

**United Benefice of Skipton, Christ Church
with Carleton, St Mary**



Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2026

Weekly Services

Christ Church

Sunday at 9.30am – Eucharist

Wednesday at 9.30am – Eucharist

St Mary's

Each Sunday at 11.15am

3rd and 5th Sunday – Bread Wine and Worship

2nd and 4th Sunday – Parish Eucharist

1st Sunday of each month -

8am BCP Communion

11.15am Family Praise

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SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

Tuesday 1 September <i>Giles, hermit c.710</i>	1 Corinthians 2.10b–end; Psalm 145.10–17; Luke 4.31–37
Wednesday 2 September <i>Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942</i>	1 Corinthians 3.1–9; Psalm 62; Luke 4.38–end
Thursday 3 September Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604	1 Corinthians 3.18–end; Psalm 24.1–6; Luke 5.1–11
Friday 4 September <i>Birinus, bishop, 650</i>	1 Corinthians 4.1–5; Psalm 37.3–8; Luke 5.33–end
Saturday 5 September	1 Corinthians 4.6–15; Psalm 145.18–end; Luke 6.1–5
Sunday 6 September	Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20
Monday 7 September	1 Corinthians 5.1–8; Psalm 5.5–9a; Luke 6.6–11
Tuesday 8 September Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Accession of King Charles III, 2022;	1 Corinthians 6.1–11; Psalm 149.1–5; Luke 6.12–19
Wednesday 9 September <i>Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880</i>	1 Corinthians 7.25–31; Psalm 45.11–end; Luke 6.20–26
Thursday 10 September	1 Corinthians 8.1–7, 1–end; Psalm 139.1–9; Luke 6.27–38
Friday 11 September	1 Corinthians 9.16–19, 22–end; Psalm 84.1–6; Luke 6.39–42
Saturday 12 September	1 Corinthians 10.14–22; Psalm 116.10–end; Luke 6.43–end
Sunday 13 September 15th Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114 <i>or Canticle</i> : Exodus 15.1b-11, 20,21; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35
Monday 14 September Holy Cross Day	Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 22.23-28; Philippians 2.6-11; John 3.13-17
Tuesday 15 September Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258	1 Corinthians 12.12–14, 27–end; Psalm 100; Luke 7.11–17
Wednesday 16 September Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Scots, c.432 <i>Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882</i>	1 Corinthians 12.31b–13.end; Psalm 33.1–12; Luke 7.31–35
Thursday 17 September Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179	1 Corinthians 15.1–11; Psalm 118; 1–2, 17–20; Luke 7.36–end
Friday 18 September	1 Corinthians 15.12–20; Psalm 17.1–8; Luke 8.1–3
Saturday 19 September <i>Theodore, archbishop, 690</i>	1 Corinthians 15.35–37, 42–49; Psalm 30.1–5; Luke 8.4–15
Sunday 20 September 16th Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 16.2-15; Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16
Monday 21 September Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Proverbs 3.13-18; Psalm 119.65-72; 2 Corinthians 4.1-6; Matthew 9.9-13
Tuesday 22 September	Proverbs 21.1–6, 10–13; Psalm 119.1–8; Luke 8.19–21
Wednesday 23 September Ember Day	Proverbs 30.5–9; Psalm 119.105–112; Luke 9.1–6
Thursday 24 September	Ecclesiastes 1.2–11; Psalm 90; 1–6; Luke 9.7–9

Friday 25 September Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626 <i>Sergei of Radonezh, monastic reformer, teacher of the faith, 1392</i> <i>Ember Day</i>	Ecclesiastes 3.1–11; Psalm 144.1–4; Luke 9.18–22
Saturday 26 September <i>Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942</i> <i>Ember Day</i>	Ecclesiastes 11.9–12.8; Psalm 90.1–2, 12–end; Luke 9.43b–45
Sunday 27 September 17th Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32
Monday 28 September	Job 1.6–end; Psalm 17.1–11; Luke 9.46–50
Tuesday 29 September Michael and All Angels	Genesis 28.10-17 or Revelation 12.7-12; Psalm 103.19-22; Revelation 12.7-12 or Hebrews 1.5-14; John 1.47-51
Wednesday 30 September Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420	Job 9.1–12, 14–16; Psalm 88.1–6, 11; Luke 9.57–end

Revd Kathia to retire

Our vicar, the Revd Canon Kathia Shoesmith, has announced she will retire later this year.

