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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



**OCTOBER
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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 October Parish Magazine.

October feels like a month of both celebration and change at St John's.

This month we celebrate Harvest and give thanks for all that we have. We will also be collecting food for Food Share at the Drop By Centre and donations for The Welcome Centre. Our Rainbows and Brownies will be joining us too, making it a lovely celebration for our whole church family.

There is plenty happening beyond Harvest. We have our Open the Book Air and Share, Ann Norton's candlelit organ concert and, looking ahead, an RNLI Coffee Morning. You can find all the dates inside.

Of course, this is also a rather special and emotional edition. After eight years as our vicar, we say goodbye to Simon and Sam as they prepare to move to Wakefield. Simon has been part of the life of our churches and community in so many ways. I hope you enjoy looking back through some of the photographs and memories in this issue.

As one chapter closes, another begins. There will be changes ahead during the vacancy, but the life of our churches continues. We will keep worshipping, serving, welcoming and supporting one another in the same way we always have.

Thank you, as always, to everyone who has contributed to this month's magazine.

Lucy Williams
Editor



FROM THE VICAR

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

CROSSING THE BORDER

The week after I write this, I will be spending some time in Scotland. Whenever my family drive past the big sign on the M6 with the Scottish (St Andrew's) Flag we usually burst into a rowdy rendition of the song, The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond – complete with appalling Scottish accents.

Someone told me recently that whenever they cross the border into Scotland, something changes.

Of course, the road looks much the same. There is no great wall or dramatic gateway. But somehow, as the sign announces Scotland, they notice a difference. The landscape feels different. The atmosphere feels different. Perhaps it is partly imagination, but there is a sense that you have crossed into somewhere else.

It made me wonder whether that is something we should want people to experience when they cross the threshold of our churches.

Not that everything suddenly has to look different. Not that we need a grand entrance, a particular style of music, or clever words on the wall. But could someone walking through our doors sense that they have entered somewhere special?

Could they sense peace? Welcome? Kindness? A place where they don't have to pretend to have everything sorted out? A place where they are noticed, valued and loved?

And, importantly, this isn't just about what happens inside the building. If we are people of the Kingdom of God, then perhaps we can also be that place.

Jesus spoke constantly about the Kingdom of God. It is not simply somewhere we go after we die. It is God's rule and God's presence breaking into ordinary life. Wherever God's love, mercy, justice, forgiveness and

and peace are being lived out, there is a glimpse of that Kingdom.

So perhaps two questions for us are: what does it feel like when someone crosses the border into our church? And what does it feel like when someone crosses the border into our lives?

Do they encounter something different?

We cannot manufacture the Kingdom of God. That is God's work. But through prayer, worship, scripture and the way we live, we can make space for God to work among us.

Our churches should be places where people cross a threshold and discover that things can be different.

And let's hope and pray that they carry something of that difference with them — a sense of hope, peace, welcome, God and love — into the world beyond our doors.

God bless

Additional message from Fr Simon

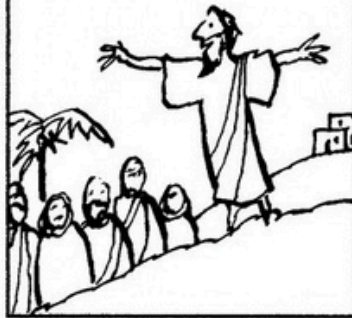
As I hope you all know, Sam and I will be leaving Golcar and Longwood as we move to Wakefield. My last Sunday here will be 25th October.

I leave feeling that this is the right and good thing for us to do, but I will miss you greatly in many different ways. Thank you for all the times we have shared, and for the kindness, friendship and support you have shown us during our time here.

The Tale of The Friend at Midnight



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT A MAN WHO HAD
RUN OUT OF BREAD...



...AND HE NEEDED PLENTY AS
A FRIEND WAS COMING TO STAY.

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS
MIDNIGHT...



... HE WENT TO HIS NEIGHBOUR'S
HOUSE AND BANGED ON THE
DOOR - LOUDLY!

