

Sunday 12th July 2026

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome!**Sung Eucharist: 09:30 at St Mary's 11:15 at St John's****Readings:** Genesis 25:19-end Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**Hymns:** 810 387 290 383 595*Refreshments are available after the service at St Mary's and before the service at John's from 10.30 -11am.**The kitchen at St John's closes promptly at 11 am. to allow us to prepare ourselves and Sunday school for the service.***13:00** - Baptism of Louie James Douglas at St Mary's **14:00 - 15:30** Open Church at St Mary's

Today's Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image;
may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

We pray for those suffering in body, mind or spirit

Jennie, Rebecca, Chantal, Jon & Jade, Karin & Graham, Helen Flaherty, Megan & Robert, Barbara, Richard, Katie, Andrea, Beverley, Craig, Tony & Gloria, Louise, Betty, Wendy, Angela, Bronwyn, Linda & family, John, Fraser, Val, Jordan, Laura, Carl, Wendy, Chris, Roger, Amanda, Pat, Eryl, Sheila, Stephen, Martyn, Hilda, Andrew, Krystian, Trevor, Margaret.

From our Parish Prayer List

For all who volunteer their time and talents within the life of our churches.

For all who live in our local nursing homes and those who care for them.

For the work done through the Red Cross and other emergency relief organisations.

We Pray for those whose baptism is in July

Jude William Dezelak Louie James Douglas
Finley Michael Surrell Luca David Surrell

We pray for those who have died

Rod Inwood Daniel Mrimi

We pray for those whose wedding is in July

Nicole Eleanor Law & Bradley Benjamin Wallace

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

A Prayer for Ukraine

Dear Lord, we lift up Ukraine before you, asking for peace to reign in the land. The people have endured conflict and turmoil; we ask that you silence the weapons of war and bring harmony where there is strife. Let your love fill the hearts of leaders, citizens, and soldiers alike. Heal the wounds of the nation and guide its people toward reconciliation and unity. May your divine wisdom prevail, and may Ukraine experience lasting peace and stability under your mighty hand.

Our Licensed Lay Pastoral Ministers

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If you would like anyone to be added to or removed from our prayer lists please contact Janice Barker:

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Prayer Chain Coordinators

One of the ministries we offer is our prayer team who are willing to offer prayers on your behalf in a crisis situation. If you have an urgent need for prayers then please contact: Carol on 07504 994605 or Barry on 493884.

LICENSING SERVICE

Graeme will be licensed as Incumbent of Marsden, Slaithwaite, and East Scammonden on Thursday 6th August at St Bartholomew's Church. Marsden. Gather from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm service

Please RSVP to Graeme if you would like to come: graeme.i.blackwell@gmail.com (For catering purposes)

The coach has now been booked for the trip to Marsden. Due to high demand the price is only £13 pp.

As the full amount has to be paid to the coach company two weeks before travel please let us have your payment by Sunday 19 July. Please pay by cash to Ruth King or Chris Breare or by BACS to:

"the Parochial Church Council of Mirfield Team Parish" Sort code 40-19-17 a/c 41148117 Ref: Coach.

Unfortunately refunds cannot be given if you are unable to travel.

The coach will leave St Mary's at 5.30pm and also pick up near to St John's on Hopton Hall Lane opposite the Croft House Car Park. Please let Ruth or Chris know where you will be boarding. There are a few places available if anyone else would like to join us.

Donations (please gift aid them) for his leaving present to be given to the wardens or online marked "Graeme's leaving present".

Graeme's last services in the team parish will be at St Mary's and St John's on Sunday July 26th at the usual times followed by a leaving party on the same day in Croft House, Upper Hopton WF14 8HS at 4 pm. (The Community Centre was already booked) There is plenty of parking space in the car park.

If you wish to come along, please sign the form at the back of church so that we know how many to cater for. There is also a list for donations of foods if you are able to help please. Any queries ask Ruth King at St Mary's or Chris Breare at St John's.

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REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

St Mary's Church Lane, Mirfield WF14 9HX

Sunday 09:30 Sung Eucharist
14:00 - 16:00 Open Church

Wednesday 10:00 Said Communion

St John's Upper Hopton WF14 8EL

Sunday 11:15 Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 14:00 - 16:00 Open House

Thursday 10:00 Said Communion

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Team Parish Choir Practices

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TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 25:19-end

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

QUIZ NIGHTS. The quarterly quiz nights have been a popular addition to our social scene over the past couple of years and one we would love to continue and grow. Graeme and his family have played a large part in this project and with their departure there is now a hole in this and the general Fundraising Team. If you can help with the Quiz night and or the Fundraising Team we would be delighted to hear from you. Many thanks. *Hugh*

WARM SPACE FRIENDSHIP CAFÉ 10am - 4pm every Saturday. FREE home made soup, puddings, hot drinks. St Mary's Community Centre. ALL WELCOME. Contact Ruth: 07840 395 096

THE FLOWER FESTIVAL IN ST JOHN'S on July 3rd, 4th and 5th was another wonderful community event with most of the flowers from our own gardens. It was a great opportunity to chat to past residents to reminisce and to new residents looking to the future. Thanks to our sponsors, James Walker for the publicity material, Tim Grace for providing lots of the flowers and Haigh Family for providing the cakes and to Virginia for organising it and to all who contributed and came along to support us. A marvellous £1181 was raised for the Tower Restoration fund.

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PARISH by scanning the QR code: This QR code takes your mobile phone directly to our Sum Up account page and allows you to make a donation online through your phone. And, if anyone asks you the best way to contribute to the work of the church on a one off basis you can point them at the QR code and leave the rest to them.



STOP THE MONTH - 10 calming meditation sessions: the second session - Tuesday 14th July, 5:45pm at St Mary's. Remainder normally on the first Tuesday of the month. The first 5 are secular for all and the rest are Christian contemplative prayer. Full session details in inspection booklet at the back of church and available on Amazon via the QR (also Kindle). Any questions to: topthemoth@outlook.com

Peter Gordziejko

