

The Parish Church of St. James, Briercliffe

Worship at Home

Sunday 2nd October 2022

16th Sunday after Trinity



Services This Coming Week

Wednesday 5th October - 9.30am. Said Eucharist

Thursday 6th October - 6.15pm. Family Service with Communion

Sunday 9th October - 17th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am. Said Eucharist

10.15am. Sung Eucharist

12 noon Baptism

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

A Reading from the 2nd Epistle to Timothy (Ch.1: 1-14)

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Gospel of St Luke (Ch. 17: 5-10)

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

Prayers of intercession



In our Parish, we pray for:

Those who are ill at this time and all those who have the care of them, including: Dave, Craig, Everly, Hilary, Kerry, Maureen, Issac, Ronnie, Shaiju Elaine

For all the recently departed, and all those who mourn them.

and for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time, including:
Muriel Brown, Margaret Dixon, Mary Hargreaves, Paul Murgatroyd

And in our cycle of prayer, we pray for the residents and businesses on Nelson Road, Chapel Court, Acre Street, Todmorden Road, Halifax Road

Vision 2026 Prayer

Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses, to grow leaders and inspire children and young people. Give us the eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of Your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for a new Vicar

Heavenly Father, send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change. Fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer. May we be true to our calling to be a living church bringing new life to our community. Guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new incumbent. May the person you are calling be ready to serve us with joy in faith and obedience to your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

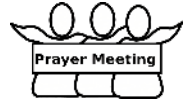
The Grace

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Notices

Tomorrow, Monday 3rd October, the **Prayer Group** meet in the Vestry at 6.30pm.



The Bible Course - Exploring the Big Story continues on Wednesdays at 7.00pm. in the vestry

Our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** will be on 16th October at 10.00am. There will only be one service that day.

Non-perishable items can be donated at church for Homestart, Burnley Monetary Donations for the Bishops Harvest Appeal

You can regularly give to St. James Church by direct debit, through the **Parish Giving Scheme**



Further details can be found on the separate sheet available from the Wardens table, on the church website, or have a word with Alec, our Church Treasurer.

You can still give to church either through bank standing order or the weekly envelope scheme.

Donations towards the **Harvest flowers** can be given to Janet, our Churchwarden Please gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer.

Fabric Fund collecting boxes are available from the back of church under the noticeboard - please take one. If you are a UK tax payer, please complete the declaration on the box and also tick the gift aid box.



Please join us in the vestry for **refreshments** after the 10.15am. service and also after the 9.30am. Wednesday morning service

Our Vision Statement

Jesus calls us to follow in his footsteps, to be a prayerful, worshipping church who welcomes all to know his gracious love.



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