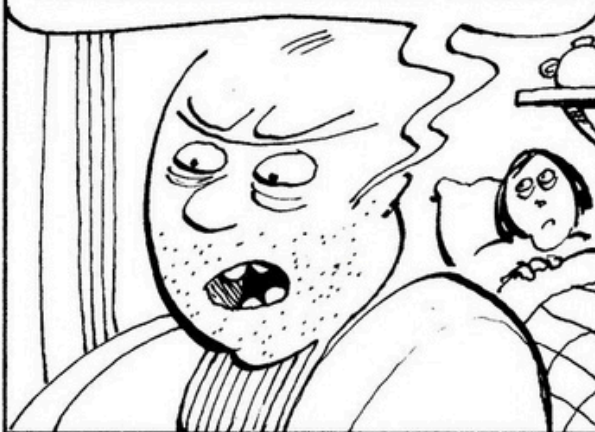


WAKE UP!! I NEED
SOME BREAD

PLEASE WILL YOU LEND
ME THREE LOAVES?

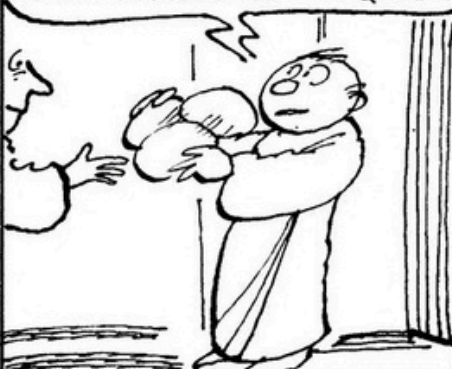


GO AWAY!! WE'RE ALL TRYING TO SLEEP!



OH GO ON... PLEASE I
REALLY DO NEED SOME!

ALRIGHT THEN! BUT I'M
ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE I
WANT SOME PEACE AND QUIET!



JESUS EXPLAINED - 'THE
NEIGHBOUR AGREED TO SHARE
HIS BREAD BECAUSE THE MAN
KEPT ASKING'



'DON'T BE AFRAID TO TALK
TO GOD. HE LONGS TO HEAR
OUR PRAYERS'.



WHAT'S ON

WORSHIP/FAITH



OPEN THE BOOK, AIR AND SHARE

5th October 10am -
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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - 11TH OCTOBER

For our Harvest Festival, we will be collecting food donations for Food Share at the Drop By Centre, along with monetary donations for The Welcome Centre. We are also delighted to be joined by our local Rainbows and Brownies as we celebrate Harvest together.

JOINT BENEFICE SERVICE - 29TH NOVEMBER

Our Joint Benefice Service will be at St John's at 10am, marking the beginning of Advent.

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COMMUNITY



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.

ENTERTAINMENT



ORGAN CONCERT- 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. This will launch our organ restoration appeal. Free entry. Drinks and snacks for sale. Cabaret style seating. A light programme including music by Vivaldi, Haydn, Handel, Bach and Schubert. Retiring collection.



Clocks go Back Sunday 25th October



RNLI COFFEE MORNING

Join us for an RNLI Coffee Morning at St John's Church on Saturday 7th November, from 9am to 12 noon. Come along for a cuppa, something tasty and good company, while supporting the vital work of the RNLI.



BUBBLE CHURCH

Church service for young families
1st Sunday of every month
Launching **1st November**
at St John's Church, Golcar
at 3pm

Join our puppets
for a short, fun service.



Book now **Scan the QR code**



COMMUNITY

HERITAGE OPEN DAY AT ST JOHN'S

St John's opened its doors once again for Heritage Open Day, celebrating nearly 200 years at the heart of Golcar.

There was plenty of work behind the scenes before anyone arrived. Helen Davies and Joe Norton were busy in the kitchen the day before. They were back bright and early preparing our wonderful afternoon teas.

Tarren and Joe spent time setting up historical displays around the church. These gave visitors the chance to discover more about St John's and its long history.

