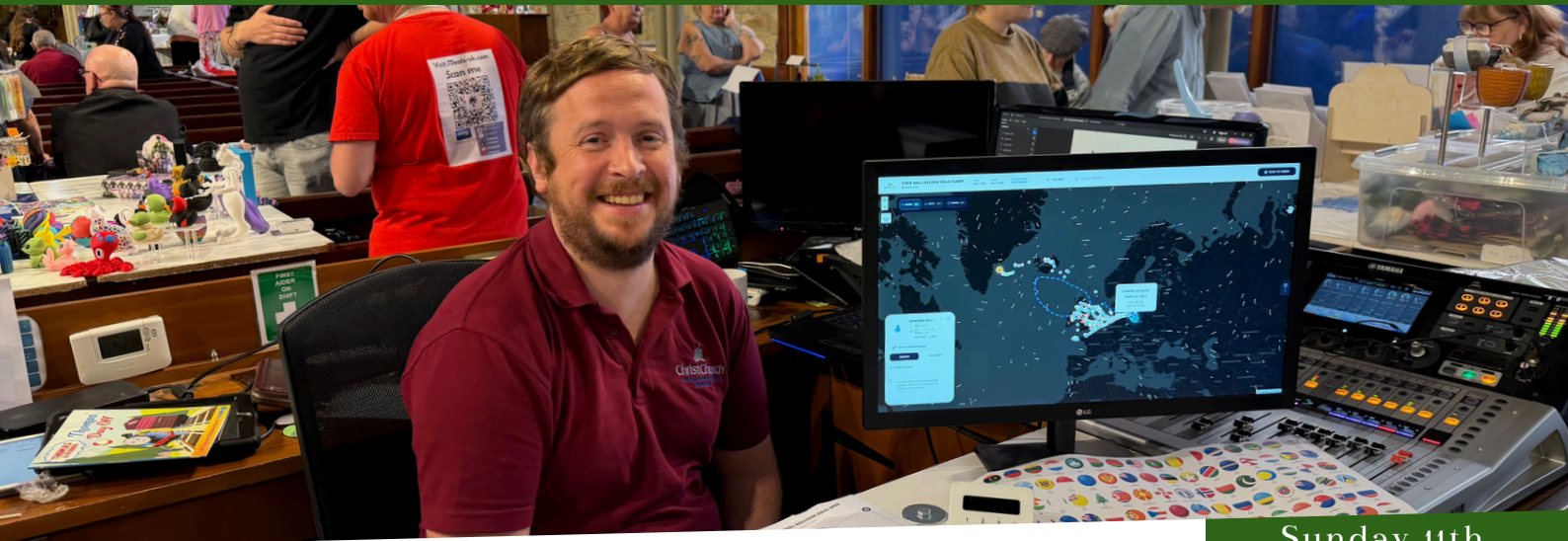


CHRIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE

WEEKLY NEWS



The Harvest of Generosity

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

Harvest is traditionally a time when we give thanks for the food on our tables and for all those whose work brings it to us. But in 2 Corinthians, St Paul reminds us that harvest is about much more than crops. He writes, “Whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

It is an image everyone can understand: what we sow has an effect on what eventually grows. Paul uses it to encourage generosity – not giving reluctantly or because we feel we have to, but giving freely and cheerfully.

In today’s world, generosity can take many forms. It might be putting something into the foodbank collection, donating to a charity or helping someone struggling with the rising cost of everyday life. But it can also mean giving something that doesn’t cost a penny:

our time, friendship, patience, skills or simply noticing someone who needs a little help.

We live in a world that often encourages us to think about what we can gain, own or keep for ourselves. Paul offers us a different way of living. He reminds us that what God gives us is not simply ours to hold onto, but something we can use to bless others.

At Harvest, perhaps the question for each of us is not simply “What am I thankful for?” but also “What can I sow?”

A small act of kindness, a few minutes of our time, a listening ear or a simple gift may seem insignificant. Yet, just like a tiny seed, we may never know how much it will grow or the difference it might make.

This Harvest, let us give thanks for all that we have received – and look for opportunities to share that abundance with others.

Because the best harvest isn't simply what we gather in, but what we are willing to give away.

