

July 2026

Vicar's Voice

In the last few weeks, in the UK, we have experienced record high temperatures for both the months of May and June; and across the world, the signs of environmental crisis are becoming impossible to ignore with increasingly frequent reports of extreme weather. This is alongside an alarming loss of biodiversity - just one very troubling statistic is that in the last 50 years average wildlife populations have declined by nearly three-quarters. This has happened within the lifetime of many of us.



These are not distant problems but realities that affect our very communities, our neighbours, and the most vulnerable among us. As Christians, we are called not only to notice these signs, but to respond with faith, hope, and action.



From the beginning, Scripture affirms that creation is good. In Genesis, humanity is entrusted with the care of the earth - called to "till it and keep it." This is not a licence to exploit, but a sacred responsibility to steward God's creation with wisdom and love. The Psalms remind us that "the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it," grounding our environmental concern in worship and reverence.

The current crisis, then, is not only ecological but also spiritual. When we neglect the earth, we also neglect our calling. When creation suffers, so too do the poorest, who are often least responsible yet most affected. Justice, compassion, and care for creation are deeply intertwined.

Yet there is hope. Small, faithful actions matter. Churches can lead by example: reducing waste, conserving energy, supporting local and sustainable food, and encouraging lifestyles that honour God's creation.

As we reflect on all of this, please come along to the showing of the People's Emergency Briefing at 3.30pm on Sunday, 5 July in Old Glossop Church, which sets out some of the challenges we face, and how we can respond.

David

Service and Coffee Morning on Wednesday mornings

Just to remind you that the mid week service in St Andrew's Church is at 10.30am every Wednesday and this will be followed by coffee morning from about 11.20am till 1.00pm.

Diary of Services and Events in Church in July 2026

Wed 1 st	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Sue Leighton
	11.20am	Coffee Morning	Andrew Barnes & Sue Leighton
Sat 4 th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting in Church	Vince Ryder

Trinity 5

Sun 5 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Vince Ryder
Wed 8 th	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev David Ridley
	11.20am	Coffee Morning	Andrew Barnes & Sue Leighton

Trinity 6

Sun 12 th	10.00am	HC with Baptism of Teddy and Isla Doodson	Rev David Ridley
Wed 15 th	10.30am	Morning Prayer	John Roberts
	11.20am	Coffee Morning	Ann Lucas
Sat 18 th	9.00am	Church Working Party	

Trinity 7

Sun 19 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer	John Roberts
Wed 22 nd	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev David Ridley
	11.20am	Coffee Morning	Ann Lucas
	2.00pm	St Andrew's School Leavers' Concert	

Trinity 8

Sun 26 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev David Ridley
Mary, Martha and Lazarus			
Weds 29 th	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Sue Leighton
	11.20am	Coffee Morning	Ann Lucas

Other Dates and Events of Note

Thurs 2 nd	6.00pm	Hadfield Infants' School – Live Museum	
Fri 10 th	1.30pm	Hadfield Churches Together committee meeting in Hadfield Methodist Church	

Hello,

I hope you're well. I'm from Lost in TV - we are a ticket company for TV and radio shows, and at the moment we are working on **BBC Songs of Praise: Young Chorister of the Year 2026**, which is being recorded at the iconic Hallé St Peter's in Manchester next month.

We'd love to invite you and your congregation to come along and be part of the audience as we celebrate the very best of young choral talent from across the country. Tickets are free - it would be wonderful to have as many local parishioners join us as possible.

I've included all the details of the recording below - people can book directly on our website using the links - or you can pass on my email address or contact number for them to request their tickets.

Kind regards,
James

Lost in TV audience services

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BBC YOUNG CHORISTER OF THE YEAR 2026 - A SONGS OF PRAISE SPECIAL

Songs of Praise and BBC Radio 2 would love to invite you to a very special recording of BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2026 from the iconic Hallé St Peter's in Manchester.

WHEN:

Wednesday 8th July 2026 - Junior Semi-Final (doors open 10:30am)

Wednesday 8th July 2026 - Senior Semi-Final (doors open 4:00pm)

Age restriction: there is no minimum age for entry, all ages are warmly welcomed but children aged 17 and under should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

WHERE:

Hallé St Peter's, Audience Entrance on Hood Street, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 6BF

[Click for directions](#)

Book Tickets

Hadfield Infants' School – Live Museum

Thursday 2nd July from 6pm – an exhibition marking the 60th anniversary of the founding of the school.

Prayer Saturdays

Saturday 4th July 2026 Starts at 10am with private prayer until 10.45am when refreshments are available. Following this there is the opportunity to share concerns and issues which need prayer. All are welcome, feel free to drop in for however long you can manage.

Church Work Party

The next Church Work Party will be on **Saturday 18th July at 9.00am**. As you will have noticed the gardens are flourishing so we plan to major on their maintenance during the next few months. Should you not wish to work outside or the weather is inclement there are always cleaning, tidying, sorting jobs to do indoors.

We hope you will be able to come along in July and support this essential maintenance work.

Follow St Andrew's Church on AChurchNearYou website where you can find all the latest information about services and events. Our entry is administered by Judith Shaw please contact her if you would like to advertise an event. If you have anything you would like to be included in the next Newsletter (subject to editorial review) then contact the Churchwardens, Sue and Sue, or David, the Vicar. The telephone number, if you need to contact us, is 07598164646.