We were also very grateful to the archives team who joined us. They helped visitors search records, trace relatives and discover family links to Golcar. For some, it was a chance to uncover parts of their own history.

Music was also an important part of the day. Our very own Ann Norton played our magnificent Binns organ for visitors. Hearing it fill the church was a lovely reminder that our heritage is not simply something we display. It is something we still use, enjoy and share.

And, of course, there was afternoon tea! Our ladies looked absolutely splendid in their beautiful hats and outfits. There were sandwiches, scones and plenty of cake, all enjoyed with lots of conversation.



Nearly 200 years after St John's was built, it remains part of the life of Golcar. Its heritage lives in the building, its music, its records and the memories of generations of local families. Most importantly, it lives through the people who continue to fill the church today.

A huge thank you to Joe Norton and Helen Davies and others who baked, prepared, served, welcomed, researched, played the organ, set up and cleared away. Thank you, too, to everyone who came through our doors.

It was a wonderful celebration of St John's past, present and place within our village.



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



Churches invited to pray for all affected by drought, heatwaves and wildfires

British churches have been using prayers written for times of extreme weather.

As five successive heatwaves hit the UK this summer, bringing drought, extreme heat and wildfires, local churches have been helping the people affected, both through practical support - and prayers.

The prayers they used are found in A Time for Creation, a newly expanded C of E service book (Church House Publishing).

There is a section headlined 'Prayers in times of extreme weather' and 'A prayer for the farming community in a time of crisis', as well as intercessions for those affected by extreme weather through drought, lack of clean water, storms, flood, wildfires and other events.

The Bishop of Lichfield, Dr Michael Ipgrave, Chair of the Church of England's Liturgical Commission, has encouraged churches to draw from the prayers.

He said that this continues "a longstanding tradition going back to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer", which even includes a Prayer for Rain.

"For centuries, the people of England have turned to prayer in times of extreme weather of all sorts," he said. "The prayer book asks that we may receive 'in our necessity such moderate rain and showers' as we need. Our prayers invite us to ask, to wait and to know the glory and awesomeness of God when they are answered."

Meanwhile, the new Festival of Creation was launched last month (September) by the C of E. It sets out the Christian understanding of the environmental crises facing the world, rooting care for creation in the biblical story of creation, redemption and renewal.

May God grant you courage - message of solidarity with the people of Ukraine

The Bishop of Worcester, Hugh Nelson, who is the C of E's Bishop to the Armed Forces, recently went to Kyiv to join Ukrainian church leaders, other religious leaders and government officials at the National Prayer Breakfast in Kyiv. Bishop Hugh also met with the leader of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphany.

Bishop Hugh brought a message from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally. She promised that the Anglican Church would continue to "stand in prayerful solidarity" with Ukraine, and she acknowledged the "immense sacrifices" which the Ukrainians are making "in defence of your country, its people and the values of freedom and human dignity".

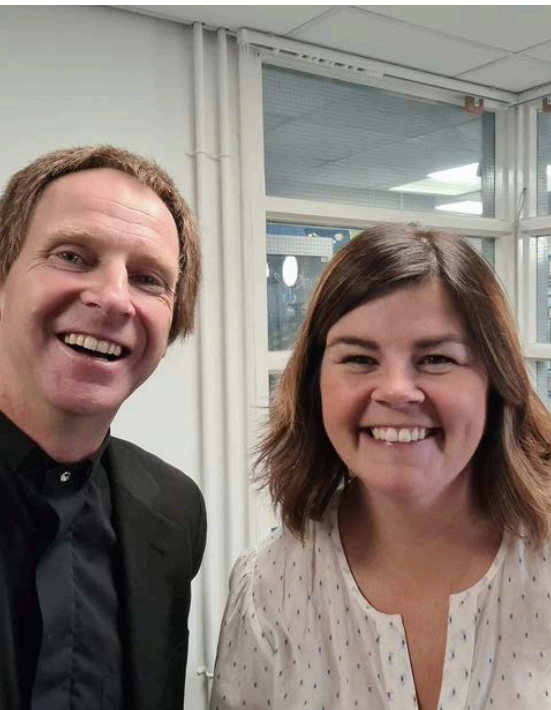
Archbishop Sarah also commended Ukraine's constitutional commitments to freedom of religion and conscience. She rejected the language of "holy war" used to justify the attempts to occupy and subjugate Ukraine by the current regime in Moscow.

