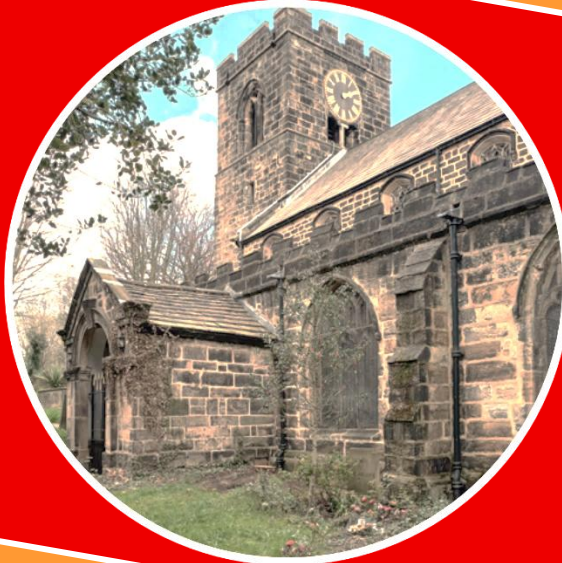


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Our Vision

Otley Parish Church
is:

***“A Place
for Everyone,
with Christ
at the Centre”***

Our vision as a church is to see the healing, grace and salvation of God come to the town of Otley and beyond! We believe that with Christ at the centre of our personal, family and church life, we will see his Kingdom come in the world around us.

All are welcome!

Otley Parish Church

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DEAR FRIENDS

Letter from Aaron



The opening responses we use each week are more than a way to begin a service – they also frame our whole perspective of worship.

They are drawn from the story of Jesus meeting two of his followers on their way home to Emmaus, a small village about 6 miles outside Jerusalem, after the crucifixion. They don't realise it but the rumours they have heard that Jesus is alive again, are true. That means every service at OPC begins in the light of the resurrection. Not just at Easter, but always.

But the resurrection is also held together with the cross, welcoming "the eternal King, crowned with thorns". The one who reigns is the one who suffered. This keeps our worship grounded in grace: the risen Lord who meets us is also the crucified Lord who has made a way for us. We are not approaching a distant or abstract God, but one who knows suffering and welcomes us through it.

We go on to pray, "Journey with us now and make yourself known to us in word and sacrament". This expresses the heart of Christian

worship – not simply that we think about God, but that we encounter him. We ask Christ himself to be present, to walk with us, to speak through Scripture, and to reveal himself as we share bread and wine. And finally, we extend God's welcome to "saints and sinners, worshippers and doubters", recognising that this is a place where all are invited, wherever they are on the journey.

In the story, the two disciples are confused and disappointed, trying to make sense of what has happened. As they walk, Jesus comes alongside them – but they do not recognise him. That is one of the most striking details: they are in the presence of the risen Christ and do not realise it.

Likewise, Jesus may be nearer to us than we think. He may be present in our lives, in our conversations, even in our worship, and yet we may not

perceive him. That is why we begin by consciously welcoming him – not because he is absent, but because we need to become attentive to his presence.

As they walk, Jesus speaks with them and opens the Scriptures, but it is only later, when everything becomes clear, that they say, “Were not our hearts burning within us?”. At the time, they did not understand what was happening, yet something in them was stirred.

This is an important insight. We do not always recognise God’s voice immediately or understand his ways in the moment. Often there is first a stirring – a sense of conviction, peace, or longing – and only later comes clarity. Faith is not just about intellectual grasp; it involves the deeper awareness of the heart.

Then, as they reach their destination, Jesus appears ready to go on. He does not impose himself. He waits. Only when they urge him, “Stay with us”, does he enter their home. This reveals something essential about God’s character: he does not force his way into our lives. Without our invitation, he will continue on.

When they sit at the table, Jesus takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. In that moment, their eyes are opened and they recognise him. It is in the breaking of bread that the risen Christ is made known.

This is why our opening responses matter. They place us within this same story: crucifixion, resurrection, and the presence of Jesus being made known to us in word and sacrament. Each service becomes, in a sense, an Emmaus moment – an opportunity to recognise that Christ is with us, to invite him in, and to encounter him afresh.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

AARON KENNEDY – Vicar of Otley Parish Church

JONNY JOSLIN



IN THE HOT SEAT



Hello Jonny, and thank you so much for joining us here “In the Hot Seat”. Many of us know you by sight but may not really know much about you, so it will be lovely to read more about you now.

When were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in 1986 and grew up in Morecambe - home of the shrimps!

