Benefice of Buckrose Carrs

29th June 2025

Weekly Pew Sheet

SS Peter and Paul

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Acts 12 1-11

*The reading is from the Book of Acts chapter 12 reading from the 1st verse.*

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, ‘Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.’ He did so. Then he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.’ Peterwent out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel’s help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.’

*Here endeth the reading*

Matthew 16:13-19

*The holy Gospel is written in the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew beginning at the thirteenth verse.*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rockI will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise be to thee, O Christ for this thy holy gospel***

Prayer for the week (COLLECT)

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Prayer for the Week at Home*

*Loving God, we thank you for the witness of men such as Peter and Paul. Help us to be inspired by their faith, compassion, kindness and humility so that we might reflect their character in our own lives, May our faith be strengthened by their example to us. Amen*

NEXT WEEK: 6th July 2025

Third Sunday of Trinity

9.00am St Andrew’s Rillington

Common Worship Holy Communion

11.00am St John’s Yedingham

BCP Holy Communion

Readings: Galatians 6 [1-6]7-16

Luke 10 1-11, 16-20

A Prayer during Vacancy

Gracious God, in your mercy, and for your glory, renew us, reshape us, revive us - with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love - that, in transformed lives, through growing church and building community in this Benefice,  we may see your Kingdom come

and be good news for all. Amen.

*Adapted from Derby Diocese’s Diocesan Vision Prayer*