

St. Philip's News



to everything
there is
a season,
and a time
for every
purpose under
the heaven



August 2026

'Loaf Mass': Remembering Lammas Day

If you've never heard of Lammas Day, you're in good company – it's one of those old festivals that's slipped quietly out of most people's calendars, tucked away somewhere between the summer holidays and the first whisper of autumn. But on the 1st of August, the church used to mark something rather lovely: the loaf mass, or Lammas, when the first wheat of the harvest was cut, ground up, baked into a loaf, and brought to church to be blessed.

It's an easy festival to overlook. There's no dramatic story attached, no martyrdom, no blinding vision on a mountainside. Just bread. But maybe that's exactly why it's worth thinking about today.

Someone has spent months watching a field – worrying about the weather, waiting, hoping. And now, finally, there's something to show for it. The first loaf isn't the whole harvest; there's still plenty of work left before the barns are full. But it's a start, and it's enough to be thankful for.

There's something in that for us, even if none of us are farmers. August tends to be a month of in-between-ness – holidays taken or still to come, projects half-finished, that slightly odd lull before September picks the pace back up. Lammas gives us permission to notice the small, unfinished signs of good things on their way, rather than

waiting until everything's wrapped up neatly before we're grateful.

There's a thread running right through scripture about bread, of course – manna in the wilderness, the feeding of the five thousand, "give us this day our daily bread," and bread broken at the last supper and then again on the road to Emmaus. Lammas sits quietly within that tradition. It's a reminder that God meets us in ordinary things – in wheat and yeast and hard graft in a field – just as much as in anything we might otherwise call 'spectacular'.

So, this August, perhaps it's worth trying something small: baking a loaf, sharing it with someone, or simply saying a proper thank you for whatever's ripening in your own life at the moment, even if it isn't finished yet. Lammas won't be in most people's diaries. But it might be worth putting it back in ours.

Revd Jonathan



Services in August



Sunday 2 August

9.30am **Morning Worship**
 - Trinity 9

1st Reading: **Acts 27:20–26, 33–37**
 Jill Waddington

2nd Reading: **Mark 4:35–41**
 Steve Aldwin

Intercessions: Ann Riley

Friday 7 August

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

Sunday 9 August

9.30am **Communion**
 - Trinity 10

1st Reading: **Romans 10.5-15**
 Ros Loach

Gospel: **Matt 14.22-33**
 Chris Prior

Intercessions: Christine Dagg

Friday 14 August

2.00pm **Prayer Meeting**

Sunday 16 August

9.30am **All Together Worship**
 - Trinity 11

1st Reading: **Romans 11.1-2a,**
 29-32

2nd Reading: **Matt 15.10-28**

Friday 21 August

2.00pm **Communion**
Priest: **Jonathan Brennan**

Please Note: This service will be in the Church Hall

Sunday 23 August

9.30am **Communion**
 - Trinity 12

1st Reading: **Romans 12.1-8**
 Maureen Martin

Gospel: **Matt 16.13-20**
 Stella Ambler

Intercessions: Beckie Briggs

Friday 28 August

2.00pm **Prayer Meeting**

Sunday 30 August

10:00am **Benefice Communion**
 At All Saints, Barwick
 - Trinity 12

1st Reading: **Romans 12.9-end**
 John Prior

Gospel: **Matt 16.21-end**
 Bridget Lindley

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.

We do not have a meeting in August but this year we have been asked to light a candle and say some prayers at 3pm on 9th August. This is to commemorate 150 years of the Mother's Union on what is Mary Sumner Day.

On 7th September Revd Jonathan will be taking our annual communion service. This year we will also have the enrolment of Chris Prior.

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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Crag House Farm visit on 6th July. We went to celebrate 150 years of MU. 16 of us went and Daryl Kelly who is MU president for Leeds called in to see us.

150 YEARS OF
Mothers' UNION
Join us, Join in

This year it is the 150th Anniversary Mother's Union. It was founded by Mary Sumner in 1876 and there are now over 4 million members worldwide.

Our branch in Scholes has been active for over 60 years. Part of the role of being a Mother's Union member is to raise money for various causes. This year a big part of the fundraising is to raise awareness of and help abolish modern slavery in this country. To help us celebrate this milestone year and raise some much-needed funds, some of our members are going to bake some tasty treats. These will be available after the morning services on 6th & 27th September. These can be eaten in church or taken away.

We will have a plate out for donations and all money raised will be sent to the Mother's Union 150th Anniversary Fund.

please note

During August lots of our usual groups are taking a break!

