

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



Holding on to hope

GENESIS 37:1-4,12-28

Jacob shows favouritism to Joseph, buying him a special robe. His jealous brothers plot to kill Joseph but end up selling him into slavery in Egypt.

The story of Joseph takes many twists and turns. He is favoured and given promises for the future, but this doesn't turn out so well in his family relationships. His situation could seem pretty hopeless, yet God held on to him – and it becomes clear as his story unfolds that he also holds on to God. How can we do the same?

Musician puts New Testament into song

In what he believes could be a world first, a musician associated with the Rivers Team, in Sheffield, has put the entire New Testament into song, word for word. The Sing Bible has been a self-funded labour of love for Rob Bromehead, who wanted to “help people hear Scripture in a new and memorable way”.

He says: “I started messing around with AI. I began with some memory verses and was blown away with how it worked with the words,” he said. “I felt it was a calling from God.”

The New Testament and the Psalms are available free on streaming platforms, including Spotify and Apple Music. Go to: thesingbible.com

Sunday 9th

August 2026

Trinity 10

Celebrating 150
years of Mothers
Union

FIRST READING

GENESIS 37:1-4,12-28

PSALM

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

SECOND READING

ROMANS 10.5-15

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14.22-33

SERVERS

ANTHEA GEE

GRAHAM LAMB

FIRST READING

GLENIS MCCARTHY

PSALM

ALYSSA CALLIGHAN

SECOND READING

RITA JAGGER

INTERCESSIONS

JUSTINE HELLIWELL

SIDES PERSON

JANET TURNER & JANE
MUNDY

Collect *Trinity 10*

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS *HYMNS*

Processional

Praise you Lord for all the caring

Gradual

We have a gospel to proclaim

Offertory

Tell out my soul

Communion

Peace is flowing
All I once held dear

Recessional

All things bright and beautiful

150 years on, Mothers' Union is a "powerhouse" - Archbishop of Canterbury

The Mother's Union is celebrating its 150th anniversary. At a recent service in St Paul's Cathedral, the Archbishop of Canterbury said she had seen first-hand the profound impact of its work in communities around the world, "in family life, healthcare, education, social projects — challenging poverty, injustice and violence. . . In fact, I often say, if I need something doing, ask the Mothers' Union to do it."

Her sermon on Ephesians had asked: "How do we sustain ourselves as we serve? How do we nourish our own spiritual, mental, and physical well-being, whilst we are tending to the needs of others?"

The answer, she suggested, lay in St Paul's words: "I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

She continued. "May you know the depth of God's love in the grass-roots work that you do throughout the world. May you know the breadth of God's love as you strive to serve this global movement.

"You are salt to our world, in the ordinary, everyday ways you make such a difference to the people you serve, and in the fellowship that you offer to one another."

New more generous support for ordinands as the numbers in training rise

The Church of England has recently announced a multi-million-pound overhaul of the maintenance grant system for people training for ordained ministry, aimed at ensuring that ordinands get the support that they need.

Around £2 million extra per year is to be invested in a redesigned and more generous grant scheme for people training for ordained ministry in the Church of England.

The announcement comes as the number of people entering training has risen, after four years of decline. 442 entered training in September last year, compared to 329 the year before.

The arrangements, starting from the 2026/27 academic year, will provide eligible ordinands in full-time training with non means-tested maintenance grants of between £17,141 and £26,127, calculated according to average housing costs in three designated 'zones' throughout the country.

Part-time ordinands will receive an annual grant of £1,000 to help with costs during training such as paying for computer equipment and books, in addition to being able to claim travel expenses.

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HELP!

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21 bottles

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is acceptable.

★ Anything on special offer
at supermarkets is ideal. ♥

HOLIDAY HAMPER

VERY SHORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS!

So far only
5 items.

We would love
more items to
make a fantastic
holiday hamper!



TOMBOLA & RAFFLE ITEMS

→ Always gratefully received – thank you!

CAKE STALL

WE NEED MORE BAKING!

Cakes, scones, traybakes
and biscuits are always
very popular.

