

Glossop Parish Church of All Saints

Newsletter: August 2026

Diocesan Vision Prayer

Gracious God,
in your mercy, and for your glory,
renew us, reshape us, revive us –
with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love –
that, in transformed lives, through growing church and building community,
we may see your Kingdom come
and be good news for all.
Amen.

Vicar's Voice

We have recently hosted the leaving services for both our church schools – Duke of Norfolk in Glossop and St Andrew's in Hadfield. They were occasions filled with mixed emotions: thankfulness for all the rich experiences that have been shared; sadness in saying goodbyes and marking the end of a chapter; excitement at the beginning of the summer holidays; and a sense of anticipation, and also some apprehension, looking ahead to change and new beginnings.

In the meantime, the month of August will, we hope, offer a time of refreshment and renewal for both pupils and staff, as they prepare for a new school year and all that it will bring.

For all of us, life carries its own pressures and demands, and it is so important that we find space within our routines to pause, step back, rest, and recharge. This is not only about taking longer breaks or holidays, but also about how we create moments of stillness and

renewal in our daily and weekly lives. (Maybe you might consider joining in some of our midweek services and times of prayer, which tend to be quieter and more reflective – details of which are elsewhere in this newsletter).

At the same time, we might ask ourselves how open and attentive we are to one another. In a world that often feels busy and distracted, taking time to truly notice others – to listen, to offer a kind word, or simply to be present – can make a profound difference.

As we move through this summer season, may we not only find rest for ourselves, but also grow in our awareness of those around us. May we be ready to offer care, encouragement, and compassion, reflecting God's love in the small, everyday moments.

In doing so, we help to build a community where everyone feels seen, valued, and supported – something that, in its own quiet way, reflects the presence of God's Kingdom among us.

Bishop Jackie writes...

Walking the Camino

*'Blessed are those whose strength is in you;
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage' Ps 84:5*

Towards the end of May, just a few weeks after starting as Acting Bishop of Derby, I spent a week on pilgrimage. My heart had been set on walking the Camino do Santiago ('The Way of St James') for many years – and retirement offered the opportunity.

I wanted to make space for reflection on the pilgrimage of life. I hoped to connect with God and my Christian heritage, seeking wisdom and spiritual insight. And I wanted to walk those ancient paths in the company of fellow pilgrims. It is a matter of God's sense of humour that as I embarked on my travels, I found myself called into ministry in the Diocese of Derby.

This is how life is as people of faith. We trust our ways to God and trust God's timing too. In the end, it was the perfect time to reflect on being back in Derby, on God's providence in the twists and turns of the journey of life.

On the sixth day, our last day of walking, our guide gave clear instructions – though we had walked at our own pace up until now, for the very last section of the day, the two miles into Santiago de Compostela, we would walk together. Our group had bonded, with

deep conversations at times, and companionable silence at others. To arrive together, at our destination, was a moment of great joy, and tears – we had done it. We had come to the holy place. That evening many of us attended the Pilgrims' Mass in the Cathedral – people of all nations and many languages, united in our worship and gratitude.

A prayer at the end of the Mass was said in English: 'As you kept them safe on their Camino way, may you keep them safe on their journey home; may they live the gospel of Jesus as their Camino of life continues.'

As we journey together in the diocese for this season, may we, as God's pilgrim people, live the gospel of Jesus.

With gratitude for our companionship and with prayers and blessings for the journey we share.

Bishop Jackie
The Rt Revd Jackie Searle
Acting Bishop of Derby

Services

Sunday 2nd August
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Thursday 6th August
Mid-week Eucharist 10.30 am

Sunday 9th August
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Thursday 13th August
Mid-week Eucharist 10.30 am

Sunday 16th August
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Thursday 20th August
Mid-week Eucharist 10.30 am

Sunday 23rd August
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Thursday 27th August
Mid-week Eucharist 10.30 am

Saturday Mornings 9.30 am
Morning Prayer - All welcome

Christian Feast Days and Celebrations

August 6: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

August 10: Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 24: Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

August 29: The Passion (Beheading) of St. John the Baptist

Congratulations to Peter Matthews on his 91st birthday. Peter sends his best wishes to everybody.

LAMMAS CELTIC GATHERING



Saturday 1st
August 4pm
All Saints CoE
Glossop

At Lammas we celebrate the first harvest. This year we will consider how the heatwaves affects us all. We will break bread as a symbol of our connection with the Earth and each other.

All are welcome,
from all faiths and none.

Mother's Union

Transforming lives through faith, community and action

For 150 years, Mother's Union has been making a meaningful difference in the lives of millions worldwide through our unique, faith-based and community-led approach to tackling poverty, injustice and violence. We understand that these challenges are deeply interconnected and as such, our response is holistic, while confronting the systemic causes and consequences of marginalisation and oppression.

To celebrate 150 years of faithful service of Mother's Union members, Derby Diocese are taking part in reading all 150 psalms. These have been broken down into 5 areas, each area taking on 30 psalms each. Can you help Glossop in this task?

