

CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



A God to honour

EXODUS 20:1-4,7-9,12-20

On Mount Sinai, God gives Moses instructions – the Ten Commandments – to help the Israelites live according to God's ways, so that they can stay in a good relationship with God and each other.

Today we look at what honour means and how we might understand the link between honouring God and other people.

23rd Psalm for the Workplace

The Lord is my real boss and I shall not want. He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.

He gently reminds me to pray before I speak and to do all things without murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my Source and not my job.

He restores my sanity every day and guides my decisions that I might honour Him in everything I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of emails, system crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating supervisors, and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning,

I will not stop – for He is with me!

His presence, His peace, and His power will see me through.

He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me.

He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go.

His faithfulness and love are better than any bonus cheque.

His retirement plan beats every 401K there is.

When it's all said and done, I'll be working for Him a whole lot longer and for that, I bless is Name.

Sunday 4th
October
Trinity 18

FIRST READING

EXODUS 20:1-4,7-9,12-20

PSALM

PSALM 19

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 3.4B-14

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21.33-46

SERVERS

DAVE GILL

GRAHAM LAMB

FIRST READING

DAVE TOWLER

PSALM

FIONA LAMB

SECOND READING

DAVE GILL

INTERCESSIONS

ALYSSA CALLIGHAN

SIDES PERSON

LINDA FIRTH & PAULINE
CHESLETT

Collect Trinity 18

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS HYMNS

Processional

O praise ye the Lord

Gradual

The Lord's my shepherd

Offertory

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Communion

Give thanks
The King is
amongst us

Recessional

Guide me O thou
great redeemer

4th October - St Francis and the Life of Simplicity

Just about the only thing most people know about Francis of Assisi is that he talked to the birds. Church-goers also know the popular hymn based on his famous prayer, 'Make me a channel of your Peace', which was sung at the funeral of Princess Diana.

However, Italy's patron saint, whose feast day is this month (the 4th) was a more complex, and some would say controversial character. His life spanned the end of the twelfth and beginning of the thirteenth centuries. He was born into a very wealthy family, but after what he called his 'conversion' standing before a crucifix. He renounced all his possessions. In fact, he stripped himself of his of his wealthy garments in a public square in his home-town, Assisi. For the rest of his life he and his followers, including his feminine counterpart. St Claire longed, prayed and worked for a life of simplicity – a lifestyle without luxury or privileges. For the Franciscan brothers and the Poor Claires. This meant no private possessions at all. Francis saw that many poor people without these things, actually seemed to live happier and more fulfilling lives than the ambitious rich. He spoke of a simple life not shaped by money or power but by love and mutual concern. As his hymn says, 'it is in giving of ourselves that we receive'.

Of course, poverty; in our modern western world is seldom a matter of blissful simplicity, as present-day Franciscans recognise. For too many it is a matter of poor diet, over-crowded rooms, rough sleeping and unemployment. The call of today's followers of Francis and Claire is that those who are better-off should 'live more simply, so that others can simply live'. Christians follow a Master who said that he came with 'good news for the poor'. They believe that many of us today can be that good news.

4th October - St Francis and the Life of Simplicity

Everyone seems to have their 'special day' these days, and this month brings us Grandparents' Day, on the 4th October. If your grandchildren are still young, why not keep at your house:

A dressing up box – of fairytale clothes, plastic crowns and cardboard swords. These will keep them busy for hours. Charity shops can be a great source of cheap costumes – and also tablecloths/sheets that can be turned into costumes. (Or you can help the church by getting to work on some early nativity costumes!)

A craft supply box – egg boxes, old magazines full of pictures, cardboard, cardboard tubes, a bit of glue, bits of ribbon and wool, some paper and scissors can work wonders.

Colouring supplies – crayons and any kind of paper – even the back of envelopes – will do fine.

If all else fails, you can always sit down for a rest and let them play 'musical statues', where the only rule is that whenever the music stops, they must 'freeze' in position.