Every bake is
very much appreciated! ♥



EVERY ITEM
MAKES A BIG
DIFFERENCE!

Thank you for
your support! ♥



CHRIST CHURCH
SOWERBY BRIDGE

RUSHBEARING FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 10AM – 4PM

In your prayers this week....

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



This week's flowers are to celebrate 150 years of Mothers Union and also in memory of George Marsh

If you would like flowers in church either in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day please speak to Angela W

Quotes

All that Jesus was and taught and did is but a revealing of the eternal God. - E F Hallock

Let a man really dare to be a New Testament Christian and take Christ seriously, beginning on Monday morning, and he will wake up to the fact that he is a sheep among wolves. - V Havner

If you were not strangers here, the hounds of the world would not bark at you. - S Rutherford

From the Parish Prayer list:

Our Local MP, Kate Dearden; Our Prime Minister, Andy Burnham; Members of Parliament; Exeter Street; Fairbanks; Fall Lane; Fern Lea Street; Gas Works Road; Gratrix Lane; Greenups Mill; Greenups Terrace



Get a water-efficient shower head
Replace your old shower head with a water efficient version and you could save around 40 litres a day.

Blessed are those who remember that God gave that world into our care.



Please pray for
Katie Fenton
Eliza Doughty
Milli Baxter
Blair Robinson
who all get baptised today



...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!

Next week

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026
TRINITY 11

FIRST READING

GENESIS 45:1-15

PSALM

PSALM 133

SECOND READING

ROMANS 11.1-2A,29-32

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15.(10-20),21-28

SERVERS

GRAHAM LAMB

PETER HENRY

FIRST READING

CATHERINE PRISTLEY

PSALM

PAUL HEALEY

SECOND READING

GRAHAM LAMB

INTERCESSIONS

ALYSSA CALLIGHAN

SIDES PERSON

JANET TURNER & JANE MUNDY

DIARY

Monday

10.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday

10.00am Coffee Morning

11.30 Mid week Communion

1.00pm Craft & Chatter

Wednesday

Thursday

6.30pm BCP Evening prayer

Friday

Saturday

10:00am Coffee Morning

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion



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

an 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.

Summer Social Event

Dust off your competitive spirit (or just come along for the fun!) and join us for our Summer Social Event next Saturday, 15th August at Hillcrest Bowling Club, Langton Street. There's plenty of parking available, so getting there is easy.



Practice from: 11:30am



Competition starts: 12:00pm–12:15pm

We'll be playing a friendly pairs knockout competition, playing first team to 11 with the bowling club making the draw to decide who plays with (and against!) whom. Whether you're aiming for glory or just having a go, everyone is welcome.



Bring and Share Lunch

Please bring along something to share as we enjoy lunch together between the bowling and the conversation.



The Club Bar will be open throughout the day, serving a range of drinks.

Whether you're a seasoned bowler or have never picked up a bowl before, come along for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship, laughter, and a little friendly competition. We look forward to seeing you there!

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people
anyone

Jesus
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friends
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servant
tricky

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house
deserves
Capernaum
Israel

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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Baby Change - Navigating the Mess! By Anne Calver, SPCK £11.99

This book is about navigating (with Jesus) the changes that hit you when you bring a child into the western world.

I thought having a baby would complete me. I was wrong.

I believed I'd be a great parent and a natural 'mum'. I wasn't.

I thought I'd know what to do. I didn't.

What happens when two become three? When sleep is a myth? When friends used to see you – but now see your baby? Is your identity lost in motherhood? Does your brain still work? 'In those early years I could barely follow an episode of Peppa Pig,' says Anne, 'let alone pick up a Bible.'

This book helps you make wise decisions over your children. It addresses the challenges of parenthood – for instance, should you return to work? Anne uses examples from her own struggle, together with biblical insights and other people's experiences, to help you know you are not alone.

Smile Lines

This month many newly ordained clergy will be settling into parishes across the country. So, with them in mind, we offer some old 'new curate jokes'....

Where are we?

When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money. Can't help thinking that Columbus reminds me of some teenagers who go on family holidays...

Sky at night

The scientific theory that I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.



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