



WILLIAM TYNDALE

Newsletter

5 & 12 October 2025



William Tyndale, martyr and bible translator 6 October

St Teresa of Avila 10 October

+++++

Services for Sunday 5 October 2025 Harvest Celebration

St Paul's 10am **AAW Harvest Celebration** lead and preach: Revd Andy Smith

St Andrew's 11am **Harvest Festival** preside and preach: Revd Avis Gordon

Services for Sunday 12 October 2025 17 after Trinity

St Paul's 10am **Holy Communion** preside Revd Andy Smith; preach Tom Ward

St Andrew's 11am **Morning Praise** lead Eileen Booth; preach Alan Eccles

+++++



1



2



3

Readings for Sun 5 October

Luke 17:5-10

(1) Faith the size of a mustard seed

Readings for Sun 12 October

Jer 29: 1, 4-7

(2) Build houses, plant gardens in Babylon

Luke 17: 11-19

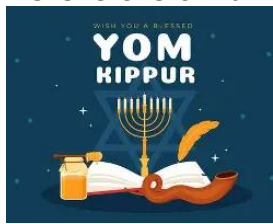
(3) The ten lepers

Wed 8 October: Psalm 86: 1-9; Luke 11: 1-4

Wed 15 October Psalm 77; Luke 11: 42-46

+++++

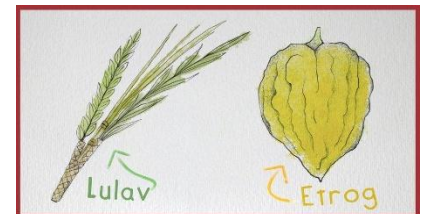
Here is the third in our series of **Jewish festivals**. **Yom Kippur** (Day of Atonement) took place on 2 October this year. On this important day, Jews attend synagogue and pray for forgiveness from God; and to put right any wrongs they have committed against others. You undergo a 25-hour fast, the only fast prescribed in Jewish scriptures. Jews who do not observe any other religious customs often participate on this day. So no food, no drink, no sex, no leather shoes. People spend the eve of Yom Kippur and the next



day in prayer and meditation. The Kol Nidre is recited in which you give up all vows or promises made in the previous year. Interestingly the Kol Nidre is in Aramaic, the language of Jesus, not Hebrew. Friends ask and accept forgiveness from one another for past offenses on the evening before Yom Kippur. God is believed to forgive the sins of those who sincerely repent and show their repentance by improved behaviour and performance of good deeds. This is followed by **Sukkot** or the Feast of Tabernacles, a seven-day holiday beginning on 7 October and rooted in



the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness. During Sukkot, Jews construct and decorate a temporary shelter called a *sukkah*. A special prayer ritual requires the use of an etrog (a citrus fruit) and lulav made up of a palm frond, hadas (a myrtle sprig), and arava (a willow branch).



The festival ends with Simchat Torah ("Rejoicing of the Torah"), during which the Torah scrolls are carried around the synagogue to express the joy of receiving and observing God's law. During the course of the festival, practitioners are encouraged to spend ample time in the sukkahs, eating their meals there and possibly even sleeping there. Many of our neighbours have sukkahs in their back gardens.

+++++

LINK TO HOPE SHOE BOX APPEAL 2025

Yes, it is already that time of the year when we will be asking you to support us in sending shoe boxes to Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania and Moldova. We will be packing the shoe boxes at Time Out on Tuesday 4th November at 1.30pm. Do come along if you would like to see all the lovely items that go into a Family Box.

Can you help if able please? We need money as we have to include £3 for each shoe box towards transport costs.

People have been collecting and making items all year and we are so grateful to them. These are the things we still need- razors, toothbrushes and paste, pens and pencils, skipping ropes, sweets (e.g. small bags of Haribo). Many thanks from Eileen.



+++++

Prayers We pray for our neighbours in the Jewish community after the appalling events at Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation synagogue last Thursday morning. Bishop David says: "I am deeply shocked and saddened by this violent incident. My thoughts and prayers are with all those affected – the victims, their families, and the wider Jewish community – especially on the sacred day of Yom Kippur. Such acts of violence have no place in our communities. Manchester is a city built on diversity, mutual respect, and unity....Hate can never defeat hate, only love can conquer hate. Today, we stand in solidarity with our Jewish neighbours and reaffirm our shared commitment to peace and safety for all. I commend the swift response of the emergency services and offer my full support to those working to bring healing and justice in the wake of this tragedy. Let us continue to pray for the dead and injured, for the community in grief, and for the courage to stand together against hatred in all its forms."

Diocesan Prayer for the Times: God our refuge and strength, close at hand in our distress; meet us in our sorrow and lift our eyes to the peace and light of your constant care. Help us so to hear your word of grace that our fear will be dispelled by your love. Amen.

+++++

News and events

Daniel's leaving event: many friends and congregation members came to Bible Study on 30 September to say farewell to Daniel and family as they move to Littleborough and Daniel begins his new role as Head of Clergy Development for the Diocese of Manchester. A gift of money (we hope he will buy a new printer!) was presented, with flowers and a brooch for Anna and chocs for the children. We wish him well in his new post.

Macmillan Coffee Morning on 1 October raised £257 for Macmillan Cancer Research. If you weren't able to come, you can still donate. See Pam Russell or David after the service at St Paul's.



Thankyou to Mike Dyson and Alan Pendry for organising our excellent parish weekend away in Grange-over-Sands- good weather, wonderful food, comfortable beds; and to Anne Rockley for her inspiring teaching on the Lord's Prayer- we all learned something new. Roll on next year!

New rota out this weekend: please check your availability when you receive it by email.

+++++

Next 2 weeks

Tuesday 7 October: Time Out 1.30pm celebrating National Forgiveness and Happiness Day; favourite places we have visited

Tuesday 7 October: Bible study 3 7pm St Paul's: Joshua- taking over from a strong leader

Wednesday 8 October: 10am at St Paul's: Holy Communion with Revd Mike Dyson

Monday 13 October: Leadership Team meeting 7pm 5 Moorside Road

Tuesday 14 October: Bible study 4 7pm St Paul's: Gideon- the Lord is with him

Wednesday 15 October: 10am at St Paul's: Morning Praise led by Anthea Darlington

CONTACT INFORMATION

Current Clergy Team:

Revd Mike Dyson (Associate Minister)

792 1098 beardandsandals@hotmail.com

Revd Hilary Shedlock (Associate Minister)

07817 651408 revhilaryshedlock@gmail.com

Revd Andy Smith (Associate Priest)

07496726669 smudger1275@gmail.com

All other needs:

David Martin Parish Churchwarden

0161 766 2736 dandhmartin@live.co.uk

Anthea Darlington Parish Churchwarden, Data Officer,

Bookings 0161 792 1780 awdarlington@hotmail.co.uk

Eileen Booth PCC Secretary 0161 792 9960

eileenchriss5@gmail.com

For more information visit our websites:

St Paul's: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15877

St Andrew's: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15878