

Parish of Todmorden, Cornholme and Walsden
Readings & News, 11th October 2026 - 19th after Trinity



Hymns

Opening: 338 - James & Andrew...

Gradual: 346 - Jesus calls us

Offertory: 649 - The King of love

Communion: 618 - Steal away

Communion: 334 - I watch the sunrise

Final: 715 - We have a dream

Collect and Post Communion

Isaiah 25: 1-9 O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. **2** For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. **3** Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. **4** For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, **5** the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. **6** On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. **7** And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; **8** he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. **9** It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Philippians 4: 1-9 **1** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. **2** I urge Euodia and Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. **3** Yes and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. **4** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. **5** Let your gentleness be known to every one. The Lord is near. **6** Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **8** Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** Keep doing the things you have learned, received, heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22: 1-14 **22** Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: **2** 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. **3** He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. **4** Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." **5** But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, **6** while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. **7** The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. **8** Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. **9** Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." **10** Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. **11** 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, **12** and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. **13** Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **14** For many are called, but few are chosen.'

CHILDREN'S Society Boxes - Please return to Hilary at Church so that she can send the funds to the Children's Society; if you don't have a box but would like one please ask Hilary.

CRYPT CAFÉ: more volunteers needed; if interested, please contact Rev Catherine

What's On – All Welcome!

TODAY Sunday 11th October @ 12.30pm: News from Tanzania: Alice Leadbitter, head teacher at National School, about the safe house in Tanzania this summer. Refreshments available.

Next CREATIVE GROUP - Monday 12th October at 10.30am at Church, in the choir vestry

Funeral: Pat Edwards: Monday 12th October, 12 noon at St Mary's

St Mary's men's fellowship lunch at Robin Hood, Pecket Well on Wed 14th Oct at 12.30pm. Please meet at Standfield Road at 12 noon. Anyone needing a lift, please Phone 07463 125625 - John Brear.

Gardening morning to tackle weeds: Friday 16th October 10-11.30am: All Welcome, gloves helpful

Ghostly Tales Part 2 Rehearsals: Thursdays 15, 22 and 29 October – actors needed, please speak to Luke **Performance: 7 for 7.30pm Saturday 31 October** – spooky stories from Tod past

NOVEMBER: All Souls Service: Sunday 1st November at 4pm - all welcome to remember those who have gone before us.

Remembrance Sunday is Sunday 8th November - service at St Mary's at 9.30am as usual and 10.50am at the War Memorial at Centre Vale. There will still be an 8am service as well.

Assembly Bangers: Saturday 21st November at St Mary's from 2-4pm: Volunteers needed

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday 5th December from 11am to 3pm: forms for stall holders available at the back of Church and online: <https://forms.gle/24gM8MkHmXcxkZb9A>

Stall holders and Volunteers for Church stalls are needed, plus baking needed too...

AND MORE ONLINE... St Mary's Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysTod/>

We now also have a You Tube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@StMarysTodmorden>

Plus our website with sermons, dates and more <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18018/>

Rotas for Readers and Prayers: We are preparing the next rotas. If you are on a rota, please could you tell Megan (Megan.Barford@leeds.anglican.org) any dates you are not available **December 2026 to April 2027**. If not on a rota but want to, please contact (Catherine.Shelley@leeds.anglican.org)

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, Catherine, Patty Edmonds, Val Wigglesworth, Grandma Janey, Mike Edwards, Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan & Yemen

Recently Departed: Diane Davis, Ghasemi, Estelle Brown, Pat Edwards, Lara McQuade

In Memory: Carrie Campion, William G. Garner, Joyce Warburton, Lily Lister, Robert G. Uttley, Tilly Louise Mitchell, Florence Mackriel, Ralph V. Tattersall, Bryn Allen, Alice Pearson, Elaine Ennis, Edward Sutcliffe, Barbara Hastie, Anne Reynolds, Sandra Furness, David Rhodes, Muriel Burnop Boyce, Gillian Cottam, Peter Cuddy, Patricia Dower

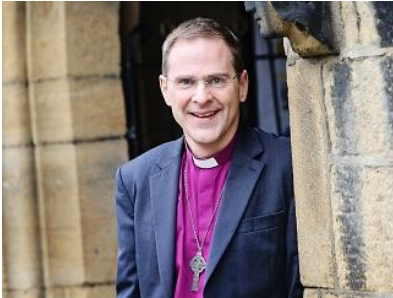
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<https://www.youtube.com/@StMarysTodmorden>

St Peter's www.facebook.com/walsdenstpeters

Bishop Toby Visits Todmorden:

Bishop Toby, who was Bishop of Bradford from 2014 and **appointed as the new Bishop of Leeds in July 2026**, will be **visiting Todmorden on Sunday 25th October**. He will preach at the 11am service and will also Confirm several members of our parish. ***If you would also like to be Confirmed please speak urgently to Rev Catherine, at the end of this week's service.***



Bishop Toby was born in Kenya and went to school at Haverstock Comprehensive, North London. He studied at Yale University in the US, with a summer teaching Afghan refugees in northern Pakistan. On returning to Britain, he was a research assistant for the Reverend Dr John Stott for two years before becoming a postman in the East End of London.

After ordination training for the Church of England in Oxford, Birmingham and Uganda, combining Christian theology with an MA in Islamic Studies at the University of Birmingham, he served in inner city Derby. He then moved to India with his family for five years, during which he researched Islamic preaching for a PhD from the Free University of Amsterdam. Returning to Europe, he worked in inter-faith relations in Rotterdam before moving back to Birmingham to teach Islamic studies and was a Tutor, then Vice Principal at Crowther Hall in Selly Oak. In 2004 he became Vicar of St Christopher's, Springfield, a church in a majority Muslim area of Birmingham and was also Adviser on Interfaith Relations to the Bishop of Birmingham. In April 2011 he became Interreligious Affairs Secretary for the Archbishop of Canterbury. Toby is married to Henriette, who is also ordained and they have three children. They like travelling together, particularly linking up with friends across Britain, Europe and further away. On a day off or holiday Toby enjoys visiting a museum or gallery, reading a novel, playing music, camping or going for a bird-watching walk or cycle ride.

Pastoral News of some of those for whom we are praying...

Maureen Marshall - You may remember that Maureen moved into a residential home in Halifax earlier this year. She has settled into the home, has plenty of photos around her in her room and has plenty of visits from her family and a number of her friends. She enjoys a day out from time to time and still dresses as elegantly as ever. If you would like to visit Maureen it is better to go with a family member; please speak to Rev Catherine to arrange.

Julia Mercer - Julia had a very serious stroke at the end of June and spent many weeks in hospital at Halifax. It was such a change to her life and she was so poorly, that visitors had to be limited. Julia returned home at the beginning of September and has settled back in well, with a new timetable of carers, therapists and so on. However, her son Tom has now brought her an amazing, state of the art wheelchair and constructed various ramps, so that with help she can get round to the back of her house and even down to Centre Vale Park. The photo below is from Jules' first visit to the park which happened to coincide with a visit by Revs Catherine and Megan.



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