



St John's Church Golcar

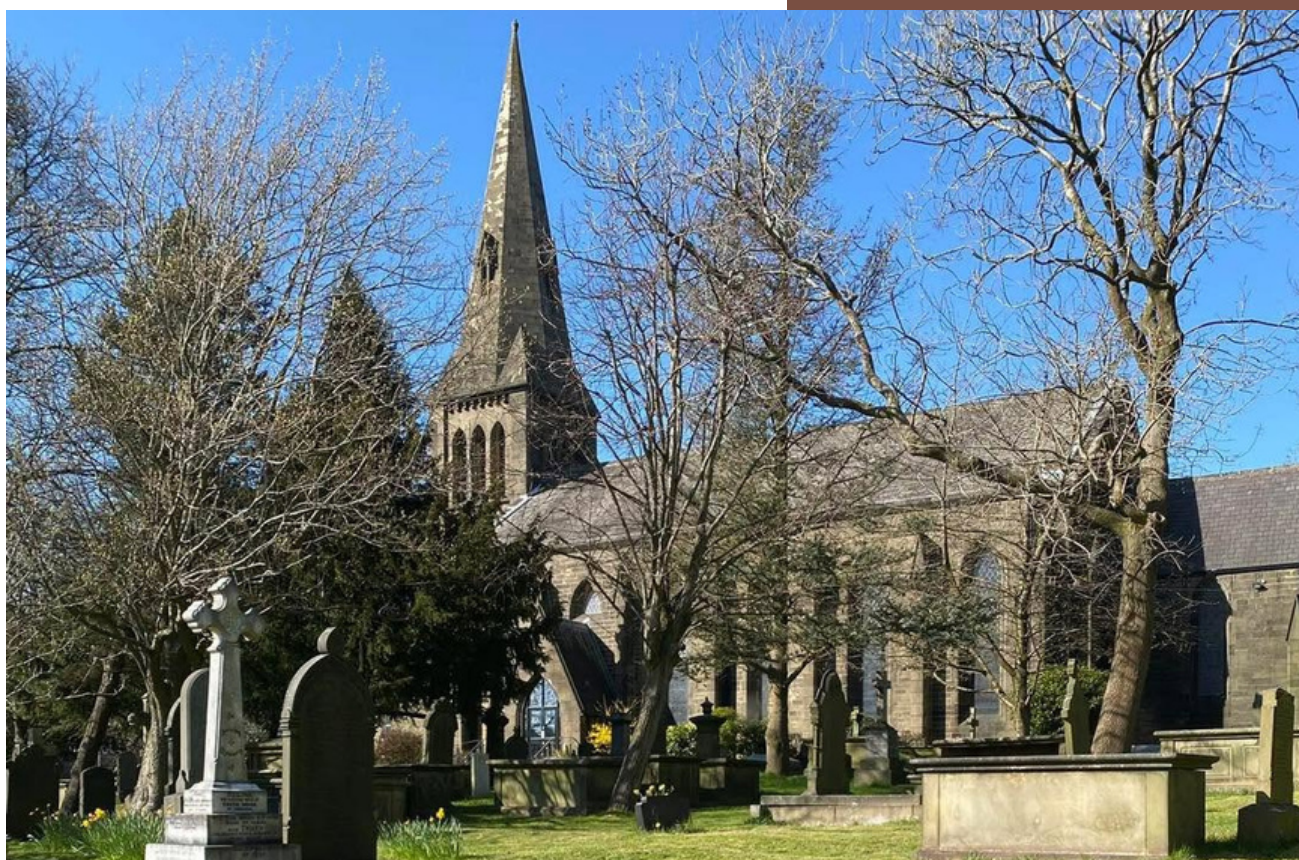
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OF ENGLAND



**SEPTEMBER
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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, Owen Norton, Graham Williams, Sue Heywood

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

Editor's Note



Welcome to our September magazine. After the summer break, September always seems to bring a sense of fresh beginnings. Church groups return, diaries begin filling up again, and there is plenty happening at St John's.

This month we look back at our lovely joint Benefice Garden Service. We also look ahead to Heritage Open Day, the return of Guthlac's Gang and rehearsals for The Wizard of Oz. There are plenty more dates for your diary too.

We also welcome Bishop Toby as our new Bishop of Leeds and share his message to parishes across the Diocese.

September often marks a change of season, and this year that feels especially fitting. There is plenty to reflect upon in this month's magazine, as well as much to look forward to.

I hope you enjoy this month's edition and all that September brings to our church and wider community.

Lucy Williams
Editor



FROM THE VICAR

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

WHICH WAY NOW?

The toner has just needed replacing on my printer. I have a reasonable black-and-white printer, and I buy own-brand toner for it, so I think it prints remarkably cheaply.