There are lots of resources you can download for the special day – just go to: <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/grandparents-day>

Look Back Look Forward

LOOK BACK

September has felt like the real start of our busy season, with life picking up pace as the schools return. Please keep all our families, children, and staff in your prayers as they settle into new routines and challenges.

Rushbearing was a wonderful weekend, and I want to thank everyone who helped out — from setting up, welcoming visitors, serving refreshments, or simply being present. It is always encouraging to see the church full and to reconnect with people we haven't seen for a while. Last month we marked the anniversary of the Bolton Brow disaster. It was a meaningful time of remembrance, and we are especially grateful to Vicky for sharing her memories at the school service. Her reflections helped the children understand the importance of remembering and supporting one another. We will continue to be present at Bolton Brow with further services throughout the year.

We have also begun our new Bible Study and Prayer Group, meeting on alternate Thursdays. It has been encouraging to see people gathering to pray and explore Scripture together.

LOOK FORWARD

Our next PCC meeting is coming up soon. If there is anything you would like discussed or any ideas you want us to consider, please let a PCC member know. Your thoughts help shape our shared life and ministry.

We are also preparing for the School and Church Harvest Festival. It is always a joyful time to give thanks for God's provision and to support those in need. More details will follow shortly.

Rev. Tommy

In your prayers this week....

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



This weeks flowers are in memory of Emily Tweedale.

If you would like to provide flowers in church, whether in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion, or simply as a gift to the church, please speak to Angela W.

Quotes

Our needs will never exhaust God's supply. - Anon

Never say never when it comes to what God can do. - Anon



From the Parish Prayer list:

The Area Dean, Revd. Robb Sutherland;
The Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery;
Bentley Mount; Boggart Lane; Bolton
Brow; Bridge Street; Bright Street;
Burnley Road; Byron Avenue; Byron
Street.



Taste the difference!

Local and seasonal food not only tastes great but is better for the planet too. Think about incorporating locally grown produce

into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness ensuring superior flavour, compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. Blessed are those who start small for taken all together - their impact will be great.



"Wait a moment, dear, this isn't a tourists'- attraction ratings guide, it's a Health and Safety warning!"

Next week

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER
TRINITY 19
HARVEST FESTIVAL

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

PSALM

PSALM 65

SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

GOSPEL

LUKE 12:16-30

SERVERS

GRAHAM LAMB

PETER HENRY

FIRST READING

FIONA LAMB

PSALM

REBECCA LUMB

SECOND READING

GRAHAM LAMB

INTERCESSIONS

PETER HENRY

SIDES PERSON

ANGELA WILKINS &

REBECCA LUMB

DIARY

Monday

10.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday

10.00am Coffee Morning

11.30am Mid week

Communion

8pm Compline

Wednesday

Thursday

5.30pm Bible Study

6.30pm BCP Evening prayer

Friday

Saturday

10:00am Coffee Morning

5pm Film Night

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion



Harvest Festival

will be held on Sunday 11 October. We are asking for donations towards Happy Days (food or monetary) and toilet twinning (more details in this notice sheet).

First Aid training

A member of the congregation will be leading an Emergency First Aid training at Church in the next few weeks. This will take place on a Saturday in October or November, 9.00-3.30 with a break for lunch and comfort breaks. Are you interested? If so please see Anthea for further details. Upon completion each person will receive a certificate which lasts for three years

Tombola and Raffle

Thank you so much for your donations towards the Tombola and Raffle at Rushbearing. We will be having further raffles during the following events and would be very grateful for any donations towards these. Thank you.

Last Night of the Proms -

Saturday 17 October

Advent Fair - Saturday 28

Christmas Angels

I know it's only just the beginning of October, but please could you consider thinking about starting to knit your Christmas Angels. In the past these have been very much appreciated by members of the public - we give them out during the Carol singing at Tesco and possibly also during a Community Carol sing on the Sowerby Bridge square.

Patterns available at the back of Church.

