

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 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 SERVICES TODAY

8.30AM

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

10.30AM

SERVICE OF THE WORD WITH BAPTISMS

Theme:

"The Cost and the Joy of Discipleship"

Bible Reading: Luke 14:25-33

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

6.00PM



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WHAT'S ON

7 - 14 September

Sun 7	8.30am	Service of Holy Communion	
	10.30am	Service of the Word with Baptisms	
		Service streamed (see below for direct link)	
		Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers)	
		OPC Youth (for those in school years 7-13)	
	6.00pm	ACTIVATE - lively / informal / reflective worship	
		(followed by pizza, tea & coffee)	
Mon 8	10.00am	Craftynuts Craft Group	PR
	2.00pm	Ladies Fellowship - Speaker: Alun Pugh	PR
		"A journey along the Leeds & Liverpool	
		Canal" - Part 2	
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	PR
Tue 9	11.00am	Service of Holy Communion - followed by	
		light refreshments	
	N.B.	NO Open House today	
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	
Wed 10	9.30am	Little Rascals	PR
	1.00pm	Baby Rascals	PR
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	
Thurs 11	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	
Fri 12	10.00am	Friday Café	PR
	7.00pm	OPC Youth Group	PR
Sat 13	10.00am	Heritage Open Day	
	3.00pm	Forest Church (see poster at back of church)	
Sun 14	10.30am	Service of Holy Communion	
		Service streamed (see below for direct link)	
		Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers)	
		OPC Youth (for those in school years 7-13)	

• 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

OPC YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Our Youth Team are starting a new Discipleship Group once a month on Sunday evenings at 6pm for 10-15 year olds (with some age flexibility). The aim is for this to be on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and that our young people will be encouraged to attend our ACTIVATE service on the 1st Sunday and then our new group two weeks later (location TBA).

• If you are interested in helping with our Discipleship Group, please speak to Katie Mayers or Geoff Park.

PRAYER MINISTRY

After each of our 10.30am Sunday Services we offer 'Prayer Ministry' – an opportunity to be prayed with in confidence by two members of our trained team. This also takes place during Communion.

You'll find the prayer ministers (wearing badges) each week in the front left corner of the church, near the organ pipes.

Whether you are carrying something heavy, giving thanks, or simply longing for God's peace, we would love to pray with you.

You can find out more in a leaflet at the back of the church or on our website:

https://www.otleyparishchurch.org/Groups/450384/Prayer_Ministry.aspx

We are also praying for more people to join the team. If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, please speak to Kevin Keefe or Aaron Kennedy. Anyone exploring this ministry will be supported with prayer, training, and a process of discernment, so that together we can be confident this is the right fit.



Saturday
13th September 2025
10am to 4.30pm

During the National Heritage Open Day here there will be:

- Display of Anglian cross pieces dating from the 8th, 9th and 10th centuries
- Guided tour and talk at 11am and 2pm entitled, "The Story of Otley Parish Church in 25 Objects"
- Tower open for guided visits, to see the bells, the ancient clock mechanism and the ringing chamber (but not the top - for safety reasons)
- The impressive Navvies' Memorial in the churchyard open for visits, courtesy of the Otley Conservation Task Force
- History Trails for all ages
- Rolling presentations describing the stained-glass windows and a virtual tour of the tower, including views from the top
- Or just wander round and appreciate the beauty of this ancient building

If you would like to help with this event, greeting and welcoming visitors, please speak to Allan Boddy, Ken Dale or Margaret Parkin.

Otley Parish Church Autumn Fair

Saturday 27th September 12.00 - 3.00pm In the church · Free entry

Unique handmade goods · One-of-a-kind crafts
· Tasty treats · All from your local community



Live entertainment · Delicious refreshments
· Children's art competition



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Prayer for Today, the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for our local community and the world:

Our topic for the week ahead:

•The new academic year, and Faith in Schools

Those who live and work in the Otley streets of:

Clapgate ◆Clarion Field

Our Church family who are experiencing health issues:

•Gwyneth Blackburn •Eddie Butlin •Peter Hipwell •Wendy Hipwell •Carol Porter •Peggy Reeve •Sheila Simpson

Those in residential care homes:

Nancy Lester ◆Noreen McCormack

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

•Molly Sturt Molly's funeral will take place at OPC on Thursday 18th September at 11.00am.

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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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**