When the toner runs out, I have two options. I can replace it straight away, knowing that the text won't fade halfway through printing 50 pew sheets. Or I can take the old toner out, give it a shake, reset the page counter and squeeze a few more pages out of it. This works for a little while, but I can get caught out and end up having to print things again.

Each time my printer demands a new toner cartridge, I end up with a mini dilemma. I like to get as much as possible out of the cartridge, and it seems a waste to throw it away when it can still do a bit more. But resetting the counter is quite a faff, and the process seems to be different every time. Mostly, the decision comes down to whether or not I can find the energy to work my way round the controls.

Life is full of decisions. Often, when we look backwards, we can see God at work, fitting things together. But at the time, it can be much harder to discern what to do and which direction to go in.

I believe God is with us in all things. But I don't think God tells us what to eat every day for dinner, which socks to put on, or when to change the toner. We still have to make choices for ourselves.

Sometimes we are motivated by cost, time or effort. At other times, ethical or environmental concerns might shape our decisions. Some of us will spend lots of time thinking things through, gathering information and asking other people's opinions. Others will be happier jumping in quickly and going for it.

We all make different choices, and the ways we make those choices are individual too.

For bigger decisions, though, it is important to seek divine wisdom. God may or may not give us a clear path ahead. Often, a good decision is made by spending some time pondering it in the presence of God, mulling it over in prayer and bringing it to church with us.

Listening to God can help us discern the way forward. So allow yourself some time to be quiet and receive, as well as asking God the question. And don't forget that sometimes God speaks through other people, through worship, and through the life of the community around us.

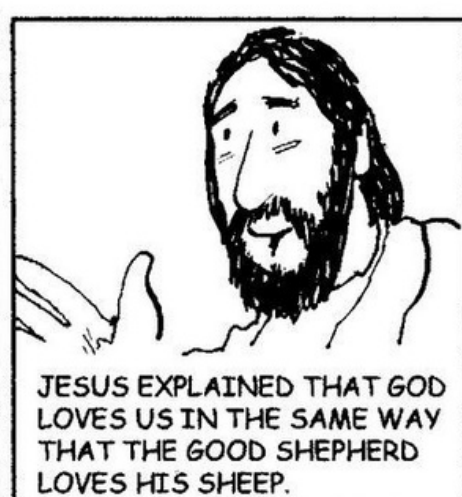
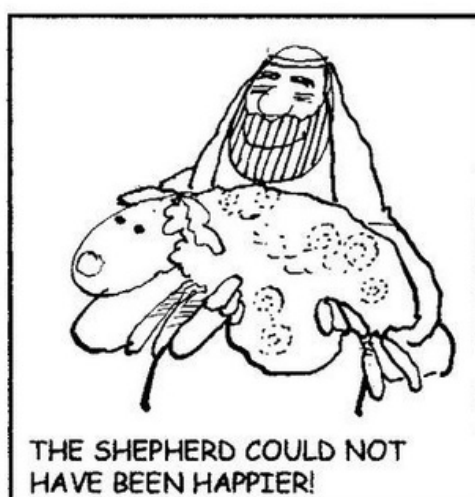
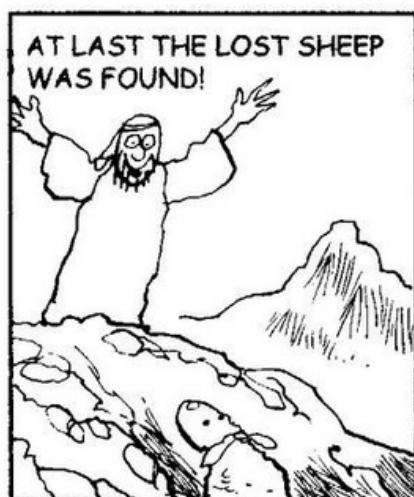
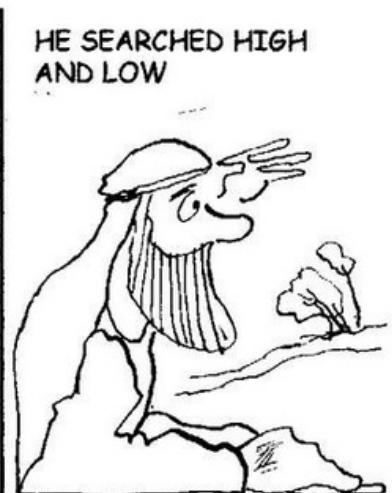
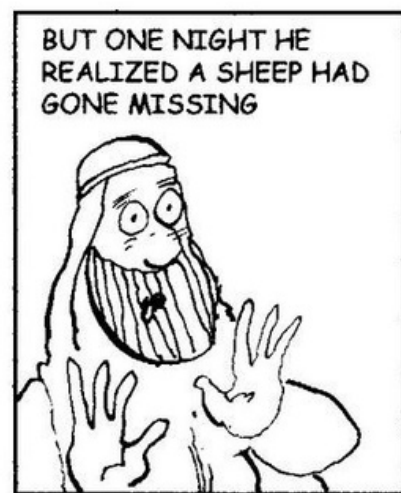
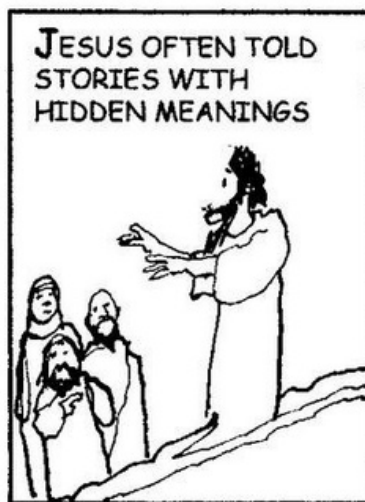
As you probably know by now, Sam and I are moving to Wakefield. It wasn't an easy decision, or an obvious one, but it feels right for us both.

