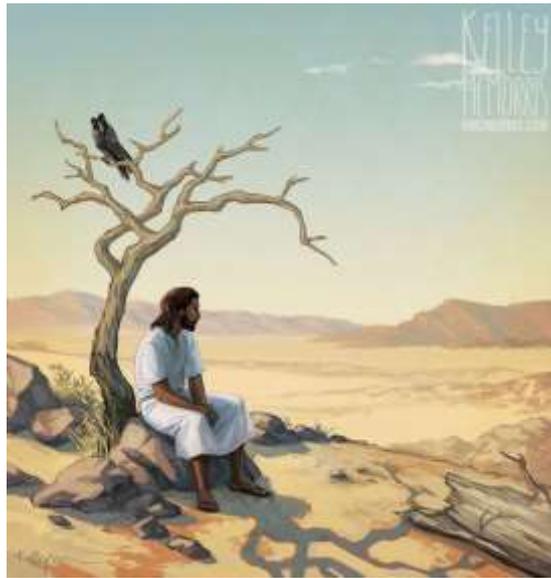




St Oswald's Church: Worship and News Sheet

21 February 2021



Introduction

This weekend we have a service of Worship for All (at 10.30am). This is specially for families and children, however all are most welcome. Why not join us even if you have never tried Zoom before!? Please do invite any others who you can. The Link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9928421903>

You can join from 10.15am onwards! It would be helpful if you could please have some clean paper (or card) and 4 colour pens available for the prayers!

Watch this space for what is happening next Sunday!

Prayer for the Nation

The Archbishops have issued a call to the nation to pray. If you are able to pray at 6pm each day, we invite you to do so. You might find it helpful to light a candle to represent Jesus, the Light of the World. Please also see below for information on other resources and a link to the 'Prayer Shield'. Whilst on the subject of prayer, please continue to pray about the appointment of a new Priest-in-Charge – that the right person (of God's choice!) would be forthcoming.

Refreshed Diocesan Vision – ‘Living Christ’s Story’

The diocese is considering the shape of future ministry and mission. We will all be asked to give our views later on in the summer. In the meantime, there is a brief (12 minute) video introducing this consultation. [Living Christ’s Story: Introducing our consultation on Vimeo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsXcCdWjmsg)

Hymn: Jesus lover of my soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsXcCdWjmsg>

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Step by step we walk with Christ:
through the waters of baptism, we are affirmed;
through the wilderness, we are tested;
through the death of Christ
we are made alive in the Spirit.
This is our journey, today and every day.
We walk with Christ,
today and every day.

To you, O Lord, we lift up our hearts,
offering worship and praise.
Show us your path.
Teach us to follow.
Guide us in your truth.
For our hope is in you all day long.
Amen.

Hymn: Lead us heavenly Father lead us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpkEeXWtWg0>

Readings for Sunday 21st February

Readings: Gen 9: 8-17
 Psalm 25: 1-9
 1 Peter 3: 18-end
 Mark 1: 9-15

Song: O let the Son of God enfold you

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjVLUY_dNLk

Reflection

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/news-events/news/sunday-reflection-with-the-vicar-of-st-marys-beverley/>

Song: Purify my heart.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lvXA0yRDwY>

Prayers (from rootsontheweb)

God who is older than time,
God who is deeper than the oceans,
God who is higher than the heavens,
as we come together to worship you,
may we sense eternity flooding in to fill this time to overflowing,
washing clean all that lies in the past,
filling with your Spirit every corner of this place,
every nook and cranny of our hearts and minds,
enabling us to praise you as we should and serve you as we ought,
bearing us onward, upward, on the rising tide of your coming kingdom.
In Jesus name.

Amen.

When I am lonely, when I am tempted,
when I feel the weight of sin, when I feel overwhelmed,
when my heart is a wilderness, when my mind is bewildered,
and my soul is dry and hungry,
Jesus, meet me and lead me into your kingdom.

Amen.

For those who feel that all that was precious to them has been washed away,

Lord, remember them.

For those who feel that they are lost in a wilderness beset by temptation,

Lord, remember them.

For those who have never heard your voice speaking to them,

Lord, remember them.

For those who despair and have lost hope,

Lord, remember them.

For those who need to know what way they should go next,

Lord, remember them.

For those who feel they have no more strength to go on,



Lord, remember them.

May they hear your good news.

May they know that you are near at hand.

May they know your Spirit descending on them,
through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zundjUFazfg>

Closing prayer

Send us out, Lord Jesus,
to travel with you joyfully,
to follow you faithfully,
and to speak of your love
to everyone we meet.

Amen.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support for St Oswald's and the diocese.

Don't forget there is a new on-line giving page available at:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/fdc4c603-bdcf-4c89-94bc-c3507cdc8968>

Resources for Lockdown

The service from **St Mary's Thirsk** is streaming live at **10.15am** on Sunday.

To join, follow this link:

<https://www.thirskparishes.org/live> or

<https://www.facebook.com/ThirskParishes/live/>

There is usually a Church of England service, which one can listen to, linked from our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StOswaldSowerby>

The 'Prayer Shield'

Lots of churches and individuals are joining together to pray daily for the United Kingdom. If you sign up to the 'Prayer Shield', you can receive a daily email notification. If you click on the link it will take you to a new prayer for the day. Prayers are given by many from all sorts of different churches and backgrounds – truly diverse! This will only take 5 minutes each morning and the prayers are powerful but positive. Let's pray for God to work in our nation! <https://theprayershield.uk/prayer-of-the-day/>

Daily Prayer

Join in prayers throughout the day using this site. It can be downloaded as an App too.... Want to see the words as well as hear? Then you can - the sound will continue.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Or Celtic Prayer with the Northumbria Community...

<https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/how-to-use-daily-office/>

RSCM daily hymn and 'Sunday Self-service' for each week.

<https://www.rscm.org.uk/our-resources/hftd/>



Phone Line

Daily Hope offers hymns, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a (**free**) telephone line. The line is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**. Please pass this number on to anyone you know, especially those who do not have access to a computer and would like to listen to favourite hymns and prayers.

Our **church website** and the **Facebook page** are regularly updated with links to messages from our Archbishops and to other worship and prayer opportunities.

Birthdays and Celebrations

This week we wish a very Happy Birthday to Fiona Halkyard who is 14 on 26th February.

If you have a birthday or a special anniversary in February or March please let Helen Irving know
(helen@helenirving.co.uk or 01845 524308)



Fairtrade Fortnight 22 February to 7 March 2021

Fairtrade fortnight starts on Monday. Why not join in with this online festival:

A Festival of Climate, Fairtrade and You

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/choose-the-world-you-want/>

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Valentine's Day Music Quiz answers

1. Donna Summer
2. Nat King Cole
3. Elvis Presley
4. Foreigner
5. Dolly Parton/ Whitney Houston
6. Queen
7. Huey Lewis and the News
8. 10 cc
9. Soft Cell
10. Stevie Wonder
11. Righteous Brothers
12. The Housemartins
13. The Supremes
14. U2
15. Bjork
16. Robbie Williams
17. Simply Red
18. Beatles