Welcome to Pudsey Parish Church

Sunday 27th September 2026 – The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity – Harvest Celebration

This Sunday

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

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Flowers Alan, much loved & sadly missed by the Crossland family.

Diary for the week

Monday 28th September
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.

Tuesday 29th September
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.
6.00 pm Beavers

Wednesday 30th September
10.00 am Midweek Communion
6.00 pm Vicars Hour
6.00 pm Cubs
7.30 pm Scouts

Thursday 1st October
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 2

Next Week Sunday 4th October

9.00 am **Service with Holy Communion**
10.30 am **Service of the Word**
Readings Philippians 3: 4b-14
Matthew 21: 33-46
6.30 pm **Evening Service**

Notices

Harvest donations today will go to Pudsey Community Project, helping people in the local area.

Care Home - Sunday Visits

Thank you to Elizabeth Emmett for all her help in visiting our local care homes and leading short services for the residents. We are grateful for all she has done.

As this work continues, we would love a few more volunteers to join the team. The role involves visiting a care home and helping to offer a short service for the residents. It's an important outreach sharing God's love to those who can't come to church.

If you can help whether occasionally or more regularly, please speak to Jenny Crossland or email the office.

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.

Squirrels Scouts

This new Scout section is starting in church on Tuesdays in November for children aged 4–6 years old. If you have a child who might like to join, or if you're an adult interested in volunteering, please email:
info.1stpudseyscoutgroup@gmail.com

Dates for your diaries

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
Tue 3rd Nov 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	 Mothers Union Meeting CandY Meeting
Sun 8th Nov 10.00 am	Remembrance Sunday Service *Afterwards gathering at the cenotaph for commemorations, followed by refreshments in church.*

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Shirley's Reflection

Less-known Bible Characters: Ananias

There was a Christian in Damascus named Ananias, [who] had a vision in which the Lord said to him "Ananias ... Get ready and go to Straight Street and at the house of Judas ask for a man named Saul. He is praying..."
Ananias answered "Lord, many people have told me about this man and all the terrible things he has done to your people... And he has come to Damascus ...to arrest all who worship You".
The Lord said: "Go, because I have chosen him to serve Me...".
So, he went and placed his hands on him; "Brother Saul", he said, " the Lord Jesus has sent me...." (Acts 9 from verses 10-17)

Ananias obviously had a good relationship with the Lord, that He chose him for this challenging task, and that Ananias felt he could check that he really was hearing Jesus speaking to him. Then, the Lord having reassured him, and apparently giving him more details about what had happened to Saul, and why He was sending him to minister to Saul, he instantly obeyed.

Persecution had soon begun for Christians after their first wonderful increase in numbers and life together, and it seems they passed on to each other news of the persecution Saul was involved in. Ananias would therefore have kept well away from this dangerous man. So, it's not surprising that he wanted to check what the Lord was asking him to do; after all it was well outside his comfort zone. But it seems God told him how Saul had met Jesus in a blinding light on the Damascus Road and was now praying.

This was 3 days after Saul's amazing experience which had blinded him and he had not eaten since then and was presumably using the time for prayer being ashamed and repentant for his treatment of followers of Jesus and seeking to know what God's plan was for his new life with Jesus.

The man Ananias found was very different from what he had known of him before, but it was a wonderful example of Christian love that Ananias showed to Saul in addressing him as 'Brother Saul' and then laying his hands on him to cure him of his blindness. We wonder how much of the rest of God's message to Ananias he shared with Saul at the time - to tell non-Jews and their kings, as well as fellow-Jews about Jesus and to know much suffering as he did so, for this was the man who used his Greek name 'Paul' as he went on to fulfil that mission.

I don't think many of us will have had visions or heard an audible voice from God, but He does sometimes take us out of our comfort zones, in the ways He guides us. The Bible is full of 'little-known people' like us, sometimes in long lists of names in the Old Testament, because God values everyone who serves Him. And He knows each one of us better than we know ourselves, so He leads us in ways that are right for us and equips us for the tasks for which He chooses us.