I will miss so much about Golcar: the views, the village, the moorland so close, the church, the school and, especially, the people. In many ways, it will be a wrench to move away, and we will miss you. But we believe God is leading us to pastures new.

Please support the wardens as they prepare for the vacancy, and do your best to listen to God and to one another as St John's prepares to enter a new phase.

And perhaps there is one more thing to say about toner. Sometimes we worry that the page is about to fade, or that we have reached the end of what we have to give. But God is not limited by our resources or our uncertainty. The old page may come to an end, but there are always new pages to be written. So as St John's enters this next chapter, trust that God is with you, guiding you and giving you what you need for the way ahead.

God bless



WHAT'S ON

WORSHIP/FAITH



GUTHLAC'S GANG IS BACK! – SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Our children's group returns after the summer break.

Join us in church at 9.30am for the service, then head out for stories, games and fun activities.

All children and their parents/carers are welcome.

New faces always welcome – come and see what we're about.

ST JOHN'S AND ST MARK'S "FEEL GOOD DAY"

26th September 10am-4pm at Shred Mission Church, Bradshaw Lane, Upper Slaithwaite HD7 5UZ People are encouraged to bring something to share which makes them feel good. e.g painting, walking, music.

Also lunch and drinks will be provided.

Please sign up in church, and indicate if you would need a lift



HERITAGE



HERITAGE OPEN DAY SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 10:00AM - 3PM

Come and explore the history of St John's as part of the national Heritage Open Days.

The church will be open for visitors to look around, learn about its past, and enjoy the peaceful space.

Refreshments available throughout the day. All welcome. **Free entry.** Offers of help to Joe Norton.

COMMUNITY



HERITAGE DAY - AFTERNOON TEA

Join us at St John's for our Heritage Open Day Afternoon Tea, 12pm to 4pm. Tickets are available to purchase in church and cost £15 per person, or £20 with a glass of Prosecco. Come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon tea in our beautiful church.



ST JOHN'S PANTOMIME – WIZARD OF OZ

Join us at St John's Church this December for our community pantomime!

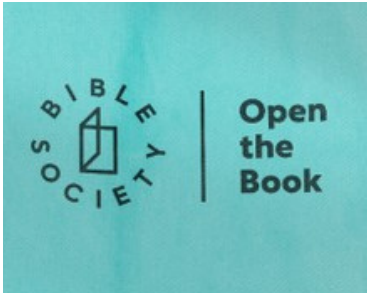
Rehearsals start:

Tuesday 8th September 2026

Performances: Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th & Saturday 5th December 2026
A fun-filled family show, open to all ages – come and support your local cast!

WHAT'S ON

WORSHIP/FAITH



OPEN THE BOOK AIR AND SHARE - 5TH OCTOBER 10 AM

St John's will be hosting an Open the Book Air and Share. Air and Shares are not training, but rather a gathering of different Open the Book teams for a chance to AIR questions, concerns and ideas, and SHARE what is going well – testimonies, props and

costumes. It is an opportunity to hear the latest Open the Book news, learn what other teams do and be inspired by one another. Come along if you are interested in joining or would like to know more.

COMMUNITY



ORGAN RECITAL - 31ST OCTOBER

Join our very own Ann Norton for a relaxed, candlelit organ concert at St John's Church, Golcar, on Saturday 31st October at 7pm. Enjoy familiar classical favourites, drinks and snacks in a relaxed setting. Free entry, with a retiring collection towards restoring our historic pipe organ.



FAREWELL AT THE VICARAGE:

Join Simon and Sam on Sunday 25th October, from 1pm until late, for a farewell gathering at the Vicarage. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Come along for as long or as little as you like. Simon and Sam would love to see you before they leave.

LIVING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

TOGETHER IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN

There are some things you simply cannot guarantee when planning an outdoor service in Yorkshire. Sunshine is certainly one of them! Thankfully, Fr Simon had apparently “put his order in” for good weather, and somebody was clearly listening.

