



Salterhebble, Skircoat Green & Copley

## NoticeSheet

26th September 2021  
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

**Everyday is a Worship day!**

The church is now open without booking.  
Please read the **Update on Church Services page** to check what is happening.  
We will not be back to the original normal for the foreseeable future, but are endeavouring to achieve a degree of normality with the people and skills we currently have available, and with awareness of continuing Covid cases.

**An online service will still be continuing.**  
**Please click on the link below to access this.**

## ONLINE WORSHIP

<http://www.allsaintshalifax.org.uk/online-worship>

**CLICK HERE TO WORSHIP WITH US**

### Contacting the Church Office

The Church Office is open now on Wednesday and Thursday (8.30am - 3.30pm with a lunch break which varies).

If you require some assistance, or would like the notice sheet emailing to you, please contact Diane Williams- Tel: 01422 353103 or email: [admin@allsaintshalifax.org.uk](mailto:admin@allsaintshalifax.org.uk).  
Please note- phone messages are transferred out of the office..but only if you leave one (even if it is just your name and number for a call back).

Our website is: [www.allsaintshalifax.org.uk](http://www.allsaintshalifax.org.uk).

## Upcoming Services

26th September	Trinity 17		
9.00	Holy Communion		
10.30	Morning Worship	with Kids' Church and creche	Refreshments after the service
3rd October	Trinity 18		
9am	Holy Communion		
10.30	Family Service and baptism of Pippa Horrocks	with creche	Refreshments after the service
<b>Please Note</b>	This will be a busy service with over 100 attending.		
10th October	Trinity 19		
9am	Holy Communion		
10.30am	Morning Worship - Harvest	with creche	Refreshments after the service
17th October			
9am	Holy Communion		
10.30am	Holy Communion	with creche	Refreshments after the service

## Dates for Your Diary

- Sunday 26th September 7.30pm
- Thursday 30th September 7.30pm
- Saturday 2nd October 10am-3pm
- Wednesday 6th October 7.30pm
- Saturday 16th October
- Wednesday 20th October 2pm
- Thursday 28th October

Kids' Church leaders and parents Zoom meeting  
Mothers' Union meeting  
Quilting and Craft Group/Ladies Who Paint  
PCC meeting  
Churches Together in South Halifax 25th Anniversary service followed by pie and peas.  
Connected Harvest Service  
licensing of Rev. Jennifer Middleton

## Opening Prayer

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever  
Amen.

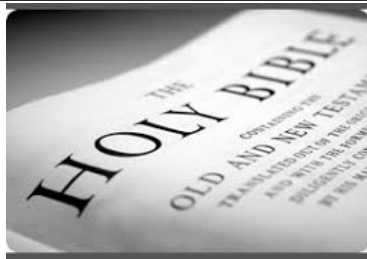
## Today's Readings

### 1 Timothy Ch.6 v.11-19

#### Final Charge to Timothy

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.



## Matthew Ch.6 v.19-33

#### Treasures in Heaven

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy,[a] your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

#### Do Not Worry

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

## Today's Message from Ian

#### GENEROSITY WEEK

The Diocese has designated this time Generosity Week.

The relationship between faith and wealth is commonplace in the teachings of Jesus. Our earthly possessions are not disconnected from our beliefs and often the way we handle our assets shows what lies beneath the surface. We also have to think of our efforts, our time, our patience and our thoughtfulness as assets in this context.

The Bible often encourages us to hold money, assets and wealth lightly so that they don't get between us and God, indeed affect the relationship in any way. Such is the impact of possessions on daily life, not only can they affect our relationships with God, they can impact on the way we interact and treat others, in relationship, in families, in groups and in communities.

If our money becomes the only priority in our lives, it pushes God aside – and it pushes aside the compassion and caring we should naturally have as Christian disciples towards those whose worries about material things – food, clothes, and shelter – are not discomforts or annoyances, but fundamental needs. You don't need me to tell you that there are millions in our country who regularly go hungry and many more millions across the world who live all their lives in poverty.

But this is not about shaming, or guilt tripping. It is about flagging up all the opportunities that exist for us to be generous. In my life I have met hundreds of people who are mind-numbingly selfish – bit at the same time I am aware of thousands – millions – of people who are naturally generous; people for whom smiles, kind words, some encouragement and a helping hand are a way of life.

Without seeking to blow my own trumpet, I was sitting on a bus one evening when a young man stepped on at a stop with a pram carrying a toddler and a slightly older child beside him. He asked the driver how much it was to a location which I knew was at the top of a hill, probably quite a difficult journey for this party. The driver told him and his head dropped. He began to leave the bus. Without thinking I called out: "How much do you need?" He needed 50p to get home! To me it was change in my pocket – to him it was relief from the prospect of a hard climb with two small children. He was so grateful. I'm sure we all have stories of how simple acts of kindness, easily done, often have a massive impact on those to whom we are generous.

