



**Do join us for refreshments  
after Mass today**

*St Anne in the Grove, Southowram*

**Sunday 12 April 2026**

This week –

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

1pm-3pm St Anne's Crafty Souls Craft Group  
meets in the Community Hall

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

10.30am Said Mass  
*followed by refreshments*

**Next Sunday: 19<sup>th</sup> April – Easter 3**

9.30am Parish Mass

*To help you prepare for our worship why not look up  
the readings we will use: Acts 2:14, 36-41;  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35*

*and*

**Easter Songs of Praise at 5pm**

*Please use the hymn request forms at the back of  
Church for this service and leave them with the  
Churchwardens today.*

Friday 1 May, at 6pm

**Some Calderdale Murders – 1858-1957  
with local historian, David Glover**

David makes a welcome return with one of his  
fascinating talks about our area.

*From the Wadsworth Moor murder of 1858, through  
to the tragic killing of Emily Pye in Gibbet Street,  
Halifax, in 1957; looking at six different tragedies,  
and how they were investigated. Who was Bethel  
Parkinson? Why was the vicar of Todmorden  
attacked? Who was found dead at Shroggs Tip?  
Which Southowram choirmaster  
was killed by a burglar?  
Tickets £10 (incl. Refreshments)*

**Welcome to our Parish Mass  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

A special welcome if you are visiting.  
If you require Gluten free altar bread - please have a  
word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

**Hymns: 198 (omit \*); 211;  
207; 435; 203**

*There's a contactless payment facility at the back of  
Church and if you pay tax please make use of the Gift Aid  
envelopes – it helps us a great deal - Thank you!*

*Please stay for refreshments afterwards*

*During the week please pray for:*

Our neighbours in Crow Lane, Dark Lane and the  
people of King Cross

Monday – give thanks for the Resurrection

Tues. – for peace in the troubled areas of the world

Wednesday – give thanks for the Resurrection

Thurs. – for Withinfield School as a new term begins

Friday – for all in any kind of need at this time

Sat. – Rita & Anne our Churchwardens

*Those who are sick or in need:*

Deborah Golding, Tom Hogan, John Greenwood,  
Paula Mead, Graham Firth, Mary Haward, Tony Hill,  
Bernadette Lister-Pollard, Stanley Sunderland,  
Diane Metcalfe, Julie Lloyd, John Rushworth,  
Audrey Martin, Julie Smith, Rita Hansom,  
Avril Davies

*The recently departed:* Frances Norcliffe

*Anniversaries:*

David Shorrocks & Linda Heathcote

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envelope.

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

**OPENING PRAYER** Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**THE FIRST READING** (Acts 2: 14a, 22-32)

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Psalm 118)

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.**

Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end." Let the sons of Aaron say: "His love has no end." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love has no end." **R:**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R:**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R:**

**SECOND READING** (1 Peter 1: 3-9)

*A reading from the First Letter of Peter*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new

birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** (John 20: 19-31)

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to John*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