Our Garden Service was a joint Benefice service, held in the Vicarage garden. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces from both St John’s and St Mark’s gathering together. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. In fact, shelter from the heat was more important than shelter from the rain! Some arrived early to set up shade, refreshments and everything else needed for the service.

Armed with our own garden chairs, plus a few borrowed from church, we settled down to worship together outdoors. There was a lovely relaxed feel as both churches came together in the sunshine.

Music was provided by Phil, alongside some wonderful instrumental contributions from our children. A few of the adults joined in too, adding even more joy to the afternoon.

The service also brought some sad news. Fr Simon announced that he will be leaving us at the end of October. He will be joining his wife, Sam, as she takes up her new post at Wakefield Cathedral.



While we are pleased for them both, his departure will be deeply felt across our Benefice.

We were all so involved in the service that nobody remembered to take any photographs! So, in true “Blue Peter” style, we have included one from last year instead. You will simply have to take our word for it that this year was just as lovely, and possibly even sunnier!

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, provided refreshments, played music, carried chairs or simply came along. It was a wonderful afternoon of worship, friendship and sunshine shared by St John’s and St Mark’s.

By Lucy Williams

ST JOHN'S CHURCH,
GOLCAR

An evening of organ music

7 P M . S A T U R D A Y 31^{S T}
O C T O B E R 2026

"come for the wine, stay for the music"



ANN NORTON
ORGANIST

A LIGHT PROGRAMME INCLUDING
MUSIC BY VIVALDI, HAYDN,
HANDEL, BACH AND SCHUBERT

FREE ENTRY

DRINKS & SNACKS FOR SALE

CABARET STYLE SEATING

CANDLELIGHT SETTING

RETIRING COLLECTION TOWARDS
THE ORGAN'S RESTORATION



C of E welcomes Government consultation on RE in the National Curriculum

The Church of England has welcomed a recent announcement from the Government that they will consult this Autumn on the potential of RE becoming part of the National Curriculum, for the first time ever.

This is part of the implementation of the Curriculum and Assessment Review as outlined in the [Schools White Paper – Every Child Achieving and Thriving](#).

An Expert Advisory Group (involving both National Society for Education and Diocesan colleagues) was brought together earlier in the year to work collectively on these recommendations to the Secretary of State. The group's work has outlined the core legislative requirements needed to both ensure that the current arrangements for church schools are preserved,

and that high-quality programmes of study can be made available through the proposed National Curriculum.

The Rt Revd Jonathan Frost, Bishop of Portsmouth said: "As Chair of the National Society for Education, I fully welcome this government consultation on RE moving into the National Curriculum.

"This both elevates the importance of the subject as integral to the flourishing of every child in our nation and also preserves long-standing arrangements for church schools which make up a third of the state sector.

The Church of England will respond to the consultation in the Autumn, and the National Society for Education will work closely with its Diocesan partners to further embed the excellent practice in teaching, leadership and curriculum design across its schools.

AI can act for the common good, but only if Governments remain sovereign

The Bishop of Oxford has backed calls for the right of Governments to set policy and regulate big tech as he warned of the risks posed by rapid technological change.

Making his recent valedictory speech in the House of Lords, Bishop Steven Croft said there were 'many gains' from new technology but there were also risks to society in areas such as mental health, social cohesion, truth, and patterns of work and distribution of power.

Speaking of advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI), he said the risks posed were partly a product of its accelerating speed of development.

"The speed of change, and the significant power unleashed, make this revolution distinct from other technical developments in the past, because there is a risk that the speed of change will itself undermine the very benefits that change brings," he said.

"There is simply no time for public trust and confidence to grow, and you have heard of the growing public awareness of risk and the desire that something be done."

Bishop Steven said there was an urgent need for a 'clear standard and statement of intent' from the Government, asserting sovereignty for Governments over the implementation of new technologies, that was "ethically shaped and in the interests of our whole society".

He added that there also needed to be moves towards drawing together the "combined and collective power of nation states" to act on this issue for the good of all.

"The most important part of a building is its foundation, the most vital part of a boat in a storm is the keel giving stability in the water," he said.

"As the world navigates the transition to the age of AI, we will need more than ever before the values and ethics of our common tradition, rooted in centuries of Christian faith and practice. AI can be a tool for the common good, a source of great benefit, but only if Governments remain sovereign."

Bishop Steven was making his final speech after nearly 13 years in the House of Lords.



PANTO

2026

THE WIZARD OF OZ

THERE'S

NO PLACE

LIKE PANTO!

★
3rd, 4th and 5th
December

AT

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

..... ★
Written By
Alex Jackson

*Follow the yellow brick road and be part of
something magical! ★*

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD CELEBRATES 70 YEARS: 1956 - 2026



It was back in February of 1956 that Buckingham Palace released a press announcement outlining plans for a trial period of 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award'.

