The background image shows the interior of a Gothic Revival church. The view is from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the altar. The ceiling is a high, vaulted wooden structure with green-painted panels. A large, ornate chandelier hangs from the center. The altar area is enclosed by a dark, wrought-iron screen with intricate scrollwork. Behind the screen are three tall, narrow stained-glass windows. The altar table is covered with a white cloth and has a cross on top. To the left, a banner hangs with the text 'Worship in Spirit and in Truth'.

# Christ Church

*Sowerby Bridge*

Christ Church Sowerby Bridge  
Praying for our Parish  
Street by Street  
in 2021

*Praying for our Parish for 200 years*

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.

Christ Church Sowerby Bridge was built 200 years ago to serve the growing population of the town. In 2021 (our Bi-Centennial Year) may we continue their vision to serve the whole of our community; opening our doors and hearts to anyone feeling isolated or overwhelmed; sharing hope, help and love to all.

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| <p><b>1st</b>    <i>The Vicar</i><br/><i>The Churchwardens</i><br/><i>The PCC</i><br/><i>All who play a part in the running of this church</i><br/>Albert Buildings<br/>Albert Road<br/>Albert View<br/>Alexandra Close<br/>Allan Park<br/>Allan Terrace<br/>Annie Street<br/>Arnold Street</p> <p><b>2nd</b>    <i>The Bishop of Leeds</i><br/><i>The Diocese of Leeds</i><br/>Back Pleasant Street<br/>Back Wakefield Road<br/>Back Wharf Street<br/>Bairstow Lane<br/>Bairstow Mount<br/>Baldwin Yard<br/>Bank Road<br/>Bank Street</p> <p><b>3rd</b>    <i>The Bishop of Huddersfield</i><br/><i>The Archdeacon of Halifax</i><br/>Bankfield Terrace<br/>Beach Avenue<br/>Beech Road<br/>Beech View<br/>Beech Villas<br/>Belgrave Street<br/>Belmont Street</p> <p><b>4th</b>    <i>The Area Dean</i><br/><i>The Halifax Deanery</i><br/>Bentley Mount<br/>Boggart Lane</p> | <p>Bolton Brow<br/>Bridge Street<br/>Bright Street<br/>Burnley Road<br/>Byron Avenue<br/>Byron Street</p> <p><b>5th</b>    <i>Pupils, Staff and Governors of Christ Church Junior School</i><br/>Byron Terrace<br/>Canal Road<br/>Carlton Mill<br/>Central Buildings<br/>Chapel Lane<br/>Chester House<br/>Charles Street<br/>Chester Street</p> <p><b>6th</b>    <i>Pupils, Staff and Governors of Tuel Lane Infant School</i><br/><i>Nurseries and child-care providers</i><br/>Church Bank<br/>Church View<br/>Claremont Street<br/>Claremont Villas<br/>Clay Street<br/>Clemont Street<br/>Cleveleys Avenue<br/>Cleveleys Garden</p> <p><b>7th</b>    <i>Pupils, Staff and Governors of Bolton Brow Primary Academy</i><br/>Cliffe Terrace<br/>Clifton Street<br/>Clyde Street<br/>Corporation Street<br/>Croft Street<br/>Crow Wood Park<br/>Daisy Mount<br/>Dale Street</p> |
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**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  
All Community Support Groups*  
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  
Those with no safe place to call  
home*  
Nelson Place  
Nelson Street  
New Marsh  
Newton Street  
Newton Terrace  
Norland Road  
Norland View  
North Lea

**17th** *For all on our prayers needed list  
The NHS and our local GP's and  
nursing teams  
Emergency Services*  
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  
Youth Groups and Organisations*  
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  
Stoncroft Mount  
Summerland Terrace  
Sunny Bank Drive

**23rd** *For growth of our church family,  
that we might share friendship  
and support through life-changing  
events*  
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 Fountain Street  
Victoria Avenue  
Victoria Road  
Victoria Street

**25th** *Our Country and the world  
Current News items (e.g. COVID)*  
Villa Street  
Wakefield Road  
Walker Lane  
Wallis Street  
Washer Lane  
Water Street  
Watson Bridge

**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, Parents and Grand  
parents and other family  
members who support each other  
Our Friends*  
Willowfield Drive  
Willowfield Road  
Wood Nook Grange  
Wood Nook Lane  
Woodlands Drive  
Woodroyd  
Woodroyd Gardens

**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, Cragg Vale, Halifax, Holmfield, Illingworth,  
King Cross, Norland, Norton Tower, Northowram, Ovenden, Pye Nest, Rishworth,  
Triangle, Todmorden, Warley, Wheatley.

