



SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026

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 THE WORD

Theme:

“Our Relationship with the Bible”

Bible Readings:

Psalm 118:10-20, 25-28 / John 1:29-41

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



Otley Parish
CHURCH

WHAT'S ON

18 - 25 JANUARY

Sun 18	10.30am 6.00pm 7.30pm	Service of the Word Service streamed (see below for direct link) Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers) OPC Youth (for those in school years 7-13) Sunday Evening OPC Youth (for those in years 6-13). Meets in the Vestry Prayer and Worship Gathering - Parish Room
Mon 19	10.00am 4.30pm 7.30pm	Otley Churches Together PRAYER WALK See page 4 for more details Evening Prayer PCC Meeting
Tue 20	11.00am 1.30pm 4.30pm	Service of Holy Communion - followed by light refreshments Open House - a Safe Space where anyone can drop in to enjoy refreshments, board games and relaxed company Evening Prayer
Wed 21	9.30am 1.00pm 4.30pm	National Call to Prayer – see page 4 Little Rascals Baby Rascals Evening Prayer
Thurs 22	4.30pm	National Call to Prayer – see page 4 Evening Prayer
Fri 23	10.00am	National Call to Prayer – see page 4 Friday Café
Sat 24	7.00pm	Otley Baroque Winter Festival – for more details & tickets What's On - Otley Baroque
Sun 25	10.30am	Service of Holy Communion 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)

- 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

OTLEY HERITAGE TRAIL

As part of our Carbon Net Zero Group's aim to engage more with the heritage of our church building and town of Otley in general, we are planning to arrange a **monthly 'Heritage' walk** around the town ending up in our Parish Room for light refreshments, starting in the Spring. This would be followed by a 'Heritage' tour of the church building. We need volunteers to help with the walk - a draft script and directions have already been written and tested. Allowing for stops and questions, the walk will last for a maximum of **1½ hours**. If this is something you think you could help with, please speak to **Norman Barr, Allan Boddy or Martin Hird**.

- Are you interested in exploring the Christian faith?
- Then the ALPHA COURSE is for you!!

It is a relaxed, welcoming space in which to explore the Christian faith. No pressure. No judgement. Enjoy food, meet people, watch a talk, ask questions. And it's free!



The course will be held every Tuesday at Otley Parish Church for 11 sessions from 3rd February at 6.30pm.

To join us, please speak to Tom, Kate or Lindsay, or email us at alpha@otleyparishchurch.org Everyone is welcome!

Please Keep in Touch

We would love you to keep in touch and tell us what you would like to see in **your** monthly **IN TOUCH** Church magazine. If you've got something you would like to share with us in the March edition, please send it to our editor, stephenhey01@gmail.com

NO LATER THAN

Saturday 14th February

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Otley and National – January 18th to 25th

This year WPCU takes Ephesians 4:1-13 as its central text which includes the words, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling” (Ephesians 4:4).

<https://cte.org.uk/wpcu2026/>

Sunday 18th 7.30pm Prayer Gathering at Parish Church – open to all.

Monday 19th Churches join for Otley Prayer Walk – 10.00 am start at Otley Methodist Church then short walks to other churches - ending with 11.15am Prayers at Otley Parish Church.

Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd

An encouragement to join in a national call to pray, in ways you choose. www.turnthebattle.uk



Quote from Website: This is not a conference or event, but a national movement of prayer, open to all. We believe we are being called to:

- A Fresh Commitment to Prayer
- Seeking God with hunger and humility
- A Fresh Commitment to Consecration

Returning to holiness and wholehearted obedience.

A Fresh Commitment to Bold Living.

Courageous witness and living out the gospel with power and clarity.

*We sense a decisive moment,
a spiritual battle at the gate,
calling the Church to respond
with urgency, unity, and humility.*

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Prayer for Today, the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory,
hidden through past ages and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please pray for our local community and the world:

Our topic for the week ahead:

•Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Those who live and work in the Otley streets of:

•Guycroft •Harecroft Road

Our Church family who are experiencing health issues:

•Gwyneth Blackburn •Eddie Butlin •Pauline Coulter •Peter Hipwell •Wendy Hipwell •David Parkin •Carol Porter •Clifford Porter •Peggy Reeve •Sheila Simpson •Erika Twichell

Those in residential care homes:

•Nancy Lester •Noreen McCormack

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

•Sean Muscroft (Monday 26 January at 1.30pm)

•Eric Johnson (Monday 2 February at 1pm)

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