Where did you go to school?

Firstly, I went to Torrisholme Community Primary School in Morecambe, and then went to Lancaster Royal Grammar School.

Did you go to College or University? If so, where?

I went to the University of Reading where I studied Fine Art.

When and where did you meet your wife?

I met Pippa when we were at university. We both attended the Christian Union, and spent time together co-ordinating the music group for CU meetings.

What is your occupation and where do you work?

I work now for the financial regulator, The Financial Conduct Authority. Prior to this, I worked for ‘Christians Against Poverty’. My art degree hasn’t proved

helpful for either of these occupations!

Do you have any brothers and sisters?

I have both a brother, and a sister.

How many children do you and Pippa have?

We have 2 children, Chloe (8) and Luke (3).

Why did you come to live here in Otley?

We were originally living just a couple of miles away in Menston, but when we were looking to purchase a home the options in Otley seemed more appealing!

When did you become a Christian?

I became a Christian at the relatively young age of 13 when I was at a Christian youth camp.

Did you worship anywhere before coming to Otley Parish Church? How long have you been coming here?

Prior to OPC, we worshipped at Grace Community Church in Cookridge. We've now been here at OPC for more than two years.

Do you have a favourite verse of Scripture?

Yes, I do! It's Psalm 30:11-12:
You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my

sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

Do you have a favourite Christian hymn or song?

It is, "Come thou fount of every blessing" – Sifjan Stevens version.

Do you like classical music or any favourite piece?

I like the soundtrack to "The Lord of the Rings" film. It was central to my teenage years.

What about modern songs or music – anything in particular?

Probably anything found on Absolute Classic Rock digital radio station. "Money for Nothing" by Dire Straits is the epitome of this.

Can you play a musical instrument?

Yes! Drums 7/10, Guitar 5/10 and Trombone 3/10!

Do you have a favourite part of Yorkshire that you like to visit?

Appletreewick in Wharfedale which has the best pub – The Craven Arms.

Is there somewhere you would like to go on holiday where you've not been before, regardless of expense?

I would love to go to New Zealand.

A book you enjoyed reading – Christian or general? Any special reason?

Very long fantasy novels.

Do you have a hobby or something you enjoy doing to relax?

Long walks, going to the gym and speciality coffee.

What would be your favourite meal – 2 or even 3 courses?

A relaxing meal with my wife without being interrupted by the

kids! I am flexible about the menu choice.

If you were to spend a whole year on a desert island on your own, what luxury would you take with you?

My Spotify account and, of course, with some sort of means to listen to it.

Which one word do you believe best describes your life right now?

Vibrant.

Bible Numbers to Call Upon

	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CALL FOR?	CALL THIS
1	When in sorrow	John 14
2	When people fail you	Psalms 27
3	If you want to be fruitful	John 15
4	When you have sinned	Psalms 51
5	When you worry	Matthew 6:19-34
6	When you are in danger	Psalms 91
7	When God seems far away	Psalms 139
8	When your faith needs stirring	Hebrews 11
9	When you are lonely and fearful	Psalms 23
10	When you grow bitter and critical	1 Corinthians 13
11	For Paul's secret to happiness	Colossians 3:12-17
12	For idea of Christianity	1 Corinthians 5:15-19



A Wonderful Student Revival

Did you know that the youngest adults have gone from being the least likely to believe in God to being the most likely?

Against the trend towards disbelief and secularisation, young people are spiritually curious and willing to consider the Bible.

In fact, a third of the adults in the church are under 35. And a third of 18 to 24-year-olds who aren't in church would go if a friend invited them. (It's not quite a third for older adults, but it's still worth inviting someone who is over 25 this week.)

What's happening? Considering belief in God and church attendance have continued to decline in the middle-aged groups, these young people are generally the children of secular parents. Without any real knowledge of God, they often have an *immense spiritual hunger*.

Are you asking God how you can respond to this need and help introduce spiritually curious young people to Jesus? The Bible Society suggests you share God's word with young people by providing Bibles to outreach teams like the 'Fusion Movement' *Fusion Movement*.

Roscoe, one of Fusion's student workers, told us here at the Bible Society: 'Bibles are flying! They really want to read the Bible.' You could play a part in it.

• *This interesting feature is from the Bible Society's recent newsletter*



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2026

10th - 16th May

YOUR SUPPORT FOR CHRISTIAN AID could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, who are facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

Most parents there wake up every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't be able to have anything to eat that evening.

