



SUNDAY 20 JULY 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

ALL-AGE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Theme:

“Mary and Martha Meet Jesus”

Bible Reading:

Luke 10:38-42

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



Otley Parish
CHURCH

WHAT'S ON

20 - 27 July

Sun 20	10.30am	All-age Service of the Word <i>Service streamed (see below for direct link)</i>	
	7.30pm	Sunday Prayer and Worship Gathering <i>for more details see page 3)</i>	
Mon 21	7.30pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting	PR
Tue 22	11.00am	Service of Holy Communion - followed by light refreshments	
	1.30pm	Open House - a Safe Space where anyone can drop in to enjoy refreshments, board games and relaxed company	PR
Thurs 24	9.00am	Communications Team Meeting	PR
Sun 27	10.30am	Service of Holy Communion <i>Service streamed (see below for direct link)</i>	
	N.B.	Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers) OPC Youth (for those in school years 7-13) <i>See page 3 for details of an OPC Youth "Taster Session" today for those in Year 6</i>	

Please note:

- No Evening Prayer (Monday - Thursday) during school holidays
- No Friday Café until Friday 5th September



- Where no location is shown the above events will be held in the main church building. Otherwise, locations are as follows:

PR Parish Room at Otley Parish Church (within the main Church building)

CN The Chestnuts, Burras Lane (adjacent to the Church building)

- **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

Sunday Prayer and Worship Gathering

Sunday 20 July, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Otley Parish Church (Parish Room)

- **An hour to praise God, hear God's Word, and pray for Otley** ●

All are welcome!

OPC Youth Group + Year 6 Taster Session

Sunday 27 July 10.30am - 12.00pm

For those in school years 7 to 13, the group meets during the 10.30am service on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month. OPC Youth also meets on a Friday evening every alternate week.

As this school year comes to an end, those presently in year 6 are invited to a "Taster Session" of the OPC Youth Group on 27 July.

Foundation Governor Vacancy at All Saints School

From July 18th there will be a vacancy for a Foundation Governor at Otley All Saints Church of England Primary School. If you are interested in the role, please have a word with Allan Boddy who is currently Chair of Governors at the school. He hopes to make a recommendation to the PCC on July 21st about whose name should be put forward to the Diocese as a Foundation Governor.

FRIDAY CAFÉ

Please note that Friday Café is now closed for the summer until 5th September. Many thanks to all our regulars and visitors who have supported our Friday Café throughout the year.

Also, special thanks to our teams of bakers and servers without whom the café would not be able to generate a steady financial input for our church.

We would like to invite any others who are willing to join our regular teams of bakers and servers. Please contact Rosemarie Utley on 07950 269262 for details.

Otley Parish Church
SUNDAY CLUB IN AUGUST

Can **YOU help?**

Children grow up so quickly. We have very little time to help them understand how much God loves them and to teach them of the joy of a faith-filled life.

Every Sunday counts so Sunday Club / Youth Club will run every week in August except for the last Sunday when Jackie and Martin will lead an All-age service.

I am delighted to share that we have a leader for each week. However, we still need to secure sufficient helpers to make it work. Could you be one of those helpers in August while our regular team take a break?

If so, please contact Mary Pike by email:

sundayclub@otleyparishchurch.org or by phone: 07977 537888

Thanks,
Mary

Otley Parish Church
OPERATION CLEAN AND SORT!

Can **YOU help?**

Whilst our ancient church building is magnificent, it offers very little space for Sunday Club, Youth and other activities and has limited storage. So, it is important that we make best use of the space we have.

Over the summer we are making changes to the ways we use our Vestries and the Mezzanine.

There is a plan in place, but we need your help to implement it.

You are invited to join in on one or more of the mini work parties where we will move things around and clean. We also require some volunteers who are willing to use their car to transport things to the local skip.

Can you join us on...

- **Thursday 31st July, 10am to 12 noon**
- **Wednesday 6th August, 10am to 12 noon**
- **Monday 11th August, 10am to 12 noon**
- **Then on Saturday 30th August, 9.30am to 12.30pm**, it's all hands on

deck to deep clean our lovely church building so it's sparkling ready for the new term. Refreshments and fellowship are available at all the above.

If you need more info or want to let me know you are coming, email me at jhird29@gmail.com or you can just turn up!

Jackie x

P.S. If you are storing things on the mezzanine, please label it clearly or let Jackie know asap.

Introducing

THE VICAR'S ADVISORY GROUP

As part of my commitment to lead our church with wisdom, prayerfulness, and accountability, I've invited a small Advisory Group to meet regularly with me. This informal group is made up of four trusted members of our Parochial Church Council (PCC) and exists to support me in thinking and praying through the everyday leadership of our parish.

The Advisory Group includes:

- **Tom Raper** our current Churchwarden
- **Jackie Hird** Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)
- **Kevin Keefe** a retired Churchwarden
- **Eric Cairns** a retired church planter

Each member brings valuable experience, insight, and a heart for the life and mission of our church. This group functions in the spirit of the traditional "churchwardens' meeting" (where the Vicar meets regularly with the wardens), but has been expanded to reflect the broader gifts and perspectives available within our PCC.

What is the role of the group?

This group is not a formal or independent decision-making body, nor does it hold authority over the PCC. It does, however, assist me in making the kinds of decisions that I am empowered and expected to make as Vicar - especially those concerning day-to-day leadership, pastoral priorities, and the spiritual life of the church.

Any matters that rightly belong to the PCC - for example, financial decisions, policy matters, or formal governance - will, as always, continue to be brought to the PCC for discussion and approval.

I'm deeply grateful to Tom, Jackie, Kevin, and Eric's willingness to serve in this way, and I invite you to join me in praying for them. Please also continue to pray for the whole PCC as we seek to discern God's will and lead our church with wisdom, unity, and grace.

With every blessing,

Aaron Kennedy

Vicar

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Prayer for Today, the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for our local community and the world:

Our topic for the week ahead:

●Mission in rural areas

Those who live and work in the Otley streets of:

●Cambridge Drive ●Cambridge 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

Those who have recently been bereaved and are facing funerals,
especially the family and friends of:

●Lynne Marie Wilson ●Phillip Boulding

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

Vicar: Revd. Aaron Kennedy 01943 462240

- General contact: vicar@otleyparishchurch.org
- Personal contact: aaron@otleyparishchurch.org

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