

Welcome to Pudsey Parish Church

Sunday 19th April 2026 – The Third Sunday of Easter

This Sunday

9.00 am Service with Holy Communion

10.30 am Service of the Word and baptism.

Readings Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 & Luke 24: 13-35

6.30 pm Prayer & Praise Service

Readings Psalm 48 & John 2: 13-22

Collect

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and
fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Flowers in memory of our dads. Trevor & Lynda

Diary for the week – Holy Week

Monday 20th April

10.00 am – 12.00 pm ABC meeting.

Tuesday 21st April

6.00 pm Beavers

Wednesday 22nd April

! No Midweek Communion!

6.00 pm Cubs

7.30 pm Scouts

Thursday 23rd April

11.30 am-1.30 pm Connect Lunch

Free light lunch served, open to all the community.

Next Week Sunday 26th April

9.00 am Service with Holy Communion

10.30 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings Acts 2:42-47 & John 10:1-10

6.30 pm Prayer Service

Readings Psalm 29:1-10 & Luke 19:37-48

Notices

Today we welcome Dalton, his mum Kristina, along with their family and friends, as he is baptised. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

80's Quiz – Sat 2 May, 6 – 8.30pm

Get your leg warmers & shoulder pads on! Have you got your ticket for the next quiz night? Available via ChurchSuite or the parish office all tickets are free, we just ask that if you are able, please bring along something for the buffet (see the sign-up sheet in church). We hope to see you there!

Meeting the Vicar!

Meetings with Gareth are continuing up to Pentecost on the 24th May. To book an appointment please see Gareth. These meetings are a great opportunity to discuss where you are on your journey of faith and how we can support you.

Date for your diary

Mothers Union Meeting Tue 5th May 2 – 4pm

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Shirley's Reflection

Valuing the Bible

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law. ... Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119: 18 & 105)

All Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that God's servant may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3: 16)

Prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1: 21)

Psalm 119, all 176 verses of it, is about God's law, or the Bible. The Psalmist praises God for it, His promises and guidance in it for life as His servant. It shows us when we wander from God and helps us come back to Him in repentance. When he wrote it, he might only have had the first 5 books of the Old Testament, going from creation, through the beginning of life as God's people, and God's guidance for worshipping Him and living at peace with each other when they reached the land God had promised to their ancestors.

Some of those books do speak of wonderful things the Lord had done for His ancient people; but how much more there is for us in the rest of the Bible, especially through Jesus! The Psalmist speaks of God's word being a lamp to show him the next step in his life with God, and a light to show more of the path ahead. For us when going through difficult times, God can use a Bible passage to help us see the next small step, then as we pray and trust God, He will gradually open up the way for us.

Paul tells Timothy that all Scripture is given by God's breath (or Spirit - the same word in biblical languages). We may find that strange, when we read of all the cruelty and disasters in the books of Kings etc. until we realise that the prophets were used over and over by God, at that time, to bring His warnings of punishment to His rebellious people unless they repented, sometimes using the life experiences of those prophets as an example. It was all part of God's tough love, wanting to bless His people when they obeyed Him. The Bible Course helped us to see how it all fits together and points to Jesus; in fact, it was not until Jesus and His teaching and example that human beings learnt to love their enemies and people they disagreed with, not to fight them. And the Holy Spirit can use God's word, as Paul says, to equip us in various ways to do God's work in the world.

Today the Bible is being sold in much greater quantities than in recent times, especially to young people wanting to learn about Jesus, His character, and His saving death on the cross, and to people in troubled areas like Ukraine. People in the developing world are crying out for Bibles in their own language and many secret Christians in places like China and Iran are begging for it too. Yet in Britain it's amazing to learn how relatively few Christians have developed a habit of daily Bible-reading. We have access to so many modern versions and sets of notes to explain it and see how to apply it to ourselves. With them we too can be helped to see those 'wonderful things' which our heavenly Father can make real to us as we read the Bible day by day.