



**St John's Church Golcar**

Working Together for God

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OF ENGLAND



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## SERVICES:

**Every Sunday, our main service: 9.30am.**

**2nd & 4th Sundays in the month: 8.00am Holy Communion in traditional language (BCP)**

**Morning Prayer: 9.00am most Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**Weddings and Baptisms: Please contact the Vicar**

**PCC Members: Chair: Fr. Simon Crook, Joe Norton, Helen Davies, James Cooke  
Lucy Williams, Jeremy Cuss, Annabel Cooke, Sue Starr, Ray Hoyle.**

**Bible Readers at 9.30am Services: Nore Beaumont, Richard Lodge, Betty Taylor, Marion Hall, Helen Davies, Margaret Henry, Anne Crosland.**

**Chalice Bearers: Anne Crosland, Betty Taylor, Josh Crosland, Owen Norton, Mark Weston, Marion Hall, Margaret Bickerdyke, Jeremy Cuss.**

**Intercessors: Helen Davies, Susan Heywood, Jeremy Cuss, Betty Taylor, Richard Lodge.**

**We would welcome more people who would like to be an intercessor. Please think about this and speak to Fr. Simon about it; then give your name to Lucy. Thank you.**

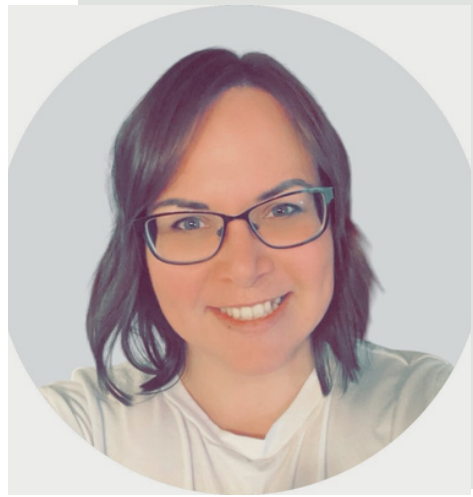
**Welcomers: Marion Hall, Betty Taylor, Jane Wood, Anne Crosland.**

**Please note: Please contact the office if you wish to come off one of the lists or if you wish to be added.**

**Website: [www.stjohnschurchgolcar.org](http://www.stjohnschurchgolcar.org)**

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# *Editor's Note*



Welcome to this month's magazine. May is a busy one, and this issue reflects that. There is a mix of events, updates, and the everyday parts of church life that often go unnoticed but matter just as much.

Golcar Lily Day is coming up, and St John's will be open from 11am. It is a simple thing, but it matters. A place to stop, have something to eat, and feel welcome. It's my first time helping at church on Golcar Lily Day, and I'm really looking forward to meeting people. Please do come and say hi.

There is also the Thy Kingdom Come prayer walk later in the month. You can join for a short stretch or the whole thing. It is a chance to slow down, walk together, and take time to pray in a different way.

You will also see in this issue how much happens across the church and wider community. Some of it is visible. A lot of it is not. It only works because people keep showing up and getting on with it.

If something catches your eye, come along. If you have not been in for a while, this is a good time to step in. You will be welcome.

If you have something to include in a future issue, send it in.

***Lucy Williams***  
Editor

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# FROM THE VICAR

Fr Simon Crook - Vicar, St John's Church Golcar

## A VOICE FOR GOOD

May is election month. On the 7<sup>th</sup> May there is an “All out” election in Kirklees, this means all 69 councillors must stand down with three being elected in each of the 23 wards. The ward boundaries have been reviewed and changed, for example, what was previously the Golcar Ward, is now largely the new Colne Valley East ward.

You may have heard the expression “Church and Politics don’t mix”. But I’m afraid no one managed to convince Jesus of that. You see, Jesus cared for the poor, he challenged unjust structures, he spoke to and against the powerful, none of which are neutral activities.

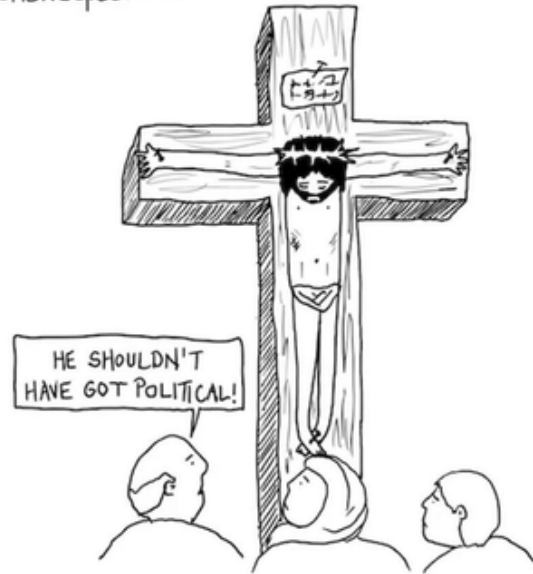
Political parties publish manifestos, setting out what they intend to do. Jesus does something similar in Luke 4:18–19, announcing his mission by quoting Isaiah: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...” and so on. He speaks of release, recovery, freedom, and the “year of the Lord’s favour” — a Jubilee, when debts were forgiven, slaves freed, and land restored.

