

# Welcome to Pudsey Parish Church

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

## This Sunday

**9.00 am** Service with Holy Communion

**10.30 am** Service of the Word

**Readings** Acts 1: 6-14 & John 17: 1-11

**6.30 pm** Evening Prayer

**Readings** Psalm 47  
Mark 16: 14-20

## Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and  
compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Flowers

in memory of Arthur & Frank Thompsett.

## Diary for the week

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.  
6.00 pm Beavers

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

*! No Midweek Communion*

*! No Vicars Hour*

6.00 pm Cubs

7.30 pm Scouts

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

11.30 am-1.30 pm Connect Lunch

*Free light lunch served, open to all the community.*

## Next Week Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**9.00 am** Service with Holy Communion

**10.30 am** Service with baptism.

**Readings** Acts 2: 1-21 & John 20: 19-23

**6.30 pm** Prayer & Praise Service

**Readings** Psalm 66 & 133 & Luke 24: 44-53

## Notices

**Quiz Nights Coming Up - Save the date!**

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July - The War Years

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> September – Cowboys and Country & Western

## Summer Holiday Club

We're exploring whether we can run a Summer Holiday Club in August again this year. Last year's was a real success and great fun to be part of, and it only happened because of our brilliant volunteers. If you might be able to help in anyway, please contact the church office.

## Gardener Required

If anyone would like a little job, Janet Robinson is unable to do her garden, so is looking for a gardener to do weeding, tidying- up, painting and power washing. If you are interested, please contact Janet on 07871941808.

## Connect Lunch - Basket Floral Workshop

Why not join us in church on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June for a basket floral workshop. Running from 12.30 – 1.30pm alongside our Connect Lunch, Kathryn will help you create a beautiful floral basket. It's £7.50 which includes all the materials. To book speak to Kathryn or email [Thistle Twine@outlook.com](mailto:Thistle_Twine@outlook.com)

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## Shirley's Reflection

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### **The meaning of Jesus' name and some of His titles**

#### ***Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1: 7 b)***

That is Paul's normal greeting to the recipients of his letters and shows Jesus' equality with God the Father. But what do His name and titles mean? It was the usual practice in the early days of God's ancient people to give their children names that derived from a word or phrase that summed up the circumstances of their birth, and sometimes their character. Jacob's name comes from his being born holding on to his twin's heel and therefore his name derives from 'heel-grabber' and 'deceiver.' That certainly applied to him until he admitted his need of God and God gave him the name 'Israel' meaning 'one who has fought with God and man.'

'Jesus' is the Greek form of the Hebrew Joshua or Jeshua and derives from the expression 'He saves' or 'God saves' When Mary learnt that she was to have a son by the Holy Spirit she was told "you are to give Him the name 'Jesus'" (Luke 1: 31). Joseph was given the same message "name Him Jesus, (with the explanation) because He will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1: 21). So, from before His birth His mission, to bring salvation, was mentioned and it's not surprising that He was, and often is called 'our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.'

'Christ' is His most frequently used title and is from the Greek meaning 'the anointed one' which in Hebrew is 'Messiah'. In Old Testament times it was kings who were anointed with oil as a symbol of God's Holy Spirit coming upon them, as He came upon Jesus at His baptism, equipping Him for His ministry as a very different sort of King of the Jews. The prophets of old often reminded the kings that they were to be shepherds of His people, just as King Jesus is our 'Good shepherd'; He was absolutely faithful in caring and even dying for His 'sheep,' whereas most of them were more inclined to lead them astray.

Throughout the Old Testament there were hints about the coming Messiah/King. Perhaps some of them would apply to one of their kings but, as we can now see, they applied much more to Jesus. One example is Psalm 72 which is the inspiration of the hymn 'Jesus shall reign'; it can be summed up in verse 17b "All nations will be blessed through Him, and they will call Him blessed". The book of Daniel has some very strange visions but one of them can be seen as a clear prophecy about Jesus: "I saw what looked like a son of man coming in the clouds of heaven, and He was presented to the Eternal God. He was crowned king and given power and glory, so that all people of every nation and race would serve Him. He will rule for ever, and His kingdom is eternal, never to be destroyed." (Daniel 7: 13 - 14).

'Son of man' was the name that Jesus most often used of Himself in the gospels, and when He asked His disciples who they thought He, the Son of Man, was, Simon-Peter, as usual, spoke for them all in saying, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." Jesus told him that it was God who had revealed that truth to him, and He then went on to explain to them all the sort of Messiah He was to be, not the conqueror of their Roman rulers, but destined to suffer and die at the hands of those Romans, but also to rise again, something even they, like most of the people, could not understand.

'Lord' means 'Master' as it is translated in 'The Message', the one in charge, and when we call Him 'Lord' we are saying He is in complete control of our lives. We mean it when we say it but often act as if we are the ones in control of our lives and circumstances. That's when we need His forgiveness and remember that He is also the Anointed One, born to save us. We also have His Holy Spirit to help us learn from our mistakes and wrong attitudes, even using them, at times, to help us to become more like Jesus. As we worship our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and encourage each other in our life with Him, may we experience that grace and peace which Paul prayed for the churches in his care.