Christ Church

Sowerby Bridge

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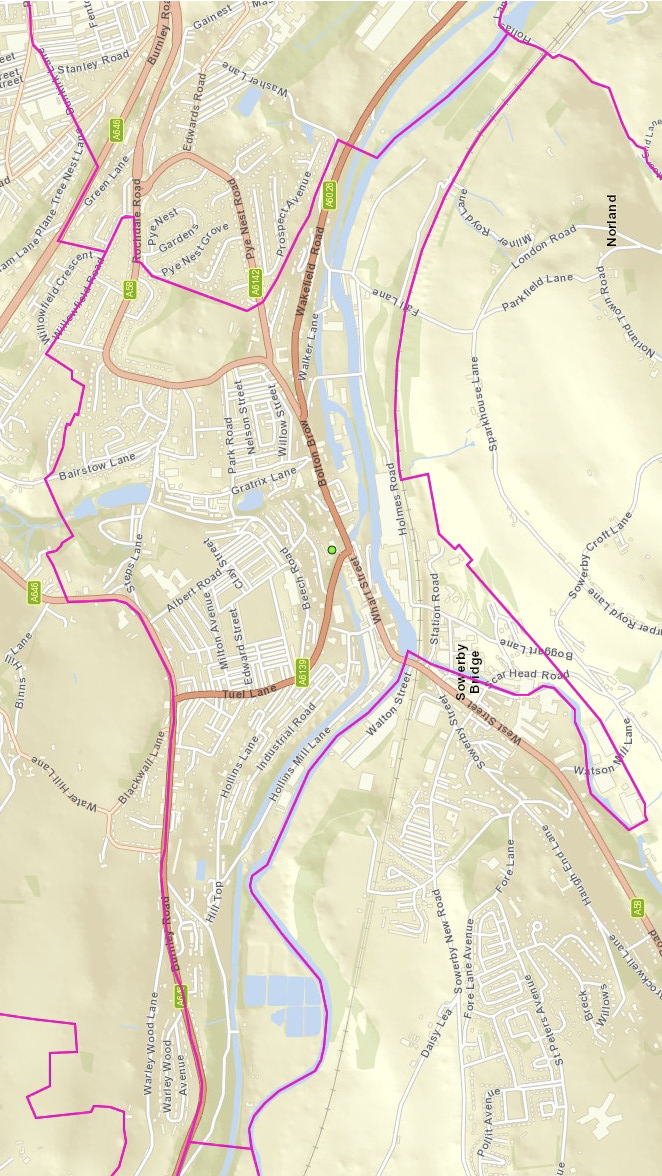
Praying for our Parish

Street by Street

2020

Praying for our Parish for 199 years

Outline of the Parish of Christ Church Sowerby Bridge



*Please pray for the item and streets listed each day of the month.  Pray for God’s presence in the homes (bringing to mind anyone you might know), workplaces, schools etc on the streets for each day.*