It is difficult to argue that Jesus was not, in some sense, political, or that he expected a neat separation between faith and public life. And so the question is not whether Christians should engage with politics, but how.

Even so, we need to tread carefully. You will notice that I rarely mention specific parties or politicians. I have no intention of telling you how to vote. But I will continue to speak about fairness, humanity, justice and mercy—and to ask what they look like in practice.

The Church of England Bishops, some of whom are in the House of Lords, have a different role to me. It is their place to speak out rather more directly and publicly into national political life.

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I find it curious that in England, with an established church, that faith is often quiet in political debate and media. Meanwhile, in the United States, where there is no established church, faith is far more visible in public life.

The greatest reason I have to be political, is that it is for other people – people who may be in desperate need and crying out, “Who will speak out for me?” “Who will campaign for me to have a better life?” “Who will dare to stand up and challenge the rich and powerful, the status quo and the mobs?” And, “Who will look the other way and pass by politely on the other side as if I don’t even exist?”

One vote may not decide an election. But it is still a way of refusing indifference. It is a way of saying that people matter, that fairness matters, that mercy matters.

A life that pays attention, that speaks up, and that seeks justice in small as well as large ways can help shape the world around us.

Every such act can be a voice for good, whether you think it’s political or not.

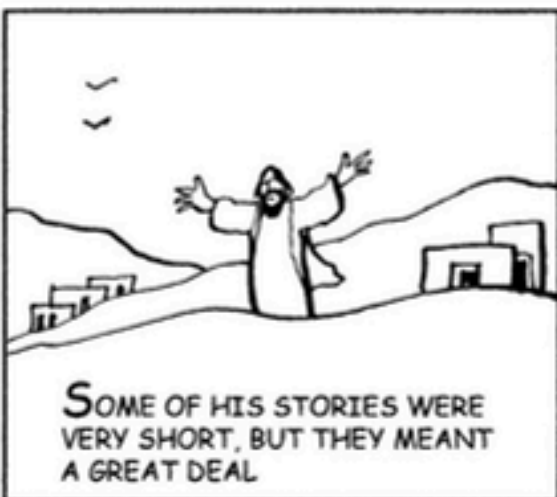
God Bless

# The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast

JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS



SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE  
VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT  
A GREAT DEAL



ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW  
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN  
WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

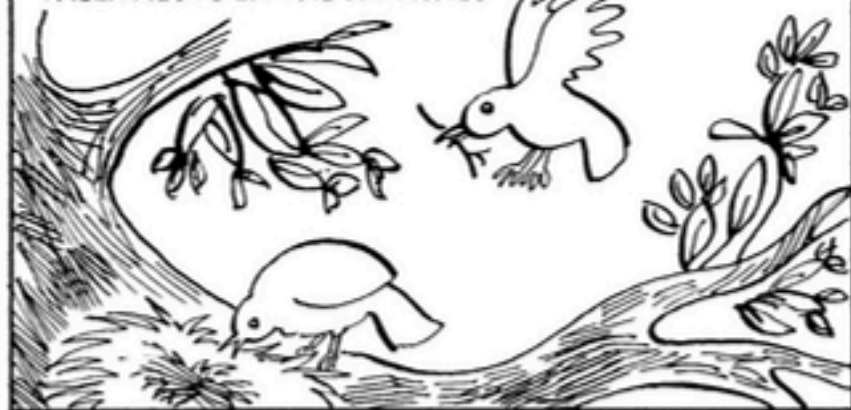


IT IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST  
OF SEEDS....



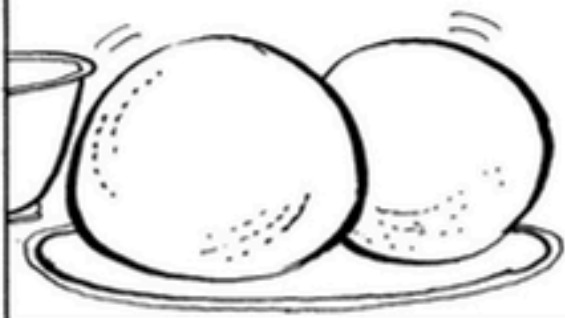
BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS  
THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS

IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE  
THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES



JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE  
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT,  
WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR,  
THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE  
HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A  
HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES  
OF OTHERS.

# WHAT'S ON

## COMMUNITY

### FAMILY & FAITH DAY - 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Join us for a fun and relaxed Family & Faith Day at St John's. A chance for children and families to enjoy activities, games, and time together, while exploring faith in a simple and engaging way.

Open to everyone. Come along and bring a friend.

