



SUNDAY 27 APRIL 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us today at Otley Parish Church.

If this is your first visit – *an extra special welcome!*

We're pleased you are here and would love to see you again soon.

OUR SERVICE TODAY

10.30AM

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Theme

"The Air We Breathe: Equality"

Bible Readings

Genesis 1:26-31 / Romans 3:21-26

▶▶ We would love you to stay for refreshments after this service ◀◀



Otley Parish
CHURCH

WHAT'S ON

27 April – 4 May

Sun 27	10.30am	Service of Holy Communion <i>Service streamed (see below for direct link)</i> Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers) OPC Youth (for those in school years 7-13)	
Mon 28	3.30pm 4.30pm	Science and Christianity (see page 3) Evening Prayer	
Tue 29	11.00am 1.30pm 4.30pm	Service of Holy Communion Open House - a Safe Space where anyone can drop in to enjoy refreshments, board games and relaxed company Evening Prayer	
Wed 30	9.30am 1.00pm 4.30pm	Little Rascals Baby Rascals Evening Prayer	PR PR
Thur 1	4.30pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Church Choir Practice	
Fri 2	10.00am	Friday Café	PR
Sat 3	8.00am 9.00am 9.30am	Churches Together Prayer Breakfast <i>(Catholic Centre, Clitherow House, Manor Sq.)</i> Easter Cross taken down from the Chevin Sacred Sharing Group	 PR
Sun 4	8.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Service of Holy Communion Service of the Word <i>Service streamed (see below for direct link)</i> Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers) ACTIVATE - lively / informal / reflective worship <i>(followed by pizza!!)</i>	

GOT QUESTIONS? NEW TO FAITH? WHY NOT JOIN THE ALPHA COURSE?



The Alpha Course is an 11-week introduction to Christianity, meeting in the Parish Room on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, beginning on 6th May. And best of all it begins with food! Speak to Aaron if you're interested.

● **Service streaming:** where service streaming is mentioned above, each service is available to watch at home from this time onwards. Previous services are also available. Use the link below to take you straight to our services on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@otleyparishchurch>

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

Science and Christianity (part 2)

3:30pm - 4:30pm, Mon 28 April

- Aimed at young people aged 11 to 18
- Chat about your honest opinions and hear our thoughts
- Drinks and snacks provided free
- Led by Rev. Aaron Kennedy and Maria O'Hagan



ADVANCE WARNING Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon SUNDAY 11th MAY

Please be aware that the Rob Burrow Marathon will significantly impact Otley due to road closures along the marathon route.

The A660 (Leeds Road) will be closed from 09.00 to 15.15. The marathon route will also pass through the centre of Otley - Boroughgate, Kirkgate, Bondgate, and Gay Lane, and these roads will be closed from 09.00 to 14.30. There will also be car parking restrictions, and inevitably all the car parks and available street parking in Otley will be significantly fuller than is usual on a Sunday morning. For more details see the link below:

<https://wharfedale.mumbler.co.uk/rob-burrow-leeds-marathon-road-closures-otley/>

THE AIR WE BREATHE

“The Air We Breathe” is our Easter preaching series beginning this Sunday. Today in the west, Christianity is seen as outdated, bigoted and responsible for many of society’s problems. This leaves many believers embarrassed about their faith and many outsiders wary of religion. But what if the Christian message is not the enemy of our modern Western values, but the very thing that makes sense of them?

Each week of Easter we’ll take a different “secular” value and explore its Christian roots.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Prayer for Today, Second Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

Please pray for our local community and the world:

Our topic for the week ahead:

- Local to Global – “Leeds Faith in Schools”

Those who live and work in the Otley streets of:

- Albion Street ●Ash Grove

Our Church family who are experiencing health issues:

- Eddie Butlin ●Peter Hipwell ●Wendy Hipwell ●Carol Porter
- Peggy Reeve ●Sheila Simpson

Those in residential care homes:

- Nancy Lester ●Noreen McCormack ●Molly Sturt

OTLEY PARISH CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

CONTACTS

General Enquiries: Church Administrator, Sarah McCormack, 'The Chestnuts', Burras Lane, Otley LS21 3HS. Office hours: Tuesday -Thursday 9.30am - 3.00pm (hours may vary occasionally). Tel: 01943 465927 info@otleyparishchurch.org

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Treasurer: Tony Pike 07977 463562

Enquiries for Baptisms/Christenings/Weddings: Church Administrator (see above)

Church Website: <https://otleyparishchurch.org>

NOTICE SHEET INFORMATION

Send details to: stephenhey01@gmail.com by Wednesday 12 noon