**1st** *The Vicar*

*The Churchwardens*

*The PCC*

*All who play a part in the running of this church*

Albert Buildings

Albert Road

Albert View

Alexandra Close

Allan Park

Allan Terrace  
Annie Street  
Arnold Street

**2nd** *The Bishop of Leeds*

*The Diocese of Leeds*

Back Pleasant Street

Back Wakefield Road

Back Wharf Street

Bairstow Lane

Bairstow Mount

Baldwin Yard

Bank Road

Bank Street

**3rd** *The Bishop of Huddersfield*

*The Archdeacon of Halifax*

Bankfield Terrace

Beach Avenue

Beech Road

Beech View

Beech Villas

Belgrave Street

Belmont Street

Bentley Mount

**4th** *The Area Dean*

*The Halifax Deanery*

Bentley Mount

Boggart Lane

Bolton Brow

Bridge Street

Bright Street

Burnley Road

Byron Avenue

Byron Street

**5th** *Pupils staff and Governors of Christ Church Junior School*

Byron Terrace

Canal Road

Carlton Mill

Central Buildings

Chapel Lane

Chester House

Charles Street

Chester Street

**6th** *Pupils staff and Governors of*

*Tuel Lane Infant School*

Church Bank

Church View

Claremont Street

Claremont Villas

Clay Street

Clemont Street

Cleveleys Avenue

Cleveleys Garden

**7th** *Pupils staff and Governors of*

*Bolton Brow Primary*

*Academy*

Cliffe Terrace

Clifton Street

Clyde Street

Corporation Street

Croft Street

Crow Wood Park

Daisy Mount

Dale Street

**8th** *Pupils staff and Governors of*

*Trinity Academy,*

*Sowerby Bridge*

Dale Terrace

Dale View

Dalton Street

Dam Head Road

Dearden Street

Denby Place

Derby Street

Durham House

**9th** *HM The Queen*

*Members of the Royal Family*

Eaglescliffe

East Parade

East View

Ediths View

Edward Street

Egerton Street

Elm Avenue

Elm Place

**10th** *Our Local MP*

*Our Prime Minister*

*Members of Parliament*

Exeter Street

Fairbanks

Fall Lane

Fern Lea Street

Gas Works Road

Gratix Lane

Greenups Mill

Greenups Terrace

**11th** *Ward Councillors*

*Calderdale Council*

Grove Street

Greenside Gardens

Hanover Street

Height Green

High Fields

Hill Crest

Hill Crest Avenue

Hill Top

**12th** *Minister and congregation of*

*St. Pauls Methodist Church*

Hollas Lane

Hollins Bank

Hollins Bungalows

Hollins Lane

Hollins Mill Lane

Holmes Road

Hope Street

Houghton Towers

**13th** *The Priest and Congregation of*

*St. Patricks Catholic Church*

Industrial Road

John Street West

Ladstone Towers

Langton Street

Laurel Mount

Leigh Street

Lime Tree Court

Linden Place

**14th** *The Pastor and congregation of Elim Pentecostal Church*

Lord Street

Lower Clifton Street

Lower Clyde Street

Lower Hollins

Malton Street

Marina Gardens

Marton Heights

Mayfield Gardens

**15th** *Christians Together*

*Sowerby Bridge*

*Any Church you have*

*connections with*

Mearclough Road

Milner Royd Lane

Milton Avenue

Milton Place

Milton Street

Mitchell Street

Mount Street

Myrtle Terrace

**16th** *All who live & work within*

*the Parish*

Nelson Place

Nelson Street

New Marsh

Newton Street

Newton Terrace

Norland Road

Norland View

North Lea

**17th** *For all on our prayers needed list*

Oak Avenue

Oak Place

Oak Street

Old Cawsey

Old Marsh

Oliver Close

Orion Place

Overdale Mount

**18th** *For Mothers Union*

Oxford Street

Park Crescent

Park Drive

Park Gardens

Park Road

Park Street

Park View

Park Villas

**19th** *Rainbows, Brownies and Guides*

Patricia Gardens

Peel Street

Persverance Street

Plainfield

Plane Tree Road

Pleasant Street

Poplar Avenue

Princess Street

**20th** *Street Angels*

*Pub’s and clubs within*

*the Parish*

Pye Nest Road

Recreation Road

Regent Parade

Regent Place

Rochdale Road

Rose Grove

Rose Grove Lane

Rose Hill

**21st** *For the needs of our church*

Rosevale View

Saffron Close

Scar Head Road

Smiths Yard

South View

Spring Bank

Spring Garden

Spring Terrace

**22nd** *For the future of our church*

St Anns Square

Stanley Street

Station Approach

Station Road

Steps Lane

Stonecroft Mount

Summerland Terrace

Sunny Bank Drive

**23rd** *For growth of our church family*

Sunny Bank Street

The Banks

The Canal Basin

The Hollies

The Meadows

Timmey Lane

Tower Hill

Town Hall Court

**24th** *Give thanks for what God*

*has provided*

Town Hall Street

Tuel Lane

Union Street

Upper Bolton Brow

Upper Fountian Street

Victoria Avenue

Victoria Road

Victoria Street

**25th** *Our Country and the world*

Villa Street

Wakefield Road

Walker Lane

Wallis Street

Washer Lane

Water Street

Watson Bridge

**29th –31st** For the Church of England, our Archbishops and Overseas Links

For the shops and businesses within the parish

Areas outside the Parish, where members of our congregation live,

including;

Blackshaw Head, Bradshaw, Burnley, Halifax, Holmfield, Illingworth, King Cross, Norland, Norton Tower, Northowram, Ovenden, Pye Nest, Rishworth, Triangle, Todmorden, Warley, Wheatley

**26th** For the Environment

Watson Mill Lane

West Parade

Wharf Street

Willow Crescent

Willow Dean Avenue

Willow Gardens

Willow Hall Drive

**27th** *For people known to us*

Willow Hall Fold

Willow Hall Lane

Willow Houses

Willow Street

Willow Terrace

Willow View

Willowfield Avenue

**28th** *Ourselves*

*Our Family*

*Our Friends*

Willowfield Drive

Willowfield Road

Wood Nook Grange

Wood Nook Lane

Woodlands Drive

Woodroyd

Woodroyd Gardens

**The Lords Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin

against us.

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

This space is for you to write down anything you would like to pray for.