### COLNE VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT - SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2.30PM

### ORGAN RECITAL - 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 7PM



Terry made a note to fix the bolt

## WORSHIP/FAITH

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Ascension Day Service 7.30pm at Huddersfield Parish Church**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Thy Kingdom Come Deanery Walk 9am-1pm each day (See programme)**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Pentecost, also known as Whitsun.** The service begins at St John's at 10am then as part of the service we walk or drive to St Mark's where the service concludes, followed by lunch. The preacher will be Richard Voase.

### GOLCAR LILY DAY - 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY

St John's will be open from 11am on Golcar Lily Day. Come in for a break, a chat, and a warm welcome. We will be serving refreshments, including jacket potatoes and Ploughman's lunches.

There will also be music to enjoy throughout the day. Whether you need a rest or fancy something to eat, do pop in. All are welcome.

## St Johns Church

11:30 - 12:30 Golcar Community Brass Ensemble

13:00 - 14:00 Fishing for Compliments

14:15 - 14:45 MCV Ukulele band

15:15 - 16:30 Sundown Swing

# NEWS

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## **Bible Society statement on 'Quiet Revival' report**

The Bible Society has said that the survey behind its Quiet Revival report was "faulty" and can no longer be treated as a reliable guide to faith in Britain.

The report, published last year, suggested that churchgoing was increasing, particularly among younger people. It was based on YouGov polling, comparing data from 2018 and 2024.

However, YouGov has now apologised, admitting that key quality control measures were not used. This means the sample may not have been accurate, and the results cannot be relied on.

## **'Thy Kingdom Come' – global prayer movement marks ten years**

This year the global prayer movement Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) will take place from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Spanning the 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost, the initiative encourages Christians to pray for five people whom they know (friends, families, neighbours) to come to faith.

This year is a special one for Thy Kingdom Come. It was ten years ago, in 2016, that it began as a call to prayer from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York.

To mark these first ten years, the new archbishop, Sarah Mullally, has written a Novena for the initiative.

The Bible Society said it was "deeply disappointed", having received repeated assurances that the research was robust.

While this affects the report's findings, the Society also said there is still other evidence of growing spiritual interest and a shift towards more active Christian faith in Britain.



This year's theme is 'God With Us'. With the help of leaders from across the church traditions, TKC will explore a different Bible story each day, one which demonstrates God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and communities.

Our deanery will be taking part in the Thy Kingdom Come prayer walk from 18-21 May. You are welcome to join for all or part of the journey as we pray together across our communities. See the poster in this issue for full details.

More information at:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



**HUDDERSFIELD DEANERY**

# Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Walk

*May 18 – 21, 2026*

Join us for a shared journey  
across our churches, chapels and communities

***Pray • Encourage • Walk • Discover • Chat***

Walk between parishes

Pray with words and footsteps

Meet people from other churches

Explore local churches and communities

***All are welcome!***

Come for a day, part of a day, or the whole journey.

Or simply meet us at a church.

Together in faith, hope, and fellowship, *praying “Thy Kingdom Come!”*

For more information contact Fr Simon Crook [revscrook@gmail.com](mailto:revscrook@gmail.com) 01484 654647

## 2026 Thy Kingdom Come

<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Estimated times</b>	<b>Miles to the next place</b>
St Philip's Birchencliffe HD3 3BE	Gather from 9am Prayers at 9.30am	0.5
HRI Chapel HD3 3EA	Arrive 10am	0.5
St Stephen's Lindley HD3 3JB	Arrive 11am	1.3
St Mark's Longwood HD3 4SZ	Arrive 11.45am	1.2
St John's Golcar HD74PX	Arrive 12.30pm. Eat lunch. Leave when you are ready	0
	Total	3.5
<b>Tue 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Estimated times</b>	<b>Miles to the next place</b>
St Thomas' Bradley HD2 1SL	Gather from 9am Prayers at 9.30am	1.6
Christ Church Woodhouse HD2 1HA	Arrive 10.15am	1.2
St Hilda's Cowcliffe HD2 2LY	Arrive 11.15am	1.5
St John's Birkby HD1 5EA	Arrive 12.15pm	0.7
Holy Trinity, Huddersfield HD1 4DT	Arrive 12.45pm. Eat lunch. Leave when you are ready	0
	Total	5.0
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Estimated times</b>	<b>Miles to the next place</b>
Shred HD7 5UZ	Gather from 9am Prayers at 9.30am	2.7 (off road)
St Bartholomew's, Marsden HD7 6DJ	Arrive 11am	2.7 (canal)
St James' Slaithwaite HD7 5AW	Arrive 12.30pm. Eat lunch. Leave when you are ready	0
	Total	5.4
<b>Thu 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Estimated times</b>	<b>Miles to the next place</b>
Christ Church, Linthwaite HD7 5TA	Gather from 9am Prayers at 9.30am	2.2 (off road)
St Barnabas Crosland Moor HD4 5DF	Arrive 10.30am	0.9
St Thomas' Huddersfield (Longroyd Bridge) HD1 3HU	Arrive 11.20am	0.6
Huddersfield University Faith Centre HD1 3DR	Arrive 12noon	0.5
St Peter Huddersfield (HPC) HD1 1BU	Arrive 12.30pm. Final service. Eat lunch. Leave when you are ready	0
	Total	4.2

# Remembering the General Strike of 1926

One hundred years ago, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 1926, there was a General Strike in the UK. It was called by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) in support of 1.2 million coal miners. The strike lasted nine days, but had little effect in the long term.

