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To extend the kingdom
of Christ, by showing
His love to all those with
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At present, we have no resident priest.

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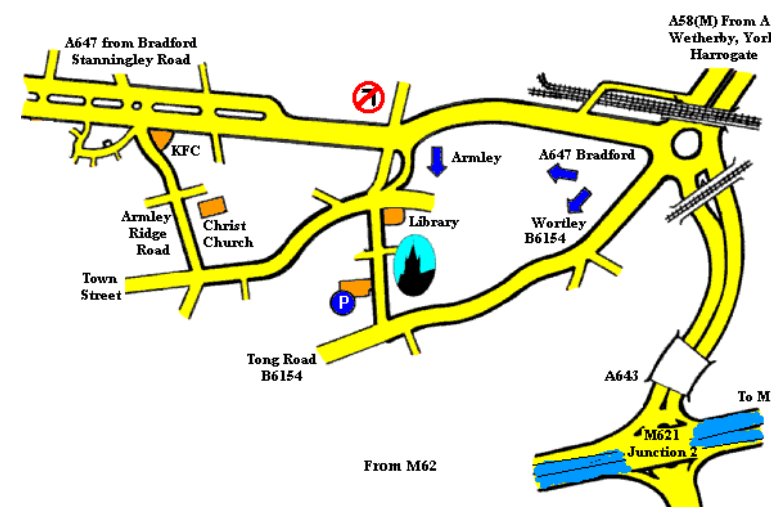
PARISH WORSHIP

SUNDAY: 10:00 SUNG MASS AND ADDRESS

Church Parade, as announced

THURSDAY: 10:00 SAID MASS in the Centenary Chapel

HOW TO FIND US:



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Schulze organ website: www.armley-schulze.co.uk

PREBENDARY IAN COOK WRITES –

This month I am not writing an article but rather sharing some thoughts which you will find helpful.

It is important that we celebrate the good things of our worshipping brothers and sisters.

This month we celebrate Prof Graham's 40 years of offering splendid music for each one of us. But not only that, Graham is also custodian of our famous organ. So, we say thank you and congratulations for his excellent ministry.

Special thanks are also in order to those who have been responsible for repainting our two church notice boards. I rather think that this was done by outside people but someone in our congregation set it up and caused it to be done. Well done and sincere thanks.

Also. Jim bought some small diameter rod to counterbalance the weight of the fair linen cloth on the principal altar. Jim also fitted it. So it will look lots better than formerly. Benita took the opportunity to wash the linen cloth; so all looks clean and tidy.

On a personal note, I am very grateful to those who wished me well during a tiresome time as I waited for results of a sinister medical procedure. Happily all is well. Thanks for prayers. I thank God for satis health and the consequent opportunity to enable the parish to receive Sacramental support.

I continue to say Mass at Leeds Parish Church on a regular basis. It keeps me in touch with diocesan thinking and future plans. I don't drive in Leeds so Jim takes me and helps prepare the altar and tidy up afterwards

As some of you know it is my birthday in a couple of days' time. It was such a joy last Thursday to share a cake with the Mass congregation. As is usually the case, my first birthday card arrived early from the Lord Bishop of Lichfield. He is about to retire and will be missed mightily. Always a friend and grateful for the ministry of his clergy, he is retiring to Leicester in September.

The new bishop of Leeds has, at a meeting in Wakefield, pledged support for resolution parishes and those of all persuasions in the wide breadth of the Church of England. Praise the Lord.

Love and prayers for you all

Prebendary Ian B Cook

Sunday themes

Sunday 6th September: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reproving Another Who Sins

Sunday 13th September: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Forgiveness

Sunday 20th September: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Labourers in the Vineyard

Sunday 27th September: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Parable of the Two Sons

Parish Registers

We welcome into God's family.

Recently baptised: Ariel Tabitha Ambler

Recently departed: Fred Guy

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord
And may light perpetual shine upon him
May he rest in peace and rise in glory †

Driving Lesson – 1962 version

My first car was an 8hp 1938 Ford 7Y. I had held a full licence since 1960 and on this particular Saturday afternoon, I had driven to see my fiancée Margaret at her parents' home in Simpson Grove. I had only just arrived when a neighbour who lived opposite asked if I would accompany him to a nearby town to help him collect some item of engineering equipment in his Vauxhall Cresta. This man was a real 'Walter Mitty' type, well known in the locality for his boasting and his outrageously farfetched stories of his wonderful adventures in exotic places! As we drove along 'Walter', as I shall now call him, told me that he had flown over the Carpathian Mountains, adding "You know, that's between France and Spain!". I kept silent, not bothering to correct him. When we eventually arrived back in Simpson Grove he stopped his car, looked at me and said "I watched you as you reversed to park your car and I can give you a few tips on how to do it properly. Just sit here and watch what I do!" Whereupon he drove past my car, lined up several yards in front and then reversed at speed, crashing into the front of my poor little Ford smashing the headlamp lenses and buckling the bumper! I was shocked but I wasn't really surprised as I'd had a sort of premonition that something would go wrong! I got out of his car and was inspecting the damage when he drove across to his house, parked up and ran indoors! He never apologised and I had to sort out the repairs myself. Fortunately, Margaret's brother was in the motor spares business and he was able to fix things for me.

Brian Gaunt

New Bishop of Leeds

The new Diocesan Bishop of Leeds is to be the Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth.



Bishop Toby has been Acting Bishop of Leeds since the Rt Rev Nick Baines retired in November 2025 and has served as Area Bishop of Bradford in the Diocese since 2014.

Toby Howarth was born in Kenya and went to school at Haverstock Comprehensive in North London. He studied at Yale University in the United States, which included a summer working with Afghan refugees in northern Pakistan.

