Welcome to Pudsey Parish Church

Sunday 6th September 2026 – The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

This Sunday

9.00 am **Service with Holy Communion**
10.30 am **Service of the Word**
Readings Colossians 1:15-20 & John 1:1-14
6.30 pm **Evening Prayer Service**

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Flowers In memory of Geoff Potts.
From Angela and family.

Diary for the week

Monday 7th September
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.
Tuesday 8th September
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.
6.00 pm Beavers
Wednesday 9th September
10.00 am Midweek Communion
6.00 pm Vicars Hour
6.00 pm Cubs
7.30 pm Scouts
Thursday 10th September
11.30 am - 1.30 pm Connect Lunch
Free light lunch served, open to all the community.

Next Week Sunday 13th September

9.00 am **Service with Holy Communion**
10.30 am **Service with Holy Communion**
with baptisms
Readings Exodus 14:19-31 & Matthew 18:1-35
6.30 pm **Evening Prayer Service**

Notices

Alpha – Thu 24th Sept 7pm
Our Alpha course starts soon! It's going to be great, I'm going, why don't you? Together we'll share a meal, hear a talk, then chat together about life and faith. If you fancy it, add your name to the sign-up sheet in church.

Pudsey Scarecrow Festival
The scarecrow festival is happening today around Pudsey. If you're following the trail, come and see our entry: Queen Victoria, created by Angela and Kathryn.

Meet the Vicar
Meetings with Gareth continue. Sign up in Church, for an informal chat about faith and how we as a church can encourage and support you.

Sunday Service Rotas
Rotas for Sept – Nov are now live on ChurchSuite with paper copies available in the blue folder on the warden's desk. If you have any issue regarding rotas, please contact Sally in the office.

Cowboys and Country & Western Quiz
Don't forget to get your tickets for our next quiz. Available from the office or via ChurchSuite.

Dates for your diaries - September

Mon 7th/ Tue 8th ABC baby & Toddler Group Restarts
Mon 14th 7.00pm PCC Meeting
Tue 15th 7.30pm C and Y Meeting
Sun 20th Back to Church Sunday

Thu 24th 7.00pm Alpha Launch
Sat 26th 6.00pm Cowboys and Country & Western Quiz
Tickets via CS or email the office
Sun 27th Harvest

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Join us on ChurchSuite by scanning the QR code and get our weekly newsletter delivered every week.

Shirley's Reflection

Psalms for Summer 5 - Psalm 92: 1, 2, 5, 14-15

It is good to praise the Lord,... to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night. How great are Your works, O Lord, how profound Your thoughts! ... [God's people] will still bear fruit in old age...proclaiming "The Lord is upright; He is my Rock".

This Psalm was written for public worship, with music and singing, to 'proclaim' God's love and faithfulness, but it is good to use it in our private prayer times, to begin the day by reminding ourselves of God's love and to end it by thanking Him for his faithfulness. Our main thoughts of His love always take us to Jesus who showed that love in His earthly life and, supremely in His taking our place to die for the sin which separated us from God, so that we can be forgiven and have the right and privilege to come to Him in praise and prayer as His beloved children.

But we are also aware of that love helping us through the day, to deal with that difficult situation or relationship, stopping us saying something hurtful or unkind, or helping us to realise when we have got it wrong and, where possible, to seek to put it right or apologise. That's because He wants His love to be shown to others in our attitudes, words, and actions. We are loved to be able to share that love with others. As John puts it in his first letter, ***"This is love: not that we loved God but that He loved us an sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."*** (4: 10-11)

Then at the day's, end, whether we have always lived as guided by God's love or not, we can praise and thank Him that He has been faithful, inspiring and answering our prayers, and assuring us of His forgiveness for sins and failures, keeping us in His love day and night through all the ups and downs of life, and giving us new opportunities for a fresh start each day. The more we seek to live in His love, the more we see of His 'great works' and His 'profound thoughts,' active, for example, in calling Christians to new ways of serving Him in this changing world.

It's a great privilege to share these reflections with you, and I hope others will be called to carry on with them when I can't. It's a reminder that there is no retirement in God's service, as our Psalm says we can 'still bear fruit in old age' proclaiming the Lord's goodness, as He has been a Rock throughout our lives. And when we can't serve actively, we can, and need to, pray for those who can and do!