- ⇒ **Community Café** will return on Friday 4th September
- ⇒ **Little Fishes** will resume on Tuesday 1st September
- ⇒ The **Scholes Homegroup** will re-commence in September
- ⇒ The **Thorner Homegroup** will begin again towards the end of September
- ⇒ The next **Taizé Service** will be at St. Philip's on Sunday 27th Sept @ 6:30pm

New Bishop of Leeds

We still await the announcement of the new Bishop with bated breath. Whilst the good news is that a candidate has been chosen it seems that the required approval by the Prime Minister has not occurred as they have been dealing with other pressing matters. This must be enormously frustrating for the candidate as well as for us in the Diocese. Please do continue to both give thanks that the process has led to an eventual appointment, pray for Bishop Toby as he continues as acting Bishop of Leeds and pray for the candidate as he or she prepares to be announced and take up the role in due course.



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.



Elmete

Elderberries

Every Monday 1pm - 3pm
(except Bank Holidays)

During August there will be different venues for our meetings:

3 August	St. Philip's
10 August	Methodist School Room
17 August	Methodist School Room
24 August	St. Philip's
31 August	Closed for Bank Holiday

*Everyone welcome -
hope to see you there!*



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



Heritage Open Day

All Saints' Church, Barwick-in-Elmet

Saturday 12 September, 11am – 4pm

Why not come and join us anytime between 11am – 4pm on Saturday 12 September when you can learn more about the history of the church and the people who were commemorated on the various plaques on the inside walls. There will also be a display of local historical photographs. Two members of the Historical Society will be there to answer any questions, but visitors can just walk round on their own and enjoy the beauty of this old church.



Everyone welcome, including well-behaved dogs on leads.

Tea/coffee available.

ST. PHILIP'S FLOWERS

Week	Sponsor
2 August	Anne Stanley
9 August	Karen Lawson
16 August	Jill Dorrington
23 August	Ann Riley
30 August	Benefice

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!

Newsletter Deadline

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

Thursday 20th August

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.

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.



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.

St Philip's Church Weekend Away

18th-20th September 2026
at Wydale Hall



Some places have become available on our Church Weekend away. If you are interested in joining us, please see Alan Stanley as soon as possible to book a place.

Cost: £224 per person - full payment required when booking.

Children under 2 years: **Free**

Children aged 2-11: **40% of adult price**

Children aged 12-16: **60% of adult price**

All accommodation is En-Suite and Full Board will be provided.



REJOICE *in hope,*
BE PATIENT *in tribulation,*
BE CONSTANT *in prayer.*

Romans 12:12



PILGRIM PLACES, HOLY LIVES

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



Planting the Seeds

READ Galatians 6.9-10

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.

St Bertha never saw the full extent of the fruit her life would bear. Yet the seeds she planted by bringing the Gospel to England continued to grow long after her death. What began in her small restored chapel on the outskirts of Canterbury would grow to shape the life of an entire nation.

Her daughter Æthelburh, raised in the Christian faith nurtured at Canterbury, married King Edwin of Northumbria and carried the Gospel with her into his kingdom. Like her mother, she asked for a chapel and brought a bishop to guide and teach. Like her mother,

she lived a life of steadfast prayer, which ultimately helped lead Edwin and his people to Christ.

From Bertha's prayers in Kent would grow the great flowering of Christianity in the North: the faith of Hild at Whitby, the holiness of Cuthbert on Lindisfarne, the learning of Bede at Jarrow. She did not see the harvest, but she trusted the God who gives the growth.

Bertha's life encourages us to be patient sowers in God's kingdom. Many of our most faithful actions will bear fruit we may never witness. Yet God sees every seed of our faith, kindness, and hope, and uses them in ways beyond our sight.

When you are discouraged by lack of 'results' in your faith, how can Bertha's example inspire you to keep praying?

Lord of the harvest, help me to sow faithfully and patiently. Give me courage to trust that you will bring fruit in your time, and that every seed planted in love has a place in your story. Amen.



Being Sent

READ John 15.5-6

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.'

While visiting Holy Island in Northumbria a few years ago, it dawned on me that what for us, today, is a place of arrival, a holy place we come to on pilgrimage, was, for those who established it, a place of departure. The monastery that Aidan founded there in 635 was a place where people were formed in the Christian faith in order to be sent out to live and share that faith with others.