It was the post-war era, and His Royal Highness wanted to help boys bridge the gap between leaving formal education at 15 and starting National Service at 18. He also wanted them to build self-confidence and a sense of purpose to support them into their future. A youth programme, he believed, would improve their skills and equip them to make valuable contributions to their communities and society.

In 1956, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award pilot was launched to national voluntary youth organisations. It soon expanded to include Local Education Authorities, the Armed Forces and some schools across the UK.

After the first year, 7,000 boys had started a programme and 1,000 Awards had been achieved. Girls were allowed to join the programme in 1958. Since that first year, millions have joined the DofE Award programme.

The DofE continued to evolve, and programmes took on their current format of Volunteering, Physical, Skills, Expedition, and Residential at Gold level in 1980.

In 2020, DofE participants stepped up in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The volunteering efforts of 330,000 young people equated to an investment of almost £8.5 million in a time of need.

The DofE says: "It hasn't been the easiest few years for young people. From the ongoing aftermath of the pandemic to the anxieties of the cost-of-living crisis, the future doesn't always feel certain.

"But, in seven decades of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), we've learnt one thing: never doubt what young people can do. Time and time again, we've seen that when young people are given the chance to prove to themselves what they're capable of, there's no limit to what they can achieve.

"We're here to celebrate and champion every young person. To provide a safe environment of support and challenge that grows as they do.

"Whatever their ability, interest or background, DofE offers young people the chance to strive for achievement, overcome obstacles, and set their minds to a personal challenge.

Because when you prove to yourself that you're ready for anything, nothing can hold you back. Our Founder HRH Prince Philip once said: 'There is more in you than you might think.' And, here at the DofE, we help you realise that."

Prince Philip passed away in April 2021, but his legacy thrives thanks to the tireless support of the new Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward.

More info at: <https://www.dofe.org>



Rainbow & Brownie News

In June & July we were very proud that 3 Rainbows & 1 Brownie received their prestigious Gold section Awards. Congratulations Eleanor, Isla S, Aria , Daisy & Brooke. They all showed real dedication! The 3 Rainbows made journey records of their time in Rainbows & Brooke did a craft with the Brownies.

At the beginning of July we held our joint Rainbow & Brownie Overnight at the Golcar Scout centre. The Tartans, Nessies & Scotties were all competing in our very own Commonwealth Games. Everyone played & did jobs together, both inside & out, with no arguments & lots of encouragement , which was great considering ages went from nearly 6 to just 10. Besides sports events, we made tartan patterns & sock mascots.

This new term the Rainbows will be working on their orange Take Action Theme & the Brownies on their blue Know Myself theme & hopefully having a lot of fun on the way. As well as just having four “up” from Rainbows, the Brownies have also had 2 new ones start from their long waiting list.

At the beginning of July the Rainbows & Brownies joined with the GLEGS (Golcar Lily Day Environmental Group) to collect litter in Golcar & managed to collect a surprisingly large amount!

This term the Rainbows will be designing a badge for next year’s 40th anniversary which was from 1987. It doesn’t seem like almost 40 years ago that I persuaded Pat Hanson & Margaret Taylor to help with Golcar Church Rainbow Caterpillars as we were known as & Pat & Margaret took on the names of butterflies. We were one of the first units in the country along with the 1st Meltham. The girls looked lovely in their green tabards (someone even made one for the curate!)

Now both the Rainbows & Brownies have gone very stripey (their choice nationally) in their new uniforms which you’ll gradually see appearing. I’m sure many of you saw the media coverage.

Margaret Shaw / Grey Owl

PRAYERS & POEMS

Prayer for September 2026

Dear Lord, September – the month of new starts!
New terms, new groups, new friends, new hopes,
every year.

Lord, be with us!

Lord, thank you for the new start you offer us when we
put our trust in Jesus. A new start that we make once –
and then can renew every day.

Every time we falter, you pick us up. Every time we
come back to you, you forgive us and accept us.

Thank you, Lord, for never letting us down, for never
leaving or forsaking us, that new starts with you are
always possible, not just in September.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Autumn

Yellow the bracken,
Golden the sheaves,
Rosy the apples,
Crimson the leaves;
Mist on the hillside,
Clouds grey and white.
Autumn, good morning!
Summer, good night!

By Florence Hoatson

Loving Father

Most loving Father, may we who seek to dwell in your
house be governed wholly by your laws. In adversity
and in prosperity, in life and in death, may you reveal
to us your gracious will, and then give us strength in
body and in heart to obey your commands. We pray
that you will make us perfect, because only that
which is perfect truly reflects your glory. And through
the Holy Spirit you have shown us the way of
perfection.

