

Welcome to Pudsey Parish Church

Sunday 31st May 2026 - TRINITY SUNDAY

This Sunday

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with baptism.

Readings 2 Corinthians 13:11-14
Matthew 28:16-20

6.30 pm Evening Prayer Service

Readings Psalm 93 & 150 & John 16:5-15

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your
truth, and draw us more deeply into the
mystery of your love, that we may truly
worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. Amen.

Flowers

in memory of mothers, from Kerry Stewart

Diary for the week

Monday 1st June

9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.

Tuesday 2nd June

9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.

2.00 pm Mothers Union

6.00 pm Beavers

Wednesday 3rd June

10.00 am Midweek Communion

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm Vicars Hour

6.00 pm Cubs

7.30 pm Scouts

Thursday 4th June

11.30 am-1.30 pm Connect Lunch

Free light lunch served, open to all the community.

Friday 5th June

7.00 pm Music Rehearsal

Next Week Sunday 7th June

9.00 am Service with Holy Communion

10.30 am Service of the Word

Readings Hebrews 1 & Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26

6.30 pm Holy Communion with anointing

Readings Revelation 2: 1-7 & Luke 8: 14-56

Notices

Today we welcome the family and friends of Edith Bickerdyke who is being baptised during our 10.30am service. Please keep the family in your prayers as they take this step of faith.

4th June – Floral Basket 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 kathrynmc1992@gmail.com

Quiz Nights Coming Up - Save the date!

Sat 4th July – The War Years

Sat 26th Sept. – Cowboys and Country & Western

Bookstall being refreshed soon!

This Sunday is the last opportunity to buy from the current selection of books. Please check again in a couple of weeks when the next selection arrives.

Notice from Bev about Grace.

David and I are looking for someone to care for Grace from Friday 10th July to Sunday 12th July as we are away with family to remember Dad. We are happy for someone to have Grace in their own home or for someone to come and stay for the weekend at our house. If you are able to help, please contact Bev or David ASAP.

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Shirley's Reflection

Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So, use your gift well. ...Everything should be done in a way that will bring honour to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 4: 10 & 11)

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost, the day when God poured His Holy Spirit on all the followers of Jesus. Up till then the Spirit had only been given to prophets, priests and kings and He could be taken from them if they persistently rebelled against God. But the newly emboldened Peter (Acts 2: 14 :14 - 42) preached to the crowds, which soon gathered, and explained that this was the fulfilment of a prophecy from Joel (2: 28-29) where God promised to give the Holy Spirit to **all** His faithful servants.

Having explained that Jesus' sufferings and death, to which many of them had agreed, was also part of God's plan for the salvation of all believers, Peter explained that through raising Jesus to life again, God showed Him to be their long-expected Messiah. Then Peter assured them that if they repented and were baptised as a sign of their faith in Jesus' death for their salvation, they too would receive the Holy Spirit.

In his first letter to the Corinthian church, chapter 12, Paul wrote about the gifts of the Spirit. They had seen some of His more spectacular gifts, like healings and speaking in tongues, but their gatherings had become somewhat chaotic, as there was rivalry and disorder which was not honouring to God. He explained that:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit [who] decides which gifts to give to each of us.

And in our passage from 1 Peter, he mentions two types of gift, one with words and the other with actions, spreading God's message or doing the equally important ministry of all that has to happen 'in the background'. That enables God's message to be given effectively, to draw people to Jesus and help them to live for Him. When you think about it, words and actions sum up all that's needed to make us, together, to be a faithful, welcoming, and loving church.

We are really glad that God has been bringing new people to worship with us and hope and pray that, when they've had time to learn all that happens here, they will feel they want to make a contribution to our church family-life, (some of them already have!). There is no pressure to do so, what matters most is that they are wanting to worship with us and learn of God's love for them. But the Holy Spirit will prompt them if and when it is right for them to explore ways of serving God with us. Of course, many people have more than one gift, but there is usually one that we particularly see in them, as they are involved in the ministry of our church family.

We are always needing more people to help in practical ways - welcoming others, helping with catering, both after the services and for other large events, furniture-moving, tidying after events, flower-arranging, to name but a few - more volunteers meaning that the same people aren't on duty every time. It's good to remember that we are all serving God, in gratitude for His gift of salvation and in love and care for one another. And those of us are no longer able to be active, can support all who are, in prayer and encouragement. As Paul wrote to the church at Colossae: -

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3: 17).