Parish of Todmorden, Cornholme and Walsden
Readings & News, 1 November 2026 – Feast of All Saints

Hymns

Opening: 177 - For All the Saints
Gradual: Sheet - Ancient Worlds
Offertory: 199 - Gather around
Communion: 540 – O Thou who at the Eucharist did pray
Communion: 931 – Jesus remember me
Final: 419 – Mine eyes have seen the glory

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
Grant that we, who have shared this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,
May with all thy saints be welcomed to the heavenly feast in the day of thy kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Revelation 7:9-17 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike

them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

1 John 3:1-13 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters. For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you.

Matthew 5:1-12 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Notices

Crypt café - we are looking for more volunteers for our Thursday Crypt Café. Please talk to Rev Catherine.

Bishop Toby will be confirmed as the new Bishop of Leeds on Friday 6th November at a service in York Minster and will then be installed in all three of Leeds Cathedrals on the following dates:

Sunday 17 January at 3pm - Bradford Cathedral
Saturday 23 January at 11am - Ripon Cathedral
Saturday 30 January at 11am - Wakefield Cathedral

Members of the parish have booked onto the service on 17 January.
To book go to: https://bradfordcathedral.churchsuite.com/events/blgju71v

Christmas flyers now available at the back of church – please share widely!

What’s On – All Welcome!

TODAY: All Souls Service: Sunday 1 November 4pm – a service to remember those who have gone before us.

TOMORROW: Deanery Synod: Monday 2 November at 7pm - Bishop Smitha and Rev Evie Vernon from the Racial Justice team will join us, speaking about Racial Justice and multiculturalism. All are welcome to attend; support with refreshments appreciated!

Funeral of Catherine Endley: Monday 2 November 2pm at Priestwell

Hepton Singers Concert: Saturday 7 November 4pm **

Remembrance Sunday: 8 November – 9.30am service at St Mary’s, followed by 10.50am at the War Memorial at Centre Vale. 8am Communion as usual.

Todmorden Book Festival buy tickets online at todmordenbookfestival.co.uk:

Naz Shah: Saturday 7 November, 7.30pm **
Campbell Malone: Tuesday 10 November 7.30pm **
Jeremy Hunt: Thursday 12 November 7.30pm **
Punk to Proms: Saturday 14 November 7.30pm **

Assembly Bangers: Saturday 21 November, 2-4pm – classic school hymns brought to us by our very own Town Crier. **

Dementia Friendly Carols: Wednesday 2 December, 2pm – start getting into the Christmas spirit with Dementia Friendly Todmorden.

Three Valleys Gospel Choir Christmas Concert: Thursday 3 December, 7pm – beautiful music and a festive atmosphere. **

Christmas Fair: Sat 5 December from 11am-3pm – join the fun by volunteering for a church stall **

**** Help support the church, and join in the fun, by volunteering on the day and/or baking for our much appreciated refreshments stalls. Please sign up in the volunteering book at the back of church. Questions? Speak to Mel (Volunteer Coordinator) or Rev Catherine.**

Please 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 & William Cottam, Rowena, Mary Clear, David Crossley, Dr Diana Harris, Jules Mercer, Patty Edmonds, Val Wigglesworth, Grandma Janey, Mike Edwards, Laura Ann Barton (Luke's mum), Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan & Yemen & Nyabitocho, our twinned parish in Tanzania

Recently Departed: Diane Davis, Pat Edwards, Lara McQuade, Catherine Endley

In Memory: John Hollinrake, Ida Bailey, Elizabeth M (Betty) Savage, Percy Greenwood, John H. Wild, Frank Newell, Edith Crossland, John Thomas Todd, Helen D Southwell, Jeffrey Lofthouse, Donald Bailey, Jack Fielden, Agnes J Ormerod, Richard D. Brown, Antoinette Elizabeth Swain, Jean Humphrey, Dorothy Jordan, Pauline Wade

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