Fridah, one of the Nairobi mothers, knows this reality well. But she's determined to protect her grandchildren from hunger. Through Beacon of Hope, the support partner of Christian Aid, she has received tools and seeds as well as training to help grow fresh vegetables in a small city space – food she can cook for her family or sell to earn an income.

Fridah says, "Now I can plan. I can buy this and I can buy that. I can help my family".

Perhaps you would like to take up a challenge to support Christian Aid this year – maybe a sponsored silence, a walk or something else? I have t-shirts (in all sizes), printed sponsor forms, collection tins/buckets. Otley's Christian Aid Group has a dedicated on-line giving page which I can add challenges to [***Otley Christian Aid Week***](#)

Giving envelopes will be available in Church from Sunday 10th May, and a QR Code for any online donations. If you would like to know more, please see me in Church on Sunday.

KATE HOBSON



RELIGION ACCORDING TO KIDS!



This gave me a giggle:

Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected, and incorrect spelling has been left in.

- **In the first book of the bible, Guinness, god got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.**
- **Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.**
- **Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.**
- **Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.**

- **Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.**
- **Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is a bread without any ingredients.**
- **The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.**
- **The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.**
- **The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.**
- **Moses died before he ever reached canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.**
- **The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.**
- **David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.**
- **Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.**
- **When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.**
- **When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manger.**
- **Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.**
- **St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.**
- **Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.**
- **It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.**
- **The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.**
- **The epistels were the wives of the apostles.**
- **One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.**
- **St. Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marraige.**
- **Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.**

How I Found **MY FAITH**

Megan Rose

HOW did I find my faith? My testimony is one of ill health. I spent four years in my twenties having dialysis treatment for kidney failure. I suffered a lot during this time both mentally and physically. I started to lose hope in receiving the call for a kidney. I felt so overwhelmed and broken like nothing could take this pain away.



I came home from having treatment one night, fed up and frustrated. I prayed for a specific sign of a heron bird to show up which it did just a week later in a place you wouldn't usually find them. My answered prayer turned my frustration and desperation into patience and peace.

I decided to attend a morning prayer session at Otley Parish Church where I met Aaron, our vicar. I was interested to learn more about Christianity and was invited to an Alpha course.

I absolutely loved Alpha, and am recommending it for any newcomers. I made the decision to get baptised which was such a special moment for me with my community. I love being a part of OPC.



FAMILY NEWS

AT OTLEY PARISH CHURCH



AMIE SMITH

**celebrated her 45th birthday on
Easter Monday 6th April 2026.
She was born in Leeds in 1981.**



BRUCE RICHARDS

**celebrated his 93rd birthday on 3rd April 2026.
He was born in Barnet, Hertfordshire, in 1933.**

**Bruce is a member of Otley Parish Church
and the father of Mary Pike.**



JANE LEAH-ADAMS

**celebrated her 40th birthday on 11th April 2026
while on holiday in Greece with her family.**

She was born in Otley in 1986.

**Jane is here with her 4 year old daughter Sybil,
who was born on 1st August 2021.**



CHLOE JOSLIN

**celebrated her 8th birthday on
Easter Monday, 6th April 2026.
She was born in Harrogate in 2018.
Chloe is the daughter of Pippa and Jonny.**

HAPPY
21st
BIRTHDAY



ANNA LOLASHVILI

**celebrated her 21st birthday on Palm Sunday
29th March 2026.**

She was born in Leeds in 2005.



VICTORIA DALTON

**celebrated her 40th birthday on 9th April 2026.
She was born at Sunderland Royal Infirmary in 1986.**

**Victoria is the wife of Mark who regularly plays in our
Church music group.**

She is seen here with Oliver, one of their 3 children.



MY DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

Adèlie Westwood

MY VERSE

John 10:4-5 (The Message)

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They won't follow a stranger's voice but will scatter because they aren't used to the sound of it.

MY THOUGHTS

I long to hear the audible voice of Jesus.

At the moment this remains a dream and so my heart must hold this longing along with a greater truth. Jesus says I can be familiar with His voice to the point that I can discern it from the others vying for my attention. From this familiarity I can live a life where all of the comings and goings of my life can be with Him. The joy of that thought!

As somebody who has a strong tendency to self-sufficiency (and the loneliness life lived that way can bring), I have decided that cultivating this familiarity with Jesus' voice is the only way to live the rest of my life.