"We pray for those who have lost their lives, for those who mourn, for the wounded, the displaced, and all who live under the daily shadow of violence and fear. May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the days ahead."



THANK YOU AND FAREWELL, SIMON

Thank you for eight years of faithful service



As this magazine reaches you, we are approaching the time when we must say goodbye to our vicar, Fr Simon Crook.

Although Simon officially came to serve St John's and St Mark's in 2018, many of us knew him before then. He was part of our story during the last vacancy, and for some of us his connection goes back even further. Graham and I were married by Simon ten years ago, so he has been woven into the life of this place for longer than the dates alone suggest.

Over the past eight years, Simon has shared in so many parts of our lives. Baptisms and weddings, funerals and celebrations, Sunday worship and ordinary days when someone simply needed a listening ear.

Much has changed during Simon's time with us. Perhaps nothing tested church life quite like Covid. When our church buildings had to close, being the Church did not stop. Simon went out delivering orders of service so people could still worship from home and remain connected. When people could not come to church, he helped take church to them.

That has been part of Simon's ministry throughout his time here. He introduced Open the Book, helping to build links with local schools and children. He has kept strong connections with the wider community and Churches Together, and through the deanery Thy Kingdom Come walks. He has reminded us that faith is not just something that happens inside church. It is something we carry out into the community around us.

Of course, eight years of parish life has not passed without the occasional difference of opinion. Simon has challenged us and encouraged us to look at our church with fresh eyes. His attention to detail has certainly kept us on our toes. Posters, notices, shelves and various other things have sometimes found themselves under scrutiny. There are also some things that are just very Simon.

There seems to be an endless supply of useful objects hiding in his garage. Need a prop for Open the Book? Simon probably has something. An All Age Service needs something unusual? Ask Simon.



The panto needs a random object? There is a fair chance one will appear from the garage.

We will certainly miss his practical skills too. Simon has never been afraid to get stuck in, fix something, build something or work out how to make an idea happen. His contribution has often gone far beyond what people see at the front of church on a Sunday.

Then, of course, there is the hair. Those of us who know Simon will understand the annual journey towards Easter, when cutting it becomes optional. Somehow, these little traditions become part of parish life and part of the person we have come to know.

Simon has encouraged us to think about why we do things, rather than simply doing them because they have always been done that way. We may not always have agreed, but being challenged is part of growing. He has never pretended that faith means having all the answers. He has encouraged us to think, question and sometimes wrestle with what we believe. Most importantly, he has reminded us that church should be a place where all people are welcomed, valued and loved.

For many of us, Simon has been much more than the person who takes the Sunday service. He has been our priest, colleague, friend and companion in faith. As Simon and Sam prepare for their new chapter in Wakefield, we send them with our love, prayers and thanks. There will be sadness in saying goodbye, but also so many memories.

The photographs across these pages capture just a few moments from Simon's years with us. Services, celebrations, Open the Book, community events.

Simon, thank you for the prayers, encouragement, laughter, conversations and challenges. Thank you for everything you have built, fixed, found in the garage and quietly done behind the scenes.

And thank you for being there, especially during those times when being there was not easy.
Thank you for walking alongside us.
May God bless you and Sam in all that lies ahead.
With love and prayers from everyone at St John's Golcar and St Mark's Longwood.







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THE WIZARD OF OZ

THERE'S

NO PLACE

LIKE PANTO!