**A prayer of Erasmus (1469 – 1536), the most
renowned scholar of his age**

The Sower

He works beneath the morning sun
He scatters wide the seed;
Rests not before the work is done
That bread may fill our need.

Some fell upon the hardened way
Where clay was hard as stone,
Birds ate the seeds right where they lay
And none was left alone.

Some landed on the rocky soil
Soon sprang their leaves of green –
To wilt beneath the sun's dread boil
As if they'd never been.

Some fell among the choking weeds
The tares took all the light;
Their growth then overwhelmed the seeds,
Which disappeared from sight.

But some fell on the fertile loam
The rain fell from the sky
A hundredfold their seeds had grown
As they grew strong and high.

Let not your heart be made of stone
Nor fail when troubles come;
By no foul sin be overgrown,
But thriving 'neath the sun!

By Nigel Beeton



Regular Services

Our Sunday services

9.30am at St John's Golcar
8am in Traditional Language at St John's Golcar on the 2nd and 4th 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)**

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 please contact Janice Hart on Mob: 07850 194314

Just Sing Community Choir, Thursday evenings 7:30pm

September Sunday Services

Sunday 6th

9.30am – Sung Holy Communion

Sunday 13th

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

Sunday 20th

9.30am – Sung Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

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

From The Parish Registers

Ashes interments

The ashes of Conroy Chadwick were interred on 30th July 2026.

The ashes of Anthony Pointon were interred on 27th August 2026.

Funerals

The Funeral of Dorothy Joyce Bennett
1st September 2026

Please remember their family and friends in your prayers.

Could You Help Keep Our Shoebox Appeal Going?

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St John's has proudly supported the Christmas Shoebox Appeal for many years. It has grown beyond our church family, with our local Guides and people across our community getting involved.

We would very much like the appeal to continue this year, but we need someone to take the lead. It would be a real shame to lose something which has become such a valued part of our Christmas outreach.

The Shoebox Appeal Leader is a volunteer role. You would not be expected to do everything yourself. The main task is to bring together and coordinate a small team of volunteers. Together, the team collects donations, packs shoeboxes and makes sure they reach our external partner in time for Christmas.

The role also involves helping to promote the appeal, keeping things organised and liaising with local schools, groups and our partner organisation. You would keep the church updated on progress and help make sure everything runs smoothly.

As the role involves representing St John's within our community, it is covered by our safer recruitment process. The required safeguarding checks and training will be explained and support will be available.

You do not need to have run our appeal before. We are looking for someone who is organised, friendly, comfortable working with others and willing to bring a small team together. Could that person be you?

If you would like to know more, without making any commitment, please speak to me or contact the Parish Office. We would love to see our Shoebox Appeal continue bringing our church, schools and wider community together this Christmas.

Lucy Williams
Parish Administrator



SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026 

Bringing gifts. Sharing hope.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO ORGANISE THE APPEAL THIS YEAR

Unless someone is willing to take the lead, the Shoebox Appeal **will not be able to happen this Christmas.**

 **The role mainly involves:**

- Promoting the appeal
- Collecting filled shoeboxes
- Arranging delivery or collection

 *Please step forward – we don't want this valued appeal to end.*

 *Could you help?*

If you can help, even as part of a small team, please speak to a churchwarden or contact the church office.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW BISHOP OF LEEDS

News from Diocese of Leeds

We are delighted to share the following message from Bishop Toby, following the announcement of his appointment as the new Bishop of Leeds.

As he prepares to take up his new role, Bishop Toby is keen to spend time getting to know parishes and communities across our diverse diocese. He hopes to visit churches during the autumn, joining in with mission and meeting those serving their local communities.

Please keep Bishop Toby in your prayers as he prepares for this new chapter of ministry, and for all those who will work alongside him across the Diocese of Leeds



From Bishop Toby, the new Bishop of Leeds

I have greatly appreciated the support and prayers that so many of you have given since last September, and I look forward to serving with you in this new role.

Over the next few months, the combined College of Canons will hold their formal election, followed by a Confirmation of Election at York Minster. After paying homage to The King, I will be able to be installed in each of our three cathedrals. As soon as we are able to share dates, we will do so.

I'm planning to take time each week in the autumn, where possible, to visit parishes and communities around the Diocese, especially where I can join in something missional. I'd love to do that with colleagues, lay and ordained, from other parts of the diocese so that we can get to know one another and each other's contexts better. I'll be working out that programme with fellow area bishops, so if you've got ideas, please let them know.

Please continue to pray for me as I pray for you,

Yours, rejoicing in our fellowship in Jesus and our partnership in the gospel.