The aim was to force the Conservative government, led by Stanley Baldwin, to stop dramatic wage cuts for hard-hit miners and to improve their working conditions. The country came to a temporary standstill, but then the strike collapsed, though the miners stayed out for another seven months without achieving anything.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Scottish-born Rt Revd Randall Davidson, a conciliatory figure within the Church and Christianity generally, spoke out against the strike but called on the Government – unsuccessfully – to improve working conditions for miners, and to subsidise the mines so that wages could be increased.

He wanted to make his appeal known to the public on radio, but the BBC refused to broadcast it, though it was backed by an interdenominational group of church leaders, one of whom told Davidson: “For the first time in my life it has been possible to feel that the Christian forces in this country were united and courageous.”

There was considerable sympathy for the strikers among the population generally – for instance, a football match was organised between police and strikers – but there were clashes too. There were also fears that fascists and communists were using the strike to fuel their own revolutionary ambitions. Labour Party leaders were especially worried that outright backing of the strikers might damage their new standing as a party of government.

Fears about the dubious legitimacy of the strike – with the threat of seizure of assets – also played a part in its early collapse.

by Tim Lenton

## National Biscuit Day – 29<sup>th</sup> May

Did you know that Britain is the country with the highest biscuit consumption in the world?

According to industry research, we each eat about 500 biscuits a year. And the great biscuit dunking debate - over which biscuit holds up best when dipped in tea – can spark surprisingly passionate discussion.

Biscuits have been part of our daily lives for centuries. Their dose of sweet, tasty comfort is loved by 2-year-olds and 90-year-olds, and every age in between.

And so National Biscuit Day is held each year to honour this beloved snack. Our national favourite seems to be the chocolate digestive, followed by shortbread and chocolate fingers. But don't underestimate the appeal of custard creams, hobnobs, chocolate chip and oatmeal cookies!



The McVitie's Digestive, first produced in 1892, is one of the most iconic biscuits in British history. Today, it remains a bestseller alongside other classics like the Rich Tea, the Bourbon, and the Jammie Dodger.

The word 'biscuit' comes from the Latin panis biscotus, meaning 'twice-cooked bread'. In Roman times, flour-based provisions were baked twice, to remove moisture, making them durable enough for long journeys. Ancient Egyptian sailors and Roman soldiers relied on these early biscuits as a portable, long-lasting food source.

The transformation from practical sustenance to sweet treat began around the seventh century, when Persian bakers added eggs, butter, cream, and eventually sugar and honey to their recipes, creating some of the earliest cookies in history. By the Middle Ages, biscuits had spread across Europe, with each region developing its own favourite.

The Industrial Revolution brought mass production to the biscuit world. British firms like McVitie's, Huntley and Palmers, and Carr's produced biscuits on an unprecedented scale. In 1831, Huntley and Palmers even invented the decorative biscuit tin, which not only kept biscuits fresh but also made them an attractive gift item.

Whats your favourite biscuit? Maybe you could bring it to church to share with others. Mine is chocolate bourbon.

By Lucy Williams

## PRAYERS & POEMS

### Red Squirrels on the Isle of Wight

A sunbeam, in the woods of Wight  
Illumines a magenta coat  
And, sat within that beam of light.  
A squirrel – red! And how we gloat!  
Though squirrels are a common sight  
We see them nearly ev'ry day  
Aloft within the treetops height  
But these are never red – just grey.  
But there, upon the Isle of Wight  
No greys have ever set a paw  
So go! You never know, you might  
See squirrels you've not seen before.  
A lovely island's best delight –  
Red squirrels on the Isle of Wight.

By Nigel Beeton

### Prayer for Pentecost 2026

Loving Father and giver of all gifts,

This month we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit which You promise to all who call on Your name, turn away from self-centred living and put their trust in Jesus.

Help us to do that, Lord.

Then, when events in the world and the circumstances of our own lives are difficult to understand, we have Your Holy Spirit who brings life and power.

He is faithful and constant. He will lead us into all truth and give us the words and thoughts we need to experience Your peace in the midst of turmoil.

At this time when we remember the birth of Your church, may we open our hearts to receive Your Spirit afresh and move into each new day confident that we are yours and that in You is our true security.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Dear Lord,

So far today I am doing alright,  
I have not gossiped, lost my temper,  
Been greedy,  
nasty, grumpy or over-indulged

However,

I am getting out of bed in a few minutes  
and I may need some help  
after that.