**Prayer for Growth**

God of mission,

who alone brings growth

to you Church,

send your Holy Spirit to give

vision to our planning,

wisdom to our actions,

and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in

numbers, in spiritual

commitment to you,

and in service to our

local community, through

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Items for prayer from our monthly ‘Half Hour of Prayer’ meeting**

(usually 4th Saturday of the month at 11.30am)

**Items for prayer**

**Giving Thanks**.

* For answered prayer in all situations.
* For God’s goodness to us.
* Other items to give thanks.

**Pray for the needs of our Church.**

* That God would continue to be generous towards us as we are generous to our church. We ask particularly that our cashflow is kept buoyant throughout the winter months when there are more demands from us on the utility bills.
* That we are all encouraged by the Diocesan Vision to become confident Christians, **living, loving and learning** together.
* **That God would guide all hearts and minds to find ways to pay our Parish Share to the Diocese (just over £25,500).**
* For the financial resources to meet the upgrade that is needed in our sound system.
* For every member to engage with God’s call to be a beacon of hope in the community.
* That we will be fully equipped to act as a Crisis Centre should we be needed.
* That God would show us ways of getting out of deficit with our monthly finances.
* That you would prompt us Lord, to give generously where we have the means.
* For the PCC, Churchwardens and the Vicar.

**Pray for our community**

* That our relationship with St. Paul’s and other churches in Sowerby Bridge will continue to grow and that we follow God’s will as we seek to make a difference together in Sowerby Bridge.
* That as we journey through the year that there will be safety on our roads and protection from adverse weather conditions, particularly with risk of flooding.
* That our town would be a safe place for all.
* That the young people in our town may be provided with resources to become positive citizens.
* That the community police would be given the resources to do their jobs effectively.
* That the community would work together for the good of the town.

**Pray for the vision for the future of the church**

* That our fundraising efforts will bear fruit and resource the Good News of the Gospel that we wish to share.
* That as a whole church we reflect on our purpose and function as **disciples** on the **Pilgrim Way** of Christ.
* That we as a church may live as people of hope for knowing the risen Christ.
* That the Lord would guide us as we look to the future use of this building and stewardship of our resources. That more agencies will want to use the resource we have.
* That the Lord would give us a clear vision for our church and the role of our building.
* For the reality of what it means to be a church member begins to reach home in all of our hearts.
* That all members would find their place in church life where gifts and skills will be used to good effect.
* That individual members seek to grow in discipleship.
* That the whole church will engage with its future mission in our community.
* That God would increase our number at Christ Church bringing people who are thirsty to know more about Jesus and become **true disciples.**
* That we would be a church that works to meet the needs of the community we serve and sharing the good news.
* For the ‘Street Angels’ team here and in Halifax to continue to be effective as they continue their work.
* For the Vicar to find time and space to spend time with God.

**Pray for the growth of our church family**

* That we might know the power of the Holy Spirit in all that we do.
* that we will grow in faith
* that we will develop strong and lasting relationships.
* that we will together want to learn more about Jesus and his Word and his role in our lives.
* For new faces in church that they will feel the presence of Jesus and want to keep coming.
* For those who are missing from church, that they might feel the need to be with their church family.
* For those who can’t get to church because of ill health, that we may keep contact and involvement with them.
* For our Junior Church. That Fiona and her team will continue to be given the energy to effectively guide and teach our young people through the power of the Holy Spirit. That our young people grow stronger and stronger in their faith.
* For our Uniformed groups that they would thrive under the Christian Leaders that serve them and that God would bless all their efforts to provide all that they need.
* For Peter H and those who accompany him on pastoral visits to take communion to our housebound members.

**Mothers’ Union**

* Give thanks for Mothers’ Union worldwide and for our branch.
* Pray for the World Wide president - Mrs Sheran Harper in Guyana that God would guide her and bless her with wisdom.
* Pray for Jean Thurman (Diocesan President) and her team.
* For our Area President, Elaine Swinhoe.
* Pray that local and international projects will thrive.
* Pray for all those who suffer from gender based violence that they may be protected and able to have safe places to go.
* Pray for our own branch that we will be able to sustain it here in Sowerby Bridge and for our Indoor Members.
* Give thanks for new members and pray that more would join.
* Pray for Justine Helliwell our branch leader.