After training in Oxford, Birmingham and Uganda, Toby was ordained and served in an inner-city parish in Derby. After five years in India, his family returned to Europe where Toby served with a Dutch church in Rotterdam before moving back to Birmingham. In 2004

he took up parish work again as Vicar of St Christopher's, Springfield, a church in a majority Muslim area of Birmingham. He became Area Bishop of Bradford in 2014.

Bishop Toby will lead the next stage of the Diocese of Leeds vision of becoming confident Christians, growing churches and transforming communities. "I am looking forward to working across the Diocese as we take forward that vision together." he said. "Over the next weeks and months, I will be listening to partners and communities both inside and outside the church to hear how we can best support churches and leaders to be confident in our mission and purpose, to ensure we are efficient, effective and sustainable as a diocese and to be relevantly living and telling the good news of Jesus in our rapidly changing world."





Ages 4 to 6
Mondays 5:30pm – 6pm

Ages 6 to 8
Fridays 6pm – 7:30pm

Ages 8 to 10½
Mondays 7pm – 8.30pm

Ages 14 to 18
Thursdays 7:15pm - 8:45pm

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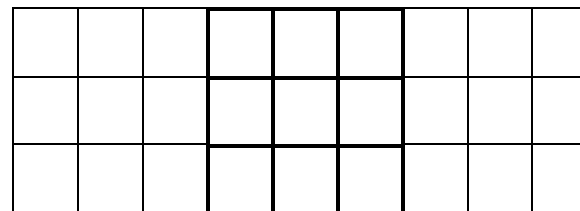
Word Puzzle

Solve the clues to complete this word puzzle. There are two clues for each line, each with a six-letter answer.

The last three letters of the first answer are also the first three letters of the second answer and appear in the middle three boxes of each line.

Once the puzzle is complete, you will have nine letters in the centre squares. Rearrange these to form a word that describes a chief messenger of God.

Jon Kaye
(PCC Treasurer)



Line 1: A nursery where babies and young children are cared for during the working day: A food made from pressed curds of milk

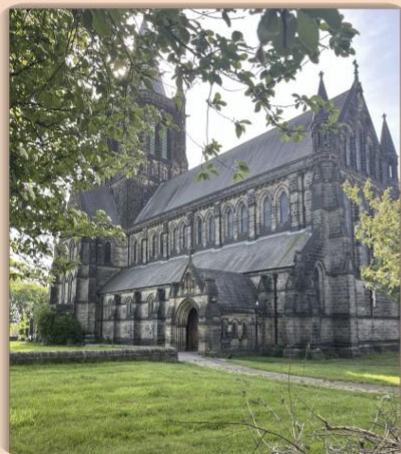
Line 2: Avoiding unnecessary expenditure: A system of millions or billions of stars

Line 3: Land too poor to produce much or any vegetation: Made, done or happening without method or conscious decision

2nd WHAVE!

With Heart And Voice

A pop-up choir project for Armley,
St Bart's, Wesley Road, LS12 1SR



Suitable for all ages (children must be accompanied by an adult!)



With Heart And Voice

We have loved singing with you over the past few months! If you have only recently picked up this flyer and not attended any of the previous sessions, you can still join us!

Here are some new dates for your diaries:

Sunday 13th September 2:00pm to 4:00pm (with tea and cakes)

Friday 18th September 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Saturday 19th September 10:00am to 12:00 noon (session 1)

Lunch

1:00pm to 5:00pm

(session 2 with Bob Chilcott (with tea break))

Further dates to be confirmed with an informal sharing on Saturday 19th September. All sessions are FREE but please book by scanning the QR code.



Email stbartsarmley@gmail.com with any questions.

Pictured on the right is a photo of our recently repaired **nave altar cloth**.

After a recent washing, the lace fringe had become damaged and detached from the main linen of the cloth.

Thanks to the skilled needlecraft of Benita, replacement lace has now been attached, and the altar cloth is as good as new.

Thanks are also in order to Benita for repairing the stitching on the burse (the flat, square, fabric-covered case for a folded corporal cloth) of the white Mass set.



heritage open days **FREE EVENTS**

**REFRESHMENTS
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- Visit our huge neo-gothic church - you won't be disappointed!
- Marvel at the architecture and hear the famous Schulze organ
- Enjoy the multi-media arts and music created by local people

SAT 12 SEPT 2026 12PM - 4PM

12:15pm & 3:30pm Music performances

SAT 19 SEPT 2026 10:30 - 5PM

10:30am - 12pm WHARVe! Open rehearsal & performance

Join or listen to our pop-up choir

1pm - 5pm Open choral workshop with Bob Chilcott

Informal performance at 4pm



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Word Puzzle Answer

Nine-letter word: ARCHANGEL

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F	R	U	G	A	L	A	X	Y
B	A	R	R	A	N	D	O	M

FACTS AND FIGURES

GENERAL FUND – 4th Aug to 30th Aug 2026

Receipts

Parish Giving Scheme	£485.80
Collections	£272.31
Gift Aid bankers' orders	£147.00
One Lottery	£138.00
Tax recovered	£121.46
Stewardship envelopes	£107.00

Payments

LDBF fees	£257.00
Upkeep of services	£127.70
Photocopier	£13.49
Flowers	£6.28
Bank charges	£5.71
SumUp card charges	£0.48

2026 to date

Receipts	£28,282.41
Payments	£24,104.30
Surplus	£4,178.11

Owed to the PCC

HMRC tax reclaimed	£1,025.55
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Owed by the PCC

Historical Parish Share	£228,561.00
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J.R. Kaye 30/08/26

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