Being generous – according to Timothy – is not only good for the community but also for wellbeing. Generosity ensures money is not a distraction but a symbol of God's love in the world. It is our calling to share our spare with others.

So to recap: We all know we should do what we can to make other people's lives better, but the thrust of this campaign is to encourage us to think a little more about that calling and how we express ourselves in our Christian lives, to the service of God.

### Closing Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.

## Family Prayers

- Audrey Roberts as she awaits a hospital procedure relating to polymyalgia rheumatica.
- Thank God for the full remission from CLL for Brian Roberts and further prayer for his continued better health.
- For Gwen Knowles and Tony Knowles
- For Ann Carey, who is still in ill health, and who thanks us for our prayers.
- Easing of Jean Brook's rheumatoid arthritis in her hands and for an increase in mobility.
- Christopher Henderson
- For our children and young people, as they return to school.
- For All Saints' School as they return for the new academic year.
- Tynings Lane Church and The Hothouse as they prepare for a vacancy period and for Rev. Jen as she prepares to move.

Please pray for the family of Betty Aslin, a great servant of All Saints' who died peacefully in Fernside Hall on September 19th. Her restricted funeral is at Park Wood in October.



## PrayerNet

If you have a prayer request, you can contact: Doreen Whitaker on 01422 367047 for the telephone prayer chain or at [www.allsaintshalifax.org.uk](http://www.allsaintshalifax.org.uk). and click the "Prayer Requests" tab.

Your requests are looked at by our dedicated prayer team only - people within our church family who are committed to prayer.

Your request will be treated with complete confidentiality.



To Sammy and Richard Mullen on the birth of their son last Saturday. He weighed in at 9lb 8oz. Isaac is thrilled to be a big brother and is especially enjoying giving baby hugs, kisses and strokes.



# Update on Church Services

The situation with the Covid Pandemic is still very fluid. The Church of England's advice is based on trying to ensure as many people as possible feel safe while worshipping in churches.

This is our current situation:

- Church is now open for 9am and 10.30am services. Please see Upcoming Services table on a later page.
- Socially distanced seating is still available in the South Aisle.
- The 10.30am service will be Morning Worship with the first week of the month as a Family Service
- There is now live **music and singing**.
- Once a month at 10.30am, Communion will be offered. This will be next on September 19th.
- The one way system is still operational. Entry into church will continue to be through the corridor after registration and sanitising hands. Exit will continue to be through the lounge.
- **Refreshments will served after the 10.30am service.**
- We ask the congregation to make their way out promptly and enjoy conversations in a distanced way.
- We are recommending that masks be worn but there is an option not to wear a mask for all the service.
- After much debate we have decided to continue **bread only** distribution in a distanced manner.
- Online services will continue in a reduced form as we explore ways of broadcasting the 10.30am service.
- A Giving station has been set up on a table at the back of church, as we are hoping soon to be able to use the lounge for refreshments. **Please could you drop your collection and envelopes onto the plate as you ENTER church**, as this will then be taken up and offered, as before, near the end of the service.
- **Kids' Church** will be held initially on the 19th and 26th September. These two sessions will be social get togethers so everyone can reconnect. A register will be taken and gel, wipes and tissues provided upstairs.
- **Creche** facilities are now available. There are antibacterial wipes on the window sill.

There is still much concern among the Leadership Team about the current rate of Covid infections and we are spending much time working out just how much we can open in these circumstances.

We are weekly reviewing what we offer, and the situation generally.



## Have a look at this.

Alpha film series promo.  
<https://player.vimeo.com/video/181494383>

Our next online Alpha course is starting  
**Wednesday 29th September.**

This will primarily be a back-to-church Alpha, for those needing to reconnect with their faith after lockdown; for those feeling spiritually dry and in need of refreshment. So instead of sending a friend, why not come yourself and bring a friend!

Email: [admin@allsaintshalifax.org.uk](mailto:admin@allsaintshalifax.org.uk)

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families



A big thank you to all those who joined us on our "MU on the Move" fund raiser, either by attending last month or by generously donating, we have now achieved £135 which is brilliant, just another £10 to reach the £145 for 145 years of Mothers' Union, - I'm sure we will make it.

We have plans for a **September meeting**, in the Church Lounge, on Thursday 30th September at 7.30pm. No speaker of course, but a get together to share any stories or events which have got us through Lockdown. Have a think, have you something you would like to share, maybe a prayer or poem which has helped you through, or just let's chat over cake and coffee - Again !!

If you need transport please get in touch, I am looking forward to seeing lots of you for our September meeting. God Bless, Margaret C.



# Walking the Calderdale Way

The walk was a fantastic success.. Everybody completed the walk in fairly stellar health, and we have raised over £1700.00 for St Augustine's Church. The weather on Friday and Saturday was fantastic; God has really blessed us.