**Pray for Christ Church School**

* That the whole school is excited for a term of learning together.
* Pray for God’s protection for a positive reputation for our school.
* For the school budget that God would provide all that is needed to sustain teaching and learning in the school and impact on progress and attainment.
* For the mission statement: Growing in faith, learning and love. That the school would continue to build a strong Christian Ethos throughout.
* For the Christian Values – (**Friendship, Trust, Koinonia, Wisdom and Endurance**).
* For our Head (Alison Embleton)as she returns from maternity leave.
* Acting Head(Alison Firth) we thank you for the work she has done and pray that she may continue to leadership of our school and be confident in the support she is given.
* For Ester Mor as acting deputy that she and Alison F. will make a strong leadership team.
* For the Administrative Staff (Anthea Gee and Sheila Ryder) that they are able to do their jobs effectively and as the first point of contact continue to give a cheerful welcome to all who come to the door.
* For Anthea's role as School Business manager that God would give her the time and space to deal with the complexities of school finance with the constant government changes and initiatives.
* For new staff that they enjoy working at Christ Church and settle in well.
* For all the staff that they all really love working in our school.
* For the strong relationship with Tuel Lane infants and closer working together over the next few years.
* For parents to co-operate and support the ethos of the school.
* for God's blessing and protection.
* For the governors that they might give the right level of support and challenge.
* For more governors please.
* For the other schools in our Parish – Bolton Brow and Trinity Academy, Sowerby Bridge as we seek to make closer ties.
* For our family members and friends who work in Education.

**Pray for our Diocese of Leeds**

* The Bishop of Leeds – **Bishop Nick Baines**.
* Archbishop of Canterbury - **Justin Welby**
* Archbishop of York – **John Sentamu**
* Our area bishops:
* **Bishop Tony Robinson** (Wakefield)
* **Bishop Jonathan Gibbs** (our Bishop of Huddersfield)
* **Bishop Toby Howarth** (Bradford)
* **Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley** (Ripon)
* **Bishop Paul Slater** (Richmond and Craven)
* Archdeacons **Peter Townley** (Pontefract); **Anne Dawtry** (Halifax); **Andy Jolley** (Bradford); **Paul Hooper** (Leeds); ***Jonathan Gough*** (Richmond and Craven)
* Area Dean(s) – **Kathia Shoesmith** and **Marion Russell**
* We pray for **Her majesty the Queen** as head of the church and the **Royal Family**.

• The Vicar – Angela

* That we may all seek to work together to share resources, pay our way and reach out to our communities with the Gospel and sharing Christ's love in practical ways.

**Pray for the Earth and our Environment**

*[The PCC are supporting the ‘Diocesan Environmental Strategy’ and have signed up to being an ‘Eco Church.’*

* We reflect on our stewardship of God’s creation using the Prayer for Earth Day [[1]](#footnote-1) :

**All: “Sovereign Lord, you are the creator and sustainer of the earth and you have given us dominion over its resources: Forgive us for squandering your gifts, Inspire us to conserve them, and use them aright in the service of your people, and to the glory of your name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

We pray for:

* The changes in our climate: extremes of drought and famine; rising seas and floods, and the impact on all species, habitats and communities who are the most affected
* Those working to reduce harmful impacts of human consumption such as pollution, de-forestation and extinction due to our greed, and inability to share
* The beauty of your creation from the wild landscapes for endangered species to our local parks, nature reserves, gardens and our own churchyard in Sowerby Bridge
* We pray for Change, so the earth you created is, once again, seen as good for all living things.

**Seasonal**

* For God’s presence with us through the church year *Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity, Ordinary Time, Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance, Christ the King*. May all that is done in this place and in our lives be for the glory of God and strengthening of our relationships.

**Pray for our country and the world**

* Praying for our Town and others in the Calder Valley that they would thrive economically and socially.
* We thank you for our Mayor *N.*, we pray she/he will have a very effective and rewarding year.
* For our government and the Prime Minister *N.* and all those in the political arena that they will unite to work for the good of all people in our nation.
* For the political climate: We pray for peace between divided communities, and within families, we pray for peace between political opponents. We pray that You would be our refuge and our strength. Our mighty fortress in times of need. Lord keep our focus on you, and as we hear and think about politics we would seek to serve and worship you. Amen.

*[Evangelical Alliance]*

* our leaders/politicians – that in these difficult, messed up days they will seek to work together irrespective of party politics to secure a united nation.
* For the Queen as head of state and the Royal family – that they will look to the Lord for guidance and strength.
* An end to acts of terrorism – let us bring *to mind all the events and incidents we are faced with as a worldwide community throughout the world and recent news -* pray that our communities will unite in the fight against terrorism, fake news and divisive policies rather than divide.
* We pray for other areas of the world where natural disaster has caused devastation.
* the economy to improve and austerity decrease
* peace and unity in our towns and cities
* peace in war torn areas of the world – ***deliver us from evil***
* that those who are hungry will be fed

**Praying for ourselves**

* For the power and protection of the Holy Spirit in our lives
* For those in our church and community who need our prayers for healing and peace.
* For family and friends
* Anything that you want to bring before the Lord
* The bereaved

1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)