Amen

By Anonymous

### A Thank you From Betty Taylor:

Thank you to everyone who supported me through John's last illness. Your prayers, thoughts, gifts and flowers meant so much to me and helped me through a difficult time. Blessings to you all.

PS; Someone left a beautiful vase of daffodils on the doorstep anonymously. The vase is a tall glass cylinder and looks expensive. I would like to return it. Please make yourself known if this was you.  
Thank you

# COLNE VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR

P R E S E N T S

# Music IN MAY

A SPRINGTIME COMMUNITY  
CONCERT FOR EVERYONE!

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

2:30pm | St. John's Church, Golcar

**Free admission**

With a 'pay what you feel' collection following the concert

MUSICAL DIRECTOR  
**Thom Meredith**

ACCOMPANIST  
**Christopher Pulleyn**



Registered Charity Number 500324

**Thorpe Green Bowling Club** – We have the West Yorkshire Fire Service and Holme Valley Mountain Rescue. We will also have golf bowling as well as various games inside the club.

**Colne Valley Museum** – Children's crafts, Golcar Lily leaves, traditional craft demonstrations, Colne Valley Art Society Exhibition, tea room. Open from 10am – 5pm.

**Library** - Information point, lost and found, Golcar Ginnel Trail leaflets. Entertainers.

**Scout and Community Centre** – Lots of 'have-a-go' crafts. First Aid.

Activities planned by young people to raise money for WWF (indoors) and Explorer Switzerland trip (carnival games - outdoors). Golcar Scout Group Camp Scene celebrating the Groups 75th anniversary.

**The Golcar Winkle Club** will be running **Sophies Bar** – Located behind the Scout and Community Centre. Serving beer, wine, gin and soft drinks as well as fun bar room games (with a twist)

**Town End/Jubilee Square** – Stalls include a wide selection of vintage items, sweets & treats, handmade crafts and artisan gifts. Not to mention the tombola and the pig racing!

**SUNDAY 10 MAY - 10:30am - Sunday Service of Thanksgiving – Providence Church**

**Manor Road School Field** – Inflatable wipe out balls and a fun bed.

Re-enactment groups camping and conducting demonstrations in the arena on the school fields throughout the day.

Manor Road school will also be having a bake sale.

**Food** - available from the following venues:

- ➡ St Johns Church
- ➡ Providence Methodist Church,
- ➡ Colne Valley Museum,
- ➡ Scout and Community Centre. Fried chicken van and barbeque in Golcar Scout and Community Centre Car Park.
- ➡ Ice cream vans on Town End and near Manor Road School field.
- ➡ Pizza van and Taco van on the Rising Sun Car Park. Road stunner will be singing from 17:30pm
- ➡ Raymalii, Gav the Butcher, JJ's, Commercial, Rising Sun, Thorpe Green Bowling Club, Conservative Club, Liberal Club, Junction Fisheries and Golcar Fisheries will all be open and serving food/drink.

Golcar Lily Day 2026 is supported by a **one community** grant from Kirklees Council.

# GOLCAR LILY DAY 2026

## Saturday 9th May

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

THIS YEAR'S THEME

## Gifted Golcar

There will be food, music, dancing in the streets, entertainers, craft competitions and re-enactment.

Parade from the Conservative Club Car park 13:30.

To read this on your phone, get more information about your favourite events or find out more about your Golcar...



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## Re-enactment Groups -

- All on Manor Road School field.
- 11:30 Historia Normannis
  - 12:00 The Earl of Manchester's Regiment
  - 12:30 Cowboy shootout
  - 13:00 Lambtons Regiment
  - 13:30 Parade (from Con Club to town end)
  - 14:00 Knights in battle
  - 14:30 Dukes at war
  - 15:00 33rd foot
  - 15:30 Marching through time

## 11:00 – 17:00 - Gifted Golcar

People have entered paintings, fabric creations, photography and woodwork into the "Gifted Golcar" competition.

You are invited to vote for your favourite in each category and the overall winner on the day. The entry's can be found in the upstairs of The Vinery.

**Parking** - There is no parking available in the village centre. Disabled parking at Manor Road School car park.  
**Park and Ride from Scapegoat Hill Chapel.**

**Minibus** - to all venues – Bus stops at Jubilee Square, Drop By, and Thorpe Green Bowling Club. Buses will run continuously all day around the bus stops.

**Help Point** - Library, lost and found and friendly assistance.

**First Aid** - Scout and Community Centre – provided by Purple Dog.

**Toilets** - Available in all indoor venues (including disabled toilets). Extra hired in toilets near the bar at Golcar Scout and Community Centre (including disabled).