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

Collect Harvest

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS HYMNS

Processional

Come ye thankful people, come

Gradual

For the beauty of the earth

Offertory

We plough the fields and scatter

Communion

I am the Bread of Life
You shall go out with joy

Recessional

Great is thy faithfulness

Season of Creation

In the church year the Season of Creation is an opportunity for us to reflect on our responsibility to care for the planet. As the season draws to an end for this year, have you considered:

The world is not ours:

‘The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it’ (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God’s! This means we have a responsibility of caring for God’s world: ‘The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.’ (Genesis 2:15). Clearly, we have not done the best job! The effects of global warming have been all too obvious this summer. And 2025 ranked as the third warmest year on record globally, 1.3°C to 1.44°C above pre-industrial levels. This follows the historic peak in 2024, driven by ongoing fossil fuel emissions and high ocean surface temperatures.

Our hope is found in Jesus:

Any hope for the future lies in Jesus Himself. He is the one who sustains creation and will bring everything to completion: ‘all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.’ (Colossians 1:16,17). God’s plan is ‘to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.’ (Ephesians 1:10). We can look forward to the climax of history when God through Christ will restore our broken world and make everything new.

In the present, we are empowered by Christ to take our proper place as stewards of the earth. Simple everyday actions can help to sustain our planet, including recycling of waste, energy saving, choosing reusable options, careful diet and a commitment to simple living can help the planet.

However difficult the climate crisis gets, as Christians, we can engage it with faith and not fatalism!

Edward the Confessor, helping to found Westminster Abbey

If you approve of giving money to help cathedrals survive, then Edward the Confessor (1003 – 66) is the saint for you. This early King of England was the virtual founder of Westminster Abbey. And never mind entrance charges – at one point in his life, Edward was giving a full tenth of his income to Westminster Abbey.

Edward was the son of King Ethelred the Unready and his second, Norman wife, Emma. After various ups and downs which included a brief exile in Normandy, Edward was made King of England in 1042.

As King, Edward had a tricky time of it – trying to keep the peace for over 20 years while various Danish and Norman magnates struggled for power (which eventually led to the Norman Conquest). Scholars have argued over how much of a success he was as a king.

As a Christian, there is no doubt: Edward’s holiness was evident to all. He made himself accessible to his people, he was generous to the poor, and chaste. He was also reputed to have seen visions and even achieved miraculous cures for people through prayer.

Edward did much to help the Church in many ways. His lasting contribution was the original Westminster Abbey – a huge Romanesque church, 300 feet long, with a nave of 12 bays. Westminster Abbey became the place of coronation and burial of kings and queens of England. It was finished and consecrated just before his death. Edward was buried there, and his relics are undisturbed to this day.

During the Middle Ages, Edward was a very popular saint: along with Edmund of East Anglia he was widely considered to be England’s patron saint for a time.

Future dates for your diary

**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**



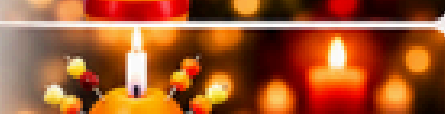
**Saturday
19 December**

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



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In your prayers this week....

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



This week's flowers have been provided from the Church Flower Fund, thanks to the generosity of those who contribute throughout the year. We are grateful for your support in helping to keep our church looking beautiful.

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

The Christian is suspended between blessings received and blessings hoped for, so he should always give thanks. - M R Vincent

... it's strange to me
How very full the church can be
With people I don't see at all
Except at Harvest Festival
John Betjeman

From the Parish Prayer list:

Ward Councillors, Adam, Andrew & Mike;
Calderdale Council; All Community
Support Groups; Grove Street; Greenside
Gardens; Hanover Street; Height Green;
High Fields; Hill Crest; Hill Crest Avenue;
Hill Top.

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The greatest joy of eating seasonally is the opportunity to reconnect with nature's cycles, the passing of time and the tremendously diverse and delicious foods that our seasonal climate provides.

Food in season is cheaper because you are buying it when it is in abundance and it has not travelled a long way.

Blessed are those who shop locally, those who eat produce in season, those who buy Fairtrade products and those who buy second-hand.