Kathia will officially leave Christ Church, Skipton and St Mary's, Carleton, on November 30th, and her last service will be on November 22nd.

Kathia joined us in October 2022 and was instrumental in helping us recover from the Covid pandemic. She has also built an effective ministry team, training our two curates, Revd Prof Emma Halliwell, and Revd Clare Wood, and welcoming retired priests, Revd Malcolm Foy, and Revd Canon David Stevens, as well as Mrs Anthea Foy as Reader.

There will be an occasion nearer her retirement date when we can wish her a fond farewell and offer thanks for her hard work and service to our two churches.



News

Deanery Network Co-Ordinator Project

Phase 1 Humble Enquiry

Tom has completed the first stage of the project, Humble Enquiry, talking with people and sharing with them what makes them sad, what makes them glad, how they sustain a spiritual life and many other fascinating areas of personal and collective



challenge and spirituality. Working with Anne and Clare these conversations have been collated and distilled into five major topics or themes. These are being used as a basis for shared working and co-operation amongst PCCs, individuals, Incumbents, Parishes and the wider Deanery.

Deanery Event July 4th Signs of Resurrection

Our morning began with one person's compelling story or spiritual awakening followed by two reflections on social justice, a strong theme which has



emerged as very alive in the deanery. We heard about how we can address our responsibility to God's Creation around us, before moving to a challenge as to what Christian inclusivity should mean.

The next session told stories about the use of creative arts in worship; the two inputs about poetry and music initiatives in different



parts of the deanery. This was followed by an enthusiastic and very practical account of working with young people "up the Dale".

Deanery Prayer

Servant God,
Keep us
Intentionally
Praying
Towards
Our
Neighbours,

Delighting in
Each new
Attempt to
Network, encouraging
Everything to
Rest in
You

The morning finished with two reflections on the Church in Growth. The first celebrated the local: what we had been hearing and sharing all morning as evidence of Christ active in our communities in ways beyond the pews on Sunday mornings. The last speaker addressed the thorny questions around how our faith relates to a world where the macro stories are bleak.

This morning of celebration, story -telling, challenge and sharing showed that the power of small rural communities is often hidden to the casual viewer but that in diverse ways Christ is alive among us and that



we should rejoice where we see that rather than listen to the doomsayers. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I shall be there".

Deanery Network Co- Ordinator Project

Moving from Phase 1 to phase 2

Creating a Roadmap

The offer to share the outcomes of the distilled themes captured during Tom's conversations and the Deanery Event has been made to all PCCs in an effort to target resources, help and support where it is needed which will be different from community to community. Tom and/or a member of the steering group will come along as requested.

Skipton Deanery Hosts an Ecumenical Advent Course - 'Reflection at the Well'.

External speakers will lead the sessions each through a different lens. A pack of resources will be collated from these talks, including a video which will be shared by parishes/individuals unable to make the sessions.

Week 1 - Hope - Weds. Nov 25th

Guest speaker Revd Andrew Nunn - retired Dean of Southwark Cathedral

Week 2 - Spirituality - Weds. Dec 2nd

Guest speaker Revd Dr Janet Williams - Vice-principal of St Hild Theological College

Week 3 - Wholeness and healing - Weds Dec 9th

Guest speakers Revd Sue Hamersley Holy Rood House, Thirsk

Week 4 - Discipleship - Weds Dec 16th

Revd Andy Sellers - Local Ecumenical leader

These sessions will be held at Skipton Arts Centre at 12.00 noon. Light refreshments will be provided, and participants are invited to bring their own lunch.