One of these people was Cedd. He was born around 620. He became a monk on Lindisfarne along with his brothers. In the year 653, he sailed down the east coast of England and landed in Essex at a place now called Bradwell-on-Sea – also a beautiful place of pilgrimage – and established a monastery there. Cedd was part of a missionary movement that spread from Northumbria to Essex and then, Cedd's final

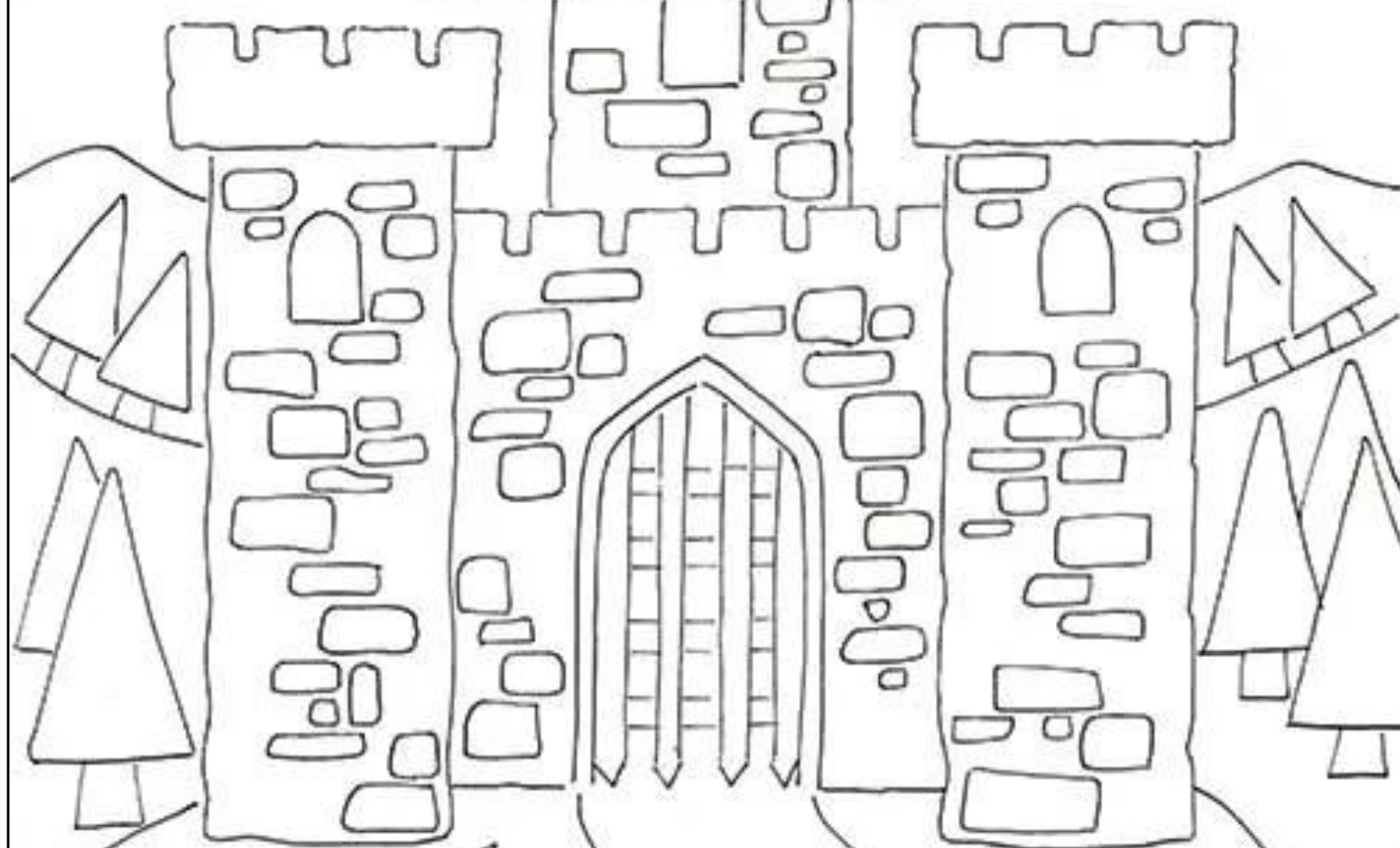
resting place, up to Yorkshire, where he established another monastery in Lastingham, where others were formed in the Christian faith and then sent out.

Cedd teaches us that every Christian church should be a school for disciples, a place where people learn the way of Jesus together and are then sent out to share his love with others. And though we treasure the physical buildings of our churches, the boundaries of this mission, which began with Jesus calling those first fishermen, run through human hearts and are led by the Spirit. When we visit the sacred places associated with these Anglo-Saxon saints, we should arrive in the same spirit as those who came to Jesus: ready to be sent out.