Date	Event
Saturday 17 October	Last Night of the Proms
Sunday 8 November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 26 November	Service of Light and Hope
Saturday 28 November	Advent Fair
Saturday 2 December	Seth Mcnamee as Michael Bublé
Saturday 12 December	Live Nativity at St. Paul's Methodist Church
Thursday 17 December	Nine Lessons and Carols
Saturday 19 December	Carol singing at Tesco Sowerby Bridge
Saturday 19 December	Christingle making
Sunday 20 December	Christingle service
Thursday 24 December	Blessing of the Crib, 1.00pm
Thursday 24 December	Midnight Communion, 11.30pm
Friday 25 December	Christmas morning service

Christ Church
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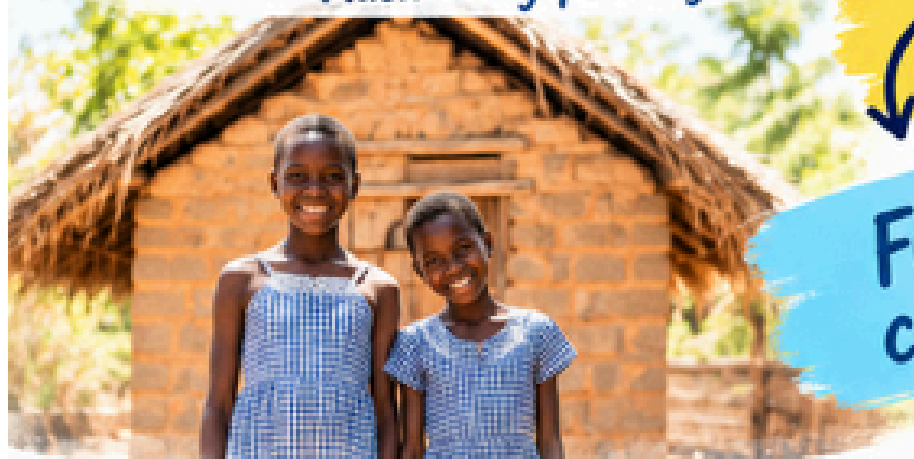


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will twin
our toilet



**Funding
communities**



Toilets, Sanitation & Training.

Twin your toilet and fund a project in a community that helps families to build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.



TOILETS

Help families build their own basic toilet



CLEAN WATER

Access to safe drinking water



HYGIENE

Learn about healthy hygiene



TRAINING

Supporting communities for a brighter future



Without proper toilets, people get trapped in a vicious cycle

They're likely to become sick through sanitation-related diseases. Illness keeps people from working, children miss school, parents have to pay for medicine or food and fall into debt. They're robbed of their dignity, at risk of disease and for women and children especially, at risk of harm. **That stinks.**

Toilet Twinning funds global WASH projects (water, sanitation and hygiene), working with local teams to transform lives through sustainable access to private toilets, safe drinking water and healthy hygiene.

If it's easy for us to drink clean water,
wash our hands or safely use the loo
then let's make it easy for everyone.





LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

WITH FRIENDLY BRASS BAND

★ SATURDAY ★
17TH OCTOBER
7.30PM

**CHRIST CHURCH
SOWERBY BRIDGE**

**BRING
YOUR
FLAGS!**

LET'S WAVE THE RED,
WHITE AND BLUE!



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*When the Music Fades - Power,
Surrender and the Soul Survivor
Generation*

Trick or Treat?

By Alison Mitchell, The Good Book Company, 16p each

A 'treat' is a free gift – something we don't deserve.
And this short Halloween tract introduces children to
the greatest 'treat' of all, God's own Son, Jesus.

The tract is based on John 8 v 12, where Jesus tells
us that He is 'the Light of the world'. It helps children
to understand why Halloween isn't 'harmless fun',
and that there's no need to be afraid because Jesus
beat the devil.



Smile Lines

Genesis for Cats

On the first day of Creation, God created the cat.

On the second day, God created man to serve the cat.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as food for the cat.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labour for the good of the cat.

On the fifth day, God created expensive furniture so that the cat would have objects whereon to sharpen its claws.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the cat healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but the litterbox needed changing.

Ordinary people Sharing God's love in our world.

Growing in faith. Living by prayer. Loving God's word.

Living Loving Learning.