Welcome to Pudsey Parish Church

Sunday 11th October 2026 – The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

This Sunday

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

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diary for the week

Monday 12th October
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.
7.00 pm PCC Meeting

Tuesday 13th October
9.30 am – 11.15 am ABC toddler & baby group.
6.00 pm Beavers

Wednesday 14th October
10.00 am Midweek Communion
6.00 pm Vicars Hour
6.00 pm Cubs
7.30 pm Scouts

Thursday 15th 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 4

Friday 16th October
7.00 pm Music Rehearsal

Next Week Sunday 18th October

9.00 am **Service with Holy Communion**
10.30 am **Service of the Word with Baptism**
Readings 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Matthew 22: 15-22
6.30 pm **Evening Service**

Notices

Flowers in Church
The 18th of October is 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.

Christmas Quiz
Save the date! Sat 28th Nov, 6pm. Tickets are available on Churchsuite or email the office.

Christmas Fair with Sant Experience
Come and see Santa at our Christmas Fair on Sat 5th Dec, 10am-4pm. Tickets are £5 per child and available via Churchsuite or you can scan the QR code on the poster in church.

Dates for your diaries

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.*
Sat 14th Nov 10.00 am	Baptism preparation morning

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Shirley's Reflection

The 'I AM' sayings of Jesus - Exodus 3: 13-14, John 8:58 -59

Moses said: "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you' and they ask me 'what is His name?' Then what shall I tell them."
God said to Moses "I AM WHO I AM. Say to the Israelites I AM has sent me to you."
"I tell you the truth" Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" At this they picked up stones to stone Him.

The idea of eternity is hard for us to grasp; there was a time when we were not, now we are and later we shall be but God is the eternal being who always was, is, and will be, who entered time for a while in Jesus to help us grasp something of what He is like - just, loving, caring etc. Our attempts at pronouncing the Hebrew version of His name used to be 'Jehovah' and more recently 'Yahweh'.

Moses had been living in the Sinai desert, but God was calling him to lead His people out of slavery in Egypt, where he knew they had taken on some Egyptian gods. So, they needed to know who Moses was referring to as the God of their Fathers. So, when Jesus said, centuries later, "before Abraham was born, I am", they understood that He was claiming to be God, which in their thinking was blasphemy, and the punishment for blasphemy was stoning.

The teachers of the law had already been concerned when Jesus told a paralytic that his sins were forgiven. (Mark 2: 5) because only God could forgive sins. The claim of Jesus in John's gospel chapter 8 where the crowds were saying that, because Jesus' lifestyle and talk about God didn't fit with theirs, He must be a Samaritan, or even demon-possessed! They were proud descendants of Abraham, but what mattered to Jesus was that they shared Abraham's faith and Abraham looked forward to seeing His day, believing God's promise that, (Genesis 12: 2-3) through his faith, one of his descendants would bring blessing to all nations on earth.

Jesus came to earth as the representative of God and all His words and deeds were an outward expression of God's will and purposes among us. That means that all the other 'I am' sayings of Jesus in John's gospel are revealing God Himself to us humans. As we look at them together may they help us to love and rejoice in Him and His provision for us more and more.