Welcome to Pudsey Parish Church

Sunday 20th September 2026 – The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

This Sunday

9.00 am **Service with Holy Communion**
10.30 am **Service of the Word *& the baptism of Rudie & Evie Evans and Joanne, Richard & Jacob Young***
Readings Exodus 16:2-15 & Matthew 20:1-16
6.30 pm **Evening Service**

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Flowers

Birthday memories of John Cooper who would have been celebrating his 100th.
From Margaret.

Diary for the week

Monday 21st September
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.

Tuesday 22nd September
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.
6.00 pm Beavers

Wednesday 23rd September
10.00 am Midweek Communion
1.30 pm Lowtown School Visit
6.00 pm Vicars Hour
6.00 pm Cubs
7.30 pm Scouts

Thursday 24th September
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 1

Friday 25th September
12.00 pm Quiz Set-Up
7.00 pm Music Rehearsal

Saturday 26th September
4.00 pm Quiz Set-Up
6.00 pm Cowboys, Country & Western Quiz

Next Week Sunday 27th September - Harvest

9.00 am **Service with Holy Communion**
10.30 am **All Age Communion**
Readings 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 12:16-30
6.30 pm **Evening Service**

Notices

Today we welcome Rudie & Evie Evans and Jacob, Joanne & Richard Young and all who have come to support them, as they share in the wonderful celebration of their baptisms. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Alpha – Thu 24th Sept 7pm
Alpha is starting; there's still time to sign-up. Add your name to the list at the back of church. We'll eat, listen, and chat about life and faith. Wherever you are on the journey you are welcome. It's going to be great!

Cowboys and Country & Western Quiz
Don't forget tickets for our next quiz are limited. Don't miss out, get yours via ChurchSuite or contact the office. If you can, please sign up to bring something for the buffet. Yeehaw!

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.

Harvest Festival – Sun 27th Sept
For Harvest, we're supporting Pudsey Community Project by collecting non-perishable food items. If you'd like to contribute, please bring an item to add to our collection. Donations go towards helping local people.

Dates for your diaries

Sun 27th Sept	Harvest
Tue 6th Oct 2.00 pm	Mothers Union Meeting *a presentation by local historian Damon Sugden, 'History of the church through the windows, past people, the local area, and Chapeltown.'*
Mon 12th Oct 7.00 pm	PCC Meeting
Thu 22nd Oct 4.00 pm	Visiting Bell Ringers

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Shirley's Reflection

Less-known Bible Characters: Obadiah

1 Kings 18: 3 -8.
Obadiah was in charge of Ahab's palace, but he faithfully worshipped the Lord. In fact, when Jezebel was trying to kill the Lord's prophets, Obadiah hid one hundred of them in two caves and gave them food and water....Ahab sent for Obadiah and said: "Let's look round every creek and spring in the country for some grass". Then they left in separate directions. As Obadiah was walking along, he met Elijah [who said to him] "Go tell Ahab I'm here."

Ahab was the most wicked of all Israel's kings, married to the notorious Jezebel, and they had built a temple to the pagan god, Baal. She was determined to stamp out the worship of God, as we see in her attempt to kill the prophets of the Lord. The main prophet at the time was Elijah, who had been sent by God to tell Ahab that there would be no rain or dew until God told him to say so.

God helped Elijah to escape from Jezebel's plans, but Obadiah was faithfully serving Ahab and also secretly serving God. It must have been heart-breaking to see his people being led astray into Baal-worship, with all the immoral lifestyle such worship encouraged. His secret provision for 100 prophets must have taken great courage and wisdom. But he must also have been trust-worthy and diligent in his service of king Ahab - all very challenging!

After 3 years Elijah was told by God to go and meet king Ahab and then He would send rain. But all that time, Ahab had been looking for him, blaming him for the drought. Its severity meant that people were on the point of killing their inedible animals and that's why Ahab and Obadiah went to find any grass to feed them. So, when Obadiah met the returning Elijah, and was asked to tell Ahab he was coming, Obadiah pointed out that Ahab would kill him if he said that, and Elijah disappeared again! But God protected him and that meeting took place and led to a contest between Elijah and Baal's prophets to prove who was the true God.

There are Christians today working for people who have no time for God and can mock them or make their work and life more difficult. In some countries Christians have to do work no-one else would do, like cleaning sewers! How much they all need our prayers to be faithful to God and diligent in their work, as Obadiah was. And they may never know how important their faithfulness to God is in fulfilling His purposes! We hope that any of our church family in such a situation are able and willing to share it with others of us, to pray with and for them, and trust God for the outcome.