+Toby

Heritage Afternoon Tea

September 12th 2026 12:00-16:00

To celebrate the Heritage Weekend enjoy a traditional and elegant afternoon tea – come as you are or dress up

including a choice of

Savouries

- * Sausage roll
- * Pork Pie
- * Savoury Tarts

Sandwiches

- * Egg Mayonnaise
- * Yorkshire Ham
- * Coronation Chicken
- * Cheese Savoury
- * Cucumber Sandwiches

Deserts

- * Mini Trifles
- * Mini Cheesecakes

Cakes

- * Victorian Sandwich
- * Madeira Cake
- * Chocolate Brownies

Scone, Jam and Cream

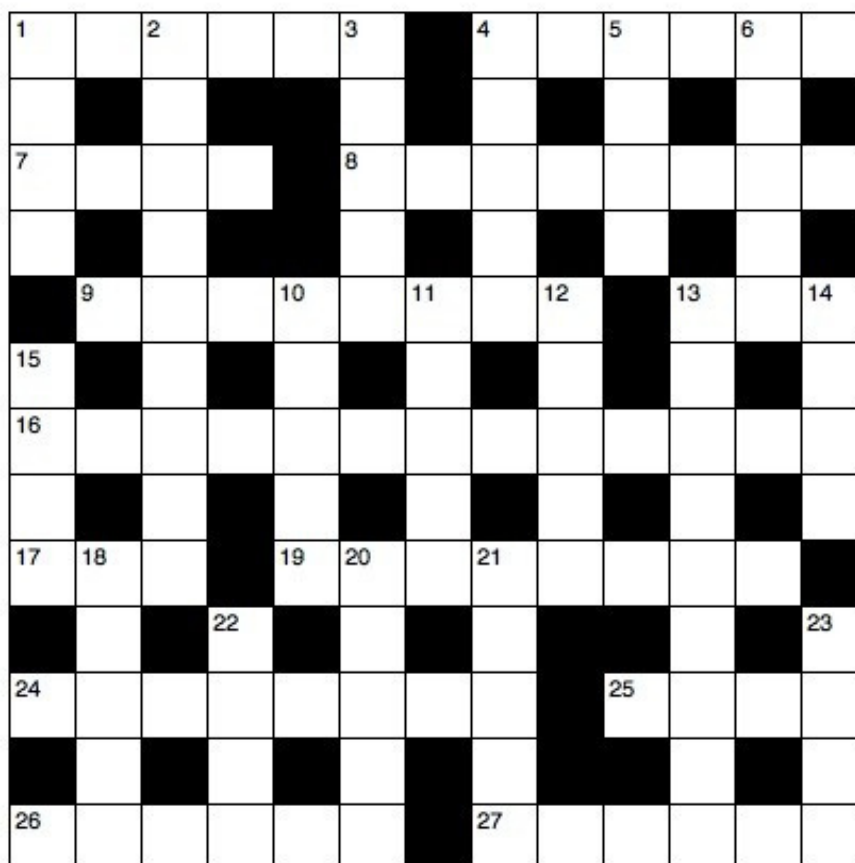
A choice of Tea or Coffee

All for £15

Add a glass of Prosecco or Sherry for £5!



Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 'UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE, ITS BUILDERS — IN VAIN'(PSALM 127:1) (6)
 4 SEASON OF THE YEAR (PSALM 84:6) (6)
 7 'MY SOUL IS OVERWHELMED WITH SORROW TO THE POINT OF DEATH. — HERE AND KEEP WATCH WITH ME'(MATTHEW 26:38) (4)
 8 IT CAME OVER THE WHOLE LAND FROM THE SIXTH TO THE NINTH HOUR ON THE FIRST GOOD FRIDAY (LUKE 23:44) (8)
 9 PAUL INVARIABLY DID THIS IN THE SYNAGOGUES HE VISITED ON HIS MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (ACTS 17:2) (8)
 13 'IT IS GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU TO WILL AND TO — ACCORDING TO HIS GOOD PURPOSE'(PHILIPPIANS 2:13) (3)
 16 MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (13)
 17 'NOW WHEN HE SAW THE CROWDS, HE WENT UP ON A MOUNTAIN SIDE AND — DOWN'(MATTHEW 5:1) (3)
 19 MOCK(LUKE14:29)(8)
 24 DISGRACE(PSALM44:13)(8)
 25 FIRST MONTH OF THE HEBREW CALENDAR (EXODUS13:4)(4)
 26 CHRISTIANITY OF THE BRITONS BEFORE AUGUSTINE ARRIVED FROM ROME(6)
 27 MEAN (NUMBERS 35:23)(6)