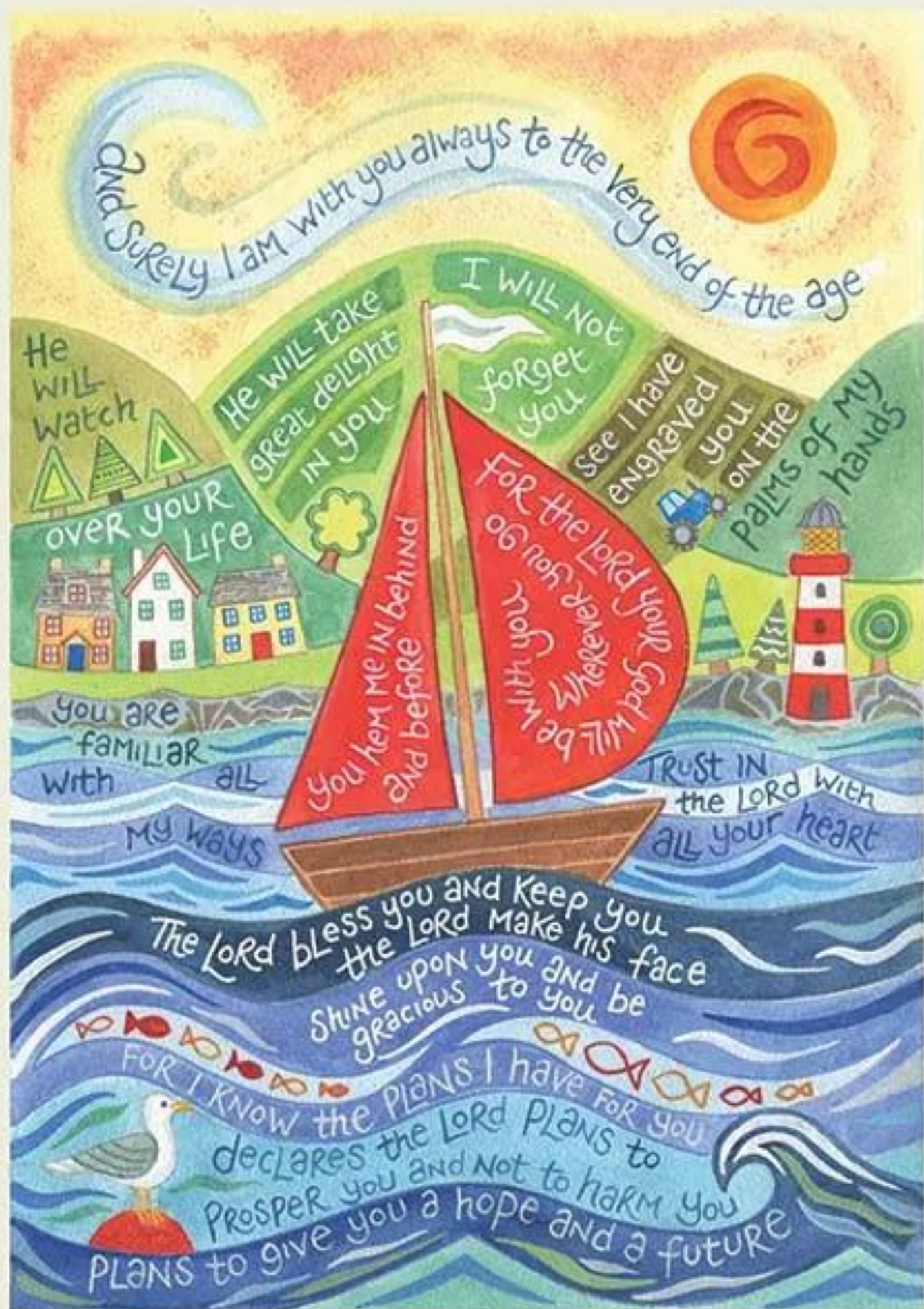
Where might God be calling you that requires you to step out in faith? What are you being asked to leave behind?

Loving God, I thank you for those who have taught me the way of Christ. Deepen my commitment to worship and prayer so that when I read the scriptures, I can hear your voice speaking to me, know your love for me and even be able to share that love with others. Amen.

He is My Refuge
and My fortress



My God IN
Whom I trust



Bless You and Keep You

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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.

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