

Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby

Today's Readings: 1 Peter 4:7 – 5:14

Today	8:30am 10:30am 10:30am	Early Worship Holy Communion* Godly Play
Monday 9th	10:00am	Little Wonders (Hall)
Tuesday 10th	9:30am 9:30am 7:30pm	Mission Prayers (Annexe) Pilates in church Bell ringing
Wednesday 11th	9:30am 12:30pm	Holy Communion Nurture group (church)
Thursday 12th	7:30pm	House Groups
Friday 13th	10:00am 12:00 noon	Harvest Flowers Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall)
Next Sunday 15 th Harvest	8:30am 9:45am 10:30am 11:45am	Holy Communion Breakfast for All Harvest Worship for All* Baptism Preparation

Children's groups: All at 10.30am. 1st & 2nd Sundays is Godly Play in the Annexe. 3rd Sunday we're all in church for Worship for All. 4th Sunday: we're in church for the start of the service then we go out to Kids Club and return to church for Family Communion.

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

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NOTICES:

Shoebboxes Appeal: we are hoping to support Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child again this year by sending gifts in gift wrapped shoeboxes. Leaflets are at the back of Church or please ask Emma Benoit. Gift ideas include a small toy or doll, a woolly hat/gloves, sunglasses, hair brush, hair clips, toothbrush, stationary. There are a few restrictions so if you are not sure, please ask Emma. There is a suggested donation of £5, but don't let this put you off as we have already received cash donations...and if you can't do a full box, any donations can be collected to make up boxes at the Youth Groups. We can also do virtual online boxesso every possible option is covered!! The collection date is in November...to be confirmed.

House Groups meet each week. They are following along with the sermon series in church looking at 1 Peter. Orchid House group meets each Thursday at 7:20pm for a 7:30pm start: speak to David Brooke for more details. Bagby group also meet on Thursdays at 7.10pm for a 7:30pm start: 4 Moor Lane, Bagby, YO7 4PN. For more info speak to David Bacon.

St Mary's are organising a **First Aid training day** for Saturday 4th November, this will cover basic first aid with emphasis on children. If you would like to take part, please speak to Pauline Alderson today.

Refugee Family. It's over 2 years since the Churches Together initiated the "Thirsk Together" Community Sponsorship group to offer a new life in the UK to a family who have experienced dislocation and trauma. We are delighted that a family will be arriving to live in Thirsk in November. We have finally managed to procure a house in Thirsk.

We are now at the stage where we need to make the house a home and to furnish it in time for the arrival of the family. We have created a list which can be seen at <https://www.things-to-get-me.com/thirsk-together>. It works like a "wedding list" - if you would like to buy something for the family, just click on the link, reserve what you would like to provide and record your name and email (optional). You will then need to buy the item and take it to the Salvation Army pioneers (22 Honeysuckle Way). You can



spend as little or as much as you want, everything would be received with gratitude. The closing date is November 4th.

Some will prefer to offer a financial donation. If you wish to do this via JustGiving, bank transfer or cash/cheques and a Gift Aid form, please ask Simon for the relevant information.

I realise that I am calling upon generous people to be generous again and that our generosity has many other calls placed on it. However, I also realise that I am calling on people of God, whose heart is for those in need and whose faith and action is intertwined. God has called us to this work and will see it through to the end. I know you will consider this carefully and prayerfully and have every confidence that we will succeed.

(From Ian Haylett, Salvation Army.)

Soup Lunch Rota The soup rota for October is on the notice board at the back of church. We need 3 volunteers each week, please sign up.

Harvest Offerings next week: As usual our Harvest Offerings will be going to the Community Works food bank. The following items are needed:

- Pasta Sauce
- Boxes of Cereal
- Tinned Fish and Meat/Meat Meals
- Long life Milk
- Tinned tomatoes and tinned vegetables
- Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate
- Jam and Honey
- Loo Rolls
- Any toiletries or household cleaning products
- Good strong carrier bags/bags for life

Giving Sunday 2023 Copies of the giving Sunday booklet are available at the back of church, please do take a copy and prayerfully consider if you can partner with us as we look to raise an extra £1000 a month to support our ministry costs. These include a full-time Children's and Youth worker and future administration support.



Scams are back in circulation. If you get strange emails seeming to be from a church leader asking you to do something or buy something — **STOP** as its probably a scam. If in doubt ring the person concerned and **DELETE** the email! We will NOT ask you to buy something with your own money!

Churchyard Working Party : We still have jobs to do in the churchyard! This is mainly trimming back excessive vegetation at base level of trees (ivy, elder and suchlike). If you would like to do some of this, please speak to Simon who has detailed plans of what needs tackling. Also, existing heaps of cut vegetation need to be removed to the tip. (The next Church Working Party will be November 25th)

Food Bank. Please continue to bring produce (non-perishable foods and toiletries) and put in the box in church. If the box is empty, it means it was full and we have taken another load to Community Works!

Collect for 18th Sunday after Trinity

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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