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3rd, 4th and 5th
December

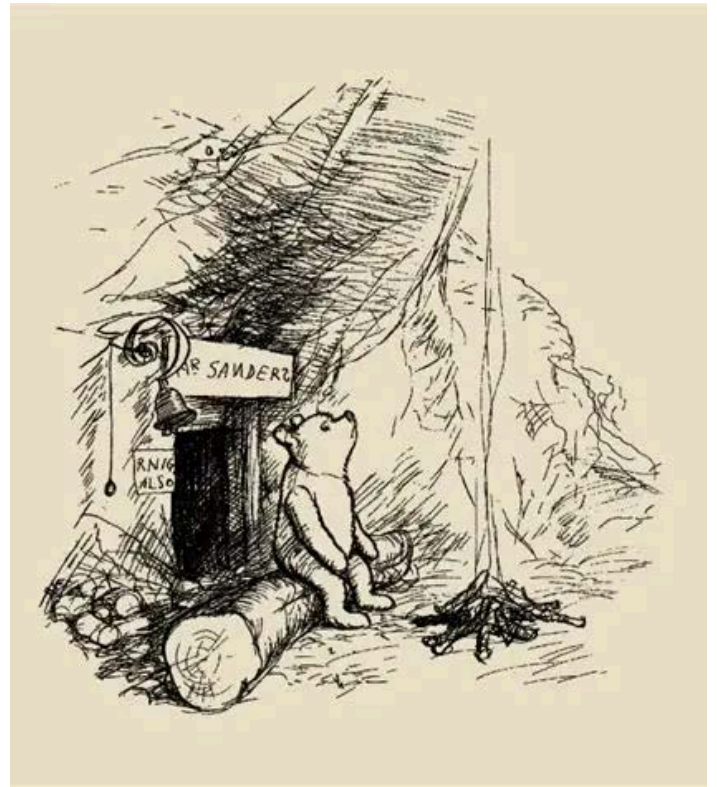
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ST JOHN'S CHURCH

..... ★
Written By
Alex Jackson

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

100 YEARS OF WINNIE-THE-POOH



One hundred years ago, on 14th October 1926, the children's book *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A A Milne, was published.

It was set in the Hundred Acre Wood, an innocent world described as "largely Edenic" but based on Ashdown Forest in East Sussex, which the Milne family often explored from their home in nearby Hartfield. It came about through the encouragement of E H Shepard, Milne's colleague on the humorous magazine *Punch*, who provided the beguiling illustrations.

Alan Alexander Milne was firstly a playwright and occasional mystery story writer who, again with Shepard, wrote the book of children's verse *When We Were Very Young*, which contained the seeds of *Winnie-the-Pooh* and its sequel, *The House on Pooh Corner*, all of which proved extremely popular.

It was apparently during a family visit to London Zoo, where Christopher Robin encountered a tame bear called Winnipeg, that the book was conceived. Winnie's literary friends, such as Piglet and Eeyore, were originally toys of the real Christopher Robin.

Sadly, the book eventually had an adverse effect on the Milne family.

The author said that he felt "amazement and disgust" at the fame his son had had thrust upon him: "I do not want C R Milne to ever wish that his name was Charles Robert." Nevertheless, the son did become estranged from his parents, especially following his marriage to his mother's niece.

The effect of the book on others has been happier. A plaque at Ashdown Forest declares that Milne and Shepard "captured the magic of Ashdown Forest and gave it to the world".

Despite creating a kind of Eden, Milne, who was a pacifist, said little about religion. But he did say on joining the Home Guard that "in fighting Hitler we are truly fighting the Devil, the Anti-Christ ... Hitler was a crusader against God."

The four *Winnie-the-Pooh* books went on to sell more than 50 million copies worldwide. The first book became the first-ever foreign-language book on the New York Times bestseller list.

PRAYERS & POEMS

Prayer for harvest

Dear Lord,

As we give thanks for the harvest and pray for the farmers who have struggled through the summer's drought and heatwaves, we also give thanks and pray for those who work to share the good news of Your kingdom, to bring in Your harvest of people who are searching for You.

