Services and events this week

Today: *2.30pm Baptism of Penlope & Oliver Cottom*

4.30pm: Choral Evensong & Benediction

Tuesday 17 November ***St Hilda***
10.30am: Holy Communion with homily
according to the Book of Common Prayer

12.45pm: Funeral of Linda Harrison

Wednesday 18 November
9am: Mass

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

Thursday 19 November
9.15am: School Mass

6pm: Mass

Friday 20 November
9.30am: Mass

Saturday 21 November
Presentation of the Blessed Virigin Mary
10am: Mass

12 noon: Baptism of Anna & Willow Hilditch

Sunday 22 November ***Christ the King***

10.30am: Parish Mass

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9.30am-12
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St Anne's Parish Church



Sunday 15 November 2026

24th after Trinity
(33rd 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



Christmas Tree Festival.
5-12 December 2026



Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated for our main fundraiser of the year:

*Bottles of drinks, sauces and toiletries & cans of drinks (no food cans) for the **Bottle Stall** to Susan McMahon

*Boxes, packets or tins of biscuits for the **'Biccibola'** to Pam Kinghorn & Lesley Dawson

*Cakes, buns or biscuits, homemade or bought, for the **Cake Stall** to Zoe Dust & Irene Williams.

*Crafts for the **Craft Stall** to Jenny Edwards.

Christmas Wreaths: Remember your loved ones with a wreath on the pew ends. £15. Forms available from the church office or Peter Duke on Sundays. Please use block capitals Card payments available.

£150 Grand Draw. Enter our grand draw for a chance to win £150 & many other prizes just in time for Christmas. Pop your name and number on an envelope; put just £1 in the envelope and then post it into the grand draw post box at the back of the church with the envelopes. To be drawn on Saturday 12 December.

Promise Group. We are asking for sponsorship for our children's groups trees. The cost is £50 but any donation would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Peter Duke.

Choral Evensong & Benediction: today at 4.30pm.

Christmas Tree Festival Refreshments: Donations of shop bought mince pies to be served during the Tree Festival would be gratefully received. These can be left in church or in the Parish Office. Please check the sell-by date on the packets. The festival runs from Saturday 5th December to Saturday 12th December.

Sunday School Sundays 22 & 29 November at 10.15am in Room 1 of the Church Rooms

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 by today please.

Heyhouses Food Bank Howard and Diane Glister would like to ask fellow parishioners to donate cash to enable them to buy Christmas goodies and food to cover them during the Christmas and New Year Period.

Church Christmas Cards are now available to purchase. A pack of 8 cards and envelopes costs £5. Available in church or from Susan McMahon 01253 723280, arrange collection or delivery can be arranged. All profits to church funds. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Blessing of the Crib in the Amphitheatre in the Square. Saturday 28 November at 2.45pm Carols will follow at the stage and switch-on of the Christmas lights. Organised by St Annes Churches Together. Do come along .

Pew Sheets by email – please make sure that you have completed and submitted a GDPR Form (available at the back of church or in the Parish Office) for you to receive your electronic pew sheet each week.

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

Penelope and Oliver Cottom to be baptized today, his parents and godparents.

Anna and Willow Hilditch, to be baptized next Sunday.

Those who are sick and in particular need:
Ben Akrill, Elizabeth Arnold, Rev Mo Baldwin, Alison Cross, Justine Eadie, Sharon Fountain, Harry Hardwick, Marian Hopper, Joan Johnson, Sarah Kinghorn, Margaret Lane, 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:
Linda Harrison

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.

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*

Forth in thy name O Lord I go
(no.340 in the green 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 sorry
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……..

Christ 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,
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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom
where he is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING **Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31**
sit

A reading from the Book of Proverbs:
An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 128**

Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *stand*
Take my life and let it be *(no.571)*

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 25:14-30**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
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.

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.
Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

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.
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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *stand*
God is working his purpose out *(no.613)*

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
Lord God, may the gifts we offer increase
our love for you and bring us to eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *stand*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

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

Holy Communion is administered from two stations, at the high altar and in front of the Lady Chapel. Please go to either of them. 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

O bread of heaven, beneath this veil *(no.393)*

We pray thee heavenly Father, *(no.404)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Father, may we grow in love
by the eucharist we have celebrated in memory of the Lord Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever.
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

+ THE BLESSING *stand*

FINAL HYMN
All for Jesus *(no.367)*

ANGELUS
Clergy 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.

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.