**Did you know...** It costs approximately **£8000** a year to put on Golcar Lily Day.

If you can help with fundraising or if you can let us know about any available grants or donation opportunities please let us know by e-mailing [info@golcartilyday.co.uk](mailto:info@golcartilyday.co.uk)

## GOLCAR LILY DAY MAP



## Music/Entertainment -

Town End	
11:00 - 11:30	The Big Sing – opening choir <i>(If wet the Big Sing will be in St John's Church)</i>
12:00 - 12:45	Rhythms Dance School.
13:00 - 13:30	Golcar Brownies Maypole
13:30 - 14:00	Parade from Con Club led by Slaitwaite Band
14:00 - 14:30	Hathor Belly Dancers
Jubilee Sq.	
10:00 - 11:00	Huddersfield Wind Band
12:15 - 1:15	Halifax Concert Band
14:00 - 14:45	Slaitwaite Band
15:00 - 16:00	Huddersfield Brass Youth Band
St Johns Church	
11:30 - 12:30	Golcar Community Brass Ensemble
13:00 - 14:00	Fishing for Compliments
14:15 - 14:45	MCV Ukulele band
15:15 - 16:30	Sundown Swing
Providence Methodist	
11:30 - 12:30	Theatre Group
13:00 - 13:15	MCV Junior Jazz
13:15 - 14:00	MCV Big Band
14:15 - 15:15	MCV Junior/Intermediate Senior Band
15:30 - 16:30	Vintage Brass Band



# Regular Services

## Our Sunday services

**9.30am** at St John's Golcar  
**8am** in Traditional Language at St John's Golcar on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

**All Age / Family services** are usually on the Second Sunday of the month 9.30am.

# Gardening Group & Coffee Morning

**Gardening Group** are volunteers who help us keep our churchyard looking so good. **Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am** at St John's. If you have a spare hour or so, just come along.

Coffee morning St John's Golcar on **Tuesdays 10.30am (Volunteers needed See Anne Crosland)**

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## Community Groups

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet Wednesday evenings in term time.

Luncheon Club is on Thursdays. If you would like to become a guest of the Lunch Club (which is held on Thursdays) please contact Janice Hart on Mob: 07850 194314

Just Sing Community Choir, Thursday evenings 7:30pm

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# Sunday Services May

### **Sunday 3rd**

9.30am – Sung Holy Communion

### **Sunday 10th**

8.00am – Traditional Said Holy Communion  
9.30am – All Age Service

### **Sunday 17th**

9.30am – Sung Holy Communion

### **Sunday 24th - Pentecost**

9.30am – Sung Holy Communion with Whit walk to St Marks

### **Sunday 31st**

8.00am – Traditional Said Holy Communion  
9.30am – Sung Holy Communion

## From The Parish Registers

### Funeral

The committal for John Taylor of Leymoor Road, Golcar took place at Huddersfield Crematorium on 20 April 2026, followed by a Memorial Service at St John's. John, a much-loved husband of parishioner Betty Taylor, died at home on 25 March 2026. The service was taken by Fr Simon Crook. Please remember Betty, her family and friends in your prayers.

### Ashes interments

The ashes of Maureen Clayton were interred on 1st April 2026. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.

### Baptism

Lindsey Naidole was baptised on Easter Sunday, 5 April 2026. Please keep Lindsey and their family in your prayers.

## ST PAUL'S DRIGHLINGTON USE CRAFTS TO CONNECT WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

*News from Diocese of Leeds*

St Paul's Drighlington has been using craft sessions to connect with children and families in the local area, with support from the diocesan Children, Young People and Families Team.

During recent school holidays, the church has run daytime sessions including Christmas crafts and a Shrove Tuesday event with pancake decorating and Mardi Gras mask making.

These sessions were created with support from Jo Young and Aimi King to replace a monthly Sunday afternoon family service, which had not been reaching the wider community as hoped. The new approach has proved popular and well attended.



The Revd Patrick Senior said the events were a great success, with families enjoying the activities, hearing the story of Shrove Tuesday and the start of Lent, and sharing food together. The sessions ended with soup and pancakes, bringing a simple and welcoming close to the day.

## WINTER NIGHT SHELTER SUPPORT

St Michael's Headingley supported people without homes this winter through the Leeds Winter Night Shelter.

Eight churches each hosted one week, offering a safe place during the coldest months. Volunteers provided meals, company, and breakfast, while donations helped fund food and clothing.

Evenings were simple but meaningful, with shared meals, conversation, and games. Mornings started early to send people off warm and fed.

One volunteer said the experience was both heartwarming and hard. It showed how quickly life can change, but also how people support each other in tough times.

