

Services and events this week

Today:

4.30pm: Choral Evensong

Monday 5 October

No services

Tuesday 6 October

10.30am: Holy Communion with homily
according to the Book of Common Prayer

Wednesday 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary

9am: Mass

9.30: The 'Wednesday Men' meet for maintenance work in church and churchyard

Thursday 8 October

9.30am: Heyhouses School Harvest Festival service

6pm: Mass

7pm: Choir Practice

Friday 9 October St John Henry Newman

9.30am: Mass

Saturday 10 October St Paulinus of York

10am: Mass

6pm: Harvest Fish Supper & Quiz
in the parish rooms

Sunday 11 October 19th after Trinity Harvest Festival

10.15am: Sunday School in the parish rooms

10.30am: Harvest Festival Mass
with baptism of Henry Morgan-Short

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9.30am-12
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Please ensure all notices are sent to the Parish Office
by 12 noon on Wednesday.

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Sunday 4 October 2026

18th Sunday after Trinity
(27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

10.30am: Parish Mass



Welcome to our Mass today
A special welcome to you if you are visiting
or are new to the church

Choral Evensong today at 4.30pm.
A calm reflective end to the day.

Next weekend we will celebrate our **Harvest Thanksgiving**. There will be a retiring collection for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, raising funds for the renovation and running of the Jehovah Rapha Healthcare centre in Liwolo in South Sudan which Bishop Philip has visited. Further details and a message from Joseph, Bishop of Liwolo can be found on the internet by searching for Blackburn Harvest appeal.

Donations of food for Heyhouses School Foodbank can also be brought to church.

Offerings of autumn foliage, fruit & veg etc to decorate the church can be brought in around service times or by arrangement

It will be a great joy to baptise Henry Morgan-Short from our own congregation during the Mass.

The Harvest Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz
Saturday 10 October at 6pm is now fully booked.
Please bring your own drinks and glasses & cash for raffle. In aid of Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

Tea & Chat Meeting. Monday 5 October at 10.30am at The Trawl Boat Inn (Wetherspoons). All welcome

The **funeral of the late Lorna Bebbington** will be at Lytham Park Crematorium on Monday 5th October at 2.45pm. May she rest in peace. I

Mothers' Union Meeting: Tuesday 13 October at 1.45pm in Room 1 in the Parish Rooms. We will be delighted to welcome Cllr Karen Harrison who will be giving us an account of 'The Highs and Lows of being the Mayor'. Guests are welcome to join us.

Mothers Union Christmas Lunch

Monday 7 December 12.30 for 1pm at Fairhaven Golf Club. £30 for 2 courses or £35 for 3 courses. Please sign list at back of church. £10 non-refundable deposit to Kath Hall. Dietary requirements can be catered for. Final payment no later than 15 November please.

War Graves Work Day

Please join us with your gardening tools on Saturday 31 October to ensure our War Graves are spick and span in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. From 10.30 am until about 1.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.

First Aid Awareness Sessions, 7-9pm in the Parish Rooms:

Tuesday 13 October, (especially for parents, grandparents and carers of babies and infants.) If you would like to attend please contact Denise Brown: stannessundayschool3@gmail.com or Christine Campbell: 07984 044973

Tuesday 20 October (general session). All welcome to an interesting informative couple of hours. Please sign form at back of church.

There are toy bags for younger children and liturgy bags for older children (4+). Feel free to use the choir vestry where there are books and toys.

The toilets and baby changing facilities are through the choir vestry, please ask for directions.

Other contacts

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Hail Mary....

And the word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us O holy mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth we beseech thee O Lord thy grace into our hearts that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his + cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God

Please stay for refreshments after Mass which are served at the back of church.

For our prayers:

Those who are sick and in particular need:

Ben Akrell, Elizabeth Arnold, Rev Mo Baldwin, Alison Cross, Justine Eadie, Sharon Fountain, Harry Hardwick, Marian Hopper, Joan Johnson, Sarah Kinghorn, Margaret Lane, Kevin Morgan, Annabel Norris, Sheila Pinches, Ian Reece, Brian Rose, Rebecca Stuart, Terry Sutton, Penny Taylor, Brenda Underwood, Jayne Weaver, Jan, Paul, Thomas, Baby William Peter Atkins

Long Term Sick and Housebound:

Winston Atkinson, Tessa Bebbington, Muriel Driscoll, Rita Fletcher, Ann Hazard, Paul Hodgson, Jan Hood, Doreen Taylor, Josie Wilkinson

Recently Departed

Diane Batey, Lorna Bebbington, Jacqueline Taylor, Marian Liddle



The flowers today are given in loving memory of
John Cunliffe (30.9.40)
from Maureen & all his family.
Always in our hearts

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed

The people come to the altar to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other churches are also welcome to receive. If it is not your custom to receive communion but would like a blessing, please bow your head.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

Jesu, lover of my soul (no.492)

Be still for the presence of the Lord. (no.371)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, let the eucharist we share fill us with your life. May the love of Christ which we celebrate here touch our lives and lead us to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NOTICES & BANNS OF MARRIAGE

+ *THE BLESSING* *stand*

FINAL HYMN

O worship the King (no.549)

ANGELUS

The priest and servers process to the image of Our Lady for the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women and blessed be the
fruit of thy womb Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners now and at the hour of our death.
Amen**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word. 10

*When the bell rings 5 minutes before Mass begins we
refrain from conversation and prepare ourselves to
meet our Lord in Word and Sacrament*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

stand

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

(no.456 in the hymn book)

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with
you all. **And also with you**

CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
through our own fault
in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.**

**Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, +pardon and deliver you
from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, 3

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 5:1-7** sit

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of
Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The celebrant sings the PREFACE. As we join
our praises with those of the angels we sing:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*As the words of Jesus at the Last Supper are recalled,
by the power of the Holy Spirit the bread and wine
become for us the body and blood of Jesus.*

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

*We recall with thanksgiving all that God has done for
us through Jesus Christ, and ask him to send down
his Holy Spirit upon us. As the prayer concludes
we all sing: Amen*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

We break this bread, to share in the body of
Christ. **Though we are many, we are one
body, because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Prayers for the departed:
Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace
And rise in glory.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus
Christ. Amen**

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace, he has reconciled us to God
in one body by his cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We share a sign of peace with each other

OFFERTORY HYMN *stand*
For the beauty of the earth (no.378)

*The gifts are offered, a collection is taken to support
the ministry of the church and the altar is prepared.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands, for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, receive these gifts which our Lord Jesus
Christ has asked us to offer in his memory.
May our obedient service bring us to the fullness
of your redemption, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER *stand*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 79

**The vineyard of the LORD is the house of
Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots.

**The vineyard of the LORD is the house of
Israel.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

**The vineyard of the LORD is the house of
Israel.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself.

**The vineyard of the LORD is the house of
Israel.**

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

**The vineyard of the LORD is the house of
Israel.**

SECOND READING **Philippians 4:6-9**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the
Philippians:

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about
anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known to God. And the peace of God, 5

which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN *stand*
Lord thy word abideth (no.521)

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 21:33-43**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit,
and that your fruit should abide.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' 6

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?' I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *sit*

THE CREED *stand*
**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

(We bow to honour the Incarnation of Christ)
**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures:
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.** 7