May we, who know You, join those workers and share the good news that Jesus brings. So many people are lost and without hope or direction. Help us to reach out to them, maybe with an invitation, or simply a smile, or an act of kindness. May they see Your love reflected in us and turn to You.

May they put their trust in Jesus, who alone is the answer to all life's great questions.
Lord, may we be workers in the harvest field where You have placed us, for Your glory.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Faraway Country

There's a faraway country we dream of
Where the street is paved with gold,
No more tears or hidden fears
Where time has lost its hold.

The portals of heaven are waiting
Where a place has been reserved,
Bought at a cost, by a Saviour's cross
Not one of us has deserved.

God's love is so embracing
For He longs the world to save
Into realms of glory, resurrection's story
And for this His Son He gave.

Let's be part of God's plan for redemption
Of a world still trapped in sin,
As we seek His face for saving grace
That all may enter in.

By Megan Carter

The Wedding Garment (Matt 22:1-14)

A King was holding a feast
And He wanted His guests to be there;
He sent to the west and the east
But they were too busy to care.

So, He sent out His servants once more -
To the highways and byways they went
And these they brought to His door
Though their clothes were not fit to present.

So, the King, in His bountiful grace
Provided the clothes they could wear
And they could then enter that place
And have every right to be there.

Save one, who refused the King's gift
He had no desire to change!
A decision that no-one could shift
Till the King Himself was in range...

"How dare you come into my home,
"Dressed up like a tramp in the street?
"My courtesy was freely shown!
"Now tie up his hands and his feet!"

They did as their Master decreed
And threw him out like the trash
Too late for forgiveness to plead
He only could weep, wail, and gnash!

By His grace we can come to the King
He gave us His Son through His love.
No clothes of our own should we bring
To His home and His Heaven above.

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

October Sunday Services

Sunday 4th

9.30am – Sung Holy Communion

Sunday 11th

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

Sunday 18th

9.30am – Sung Holy Communion

Sunday 25th

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

From The Parish Registers

Ashes interments

The ashes of Cynthia Elaine Oldham were interred on 5th September 2026.

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

Funerals

The Funeral of Janet Percival
 9th September 2026

The Funeral of Robert John Keith
 14th September 2026

Please remember their family and friends in your prayers.

BISHOP TOBY FORMALLY ELECTED AS THE NEW BISHOP OF LEEDS

News from Diocese of Leeds

An important step has taken place in the appointment of our new Bishop of Leeds. The Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth has now been formally elected as the second Bishop of Leeds. The election was carried out by the Colleges of Canons of Bradford, Ripon and Wakefield Cathedrals, following the direction of His Majesty The King.

Bishop Toby's appointment was first announced in August, after the King approved his nomination for election. He succeeds the Rt Revd Nick Baines, who retired in November 2025.

Bishop Toby is already well known across our diocese. He has served as Bishop of Bradford since 2014 and has been Acting Bishop of Leeds following Bishop Nick's retirement. The Diocese of Leeds is one of the largest dioceses in the Church of England. It includes almost 600 churches and three cathedrals at Bradford, Ripon and Wakefield.

In recent weeks, Bishop Toby has been travelling around the diocese. He has been meeting churches, community groups and people of different faiths. These visits will continue as he gets to know more of the communities he will serve.

The formal election is another important stage before Bishop Toby begins his ministry as our diocesan bishop.

