# SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026
# MOTHERING SUNDAY

# 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:**
**"Training for Reigning"**

**Bible Readings:**
**1 Samuel 16:1-13 / Ephesians 5:8-14**

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

A Place for Everyone
Christ
at the Centre

**Otley Parish**
**CHURCH**

# WHAT'S ON

## 15 - 22 MARCH

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| **Sun 15** | **10.30am** | **Service of the Word**<br>*Service streamed (see below for direct link)*<br>**Sunday Club** *(KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers)* | |
| | **7.30pm** | **Sunday Prayer and Worship Gathering**<br>*An hour together to praise God, hear from God's word, and pray for our world. All welcome.* | PR |
| **Mon 16** | **4.30pm** | **Evening Prayer** | |
| | **7.30pm** | **PCC Meeting** | PR |
| **Tue 17** | **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 18** | **9.30am** | **Little Rascals** | PR |
| | **1.00pm** | **Baby Rascals** | PR |
| | **4.30pm** | **Evening Prayer** | |
| **Thur 19** | **4.30pm** | **Evening Prayer** | |
| | **6.30pm** | **Church Choir Practice** | |
| **Fri 20** | **10.00am** | **Friday Café** | PR |
| | **12.30pm** | **Churches Together in Otley: Lent Lunch with speaker – Paul Lancaster.** *All welcome. The cost is free, but a collection will be taken.* | PR |
| **Sat 21** | **9.30am** | **Raising the Easter Cross on the Chevin**<br>● *See important information on page 3* | |
| **Sun 22** | **10.30am** | **Service of Holy Communion**<br>*Service streamed (see below for direct link)*<br>**Sunday Club** *(KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers)*<br>**OPC Youth** *(for those in school years 7-13)* | PR |
| | **6.00pm** | **OPC Youth on Sunday Evening** *(for those in school years 6-13)* | |

● 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

**Maria will be leaving us next Sunday, 22nd March.
We would love you to stay for refreshments after the service, and to wish her every blessing in her new role with Leeds Faith in Schools.**

## Farewell Maria

**WITH OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS**

## VERY IMPORTANT NOTE

for those helping to raise or take down the Chevin Cross.
Please read the **Health and Safety** information:
www.otleyparishchurch.org/cto
and agree to its terms using the form at the bottom of that page.

## Prince Henry's School, Otley

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Would you like to join with others to pray for Prince Henry's - for the students, the staff, the curriculum and any other issue the Lord puts on your heart? We hope to be able to start a Zoom Prayer Meeting very soon once a month. Please email Sarah in the Church Office if interested in joining with us: info@otleyparishchurch.org ***Thank***

# HERITAGE, COMMUNITY and CLIMATE

## A sustainable future for Otley Parish Church

## Charity Stall under the Buttercross, Otley
## Saturday 4th April 2026
## 9.00am to 1.00pm

**We are pleased to announce that Otley Town Council has given us permission to use the Buttercross for our next fundraising event in aid of our Roof Fund.**

***We anticipate including the following stalls:***

- Local craft goods
- Homemade cakes, biscuits and pastries
- General saleable items (e.g. unused and unopened presents, books, jigsaws etc.)
- Tombola

As always, we shall welcome your contributions for any of the above stalls. At the same time, we are asking for volunteers to help on the stalls on the day. We will be aiming to set up from 8.30am on the 4th of April.

For offers of help or clarification of what's required, please speak with **Jane Fernandes**, **Lesley Noble** or **Trevor Williams** (trevorw2@sky.com).

**FREE!!**

**Yes, free church pocket diaries for 2026 are still available to pick up from the back of church. However, this will be the last week when they will be available.**

# PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

## Prayer for Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Merciful Lord,**
**you know our struggle to serve you:**
**when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts,**
**come to our aid and turn us back to you again;**
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
**Amen.**

## Please pray for our local community and the world:

**Our topic for the week ahead:**
**●Mothering Sunday – Mothers around the world**

**Those who live and work in the Otley streets of:**
**●Lisker Avenue ●Lisker Court**

**Our Church family who are experiencing health issues:**
**●Gwyneth Blackburn ●Eddie Butlin ●Wendy Hipwell ●David Parkin ●Carol Porter ●Cliff Porter ●Peggy Reeve ●Jean Schofield ●Sheila Simpson ●Erika Twichell**

**Those in residential care homes:**
**●Nancy Lester ●Noreen McCormack**

## 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**