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2026 Church Text: 'But God.... But Now' (Ephesians 2: 4 & 13)

Sunday 24th May 2026



Sunday 24th May Pentecost Sunday

10.30am

Revd Simon Russell

*'Handling Life's Challenges when faced
by grief and loss'*

Family Worship

4.00pm

Christian Aid Café Church



7.30 pm

Embrace



Monday 25th May
BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 26th May

Table Tennis	10.00 – 12.00
Joyful Noise	19.00 – 21.00

Thursday 28th May

Coffee Pot	10.30 – 12.00
Thursday Communion	11.00
Ukulele Group	18.30 – 19.30

Friday 29th May

Beginner's Ukulele	14.15 – 15.00
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Sunday 31st May

10.30am

Revd Andy Gore

'In Jesus, you ain't seen nothing yet'

Family Worship

**The notices for May and June will
be typed by Heather Machin**
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Please send by Wednesday. Thank You

Letter of the week

"Eat this book"

Monday (25th May)

Joshua 1 verses 1 – 18

Tuesday (26th May):

Joshua 2 verses 1 – 24

Wednesday (27th May):

Joshua 3 verses 1 – 17

Thursday (28th May):

Joshua 4 verse 1 – 5 verse 1

Friday (29th May):

Joshua 5 verses 2 – 15

Saturday (30th May):

Joshua 6 verses 1 – 20

"What do you think Jesus is saying today to you through Joshua?"

Angel Tree

The cake sale on Sunday 10th May raised £112.50 for Angel Tree. Thank you to everyone who bought cakes and all who made a donation so we can buy children with a parent in prison a present from them. This contributes greatly to stopping re offending and keeping families together.

Thank you, Marilyn and Chris



Christian Aid and Coffee Pot

We are pleased to be able to support Christian Aid throughout the month of May with all Coffee Pot refreshment contributions going directly to this amazing work of Christian Aid.

If you are not a regular visitor to Coffee Pot, do come along and see us. (Thursdays 10.30-12.00) You are most welcome to pop in for a welcome and a chat and to enjoy our cakes/snacks and hot drinks.



The Coffee Pot Crew



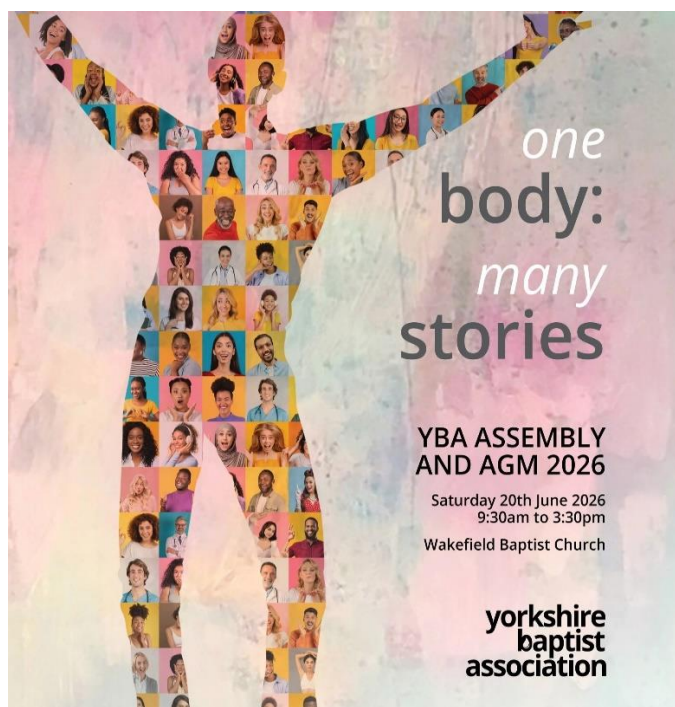
Do you enjoy singing?

Do you play an instrument?

The Joyful Noise folk are always happy to welcome new singers and musicians.

Although appreciated, Sunday morning participation is not compulsory!!

Have a word with one of us, or pop along on a **Tuesday evening at 7.00pm.**



Read Nike's reflection on the aspirations for the day and book your place here: <https://www.yba.org.uk/assemblies-agm/2026open-9n3j8>



Commitment not Applause?

A trail of Thoughts started today by another simple "bit line" in one of my daily reading notes. Why didn't the Jews who saw Jesus doing miracles and healing, repent and follow Him en masse?

The Jews came out in droves to see Jesus but why? Was He treated like a showman or a magician? Did they go to be entertained (a challenge facing all preachers)? Did they applaud Him? What was the attraction for the crowds? Fairly obvious attraction for those wanting healing but what about the crowds? Did most, if not all, listen, watch, applaud and then go home to normal life?

Jesus wanted commitment not applause from those who heard His teaching and observed miracles. Was that why Jesus did most of His teaching after the Sermon on the Mount in parables? To get folk wrestling with what He'd taught; to engage not just observe; to do something?

It brought home again a key reality - I don't have all the answers and probably never will. I have to commit to living with apparent contradictions, intellectual tensions cos I don't see the world through God's eyes. I don't see how it all fits together. I don't have credible answers to most of the "why" questions about God. I can have a stab at answers

but they usually come over as platitudes and trite.

That Thought then knocked over another one. What answers would I give, how would I cope if I was one of the persecuted church - in the time of the early church, in persecutions over the centuries on the key, critical, face to face challenges - when it's "do I stand for Jesus or not?"

The final Thought but the most critical - the conclusion. I commit myself to the one reality, one unassailable truth. When everything else is ripped away all I have is my life journey with Jesus. I commit to speak about me - how God has found me through Jesus and how that is seen in who I am and how I live - failures included.

When all else is stripped away from you and you are asked about Jesus, you too have one commitment, one piece of inescapable evidence - your life with Jesus. You may not be called to be an evangelist, a missionary, a minister, you may not know everything theologically or doctrinally but when the crunch comes you have the most powerful way to introduce folk to Jesus - you, your honest life story with Him! Use it! Be a letter from God. Give God commitment not applause.

Verse for Today - "You show that you are a letter from Christ not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." 2 Corinthians 3:3a NIVUK

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**Answers to last week's
Easter hymns quiz.**

How did you do?

1. All Glory Laud And Honour
2. All Heaven Declares
3. And Can It Be
4. Be Still And Know That I Am God
5. Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord
6. Breathe On Me Breath Of God
7. Christ The Lord Is Risen Today
8. From Heaven You Came
9. He Is Lord
10. I Danced In The Morning
11. I Know That My Redeemer Lives
12. Make Way; Make Way
13. Morning Has Broken
14. Ride On; Ride On In Majesty
15. Rock Of Ages
16. The Old Rugged Cross
17. There Is A Green Hill Far Away
18. Thine Be The Glory
19. Were You There
20. When I Survey The Wondrous Cross