Years ago, I was blessed to have a dear spiritual sage in my life who modelled for me what this could look like in practice. At the start of her working day, she would lay out all the files containing the work demanding her time (the world was more paper based then) and asked Jesus what she should work on that day. Inside of herself she heard Him name the files and that is what she would work on. If I needed any more persuasion that living in the invitation of familiarity that John 10:4-5 offers, her joy was it.

If you want what my friend had too, but this all sounds a bit fluffy, my challenge would be to give listening a try in the low pressure simple things first. When overwhelmed with a 'to do list' ask him where to start, or if you need to go shopping ask Him which supermarket. If you practice acting on what you think you have heard in these low stake moments, you can slowly learn how you hear Him and there is great fun in this discovery. There is blessing in the mundane tasks done His way, but this is not the main point. The treasure is in the relationship. Being with Jesus is so much better than crashing on alone.

MY PRAYER

Precious Jesus, my Saviour and dearest friend. Thank you that you are speaking and that you want me to hear you. I am sorry that I do not always listen. Please remove any blockages from me so I can hear your voice so that we can be ever closer. Amen.



What's Your Favourite Hymn?



“How Great Thou Art”

O LORD my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in:
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great! Thou art!

Author: Stuart K. Hine 1949

MAGGIE LOLASHVILI

tells us why this is her favourite hymn

When I first became a Christian, the church I went to didn't sing many old hymns, but I do remember "How Great Thou Art" being one of those that we did occasionally sing.

What I love about it is the way it highlights the majesty and creativity of God which is displayed in the amazing beauty and grandeur of nature around us. I believe that, in the natural world, we clearly see the result of the Creator's input - *'The Heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands'* (Psalm 19:1).

In 1991, my sister and I stayed in a holiday cottage on the Isle of Mull. I remember late one afternoon, whilst sitting in the living room looking out of the window admiring the dark clouds rolling across the landscape, the first line of the hymn popped into my head. I didn't realise I even knew the words! The words seemed to be narrating the scene before me and as I focussed on them, I began to understand in a new way what this awesome wonder felt like. It suddenly became very personal to me. I've never forgotten that experience.

When I knew I was writing this piece, I looked into the history of the

hymn and found that it had its beginnings in 1885 in Sweden where it was written by Carl Bober, who describes its origins following a journey in a thunderstorm: *"There were loud claps of thunder, and the lightning flashed across the sky. Strong winds swept over the meadows and billowing fields of grain. However, the storm was soon over, and the clear sky appeared with a beautiful rainbow. After reaching my home, I opened my window toward the sea. The church bells were playing the tune of a hymn. That same evening, I wrote a poem which I titled, 'O Store Gud,' (How Great Thou Art)."*

We see the first two verses focussing on nature and the final two move to us! Our sins are paid for, and we can look forward to a future home when Jesus himself will come to take us there! What joy indeed!

I notice it is the **soul** that sings in the hymn. The soul is the immortal essence of our humanity, our innermost core of heart, mind and will. We are encouraged to utilise our whole self in acknowledging the greatness of God, not just physically producing words in singing.

May my soul wholeheartedly sing to my Saviour God, "How great thou art"!

Otley Parish Church **NEW HERITAGE WALK** *and* **CHURCH GUIDED TOUR**



Aerial view of Otley Town Centre

On the second Saturday of each month starting on 9th May 2026, Otley Parish Church will be organising two free events to help people engage with the wonderful heritage of Otley, and also to discover more about the history of the oldest building in the town.

We hope that people will join the Walk and/or the Tour and feel free to invite a friend to come with them.

As shown in the link below, please meet at The Core in Orchard Gate for the Walk at 10.30am and/or for the Tour at Otley Parish Church at 12.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided at the church between 12 noon and 12.30pm.

otleyparishchurch.org/walk

Come Worship With Us

Otley Parish Church Services in May

Each 10.30am Sunday service is live streamed to YouTube:
www.youtube.com@OtleyParishChurch

Sunday 3rd	8.30am	Holy Communion This monthly service of Holy Communion is based on Common Worship, with a short talk and no hymns
	10.30am	Service of the Word Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers)
	6.00pm	ACTIVATE Lively, informal and reflective worship
Sunday 10th	10.30am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers) OPC Youth Group (Yr7 and upwards)
Sunday 17th	10.30am	Service of the Word Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers)
Sunday 24th	10.30am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers) OPC Youth Group (Yr7 and upwards)
Sunday 31st	10.30am	All-age Service of the Word A service for everyone with activities for children

Our Midweek Services in May

Every Tuesday	11.00am	Holy Communion A short service with no hymns
Every Mon to Thur except in school holidays	4.30pm	Evening Prayer There will be a variety of approaches to prayer; also, a reflection on a Bible passage. There will also be time for silence and to pray for others

PRAYER IDEAS *for* **EVERYDAY CHRISTIANS**

John Simkins

Introduction

Church history shows us that there have been times when a sense of the need to pray has come upon the 'wider church' and the outcomes are well recorded. These have been the most effective when 'ordinary' Christians have taken up God's call: 'people movements'.

