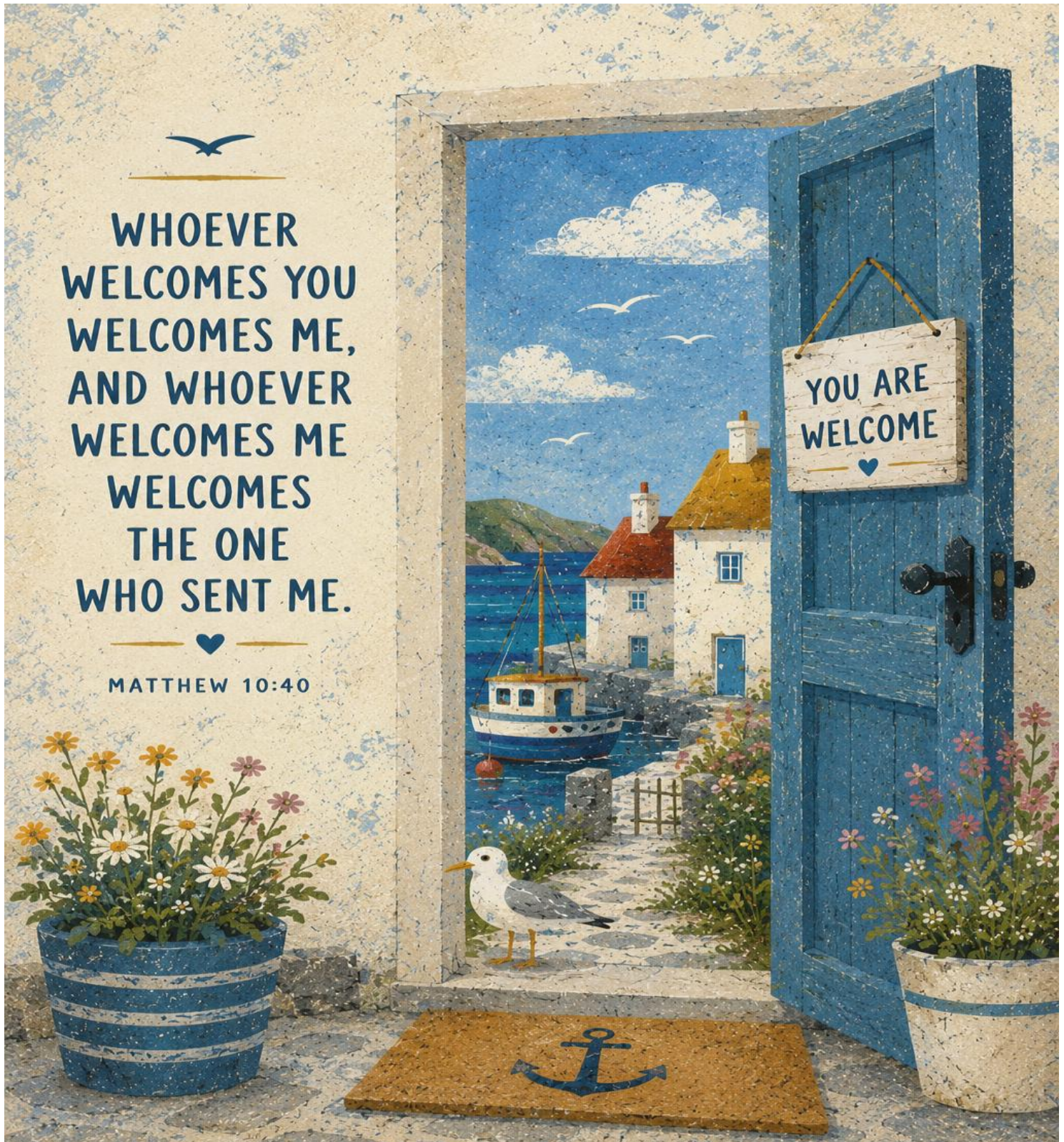


# St. Philip's News



July 2026

# Harbours of Hope



As I write this, I was meant to be enjoying a rest on Holy Island after completing St Cuthbert's Way with sore feet and a head full of sky. Instead, I spent much of the week before in a hospital ward, waiting for news about my father. The walk didn't happen. The pilgrimage, as it turned out, looked nothing like the one I'd planned.

I've only just found this out, but 'Sea Sunday' falls on 12th July this year, and the Mission to Seafarers have chosen "Harbours of Hope" as their theme. I like that phrase more than I expected to. A harbour isn't really about arrival. It's shelter along the way - somewhere safe to be before the next leg.

