

ST OSWALD'S SOWERBY



Sunday 29th January 2023

4th Sunday in Epiphany

Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby

Today's Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Today	10:30am 6:00pm	Joint Benefice Service with Church Army speaker* & Kids' Club Youth groups 1&2**
Monday 30th	12 noon	NO Little Wonders Funeral of Sandra Barnett
Tuesday 31st	9.15am	CANDY Prayers (Kitchen)
Wednesday 1 st Feb	9:30am	Holy Communion
Friday 3rd	12:00noon	'Warm Welcome' Lunch (Hall)
Next Sunday 5th	8:30am 10:30am 6pm 7pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship* & Godly Play Youth groups 3&4**

Children's groups are at 10:30am except 3rd Sunday where we're all together in church.

*These services will be available on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/2607227907>

**For more details about our Youth activities please contact
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Notices

This year for Lent we are exploring Unanswered prayer. Starting Thursday 2nd March at 7pm, we are meeting in church for Lent Groups. We'll be watching a video helping us to think about a topic then have group discussion. We'll think about questions such as: What about when God is silent? What about suffering and disappointment? There will be tea and coffee and time to build relationships. This is a great way to go deeper with God, and to get to know more of the church family. For more information speak to Revd David or David Brooke.

Warm Welcome lunches. These continue each Friday. Please do invite people and *come with them!* The lunches are **free**. Info on other local warm spaces is here: <https://www.facebook.com/WarmSpacesThirsk/> Please talk to Pauline Alderson if you would like to volunteer to help! Current rota is on the notice board at back of church.

Open the Book

Our Open the Book teams are looking for new volunteers, if you are interested in joining, or would like further information, speak to Pauline Alderson.

Jigsaw Prayer Items

Tim Lee is now in Manila for a visit to Jigsaw, coming back on Feb 18th. There is so much important work to do as child poverty in the areas where Jigsaw works is increasing due to increases in prices, the long-term effects of Covid and climate change (which is causing even more natural disasters), all of which impact the children the most.

Please pray for Tim, Jeannette and for all the Jigsaw family as they seek God's guidance to continue to develop the organisation and programme review of Jigsaw and set plans for the months and years ahead. There are huge challenges in all ministry areas and especially in Jigsaw's health and welfare ministry as they seek ways to respond to the increasing number of children being pushed to the streets. There is a huge increase in the evils of cyber sex and child trafficking.



Please pray too as they seek God's guidance for funding and resourcing as Jigsaw, like most organisations, are struggling with the high increase in prices, costs and resources.

This is a really important month for Jigsaw and we really need and value your prayers at this time. Thank you.

Sowerby Parochial Hall 100 Club. January draw:

1st prize £51.00 Sara and Malcolm Perkins

2nd prize £30.60 Lynda Stewart

3rd prize £20.40 Morna Stoakley

Thank you for the tremendous support given to the 100 Club. The profit for Parochial Hall funds in 2022 exceeded £1,500. The next draw will take place on 14 February and you can still become a subscriber for the rest of the year! To renew your subscription or join the 100 Club please contact David Tucker.

Collect for Epiphany 4

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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Please note that Cecily's telephone number is now 07718 200504

