

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



One step at a time

EXODUS 3:1-15

Having fled Egypt, Moses is now a shepherd. He encounters God through the burning bush, and God urges him to take up a new role – freeing the Israelites from Egyptian oppression. Moses feels unready for the task ahead but is assured that the great I AM will be with him every step of the way.

Moses' story shows us we can move one step at a time to accomplish amazing things. Do we know what God is inviting us to step into? And that God is with us as we go?

Who?

(Matthew 16:13-16)

They say

He was a good man,
A great teacher,
A fascinating figure
Who inspired social action,
Works of art and architecture.
A man of compassion,
And high moral values.
That's the sort of thing
They say.

But Jesus –
Sent by His Father,
Spanning history,
Standing on the evidence
Of His life and death,
Resurrection and ascension –
Jesus,
In the power of His Spirit,
Cuts through the they and then,
To the you and now,

“But you,
What about you,
Who do you say I am, today?”

Sunday 30th
August 2026
Trinity 13

FIRST READING

EREMIAH 15: 15-21

PSALM

PSALM 105:1-6,16-22,45B

SECOND READING

ROMANS 12.9-21

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16.21-28

WORSHIP LEADER

REVD. LESLEY ENNIS

SERVERS

ANTHEA GEE

DAVE GILL

FIRST READING

CATHERINE PRIESTLEY

PSALM

REBECCA LUMB

SECOND READING

ANTHEA GEE

INTERCESSIONS

PAUL HEALEY

SIDES PERSON

JACKIE GILL & KEVIN
HENRY

Collect *Trinity 13*

Almighty God, you
search us and know
us: may we rely on
you in strength and
rest on you in
weakness, now and
in all our days;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

THIS WEEK'S *HYMNS*

Processional

At the name of Jesus

Gradual

There is a Redeemer

Offertory

He who would valiant
be

Communion

Make me a channel of
your peace
O Lord your
tenderness

Recessional

Lord for the years

Ordinary - but challenging

In the church year, we are now well into that
long season – it seems to go on forever –
variously called ‘Trinity’ or ‘Ordinary time’.

Each of those labels tells us something about
the approximately six months between
Pentecost and Advent Sunday.

‘Trinity’ reminds us that with Pentecost, God
has made Himself known to us in all His
fullness (or at least as much as we can bear)
as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. ‘Ordinary time’
tells us that this is the season where, now
armed with the insights and power of the
Holy Spirit, we can revisit the life of Jesus
with new eyes, new heart, see new things in
the faith, see new opportunities to serve God.

This is the time when those words of Jesus
(John 15:15) ‘I have made known to you
everything I have learned from the Father’
come into play. It may seem a long season, it
may feel like the drudgery of ‘Keep on
keeping on’ without the excitement of
Christmas, Easter and Pentecost to lift our
spirits, but it is ordinary time charged with
the knowledge that we have everything we
need in the resources of God. The love of the
Father, the words and works of the Son, the
power of the Spirit will energise us as we
‘keep on keeping on’ through this long
season.

This long season up to the end of November is
a reminder that working out our love for God
in our community is probably more about
perspiration than inspiration. Few are called
to be heroes of the faith, but all are called to
faithfulness, and somehow or other, with the
transforming power of the Spirit, we are all
able to keep on keeping on, doing little things
with great love.

Here’s a lovely prayer which captures some of
the mindset of the Trinity season/Ordinary
time; it may help you ‘keep on keeping on’
through the months ahead;

Let not our soul be busy inns that have not
room for Thee and Thine,

but quiet homes of prayer and praise where
Thou mayest find fit company;

where the needful cares of life are wisely
ordered and put away,

and wide sweet space is kept for thee.
Amen to that. Ordinary – but challenging!

The Pilgrim’s Aiding

God be with thee in every pass,
Jesus be with thee on every hill,
Spirit be with thee on every stream,

Headland and ridge and lawn;
Each sea and land, each moor and meadow,
Each lying down, each rising up,
In the trough of the waves, on the crest of the
billows,
Each step of the journey thou goest.

A Celtic prayer collected by Alexander
Carmichael



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SOWERBY BRIDGE

Rushbearing Festival

CRAFT FAIR



SATURDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER 2026



10AM TILL 4PM



CAFE

Delicious cakes,
hot drinks
and more!



CRAFTS

Beautiful handmade
gifts, crafts
and unique finds!



TOMBOLA

Fantastic prizes
and lots of
fun to be had!



RAFFLE

Brilliant prizes
to be won!

STALLS • GAMES • REFRESHMENTS

and so much more! ♥

Why not call in? ♥

In your prayers this week....

Alyson Healey; Archdeacon Bill;
Maralyn Pawson; Christine
Russell; Vanessa Starsmore;
Victor Smyth; Kelly Swift



This week's flowers are in
memory of Maargaret Marsh

If you would like to provide
flowers in church, whether in
memory of a loved one, to
celebrate a special occasion,
or simply as a gift to the
church, please speak to Angela
W.