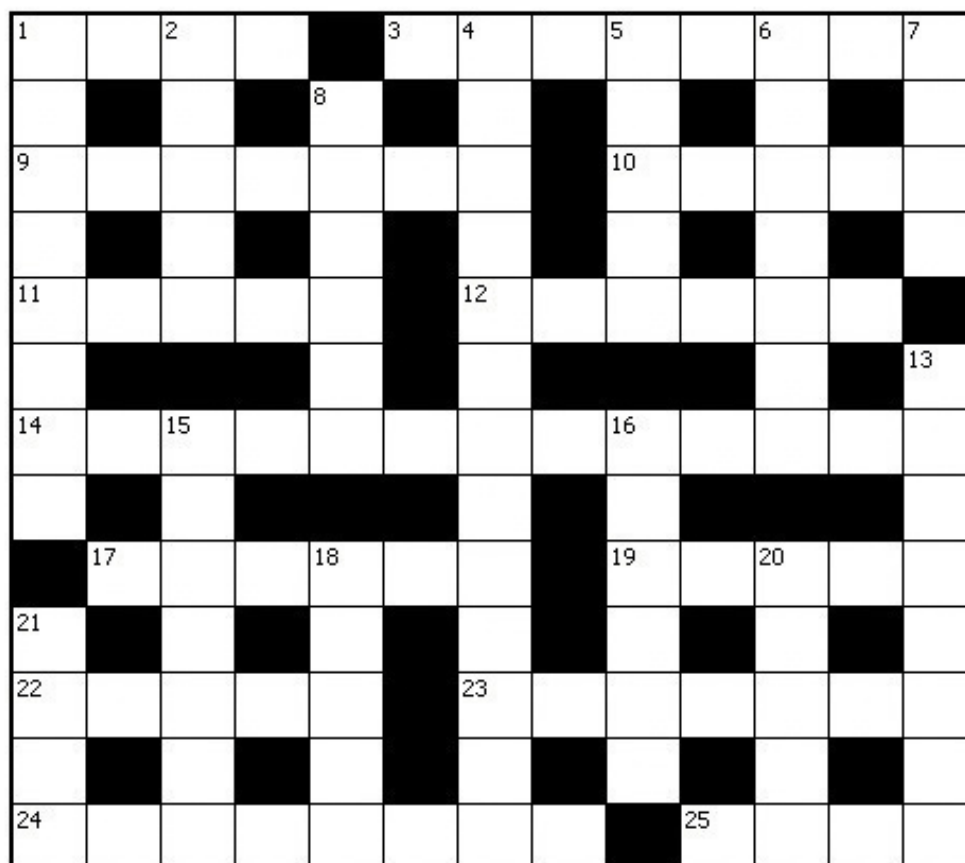
As Bishop Toby prepares for this new chapter, we hold him in our prayers. We pray also for his family and all those who will work alongside him.



A prayer for Bishop Toby

Loving God,
we give thanks for Bishop Toby
and for his calling to serve as Bishop of Leeds.
Give him wisdom, courage and compassion.
Guide him as he leads and serves your Church,
and bless the communities and people of our
diocese.
May we grow together in faith, hope and love,
and share the good news of Jesus Christ with all.
Amen.

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 'THOSE WHO WERE STANDING NEAR PAUL SAID, "YOU — TO INSULT GODS HIGH PRIEST?"'(ACTS 23:4) (4)
 3 THEY WERE ASSIGNED TO GUARD THE TREE OF LIFE (GENESIS 3:24) (8)
 9 'ELKANAH SON OF JEROHAM, THE SON OF ELIHU, THE — OF — , THE SON OF ZUPH, AN EPHRAIMITE'(1 SAMUEL 1:1) (3,4)
 10 SURRENDER (JOSHUA 24:23) (5)
 11 WHERE AMERICAN LIVESTOCK CAN BE REARED (5)
 12 LISTEN (ANAG.) (6)
 14 ALTERNATIVE NAME FOR KIRIATH JEARIM (2 SAMUEL 6:2) (6,2,5)
 17 HE FOUNDED WESTMINSTER ABBEY, — THE CONFESSOR (6)
 19 HEBREW WORD FOR THE PLACE OF THE DEAD (5)
 22 ALLIES OF PERSIA IN THE FIFTH CENTURY BC (ESTHER 1:3) (5)
 23 WHERE JOHN WESLEY WAS FORCED TO PREACH A LOT (4,3)
 24 REBELLION AGAINST GOD; ABANDONMENT OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF (8)
 25 NOTE (ANAG.) (4)