In recent years, again, there has been a strong emphasis on the need for the church to rediscover prayer.

Prayer is something for all Christians to be engaged in, and a normative part of their life.

My hope in writing this is to encourage every Christian to embrace prayer as a natural part of daily life; knowing 'God with us' and praying for others we connect with.

I first wrote this in 2013 in response to a request from a leaders' training programme in Devon to speak on prayer. We were about to move from Exeter to Yorkshire. For several years we had been involved in connecting with Christians in the city and helping to steer some united prayer. This is what shaped the substance of what follows, together with some editing after helpful comments from others.

John Simkins
Otley Parish Church

Prayer Ideas for Everyday Christians
is a book of eleven chapters
each of which will feature in future editions of In Touch



7. Variety in prayer

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
[Ephesians 6:18]

I trust that, from what I have written so far, it is clear that I believe prayer to be a way of life and, as such, may be very varied. In any day we may be petitioning for ourselves or for others, simply communicating with God about our circumstances and requiring nothing from him, crying out, thanking, or enquiring and seeking to understand – to name but a few! Our communication with God can carry all the emotions and situations of the day.

What we don't know

*The Spirit helps us in our weakness. **We do not know** what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.*
[Romans 8:26-27]

This is not mindless prayer, but it is *wordless*. We don't know what to say but we do know that, inwardly, communication is being made with our Father and that help is alongside us in our inability.

What we believe he knows

*Jesus taught: When you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for **your Father knows** what you need before you ask him. This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done”.*

[Matthew 6:7-10]

Repetitive, superstitious praying in order to avert trouble or bring material gain is common. Christ followers are discouraged from such mindless, fearful prayer – it is contrary to the concept of a personal Father. *Your Father knows*, is, here, set in the context of trusting him for material needs; but it also raises the question ‘if he knows what I need before I ask – why ask?’ Significantly, Jesus goes on to teach the Lord’s Prayer as an example of ‘*how we should pray*’. In the light of this we might pray something like:

“Father, from what you know, will you permit me to understand what I need to know? May I participate in your purpose? Please permit me to pray with understanding, in cooperation with you, so that your kingdom will come and your will be done. Amen.”

What we do know (Informed Prayer)

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

We have information / news / contacts and so we pray for:

- ❖ Places / People / Authorities
- ❖ Networks and Neighbourhoods
- ❖ Workplaces / Spheres of life
- ❖ Churches / Organisations

What we know that he wills

- ❖ Salvation / Peace / Justice / Mission etc.

Keep in touch with...

IN TOUCH

We would love you to keep in touch and tell us what you would like to see in **YOUR** monthly Church magazine.

Yes, it is yours!

Please do let us know if you have any suggestions as to how we can make **IN TOUCH** even better than it is already. And let us know if you would like to contribute something.

What about contributing to our popular series of **In the Hot Seat** or **My Favourite Bible Verse** or **An Event that Changed My Life** or **My Devotional Thoughts** or **My Favourite Hymn** or **How I Found My Faith**?

Maybe you'd like to write a poem or a prayer or...

We would also love to hear your family news such as birthdays and anniversaries, or anything interesting; also, to see some of your family photographs.

■ Whatever you would like to share with us please bear in mind that for it to be included in the next edition of **IN TOUCH** we must hear from you no later than:

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WHO ARE WE?

OTLEY PARISH CHURCH – the oldest building in Otley – is at the heart of our town and, for over 1,000 years, people have been gathering here for worship and significant family and community events. *“There is a place for everyone, with Christ at the centre of it all.”*

We are a gathering place for pilgrims on a journey of discovery, kindling hope as we go, helping one another to be more fully alive to the wonders, joys and sorrows of life. We’d love you to share the journey with us.

We want to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to Christ and in service to our local community.

Join us in worshipping God together on Sundays and in daily life; be with us as we study and discern how to use the Bible in the 21st century; learn with us what it is to be 21st century disciples following Jesus and help us, with the other churches in the town, to bring good news to Otley and far beyond.



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