Glossop psalms 1-30

Wingerworth psalms 31-61

Matlock psalms 62-92

Melbourne psalms 93-123

Cathedral Psalms 124 - 150

Congratulations to one of our Mother's Union Diocesan Members, - Rev Alan Fitch , as he celebrates 60 years as a priest this weekend. Alan is also the MU lead for Modern Slavery. We send Alan our best wishes & wish him every blessing in his continuing ministry.

Congratulations to Derek Marbeck on his special birthday.

Community of the Resurrection Festival Day

On Saturday, 4th July a small group from Glossop Parish Church of All Saints attended the annual Festival Day at the Community of Resurrection in Mirfield.

This year was every bit as peaceful and emotional as last year. The group attended the services of worship during the day: Afternoon tea and cake was enjoyed by all.

At the end of the day the group left feeling at peace and thanking the God for a wonderful day.



In line with Church of England guidance, we hosted a screening of People's Emergency Briefing on 5th July. It was attended by over 50 people and there was an excellent questions and comments time at the end.

The CoE website says: A new opportunity is emerging for churches to engage their communities with one of the most urgent issues of our time. The People's Emergency Briefing is a powerful new film, bringing together leading expert insights on the climate and nature crisis into a single, accessible narrative.

Designed for community screening, the film presents the national implications of climate and nature breakdown alongside credible, hopeful responses. It combines expert contributions with real audience reactions, helping viewers not only understand the scale of the crisis, but begin conversations about how to respond together.

Across the UK, churches are being invited to host screenings, engage with local communities, and even connect with MPs as part of a growing call for national action. The aim is simple but significant: to help create a tipping point towards the urgent, collective response that is now needed.

"I encourage churches to invite their wider community and show this film – it's a wake up for us all. Its message to care for climate, people, nature is so urgently needed, not least so that we might live and act as Jesus would have us be." Rt Rev Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich and Lead Bishop for Environment

Churches have always played a vital role in times of national challenge; offering care, refuge and a moral voice. The climate crisis is no different. The Church is called to be a prophetic voice and leading by example, show that a different way of living is possible. It

affects every part of society, from health and wellbeing to food systems and national security and calls for both practical action and spiritual reflection.

Go to <https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film> to find out more.

If you missed it, there will be a further showing at St Matthews, Hayfield on 7th August, at 7 for 7.30, or contact All Saints if you wish us to consider showing it again. Given the summer we are having, it is vital that we become accurately informed.

Earth Overshoot Day



Earth Overshoot Day, falling on July 30 means that humanity, from January 1 until that date, has demanded as much from nature as Earth's ecosystems can regenerate in that year. It is currently using nature 73% faster than ecosystems can regenerate, the equivalent of living off 1.73 Earths. This is based on the latest National Footprint and Biocapacity Accounts.

A variety of factors contribute to overshoot, such as cars, power plants and factories emitting more CO₂ than the biosphere can absorb, more freshwater being consumed than is replenished, more trees being harvested than can regrow, and more fish being caught than stocks can replenish. Overuse depletes natural capital and threatens long-term economic security worldwide.

If Earth Overshoot Day 2026 tells us anything, it's that small, isolated actions won't be enough.

We need to rethink how resources flow through our systems:

- Design for reuse instead of disposal
- Improve recovery so materials stay in circulation
- Reduce dependence on virgin resources
- Build models that align with a regenerative economy

These aren't idealistic ideas. They are practical shifts that directly reduce ecological overshoot.

Why Not Glossop? Exploring Moorland Rewilding

George Street Bookshop and Friends of Whitfield Rec and Green Spaces are hosting this event at Whitfield Community Centre on 11 August at 7.30pm. For more information, and to book tickets (free or donate what you feel), go to Why Not Glossop? [Exploring moorland rewilding with a film, Q&A + discussion Tickets, Tuesday, August 11 • 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



Churchyard

July is one of the busiest months in nature  Bees buzzing, wildflowers blooming, birds feeding - creation is alive! Which of these have you spotted? 



Cinnabar Moth Caterpillar (above) and Cinnabar Moth (below).



Swifts and Wildlife in Glossop

May, June and July has indeed been very busy for Swifts and Wildlife in Glossop.

Several swifts were spotted at the beginning of May and many more arrived during the following weeks.

Great excitement in June as we watched two eggs that had been laid and eventually hatched. Whilst we watched the chicks' development, unfortunately they did not survive.

Lots of reports about sightings of hedgehogs in Old Glossop. A few sick hedgehogs referred to Hog Manor which is in Delph, near Mossley.

In July several of the community enjoyed a 'swift walk' around the area.

The news was not good at the beginning of April when it was reported that Network Rail had 'blocked up' nesting holes in Derbyshire rail viaduct. Due to the anger of Swift campaigners Network Rail says it will install new bird nesting boxes at a High Peak viaduct.

If you are interested in more information of the group please let us know.

Gravestones

Great excitement as one of our volunteers removed mounds of grass and soil to uncover this beautiful gravestone.