Mark Pemberton



# Collection for Afghanistan Refugees

There will be a box at the Giving Station in church for donations for helping refugees from Afghanistan. You can also contribute via our website, and the red Virgin Giving button. HOWEVER, please make sure you specify what the donation is for, or it will go into general church funds.

## Pray for Afghanistan 9pm each Sunday

Please take time to stop and pray, so we all are united in are prayers for this desperate situation

Updated prayers from Open Doors below.



### 6 ways you can pray for Afghanistan

- **Pray for wisdom in how to survive.** Ask the Lord to guide the citizens in the country – especially our brothers and sisters – in how to deal with interrogations and brutalities in the days to come.
- **Pray for believers** will receive the pastoral care that they need.
- **Pray for children in Afghanistan.** Pray for the schools and educational programs, that somehow they will function. And pray that God will preserve the dignity and wellness of the children, by raising up bold prophetic warriors who will guard children's safety and fight for their protection from all kinds of abuses.
- **Pray for health and wellness.** Medicines are in short supply. Pray that clean water continues to run in taps – if water becomes contaminated in the cities, there will be widespread disease and illness.
- **Pray for food to be accessible and affordable.** People are struggling right now, because supply chains have broken down – as they are slowly reinitiated, inflation and access is becoming a problem. "The Taliban will first feed their soldiers then us," a local friend of our ministry says.
- **Pray that God will provide work** for the day labourers and others who are currently without income.

### The Goodall Trust

This Trust is for the benefit of widows, ladies living alone or with their children or carer, or spinsters on low incomes, who are resident in the present Calderdale ward of Skircoat and/or in such parts of the parishes of St. Jude and All Saints, Halifax as are within the boundaries of the ancient township of Skircoat.

The benefits of the Trust shall not be restricted to members of the Church of England.

A meeting of the Trustees will be held in October, 2021 and application forms must be submitted to the Clerk to the Trust no later than 30th September 2021.

Ladies who have previously received a grant are at liberty to send in a fresh application form.

The forthcoming meeting is the only meeting in 2021.

Application forms and other information can be obtained from:

Dr. Andrew Buck, Clerk to the Trust,  
122 Skircoat Road, Halifax, HX1 2RE; 01422 255880;  
atbuck@tiscali.co.uk

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION FROM MOTHERS' UNION



**The Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Leeds is looking for children in our diocese to design a Christmas card.**

Every year they send every person in prison a Christmas card signed by Mothers' Union members, and another blank card for prisoners to send to their loved ones.

Due to the pandemic, Mothers' Union volunteers have been unable to go into

prisons in the diocese but have been keeping in touch with the prisons by email, and wanted to do something more to support those in prison this Christmas.

The competition aims to produce three suitable designs, created by children for those in prison to send to their own child or grandchild.

It is open all those **in school years 3, 4, 5 and 6**, and the winners will receive a book token.

To enter, all you must do is create your own design on A4 paper in landscape view, using paints or felt tips.

Then, print your name, age, and contact details on the back of your design in pencil.

Please then send your design to: Mothers' Union, C/O 142 Greenfield Road, Holmfirth HD9 2LP, or email them to [gravonne@btinternet.com](mailto:gravonne@btinternet.com).

The deadline for entries for the competition is October 15, 2021.

Three winners will be chosen and will have their design professionally printed as a Christmas card to be given to prison chaplains to offer to prisoners to send to their own children.

Winners will have their designs displayed on the diocesan website.

## NEW COURSE TO HELP CHURCHES CARE FOR CREATION

*Submitted by jack.bacon on Thu, 09/09/2021 - 12:40*



A new course from the Diocese of Leeds aims to help churches think more about caring for creation, as the world looks to increase action tackling climate change.

The Creation Salvation course is designed for anyone in parish ministry who would like to see creation care embedded in the life of their church, and will be running throughout the autumn and in the new year.

All are welcome to attend including members of the congregation and those with a particular role at a church,

including Parish Environment Officers, PCC members, Clergy, Readers, Churchwardens and Treasurers.

The course will cover a wide variety of subjects, including buildings, worship, lifestyle and the global community.

The course is led by Diocesan Environment Officer Gemima Parker, and Jan Goodair, Area Environment Champion for Leeds and a retired priest, and they are assisted by the Revd Ruth Newton, parish priest of St John's Sharow, and the Revd Debby Plummer, Environment Champion for Huddersfield.

Gemima said; "I'm delighted to be running the Creation Salvation course again twice this autumn.

"It's a fabulous working with the Parish Environment Officers and other who are passionate to see their churches respond to the current climate and ecological crisis.

"We are all learning together how to live and preach the good news of the gospel in this new context."

Participants will be required to join the Diocesan Learning Platform (Moodle) to access course materials and the class discussion forum.

The course will run from 7pm to 9pm on Thursdays, with the next set of sessions beginning November 4.