Hymns
Opening: 186 - For the healing of the nations
Gradual: 325 - Inspired by love and anger
Offertory: 153 - Eternal Father strong to save
Communion: 555 - Peace, perfect peace
Communion: 553 - Peace is flowing like a river
Final: 494 - Oh God our help in ages past

Collect Prayer
Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer
God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Readings 8th November 2026

Amos 5: 18-24 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord; Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; **19** as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. **20** Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light and gloom with no brightness in it? **21** I hate, I despise your festivals and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. **22** Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. **23** Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. **24** But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end **13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. **14** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. **15** For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. **16** For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25: 1-13 **25** 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." **7** Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." **9** But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." **10** And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. **11** Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." **12** But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." **13** Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Notices Crypt café - we need more volunteers for our Thursday Crypt Café. Please talk to CS

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 17th January at 3pm - Bradford Cathedral
Saturday 23rd January at 11am - Ripon
Saturday 30th January at 11am - Wakefield Cathedral
Members of the parish have booked onto the service on 17th January 2027 The link to book is:

TODAY: Remembrance Sunday: After the service at St Mary's, we walk to the War Memorial at Centre Vale Park. For those who do not want to go to the Park there will be coffee in church.

Rainbow Faith Service Sunday afternoon - 8th November at 4pm - Remembering

Remaining Book festival dates at St Mary's: Campbell Malone 10th November - 7pm
Jeremy Hunt - 12th November - 7.30pm **Punk to Proms** - 14th November - 7.30pm
Volunteers needed, especially for Tuesday 10th & Saturday 14th November

Assembly Bangers: Sat 21 November, 2-4pm - Volunteers & bakers needed, please sign up.

Christmas Fair: Sat 5 December from 11am-3pm - volunteers still needed to help with Raffle, Tombola, Treasure Hunt and children's activities and to serve Mulled Wine.

Three Valleys Gospel Choir (3rd Dec at 7pm for 7.30pm)

9 Lessons and Carols - 6pm **Sunday 20th December** &
Choir Rehearsals Thursdays 26th Nov, 10th & 17th December & afternoon Sunday 20th December

Blue Christmas, 6pm - Tuesday 22nd December -

Crib, Christingle and Tractor Fun - 4pm Thursday 24th December

Town Carols - 6.30pm Thursday 24th December

Midnight Mass - 11.30pm - Thursday 24th December

Christmas Morning - Communion 8am and 11am

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, Sarah, Laura Ann Barton (Luke's mum), Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan & Yemen & Nyabitocho, twin parish in Tanzania

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

In Memory: Nellie King, Jean Pickles, Fred Waller, Eunice Shaw, Elsie Warburton, Andrew Savage, Thomas Norman Daniels, Raewyn Margaret Wild, Hilda May Ford, Anne L. Rhodes, Thomas Rawstron, Madeline Beck, Katie McQueen (aka Wilmore), Eileen Ogden, Wendy B Proctor, Elaine Shackleton

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