SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 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

All-AGE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Theme:
"The Desert and the Life"

Bible Readings:
Isaiah 35:1-7 / Mark 1:12-18

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

A Place for Everyone
Christ
at the Centre

OtleyParish
CHURCH

WHAT'S ON

22 FEB – 1 MAR

Sun 22	**10.30am**	**All-age Service of Holy Communion** *Service streamed (see below for direct link)*	
Mon 23	**10.00am**	**Craftynuts Craft Group**	PR
	4.30pm	**Evening Prayer**	
	7.30pm	**Parochial Church Council Meeting**	PR
Tue 24	**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
	4.30pm	**Evening Prayer**	
Wed 25	**9.30am**	**Little Rascals**	PR
	1.00pm	**Baby Rascals**	PR
	4.30pm	**Evening Prayer**	
Thur 26	**4.30pm**	**Evening Prayer**	
	6.30pm	**Church Choir Practice**	
Fri 27	**7.00pm**	**OPC Youth Group**	PR
Sun 1	**8.30am**	**Service of Holy Communion**	
	10.30am	**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)*	
	6.00pm	**ACTIVATE -** lively / informal / reflective worship *followed by pizza, tea & coffee*	

● 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

Local to Global Curry Night

at the Red Pepper Indian Restaurant, New Market, Otley

MONDAY 2nd MARCH
at 6.00pm
£15 per person

£5 of this is shared between our "Local to Global" charities: Leeds Faith in Schools and Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda.
• Cash only for meal and bar •

Starter & Main Course with Rice or Naan Bread.
A vegetarian option is available.

There will be a raffle on the night for which donations will be gratefully received.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of church. Please fill this in if you are going to come. If you would like to know more, please speak to Kate Hobson or Tricia Merrick.

JENNIFER'S JAM

Jennifer Peckham has been very busy making jam yet again and again and again! She has also made the wonderful sum of £200 over recent months which, of course, she very kindly donates to the Church. More jars of jam will continue to be available most Sundays. *Thank you very much, Jennifer!*

‘PEOPLE JESUS MET’

Parcevall Hall Retreat Day
Friday 20th March
10.00 - 4.00

**We explore three separate encounters Jesus had.
We look at the background to each story,
what we know about the characters involved,
and what happened when they met Jesus.**

**We then spend time reflecting on each encounter,
and what they might teach us in our own walks of life.**

Phil Moon

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Cost per person £20
(Booking is essential as spaces are limited)

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Prayer for Today, the First Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for our local community and the world:

Our topic for the week ahead:
●Fair Trade

Those who live and work in the Otley streets of:
●Kineholme Drive ●Kings Close

Our Church family who are experiencing health issues:
●Gwyneth Blackburn ●Eddie Butlin ●Wendy Hipwell ●David Parkin ●Carol Porter ●Cliff 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:
●Peter Hipwell (Funeral Thursday 12th March at 12pm)
●Wendy Rushforth (Funeral Thursday 5th March at 12.30pm)

OTLEY PARISH CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

CONTACTS:

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NOTICE SHEET INFORMATION:

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