### The Lord's Prayer

Tuesday 28th April 2026

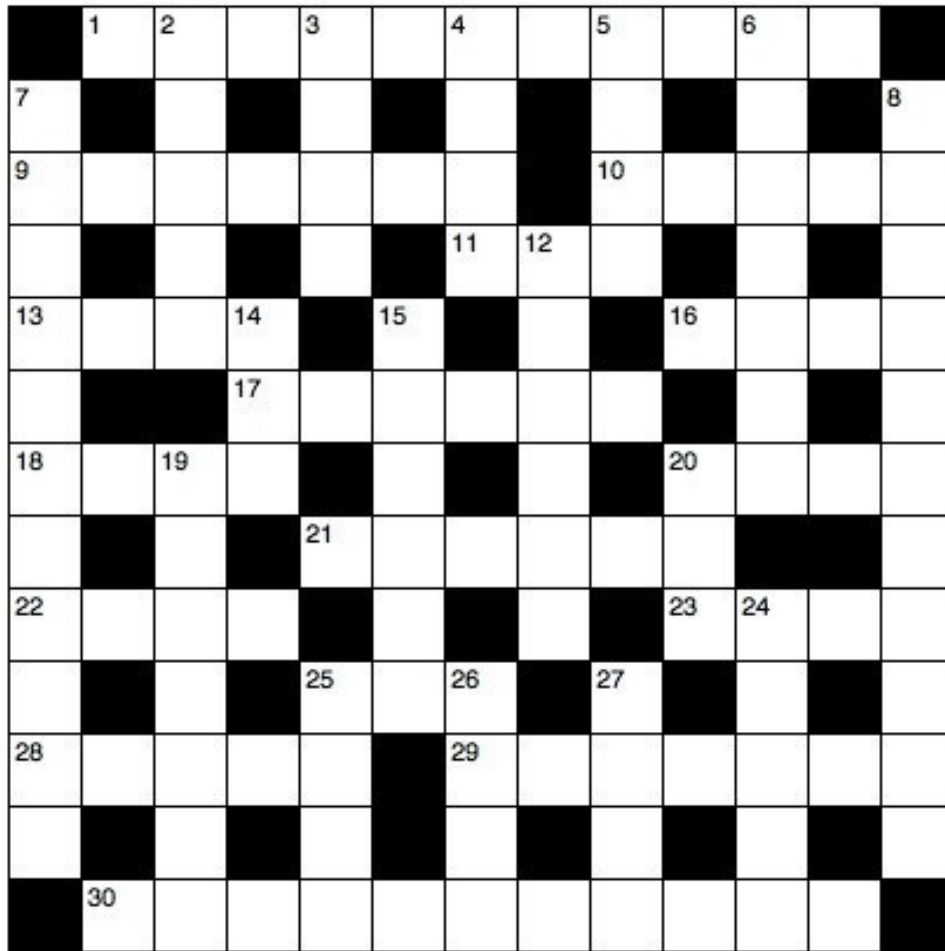
An Evening of Teaching, Prayer, and Conversation with Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

**Evening Schedule:**

- 18:00: Tea and coffee
- 18:30: Worship, followed by a talk and time for conversation
- 20:15: Close

All are warmly welcome  
No booking required

# Crossword



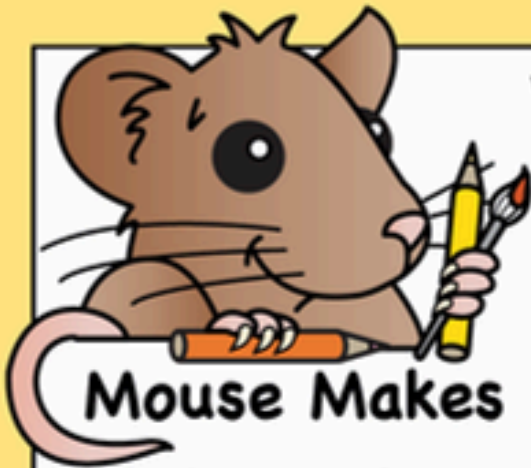
## ACROSS

- 1 OVERPOWERED (DEUTERONOMY 11:4) (11)  
 9 'THE — ARE MANTLED WITH CORN'(PSALM 65:13) (7)  
 10 'EACH MAN—A SWORD TO HIS SIDE'(EXODUS 32:27) (5)  
 11 ON THE DEATH OF JESUS THE CURTAIN IN THE TEMPLE WAS TORN FROM— TO BOTTOM (MATTHEW 27:51) (3)  
 13 STAGGER (ISAIAH 28:7) (4)  
 16 'ANYONE, THEN, WHO KNOWS THE GOOD HE OUGHT—AND DOESNT DO IT, SINS'(JAMES 4:17) (2,2)  
 17 STIR UP OR PROVOKE (ACTS13:50) (6)  
 18 BURDEN (LUKE11:46) (4)  
 20 'AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE—, SO FAR HAS HE REMOVED OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US'(PSALM 103:12) (4)  
 21 SIGN (LUKE23:38) (6)  
 22 'AFTER THAT, JESUS Poured WATER INTO A BASIN AND BEGAN TO—HIS DISCIPLES'FEET'(JOHN 13:5) (4)  
 23 THE NATURE OF THE SEVEN EARS OF CORN WHICH SWALLOWED UP THE GOOD EARS IN PHARAOHS DREAM (GENESIS 41:23) (4)  
 25 HAS (ANAG.) (3)  
 28 'THIS IS THE ACCOUNT OF SHEM, HAM AND JAPHETH, —SONS'(GENESIS 10:1) (5)  
 29 'I WILL...MAKE THEM DRUNK, SO THAT THEY...SLEEP FOR—AND— AWAKE'(JEREMIAH 51:39) (4,3)  
 30 PAUL SAID OF HIM, 'HE OFTEN REFRESHES ME AND IS NOT ASHAMED OF MY CHAINS'(2 TIMOTHY 1:16) (11)

