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Readings & News: 16th August 2026: Todmorden, Cornholme and Walsden

Isaiah 56: 1,6-8 **56** Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ²Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it and refrains from doing any evil. ³Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say, 'The Lord will surely separate me from his people'; and do not let the eunuch say, 'I am just a dry tree.' ⁴For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, ⁵I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 **11** I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15: 10-28 ¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.



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Collect God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion: Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns: 16th August 2026: from Hymns O&N

Introit: Lord Jesus Christ - 411

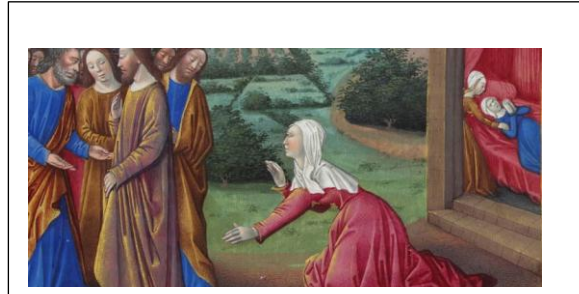
Gradual: A new commandment - 35

Offertory: An Upper Room - 38

Communion: Broken for me - 87

Communion: Ubi Caritas - 946

Recessional: Jerusalem - 33



CHALLENGE 777 - 22nd August from 9.45am - Last August we took the funeral of David Wilson, a Tod Harrier. In memory of David and fellow runner, Lisa Miles, the 777 Challenge raises funds for Overgate Hospice. **EVERYONE is invited** to complete a lap (or laps) of Centre Vale Park, running, walking, hopping, skipping or "other", to raise funds.

Summer Orchestra - Saturday 5th September, 7pm - volunteers and baking needed
A lovely programme including Dvorak, Vivaldi (Summer), Schubert, Ireland and Purcell

Heritage Week - Dedication festival 6th September at 11am, with unveiling of plaque to Terry Halstead former Reader and Bell Ringer, who was still ringing aged 100

Civic Service Celebrating 550 years - Sunday 13th September at 11am

Open Exhibition from 6th to 20th September - Volunteers needed for church opening, From 10am to 4pm each day and some evenings. Please see volunteering book.

Friday 18th September - the annual Ann Lister Memorial Service at Halifax Minster, led by Rev Catherine - service at 7.30pm, with tea beforehand from 6pm

MacMillan Coffee morning - Friday 25th September from 10am in the Crypt at St Mary's, with Warburtons Funeral Service. All Welcome and baking needed.

For notices, weddings, funerals, baptisms and volunteering please contact:

- Rev Catherine: 07711 611201 / Catherine.Shelley@leeds.anglican.org

We continue to pray for: Gwen Mills, Jacob Howarth, Roy Yearsley, Viv Hawksworth, Mandy Fielden, Norman Cruikshank, Margaret McArdle; Sarah Battershell, Robert Scholey, Joyce Campion, Trevor Smith, Meg Kennedy, Jeffrey Hunter, Lisa & Michael Kenyon, Natasha McArdle, Ann Mason, Zoe Beesley, Lorna & Peter Shackleton, Roger & Pat Dale, Maureen Marshall, Val Cottam, Rowena, Bill Braviner, David Crossley, Mary Clear, Dr Diana Harris, Richard Goodeve, Jules Mercer, Mark Johnston, Stephen Maw, Catherine, Patty Edmonds, Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan & Yemen

Recently Departed Pauline Brown, Michael Wollerton, Jane Bastow, Jane Lynch Watson

In Memory: Clara Clegg, Elsie Harrison, Joan Pearson, Harry E. Holdsworth, Clifton Eastwood, Malcolm Dale, Kathleen Horsfall, Syd Goodrich, Terry Halstead, Peter Cryer, Susan P Coules, Brother Roger of Taize