Seafarers know this better than most of us. Months away from home, often in conditions we never think about, carrying the goods that fill our shelves and fuel our cars. Sea Sunday asks us to remember them: to pray for the men and women who are, quite literally, out of sight, and to support the chaplains who meet them in foreign ports.

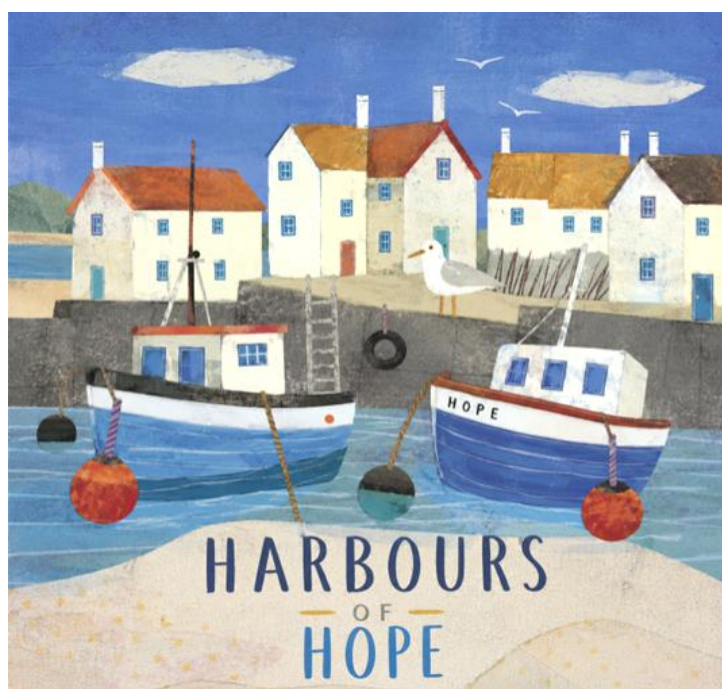
But I think it asks something of the rest of us too, whatever sea we happen to be on. Pilgrimage has always been a good image for faith, the deliberate walking towards something. That's what St Cuthbert's Way was supposed to be for me this July. Real life rarely keeps to the itinerary, though. Sometimes the path gets interrupted. You don't choose your harbour. You

just wash up in one, glad of it, with no idea how long you'll need to stay.

What I found in the hospital was that the harbour turned up in other forms. A nurse who took the time to explain things properly. A friend who texted just to say he was thinking of me. The hospital chaplain, a friend of mine, turning up at just the right time. None of it was the walk I'd planned. But all of it was grace.

I'll get to Lindisfarne eventually. But this July, marking Sea Sunday, I find myself thankful for harbours - the literal ones sheltering seafarers far from home, and the unlooked-for ones that catch the rest of us when our journeys go sideways. Wherever you find yourself this summer, on the path or knocked off it, I hope there's a harbour or two along the way.

*Revd Jonathan*



# Services in July



## Friday 3 July

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

## Sunday 5 July

**9.30am**                      **Morning Worship**  
                                    **- Trinity 5**

**1st Reading:**    **Acts 1: 6-14**  
                                    Jill Waddington

**2nd Reading:**    **John 14: 15-21**  
                                    Simon Carlton

**Intercessions:** Christine Dagg

## Friday 10 July

**2.00pm**                      **Prayer Meeting**

## Sunday 12 July

**9.30am**                      **Communion**  
                                    **- Trinity 6**

**1st Reading:**    **Acts 2: 42-47**  
                                    Ros Loach

**Gospel:**                      **Luke 24: 28-35**  
                                    Jill Dorrington

**Intercessions:** Beckie Briggs

## Friday 17 July

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

## Sunday 19 July

**9.30am**                      **All Together Worship**  
                                    **- Trinity 7**

**Reading:**                      **Acts 8: 26-40**

## Friday 24 July

**2.00pm**                      **Prayer Meeting**

## Sunday 26 July

**9.30am**                      **Communion**  
                                    **- Trinity 8**

**1st Reading:**    **Acts 10: 34-48**  
                                    Gill Sinclair

**Gospel:**                      **John 10: 11-18**  
                                    Chris Prior

**Intercessions:** John Prior

## Rector on Holiday



Revd Jonathan and Diane will be on holiday from Wednesday 15th July until Saturday 25th July. They will not be able to access their emails during this time. If you have any urgent enquiries, please contact a Churchwarden.

## 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.



## Canticle

Christ, as a light  
illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield  
overshadow me.

Christ under me;

Christ over me;

Christ beside me

on my left and my right.

This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.  
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;  
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Christ as a light;

Christ as a shield;

Christ beside me

on my left and my right.



## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

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

**We don't have a meeting in August but this year we have been asked to light a candle and read some prayers at 3pm on 9th August. This is to commemorate Mary Sumner Day and remember the 150 years since The Mother's Union was founded by her.**

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:

Sally Wray ~ 07484 152 886

Elizabeth Lawson ~ 07518 642 942

## ST. PHILIP'S FLOWERS

| Week    | Sponsor        |
|---------|----------------|
| 5 July  | Julia Hawkhead |
| 12 July | Sally Wray     |
| 19 July | Beryl Walker   |
| 26 July | Gill Sinclair  |

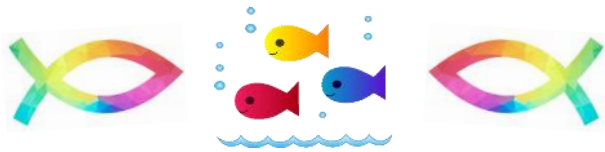
Thank you for the beautiful flowers we have in church each week which are sponsored by YOU as shown above.

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!

# 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](http://www.stphilips-scholes.org)

### 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.

## 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 August issue of this Newsletter is

**Thursday 22nd July 2026.**

Please send any items to  
[admin@elmetetrinity.org](mailto: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.



# CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

## THE BENEFITS



USE OF THE SECRET  
MEMBERS-ONLY LOUNGE



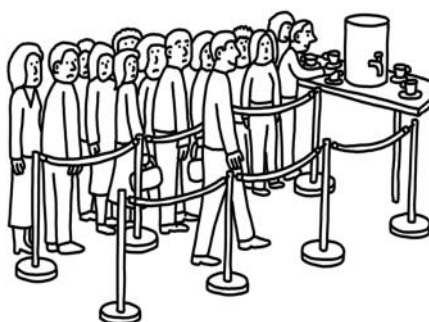
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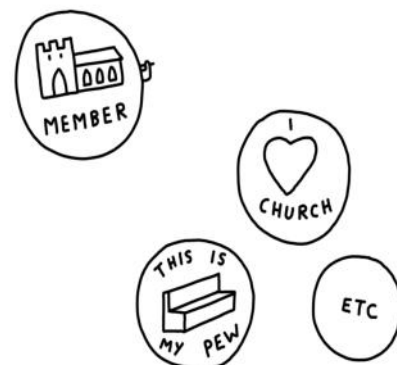
A SPECIAL BUMPER EDITION  
OF THE PARISH MAGAZINE



A 'GET OUT OF A  
ROTA FREE' CARD



PRIORITY LANE AT  
AFTER-SERVICE COFFEE



A BADGE, AND  
SOME STICKERS



# The BIG Picnic



**Sunday**  
**12<sup>th</sup> July**  
**2pm - 4pm**

**St. Philips Church,  
Scholes**



**Activities**  
**Stories**  
**Crafts**  
**Picnic**

Families exploring faith together,  
suitable for all ages

Drop us an email so we know how many sandwiches to  
make [messychurchstp@gmail.com](mailto:messychurchstp@gmail.com)



## 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



**ALL SAINTS, BARWICK**  
**26TH JULY @ 6:30pm**

If you've never been to Taizé worship service before, why not consider coming along. It involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, periods of silence and liturgical readings.



The Café will be open every Friday in July, from 9:00am to 12:00pm and on

**Saturday 25th July** from 10:00am to 12:00pm for teas, great coffees, irresistible cakes, toasted teacakes, bacon butties & crumpets!

## ***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.



# 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*



## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

# 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



*giftaid it*

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.

## 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).

## 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*

# FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

**Love**



**Joy**



**Peace**



**PATIENCE**



**KINDNESS**



**GOODNESS**



**FAITHFULNESS**



**GENTLENESS**



**SELF-CONTROL**





ST. PETER'S CHURCH, THORNER WITH SCARCROFT

# STRAWBERRY

**Sunday 2 August**

2:00PM ~ 5:00PM

*Tea*

Lizzie & Jon Waddington's Garden  
38 Main Street, Thorner

**STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA & CAKE  
ICE CREAM & PROSECCO AVAILABLE  
TOMBOLA ETC**

LIVE MUSIC FROM LOCAL CELEBRITIES

TICKETS: ADULT ~ £10  
[ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN FREE]

AVAILABLE FROM ANN STOKOE ~ 07762 175053;  
DIANE ESHELBY ~ 07931 904458 OR THE VICARAGE

Proceeds in aid of St Gemma's Hospice  
& St Peter's Church



**St.  
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Hospice**





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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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