## **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.

## **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.

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
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 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.**
- For the financial resources to meet any works that are required.
- 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 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 all who deal with Pastoral support.

## 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) and our deputy Head, Alison Firth for the leadership of our school and be confident in the support that is given .
  - 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 and 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 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 Primary Academy 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 – **Stephen Cottrell**
- Our area Bishop:
- **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 Shoemith** 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:

**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, deforestation 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 **Dot Foster**, we pray they will have a very effective and rewarding year.
- For our government and the Prime Minister **Boris Johnson**, 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.

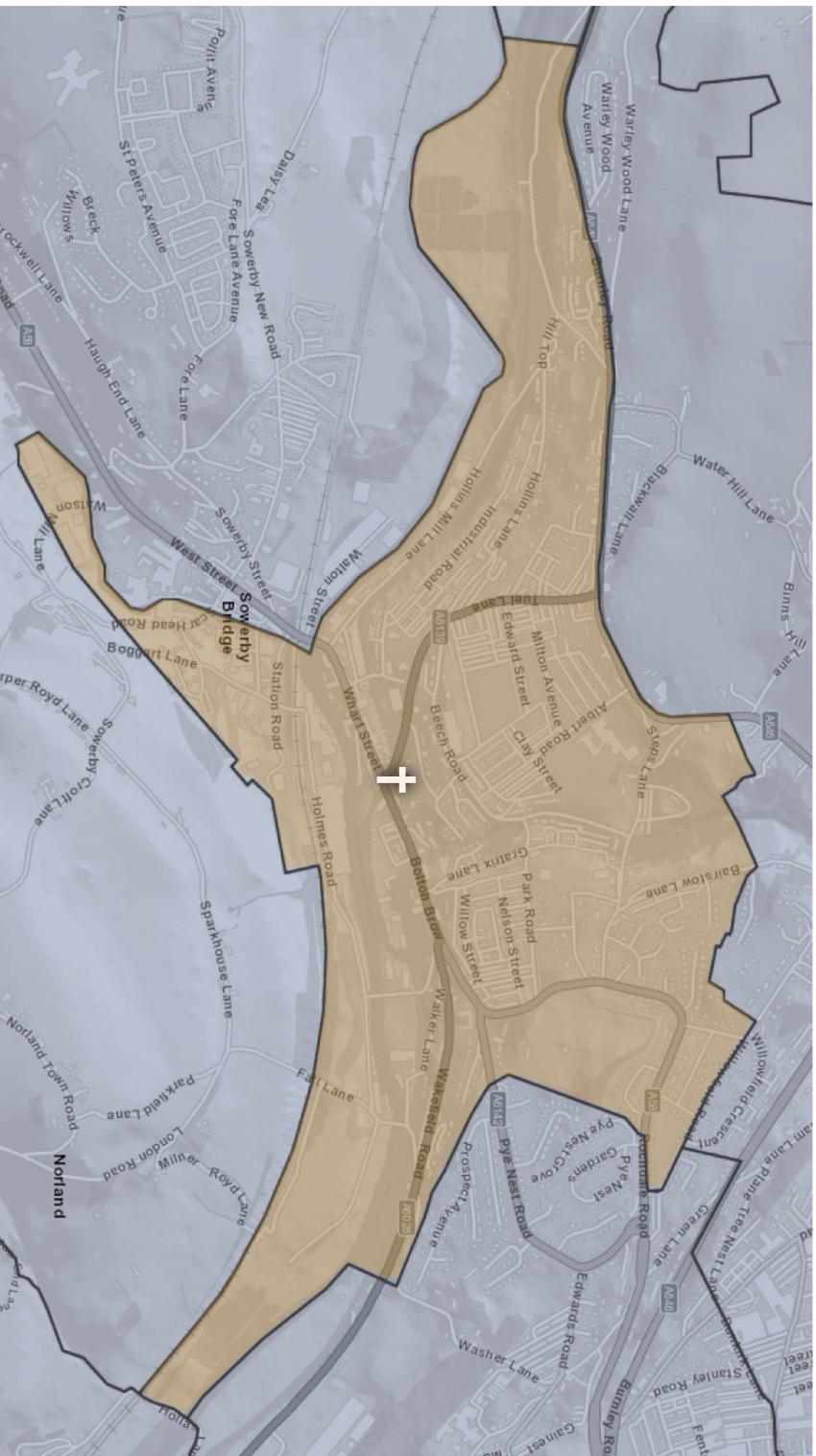
Peace and unity in our towns and cities.

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



# The Parish of Christ Church Sowerby Bridge