DOWN

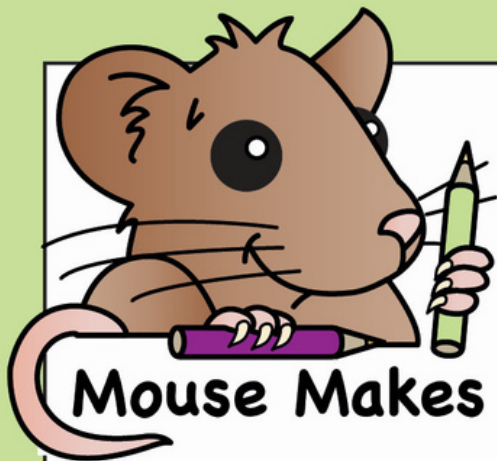
- 1 'WHOEVER FINDS HIS LIFE WILL — IT'(MATTHEW 10:39) (4)
 2 'MY LORD THE KING, LET THE — — ON ME AND ON MY FATHERS FAMILY, AND LET THE KING AND HIS THRONE BE WITHOUT GUILT'(2 SAMUEL 14:9) (5,4)
 3 O RAID (ANAG.) (5)
 4 'IF TWO OF YOU ON EARTH — ABOUT ANYTHING YOU ASK FOR, IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU BY MY FATHER IN HEAVEN'(MATTHEW 18:19) (5)
 5 TAKE CARE OF (1 SAMUEL 17:15) (4)
 6 WHAT THE OLDER SON HEARD AS HE CAME NEAR THE HOUSE THE DAY HIS PRODIGAL BROTHER CAME HOME (LUKE 15:25) (5)
 10 'DO NOT THINK OF YOURSELF MORE HIGHLY THAN YOU OUGHT,BUT RATHER THINK OF YOURSELF WITH — JUDGMENT'(ROMANS 12:3) (5)
 11 DO TEN(ANAG.)(5)
 12 ARCHITECTURAL STYLE FIRST USED IN GREEK TEMPLES IN THE SIXTH CENTURY BC (5)
 13 CAPABLE OF BEING USED(1KINGS7:36)(9)
 14 'EACH ONE SHOULD — HIS OWN ACTIONS(GALATIANS6:4)(4)
 15 AMONG THE ITEMS IMPORTED BY SOLOMONS FLEET OF TRADING SHIPS (1 KINGS 10:22) (4)
 18 'BUT I AM AFRAID THAT JUST — — WAS DECEIVED BY THE SERPENTS CUNNING, YOUR MINDS MAY SOMEHOW BE LED ASTRAY'(2 CORINTHIANS 11:3) (2,3)
 20 OUTSTANDING 18TH-CENTURY HYMN WRITER, — WATTS(5)
 21 ONE OF THE FOUR SONS OF ASHER(GENESIS46:17)(5)
 22 BE DISTRESSED(PROVERBS24:19)(4)
 23 HE WAS THE FATHER OF GAAL, WHO THREATENED REBELLION AGAINST ABIMELECH (JUDGES 9:28) (4)

Crossword Solution :ACROSS: 1, Labour. 4, Autumn. 7, Stay. 8, Darkness. 9, Reasoned. 13, Act. 16, Presbyterians. 17, Sat. 19, Ridicule. 24, Reproach. 25, Abib. 26, Celtic. 27, Intend.

DOWN: 1, Lose. 2, Blame. 3, Rest. 4, Radio. 5, Agree. 6, Tend. 7, Music. 10, Sober. 11, Noted. 12, Doric. 13, Available. 14, Test. 15, Apes. 18, As Eve. 20, Isaac. 21, Ishvi. 22, Fret. 23, Ebed.

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THE TRUE VINE

Who is the vine?

John 15:1

What does Jesus ask us to do?

"Go and bear

John 15:16

What happens to the branches that do not remain in the vine?

Thrown into the

and

John 15:6

How many times does Jesus use the word FRUIT?



READ

John 15:1-17

What does Jesus command?

To one another.

John 15:12,17

How many times does Jesus command us to LOVE one another?

H T H R O W N A W A Y
I R A B I D E W I S B
D U F R U I T F U L U
N E R A J S I A M J R
C V U N F C U T V P N
L J I C W I T H E R S
E O T H O P J E S U S
A Y V W R L C R O N V
N G A R D E N E R E I
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E R E M A I N F I R E

JESUS • I AM • TRUE • VINE • FATHER
GARDENER • FRUIT • FRUITFUL
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CLEAN • THROWN AWAY • FIRE • BURNS
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September Lectionary

Sept 6th : 14th Sunday after Trinity
Matthew 18.15-20; Romans 13.8-end

Sept 20th : 16th Sunday after Trinity
Matthew 9.9-13; Proverbs 3.13-18

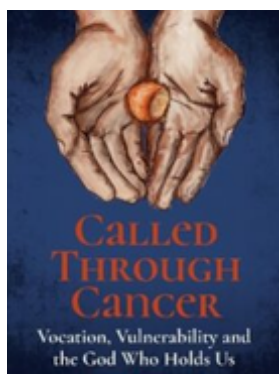
Sept 13th : 15th Sunday after Trinity
John 3. 13-17

Sept 27th : 17th Sunday after Trinity
Matthew 21.23-32; Philippians 2.1-13



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