Forthcoming Synod Meetings:

- Online meeting with retired clergy, with PTO, to elect representatives to the Synod House of Clergy: **Wednesday 9th September 7.00pm.**
- Online meeting with the House of Laity to elect a Lay Chair and to elect members to the re-initiated Standing Committee: **Wednesday 9th September 7.30pm.**
- Online meeting of full Deanery Synod on **Wednesday 16th September 7.00pm**

- In person **15th October 2026**
- In person **3rd February 2027**
- In person **17th March 2027**
- In person **15th April 2027**

(Venues tbc)

Forthcoming Events:

September 23rd/24th – Climate Change and its Mitigation -Holy Trinity (details tbc)

October (date tbc)– Workshop – Eco Church – preparing for bronze award

November and December – Advent Course (see over)

Watch this Space!

January – Workshop – Deanery Mapping Exercise

February – Workshop -Parish Admin Road Map Guide

February – Wholeness and Healing

March – Big Sing

TBC - Choral Evensong

TBC – Peace Vigil

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If you have any items, pictures, events or prayers you would like to share with others in the Deanery by including in the next newsletter (November 2026) please send to anne@vetch.co.uk before 10th October 2026

Quiet Day - Saturday 3rd October 2026
at Christ Church Skipton



‘All shall be well’

Exploring Julian’s Revelations of Divine Love

Programme

- 0930 - Welcome and refreshments
- 1000 - Opening prayer
- 1015 - Introduction to the day
- 1030 **Session 1: Divine Love and Compassion**
- 1130 - Coffee break
- 1145 **Session 2: The Motherhood of God**
- 1245 - Lunch
- 1330 **Session 3: Suffering and Transformation**
- 1430 - Refreshments
- 1445 - **Session 4: The Soul’s Journey to God**
- 1545 - Closing prayer
- 1600 - Day ends

Tea and coffee will be provided throughout the day, please bring your own lunch.

07/08/2026

New Bishop of Leeds announced

The new Bishop of Leeds will be the Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth, it was announced by the Prime Minister's office today, after the King approved his nomination for election.



Bishop Toby will be the second Bishop of Leeds, following the retirement of the Rt Revd Nick Baines in November 2025. He has served as Area Bishop of Bradford in the Diocese since 2014 and has been Acting Bishop of Leeds since Bishop Nick's retirement.

Bishop Toby said: "I have a deep sense of joy and longing. Joy to have been called to serve as Bishop of Leeds in this glorious Diocese that I've grown to love over the last twelve years. Joy to be working with such a rich diversity of churches and cathedrals, schools and chaplaincies, faith and community partners, businesses, institutions and statutory services filled with faithful and creative people working in often challenging contexts. Joy to be part of such a committed and talented diocesan staff team.

"But also longing. Longing for us all to experience more and more of God's abundant love in Jesus transforming our lives, our homes and our communities."

Commenting on the appointment, the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, said: "Leeds is a remarkable Diocese, shaped by a rich history, extraordinary diversity and a deep commitment to sharing the hope of Jesus Christ in every community. Bishop Toby knows and loves this Diocese so well. I am delighted that he will lead the next chapter of the life and witness of the church in this place.

"Bishop Toby's passion for sharing the good news of the Gospel alongside his profound commitment to interfaith dialogue equip him to serve all those who call these communities home."

Bishop Toby will lead on the next stage of the Diocese of Leeds vision of becoming confident Christians, growing churches and transforming communities.

"I am looking forward to working across the Diocese as we take forward that vision together," he said. "Over the next weeks and months, I will be listening to partners and communities both inside and outside the Church to hear how we can best support churches and leaders to be confident in our mission and purpose, to ensure we are efficient, effective and sustainable as a diocese and to be relevantly living and telling the good news of Jesus in our rapidly changing world."

