



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

St Paul, King Cross, Halifax

Sunday 24 August 2025

PLEASE NOTE –

With the arrival of parts for the new organ, use of the North Aisle and Lady Chapel are restricted at the moment. *Thank you for your understanding.*

**** The steel platform on which the new organ will be built is now in place. Once the base has been completed, work on building the framework for the organ will start soon ****

During the week –

Thurs. 28th - 10.30am Mass

Friday 29th at St Anne's, 6.30pm for 6.45pm –

David Glover presents an illustrated talk on:
The Later Listers of Shibden. *Details on poster.*

Next Sunday – 31st Aug. 22nd Sunday in Ord.

Time & Trinity 11 - 11.00am Parish Mass

To help you prepare for our worship why not look up the readings we will use: Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18;

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-18; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Halifax Heritage Weekend -

Friday 12 Sept. at 7pm ~ David Glover makes a welcome return with one of his fascinating illustrated talks on the local history of Halifax. This time it's *Horrible Halifax! Part 1 – with historical scandals and humour from the Halifax and Calderdale Records.....*

Saturday 13th Sept. 10.30am-3pm St Paul's Church is open as part of the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust Open Day. *We were fortunate to receive funding from YHCT for our new roof, so it is important that we are part of this county-wide scheme. Volunteers to 'church-watch' & welcome visitors during this time will be much appreciated. Have a word with Shaughn Bevan if you can spare even 30 minutes or an hour or so.....*

Saturday 27 September at 7pm

~ The Bluebird Singers make a welcome return

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**Welcome to the Parish Mass today
on the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
and Trinity 10**

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: 433; 315; 336; 306; 361

Readers: Anita Robertshaw & Brenda Foster
Intercessions: Anne Knell

*There's a contactless payment facility 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:

The people of Holly Grove & Southowram

Among our congregation: Christine Endeacott,
Steven Disher & Anthony, George Femi

Mon – for those to be married in St Paul's this year.

Tues. – for peace in the troubled areas of the world

Wed. – those appointing a new Bishop of Leeds

Thursday – Local shops & businesses

Friday – friends/family on holiday

Saturday – our Servers

Those who are sick or in need:

Adam Rose, Louise Stewart, Paul Ainsworth, Clifford Brown, Stuart Wade, Julian Haw, Michael Benn, Katie O'Halloran, Paul Fawcett, Laraine Cowgill, Harrison Stones, Christine Palethorpe, Denise Keenan, Judy Wright, Lynn Hudson, Susan Wainwright, Michael Kenyon, Philippa Jordan, Mary Haward, Adrian Causton, Jean Haigh, Beryl Wilson, Sue Sanders, Leela Palage.

Those in long term sickness:

Patricia Brunt, Richard Dixon, Brenda Stones,

Recently departed:

Theo Mayfield, David Harrison

Anniversaries: Lilian Robinson, Nora Lumb (25)
Doreen Arnold Carole Couchman (27) Kenneth Haslem, Olive Ruddock Raymond Haw, Priest Graham Oakes, Priest (29) David Parker (30)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save your servant who trusts in you, my God.

THE COLLECT Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Isaiah 58: 9b-14)

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

You shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps.117)

**R: Go out to the whole world
and proclaim the Good News.**

O praise the Lord all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples. **R:**

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **R:**

SECOND READING (Hebrews 12:18-29)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that

Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 13: 10-17)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON and THOUGHT FOR

THE WEEK: The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 6: 33,

