Welcome to Pudsey Parish Church

Sunday 4th October 2026 – The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

This Sunday

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**

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Flowers in memory of Albert Nelson, from Elizebeth Emmett.

Diary for the week

Monday 5th October
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.
Tuesday 6th October
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.
2.00 pm MU Meeting
a presentation by local historian Damon Sugden, 'History of the church through the windows, past people, the local area, and Chapeltown.'
6.00 pm Beavers
Wednesday 7th October
10.00 am Midweek Communion
6.00 pm Vicars Hour
6.00 pm Cubs
7.30 pm Scouts
Thursday 8th 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 3

Next Week Sunday 11th October

9.00 am **Service with Holy Communion**
10.30 am **Service with Holy Communion**
Readings Philippians 4:1-9 & Matthew 22:1-14
6.30 pm **Evening Service**

Notices

Flowers
The 11th and 18th October dates are free; if you would like to donate to commemorate a loved one or mark a special occasion, please see Jenny Crossland or email the office.

Care Home - Sunday Visits
Would you like to join the team visiting the local care homes on a Sunday? The role involves visiting a care home as a team once a month 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.

Quiz Night
Thanks to everyone who attended the quiz, we hope you enjoyed it. Over £200 was raised which will go towards church funds. Thanks as always to Quiz-Master Extraordinaire Mandi Rugg for all the prep and running of the event. The next quiz is the Christmas one on Sat 28th Nov. Tickets available now via ChurchSuite or email the office.
If you cooked chilli – thank you! Did you take the correct pan home? Deb Lewin is missing a pan.

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

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 - 'Gazelle'. (Acts 9 from verses 36 -41)

In Joppa there was a woman named Tabitha, who was a believer. (In Greek, her name is Dorcas) meaning 'deer' or 'gazelle'. She spent all her time doing good and helping the poor, [but] she became ill and died. Joppa was not very far from Lydda ...Peter was there and they sent two men to him with the message, "Please hurry and come to us." Peter knelt down and prayed; then he turned to the body and said, "Tabitha get up".

In the same chapter as the dramatic conversion of Saul/Paul, and just before the equally important conversion of the first non-Jew, Luke tells this story of the lady, with 2 versions of her name, a practical Christian in Joppa. It shows Luke's interest in women's contribution to the ministry of the church, and sharing Jesus' concern for the simple believer, as much as for the more prominent people in gospel work.

In fact, in the Old Testament where the Holy Spirit was only normally given to people like priests, prophets and kings, we read in Exodus 31: 1-2, that God gave the Holy Spirit to Bezalel for all kinds of artistic and craft work, to lead others in all such work needed for the Tabernacle - the portable tent where God's presence was known and worshipped as the Israelites travelled from Egypt to their Promised Land.

Tabitha was obviously a much-valued member of her church and community as shown by the grief of the widows, their loving care of her body and their sending for Peter in their time of need. They also showed Peter the garments Tabitha had made for them. Was this the first time Peter had been faced with a dead body since Jesus' ascension? He needed to be sure of what God was asking him to do, so he sent everyone else out of the room and prayed, then turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up". She gradually came back to life, with Peter helping her up. Then he brought in all the others gathered in the house to present her to them all, no doubt to much rejoicing, and leading to the conversion of many in the town when they heard the news.

We are not often told Jesus' words in the language He spoke, but one of the times when we read them, was when He brought back to life a 12-year-old girl with the words "*Talitha koum",* meaning "*Little girl, get up"*. Peter would have used the same words with one consonant difference, perhaps the memory of Jesus' words encouraged him! The important lesson for us to remember is that practical work is just as important as preaching and leading in God's church. It's good that we have so many members serving in this way and to thank them and God for calling them to this vital contribution to our church and community, and we trust Him to be continually calling others to this ministry.