During the autumn, Bishop Toby will be elected to the role of Diocesan Bishop of Leeds following a joint meeting of the Cathedral Colleges of Canons in Ripon and his election will be confirmed by the Archbishop of York at York Minster. Three services of welcome and installation will follow at Bradford Cathedral, Ripon Cathedral and Wakefield Cathedral. From September onwards, Bishop Toby will be undertaking a programme of visits to meet and listen to people from churches, organisations and communities around the Diocese.

To mark the announcement today, Bishop Toby climbed Great Whernside, one of the highest points in the diocese, from where there is a view right across this vast, varied and wonderful region. Hear from him on the mountain!

About Bishop Toby

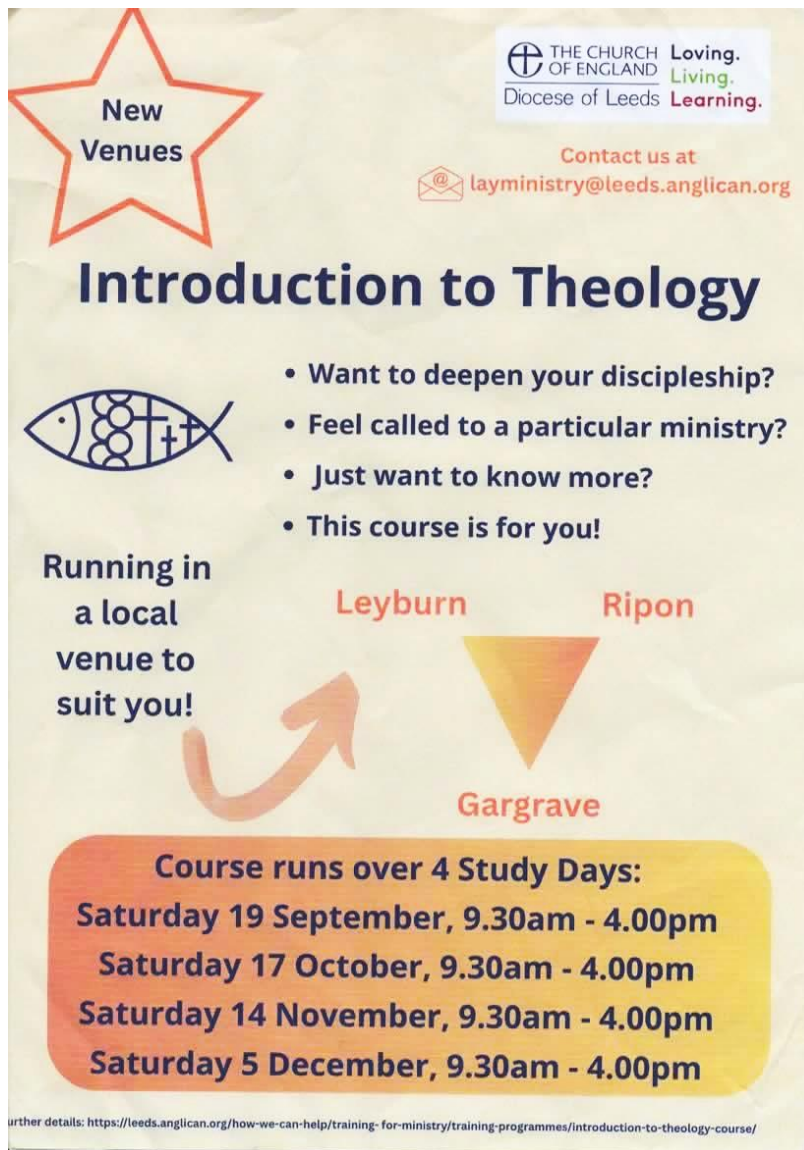
Toby Howarth was born in Kenya and went to school at Haverstock Comprehensive in North London. He received scholarships to study at high school and Yale University in the United States, including a summer working with Afghan refugees in northern Pakistan. On coming back to Britain, he was a research assistant for the Revd Dr John Stott for two years before becoming a postman in the East End of London.