Quotes

Naive: anyone who thinks you
are very interested when you
ask how they are. - Anon

Luxury: something you don't
really need and can't do without.
- Anon

Civil service: the kind you get
when your tip is big enough. -
Anon

Car sickness: the feeling some
people get when each month's
instalment comes due. - Anon

From the Parish Prayer list:

For the Church of England, ; Our
Archbishops and Overseas Links; For the
shops and businesses within the parish
Areas outside the Parish, where
members of our congregation live,
including; Brighouse, Cragg Vale, Elland,
Greetland, Holmfild, Illingworth, King
Cross, Norland, Norton Tower,
Northowram, Pellon, Pye Nest,
Rishworth, Sowerby, Triangle, Warley,
Wheatley

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Fit an aerator on to your tap
Fitting an aerator onto your existing
tap will save water without lessening
the flow. It could help you save up to
40 litres of water a day.

Swap a bath for a shower
Swapping out one weekly bath for a
shower will save you 4,000 litres of
water a year.

Blessed are those who tread lightly on
the earth that God gave us, for their
footprints point others in the right
direction.



Next week

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
2026
TRINITY 14

FIRST READING

EXODUS 12:1-14

PSALM

PSALM 149

SECOND READING

ROMANS 13.8-14

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18.15-20

SERVERS

DAVE GILL

GRAHAM LAMB

FIRST READING

REBECCA LUMB

PSALM

ALYSSA CALLIGHAN

SECOND READING

DAVE GILL

INTERCESSIONS

SARAH TOWLER

SIDES PERSON

PAULINE CHESLETT & LINDA
FIRTH

DIARY

Monday

Tuesday

10.00am Coffee Morning

11.30am Mid week

Communion

Wednesday

Thursday

6.30pm BCP Evening prayer

Friday

Saturday

10:00am Rushbearing

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion



Return to school

Please pray for our local schools as they return to school this week. Especially Christ Church, Sowerby Bridge CE (VA) Primary as they start their next adventure as a through school.

Bible Study

Are you interested in attending an informal Bible Study in Church on a fortnightly basis? If so please indicate on the sheet at the back of Church the best day/time for you.

Rushbearing

Can you spare a small amount of time to help in the café at Rushbearing or donate some food? If so please see the sheets at the back of Church and indicate where/what you are able to help with.

Church will be open on Friday evening, from 6pm, if you would like to bring along any donations for the cake stall/café. Alternatively these can be brought on Saturday morning.

Sowerby Bridge Disaster (06.09.1993)

Church will be open at 8.30am for anyone who wishes to light a candle and/or spend some quiet time in reflection.



"AND WHEN YOU PRAY,
PRAY THEN LIKE THIS ..."

Where does Jesus say
to go to pray?
Matthew 6:6



What does God know
before you ask Him?
Matthew 6:8



What can we ask God
to deliver us from?
Matthew 6:13

If you forgive others
what will God do?
Matthew 6:14



"Always be full of **joy**.
Never stop praying.
Whatever happens,
always be **thankful**."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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ROOM • PRAY • ASK • NEEDS • HEARD • JESUS
LORDS PRAYER • OUR • FATHER • HALLOWED • HONoured
NAME • THY • KINGDOM • COME • YOUR • WILL • DONE
EARTH • HEAVEN • DAILY • BREAD • FORGIVE • DEBTS
SINS • TEMPTATION • DELIVER • EVIL • AMEN

AN EVENING OF

MUSIC & SONG

★★★
A FANTASTIC
NIGHT OUT
FOR ALL
THE FAMILY!
★★★

STEETON MALE VOICE CHOIR

SATURDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

★ **7:30PM** ★

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CHILDREN

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2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN

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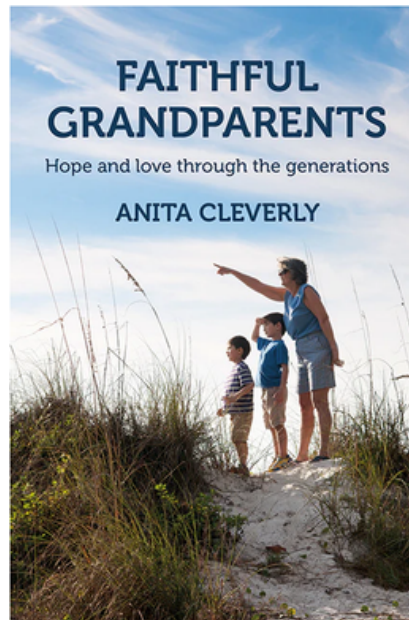
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Faithful Grandparents: Hope and love through the generations

By Anita Cleverly, BRF, £9.99

There has never been a more important time to find meaningful and acceptable ways of passing on faith from one generation to the next. Part of this privilege and responsibility lies with grandparents who live authentic Christian lives. They can be the vital link between the gospel and the faith of a younger generation.



Smile Lines

Quotes from children

“Everyone has feelings, except for snakes and head teachers.” – Donna, age 9

“Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and the world laughs at you.” – Rob, age 8

“Moses came down with the Ten Amendments, which were God’s Bill of Wrongs.” – Susie, age 7

“Doctors automatically know what’s wrong with you. They have a sick sense.” – Beau, age 10

**Ordinary people Sharing God’s love in our world.
Growing in faith. Living by prayer. Loving God’s word.
Living Loving Learning.**

Rev. Tommy Daglish

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