DOWN

- 1 GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF (MARK 4:30) (8)
 2 'I — — THE PATH OF YOUR COMMANDS, FOR YOU HAVE SET MY HEART FREE'(PSALM 119:32) (3,2)
 4 'HE TOOK THE EPHOD, THE OTHER — — AND THE CARVED IMAGE'(JUDGES 18:20) (9,4)
 5 'YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A — PRIESTHOOD'(1 PETER 2:9) (5)
 6 THE MEEK, THE MERCIFUL AND THE MOURNERS ARE ALL THIS (MATTHEW 5:4-5, 7) (7)
 7 MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DIGITAL INTERFACE (1,1,1,1)
 8 HE WAS THE SON OF NUN (DEUTERONOMY 34:9) (6)
 13 'LET THE LITTLE — COME TO ME'(MATTHEW 19:14) (8)
 15 'ABOUT THREE THOUSAND WERE — — THEIR NUMBER THAT DAY'(ACTS 2:41) (5,2)
 16 IN JOHNS VISION, THE WALL OF THE NEW JERUSALEM WAS MADE OF THIS (REVELATION 21:18) (6)
 18 'OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN. AND WE EAGERLY — A SAVIOUR FROM THERE, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST'(PHILIPPIANS 3:20) (5)
 20 'GLORIFY THE LORD WITH ME: LET US — HIS NAME TOGETHER'(PSALM 34:3) (5)
 21 YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (1,1,1,1)

Crossword Solution :

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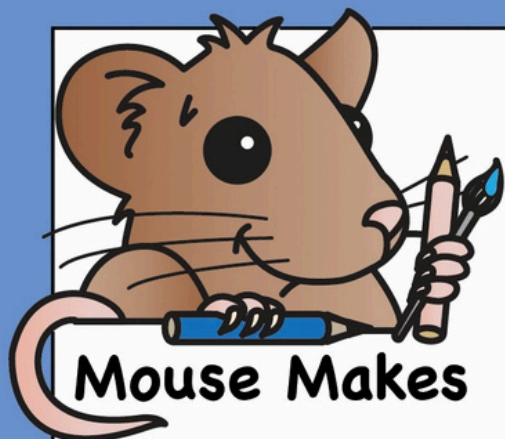
1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton

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1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

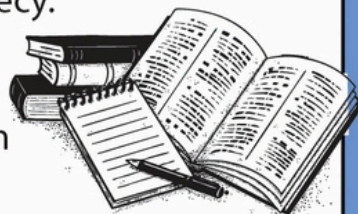
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2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



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4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

5. The first book of the Bible.

6. God's word is like?

A _____ and a _____
Psalm 119:105



8. The last book in the Bible.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?

13. The Bible is also known as the

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman



of God.
Hebrews 4:12



October Lectioary

Oct 4th : 18th Sunday after Trinity
Matthew 21.33-end; Philippians 3.4b-14

Oct 18th : St Luke
Luke 10.1-9; Isaiah 35.3-6

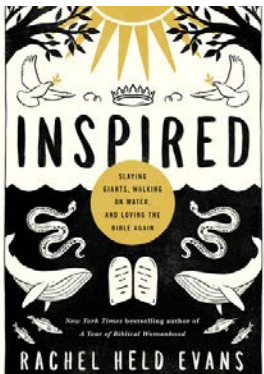
Oct 11th : 19th Sunday after Trinity
Luke 12.16-30

Oct 25th : Bible Sunday
Matthew 24.30-35; Colossians 3.12-17



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What I enjoyed most was her honesty about not having all the answers. She shows that questioning Scripture does not mean rejecting it. Instead, wrestling with difficult passages can lead to a deeper understanding of both the Bible and our faith.

Inspired challenged me to think about how I read Scripture and the importance of context. It also reminded me that faith does not require certainty about everything.

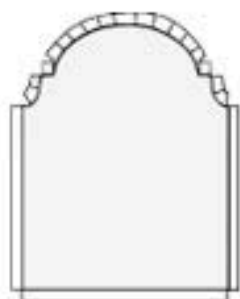
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