Work continues in the churchyard every Saturday morning from 10.00-12.00 noon.

If you are interested in joining us please come along on a Saturday morning.



Derbyshire wildlife

We have been contacted by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to advise about an upcoming project, a collaboration between Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and High Peak Borough Council.

The aim of the project - A Wilder High Peak, is to connect communities and nature in many ways, from engaging with local groups, to advising farmers on sustainable land management. One of the key aspects is to involve churches in improving the habitat for wildlife in the High Peak.

Churchyards can be an important sanctuary for wildlife, supporting a wide range of plants and animals. Church communities believe in caring for God's creation and taking action to protect it.

This project aims to support churches to make churchyards places where wildlife can thrive.

This could include areas for wildflowers to support pollinating insects, ponds, habitat for species which are increasingly threatened such as hedgehogs and bats, or swift boxes to provide nesting space for these beautiful summer visitors.

Support will include both the expertise and experience of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and grants to make the work happen.

It is hoped that the project will help church and other community groups act as advocates for wildlife in their areas.

If there is something which you would like to see happen in your churchyard, or if you would like to be involved but are not sure what could be possible, please do get in touch! There is no need to commit to any practical habitat work yet, they just want to confirm the churches that are willing to work with DWT on the project once the funding is finalised.

They are currently halfway through a similar funded project called Wilder Chesterfield, so you can learn more about what DWT want to achieve on their website [Wilder Chesterfield | Derbyshire Wildlife Trust](#)

We are happy to report that Gordon Sephton has been appointed Energy and Environment Officer for the Diocese of Derby.

Gordon is a great source of information and support on our Eco journey and for sharing information with other parishes within our Diocese.

For more information go to Diocese of Derby Environment Network, Facebook page.

Payback team

Thank you to the payback team who for the past six weeks have helped clear the church path and generally tidied the churchyard.

It was our pleasure in working with the team and discovering cinnabar caterpillars and discussing what they would turn into and the wildflower that they fed on.

Unfortunately that team has moved on as a change of supervisor has taken place but we look forward to working with a new team on Saturdays in the future.

Joseph Hague memorial has now been cleared of weeds and debris and the lettering re gilded, ready for Heritage Week.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight 2026 will take place 21st September – 4th October.

Once again the UK will be celebrating the difference we can all make when we choose Fairtrade and campaign as part of the global fair trade movement.

Tea/coffee afternoon

Glossop Parish Church - Tuesday 29th September - 2.00 - 4.00pm

Coffee Morning

Bradbury House - Saturday 26th September - 10.00-12.00 noon

Heritage week- 12th - 19th September

Glossop Parish Church open days., 12th and 19th September

St Mary Crowned - Check out the plainsong workshop, for anyone who loves ancient music.   plainsong,

All welcome

Future dates

Anniversary of dedication of nave - 9th August

Fairtrade week Sept 21st to Oct 4th.

Coffee afternoon Glossop Parish Church September 29th 2.00-4.00pm
Bradbury House Coffee Morning - September 26th.

Manchester cathedral - Fairtrade Ecofest - 3rd October, 10.30 - 1.30pm

Jane & Jude, Shepley's Cafe have offered to open the Cafe for a fundraiser for the Swifts & Wildlife group on Sunday 27th September.

MacMillan Coffee Morning 27th September - after church service

Global Week of Action for Climate Justice September 14th to 20th

Stream cleaning, Old Glossop, 7th November
Christmas Market, 6th December

Creation Season - The Season of Creation 2026 takes place from September 1 to October 4, 2026, centered around the theme "Living Waters" (or "Immersion in Living Water") and inspired by the prophet Ezekiel (Ezekiel 47:1-12). This annual ecumenical event invites Christians worldwide to join in prayer and action for environmental restoration and climate justice.

Prayer

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all
your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us,
for all that you are to us. In our weakness you are strength;
in our darkness you are light;
In our sorrow you are comfort and peace.
We cannot declare your love. For all your goodness we bless you, may we live as in your
presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus
Christ our Lord
Amen.

From a prayer by St Boniface

For ***Peace and Quiet*** and more information of events, please visit:
[A Church Near You, Glossop Parish Church of All Saints.](#)

Peace and Quiet is offered online as an opportunity, whenever you need it, to take time out from the daily tasks, worries and fears which are our common experiences of life. Through words, music and pictures we encourage a time of calm 'mindfulness' and renewed hope.

Communication

How to contact us

Email - davidridley@btinternet.com

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A church near you - <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13286>

Facebook - Glossop Parish Church

Communication available

Weekly newsletter

Monthly newsletter

WhatsApp groups - Environmental concerns / Festive planning

A church near you - Peace and Quiet down loaded monthly.

Please contact us if you wish to receive either newsletter or you wish to join the WhatsApp groups.

Easy fundraising

Help raise much needed funds for Glossop Parish Church.

When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for your cause.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=17040&invite=3B8ZBP&referral-campaign=c2s>

***Home Communion:** If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their own home, please contact a member of the ministry team.*

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