



**Do join us for refreshments
after Mass today**

St Paul, King Cross, Halifax

Sunday 4 October 2026

Today:

If you didn't collect your letter last Sunday, there is a letter for everyone who is named on the Church Electoral Roll and all other regular attendees....

This week:

Tuesday 6th - 10.am-12pm

Our monthly Community Coffee Morning
in the Parish Room

Wednesday 7th - 10.30am-12pm

St Paul's Craft Group meets in the Parish Room.

Everyone is most welcome whether you want to craft or just have a coffee and chat.

Thursday 8th - 10.30am Said Mass

Next Sunday, 11 Oct. - 11.00am Parish Mass

Trinity 19 & 28th Sunday in Ord. Time

To help you prepare for our worship why not look up the readings we will use:

Isaiah 25: 6-10; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday 16th Oct - 6.30pm Quiz Night

Saturday 31st Oct. 2.30pm

The Clifton & Lightcliffe Band in Concert

A summary of the June meeting of the PCC:

The appointment of Fiona Johnson as our architect Charlie Oakes to be added to the list of people who administer the chalice.

The need for a policy for key holders and a register of those who access the church outside normal service times. We also recognised the need to manage any use of the organ by non-members of the congregation. These issues were all seen as part of our good safeguarding practice, and Tom Oakes will draft a policy to cover them.

The main area of the church grounds would continue to be mown, but the rest would be left 'wild' on environmental grounds

The Treasurer summarised our financial situation. The matter of the Parish Share review has not yet been resolved. A Giving Review was suggested for September, to encourage those who do not give on a regular basis, to consider doing so. As the amount we are seeking to raise for the Restoration and Renewal Fund projects is considerable, we will explore the possibility of using professional fund raisers.

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Welcome to the Parish Mass on the 26th Sun. in Ordinary Time / Trinity 17

A special welcome if you are visiting.

If you require Gluten free altar bread - please have a word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

Hymns: 259; 261; 285; 397; 262

*Harvest Gifts will be received today
as part of the Offertory*

Readers: Keith Fairhurst & Ian Knowles

Intercessions: Graham Foster

A contactless payment facility is available at the back of Church if you are without cash for your offering.

*If you pay tax please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes
- it helps us a great deal - Thank you!*

During the week please pray for:

Our neighbours in West Royd Close, West Royd Villas & our sister parish of Southowram

Among our congregation:

Howard Seed, Keith Smith, Heidi Smith

Monday – our local Farming Community

Tuesday - Peace in the troubled areas of the world

Wednesday: Food Banks – clients & helpers

Thurs - Relief Agencies helping those areas of the world where there has been a poor harvest

Friday – all who will go hungry or homeless today

Saturday – Anita & Joan, our Churchwardens

Those who are sick or in need:

Sue Sanders, Julian Haw, Teddy Hicks, Jerome, Jacinta Hunter, Barbara Martin, Katie O'Halloran, Beryl Wilson, Kathryn Osborne, Barbara Wood, Laraine Cowgill, Edward Walch, David Barker, Michael Fawcett, Eunice Scott, Maureen Brown, Jean Jordan, Diane Le Gros Clark.

Those in long term sickness:

Eileen Wild, Sarah Pegg, Andrian Western

Recently departed: Michael Pollitt, Priest

Anniversaries:

John Burrow, Harry Worrall, Jim Thomas, Geoffrey Rushworth, Victoria Adamson (5) Annie Holland, Harry Kenworthy, Edith Bullivant, Sheila Johnson (7) John Lumb, Leslie Murgatroyd, Audrey Williams (8) Doris Sutcliffe (9) David Baker (10)

Harvest Festival

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The earth has yielded its increase;
God our God has blessed us.

OPENING PRAYER Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever **Amen**.

FIRST READING (Joel 2:21-27)

A reading from the Book of the prophet Joel

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps.65)

**R: Some seed fell into rich soil
and yielded a rich harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain **R:**

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrow, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R:**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R:**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They should for joy, yes they sing. **R:**

SECOND READING (2 Corinthians 9: 6-15)

A reading from St Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap! **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL (Luke 12: 16-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

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