## DOWN

- 2 WORTH (MATTHEW 13:46) (5)  
 3 'A BRUISED — HE WILL NOT BREAK'(MATTHEW 12:20) (4)  
 4 'SUDDENLY A GREAT COMPANY OF THE HEAVENLY — APPEARED WITH THE ANGEL'(LUKE 2:13) (4)  
 5 SLIP (ANAG.) (4)  
 6 'TAKE AN AWL AND PUSH IT THROUGH HIS — INTO THE DOOR, AND HE WILL BECOME YOUR SERVANT FOR LIFE'(DEUTERONOMY 15:17) (3,4)  
 7 BOUNTIFUL (2 CORINTHIANS 8:2) (11)  
 8 'THEREFORE, AS WE HAVE —, LET US DO GOOD TO ALL PEOPLE'(GALATIANS 6:10) (11)  
 12 ACQUIRE (2 TIMOTHY 2:10) (6)  
 14 CONTAINER COVER (NUMBERS 19:15) (3)  
 15 'HE...BECAME OBEDIENT TO DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON——!'(PHILIPPIANS 2:8) (1,5)  
 19 REFRAIN (1 PETER2:11) (7)  
 20 'SHE BEGAN TO—HIS FEET WITH HER TEARS'(LUKE 7:38) (3)  
 24 ONE WHO WORSHIPS BRAHMA, VISHNU OR SHIVA (5)  
 25 'GIVE TO EVERYONE WHO—YOU'(LUKE6:30) (4)  
 26 'I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE HILLS; WHERE DOES MY—COME FROM?'(PSALM 121:1) (4)  
 27 ONE OF THOSE WHOM THE LORD SAID WOULD BE TAKEN FROM JERUSALEM AND JUDAH AS JUDGMENT ON

Crossword Solution :ACROSS: 1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel. 16, To do. 17, Incite. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash. 23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, Noah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus.  
DOWN: 2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing. 8, Opportunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet. 24, Hindu. 25, Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.



# Mouse Makes

## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

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Genesis 1:2

The

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of the Father.

Acts 1:4

The Spirit of

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Romans 8:15

H \_\_\_\_\_

John 14:26

The Spirit of

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John 16:13

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Acts 16:7

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read Acts 2:1-41

How many believers were baptised that day?

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Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

HOLY • SPIRIT • COUNSELLOR • COMFORTER  
 ADVOCATE • TEACHER • LORD • PROMISE  
 GLORY • GRACE • FAITH • DOVE • FIRE • WIND

# May - June Lectionary

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**May 3rd** : 5th Sunday of Easter  
John 14.1-14; Acts 7.55-end

**May 31<sup>st</sup>**: Trinity Sunday  
Matthew 28.16-20; 2 Corinthians 13.11-end

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
John 14.15-21

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** : 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26; Genesis 12.1-9

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
John 17.1-7; Acts 1.6-14

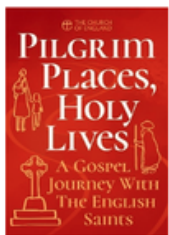
**May 24<sup>th</sup>**: Pentecost  
Acts 2.1-21

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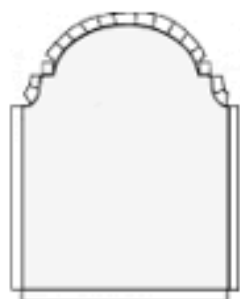


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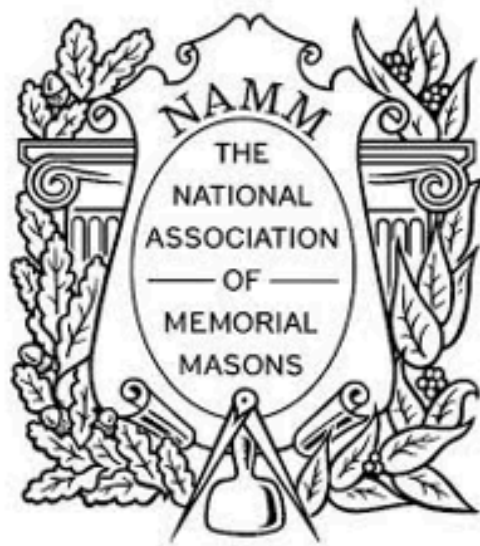
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