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

Next week

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER
TRINITY 18

FIRST READING

EXODUS 33:12-23

PSALM

PSALM 99

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 1.1-10

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22.15-22

SERVERS

PETER HENRY

ANTHEA GEE

FIRST READING

REBECCA LUMB

PSALM

HELEN PEDLEY

SECOND READING

PETER HENRY

INTERCESSIONS

SARAH TOWLER

SIDES PERSON

JANET TURNER & JANE
MUNDY

DIARY

Monday

10.30am Morning Prayer
7pm PCC

Tuesday

10.00am Coffee Morning
11.30am Mid week
Communion
1pm Craft & Chatter
8pm Compline

Wednesday

Thursday

9.30am School Harvest
11am Mothers Union
5.30pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm BCP Evening prayer

Friday

Saturday

10:00am Coffee Morning
7pm Last Night of the Proms

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion



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.

Emergency First Aid training

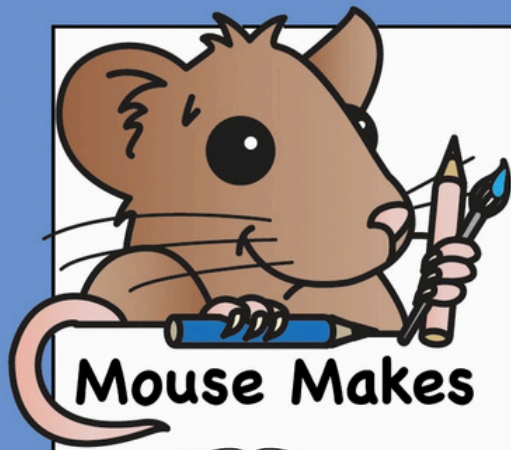
This will take place on Saturday 31 October, 9.00-3.30. There are a couple of places left if you feel this is something you would like to take part in. Please see Anthea or Richard for further details.

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.

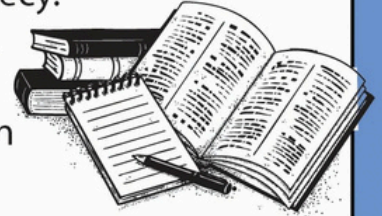
Last Night of the Proms - Saturday 17 October

Advent Fair - Saturday 28



The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

The **Bible** encourages us, corrects us and teaches us about God and how we can be friends with Him.



2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?
1. How many books are there in the New Testament?



3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



B I B L E S U N D A Y

4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.



5. The first book of the Bible.



6. God's word is like? A _____ and a _____ Psalm 119:105

8. The last book in the Bible.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

11

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

13

14

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



13. The Bible is also known as the

of God.
Hebrews 4:12



7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?





LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

WITH FRIENDLY BRASS BAND

★ SATURDAY ★
17TH OCTOBER
7.30PM

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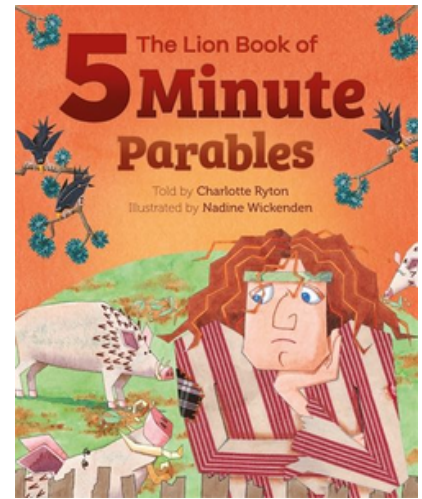
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The Lion Book of Five-Minute Parables

By Charlotte Ryton, Lion Cub Books, £9.99

This book brings 10 of the most beloved parables to life with warmth, faithfulness, and sincerity, all perfectly paced for just five minutes of reading. From lost coins to lavish feasts, these engaging retellings help children discover what it means to listen, forgive, and use their gifts wisely in ways they can truly understand.

Stories include: The Sower and the Seed, The Rich Fool, The Great Feast, The Lost Coin, The Prodigal Son, The Widow and the Judge, The Unforgiving Steward, The Workers in the Vineyard, The Foolish Bridesmaids, and The Three Servants.



Smile Lines

Explaining those words used in church

NOTICE SHEET: Your receipt for attending a service.

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of service, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

SIDESPERSION: The only people in the parish who don't understand the seating capacity of a pew.

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in many churches.

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise, often sung three octaves higher than the congregation's range.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

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