After training in Oxford, Birmingham and Uganda, combining Christian theology with an MA in Islamic Studies at the University of Birmingham, Toby was ordained and served in an inner-city parish in Derby. He then moved to India with his family for five years, during which he did research in Islamic preaching for a PhD from the Free University of Amsterdam.

Returning to Europe, Toby served with a Dutch church in Rotterdam before moving back to Birmingham where he taught Islamic studies and worked as Tutor and then Vice Principal at Crowther Hall in Selly Oak.

In 2004 he took up parish work again as Vicar of St Christopher's, Springfield, a church in a majority Muslim area of Birmingham. In addition to the parish role, Toby was the Bishop of Birmingham's Adviser on Inter Faith Relations until April 2011 when he became Interreligious Affairs Secretary for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In 2014 he became Area Bishop of Bradford, the first person to hold the role in the new Diocese of Leeds. Bishop Toby is married to Henriette, who is also ordained, and they have three adult children.



New Venues

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Gargrave

Course runs over 4 Study Days:

- Saturday 19 September, 9.30am - 4.00pm
- Saturday 17 October, 9.30am - 4.00pm
- Saturday 14 November, 9.30am - 4.00pm
- Saturday 5 December, 9.30am - 4.00pm

Further details: <https://leeds.anglican.org/how-we-can-help/training-for-ministry/training-programmes/introduction-to-theology-course/>

Introduction to Theology - Hybrid Training Hubs in the Ripon Area

Would you love to access good quality training from the Diocesan Team, but struggle to get to events that may be miles away or are offered online but internet connectivity is poor?

We recognise the accessibility issues that disadvantage those in the more rural areas of our diocese and we have invested money, time and resources in beginning to change that.

We now have three training hubs in the Ripon Episcopal Area: Ripon, Gargrave and Leyburn. These hubs are fully equipped with the technology that allows groups to join in with 'hybrid' training. Tutors join by Zoom and 'owl' technology allows groups to interact with them and other groups in the training session.

More details and booking information can be found at: <https://leeds.anglican.org/how-we-can-help/training-for-ministry/training-programmes/introduction-to-theology-course/>

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Skipton Food Bank

This is a list of standard items that we use to make up our food parcels. All items should be in good condition, unopened and not past their *use by* or *best before* date. This is a list of what currently is included in our food parcels

Food

- Tinned meat
- Custard
- Tinned fruit
- Instant Coffee
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Jam/Marmalade
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Tinned veg, e.g. Sweetcorn, Peas, Carrots
- Rice
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned Fish
- Quick cook meals – noodles, rice & pasta
- UHT milk
- Pasta
- Soup
- Beans
- Cereal

Toiletries

- Toilet roll
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shower Gel
- Sanitary Products

We also collect

- Dog food
- Cat food
- Nappies (large size 5 or 6 most helpful)
- Baby wipes
- Household cleaning items and washing powder

Our heartfelt thanks. Together, we are able to provide much needed support to many households in Craven.



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- **North Yorkshire Young People's Pathway:** This service offers young people the necessary support, advice and mediation to enable them to stay in their present accommodation. Where it is not possible for someone to remain at home, we have a variety of accommodation options to suit their needs.
- **Mental Health Scheme:** This service takes referrals from many places, including the Community Mental Health Team, GP, hospitals, substance misuse agencies as well as self-referrals, for those with a severe and enduring mental health diagnoses. We offer a mixture of floating support and accommodation based supported housing.

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Telephone: 01756 701195

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or in the office across the road from Christ Church, at:

The Carriage Works, 3-5 Cross Street, Skipton BD23 2AH

(hours: 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

St Mary's 'Coffee Pot' is open each Friday

from 2pm – 4pm

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Please send any Notices/articles for the September edition to

christchurchstmarysoffice@gmail.com before 25th September.

Thank you.