Welcome to Pudsey Parish Church

Sunday 1st November 2026 – All Saints Day

This Sunday

9.00 am **Service with Holy Communion**
10.30 am **Service of the Word**
Readings Revelation 7: 9-end
Matthew 5: 1-12
6.30 pm **Evening Service**

Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Flowers Birthday memories of Lena Smith, from Lynda, Fran, and Jackie

Diary for the week

Monday 2nd November
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.

Tuesday 3rd November
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.
2.00 pm Mothers Union Meeting
4.30 pm Squirrel Scouts
6.00 pm Beavers
7.30 pm CandY Meeting

Wednesday 4th November
10.00 am Midweek Communion
6.00 pm Vicars Hour
6.00 pm Cubs
7.30 pm Scouts

Thursday 5th November
11.30 am - 1.30 pm Connect Lunch
Free light lunch served, open to all the community.
7.00 pm – 8.30 pm Alpha – week 7

Next Week Sunday 8th November

10.00 am **Remembrance Service**
Afterwards gathering at the cenotaph for commemorations, followed by refreshments in church. All welcome.
Readings 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13
4.30 pm **Bonfire without Bangs**

Notices

Mothers Union: Tue 3 Nov, 2.00pm
Our next meeting will take place in church on Tue 3 Nov at 1.30pm and is titled "16 Days: Standing Together for Dignity & Safety."
We will be exploring ways to raise awareness of domestic abuse and support the wider campaign. Everyone is welcome.

Connect Lunch - Soup Makers & Bakers Needed
As we move into the winter season, we need a few more volunteers to help with our soup lunches from the beginning of November. We're looking for soup makers and bakers to join a once-a-month rota. We need at least 16 soup makers, and it would also be helpful to know if our current bakers are happy to continue and if any new bakers would like to join. Soup can be made and frozen in advance, provided it is clearly labelled and dated. If you can help, please speak to Bev or Sally. Thank you!

Bonfire Without Bangs: Sun 8 Nov, 4.30pm
We're looking for volunteers to help on the night supervising, welcoming visitors & generally ensuring everything runs smoothly. If you can lend a hand, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in church or contact the church office.

Christmas Fair Raffle Hamper
We're putting together a Christmas hamper for the raffle at the Christmas Fair and would love your help; any seasonal goodies you can contribute would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

Teddy Tombola
Do you have any spare teddies looking for a new home? We'd love them for our Teddy Tombola. Please leave donations in the labelled box.

Dates for your diaries

Sat 14th Nov 10.00 am	Baptism preparation morning
Sat 28th Nov 6.00 pm	Christmas Quiz *Free tickets are available on ChurchSuite or email the office.*
Sat 5th Dec 10 am-4 pm	Christmas Fair with Santa Experience *See Santa, tickets are £5 per child and available via ChurchSuite or you can scan the QR code on the poster in church.*

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Join us on ChurchSuite by scanning the QR code and get our weekly newsletter delivered every week.

Reflection - The "I ams" of Christ – The Gate for the Sheep (John 10: 7)

7 Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10: 7-10)

The "I am" in verses 1-10 of Chapter 10 is the truth Jesus draws from the gospel story of the healing of a man born blind (chapter 9). The healed man is one of His sheep, the religious leaders are the thieves, and Jesus is the protector and saviour of those who turn to Him.

The Pharisee and Sadducees were more concerned that Jesus follow their rules about not working on the Sabbath than on worshipping Jesus as the fulfilment of the Old Testament. The "establishment" was threatened by Jesus as he provided a way back to God that didn't require obedience to them. It is into this context that Jesus declares His third "I am" statement. Jesus contrasted himself with the false leaders (the thieves and robbers) who mislead or exploit the people. Those who enter by the gate (Jesus) will be saved and have life to the full.

In Jesus' time and culture, a sheepfold was often a stone enclosure where the shepherd laid across the opening, literally becoming the "gate" that protects us (the sheep) from danger. We can live fruitful lives through a personal relationship with Him. Jesus is the only and exclusive entry point into God's flock, as the free gift of salvation was bought and paid for by His death and resurrection. It is not possible to earn salvation by good deeds or following other religions. Fulfilled lives await those who trust in Jesus as the "gate".

We can be secure as the sheep who belong to the shepherd, not because of our history, heritage, or own efforts, but because of our entering into a relationship with him. His promise that we will find pasture builds on His claim as the bread of life, that rivers of living water flow through Him, and that Jesus brings light to our lives to guide us as we seek to live for Him.

Abbey Grange C of E Academy quote "My purpose is to give life in all its fullness" from John 10:10 as their vision, reflecting their aspiration for every child to reach their full potential and the school's ministry to help them achieve this. In this half term holiday, let us pray for all who are in darkness or difficulty, that they would find Jesus, open their hearts to Him, and find life in all its fullness.