

Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby

Today's Readings: 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Sunday 18th	8:30am 9:45am 10:30am	Holy Communion Breakfast for All Worship for All *
Monday 19th	10:00am 11:30am	Little Wonders - baby and toddler group (Hall)** Funeral of Sandra Smith
Tuesday 20th	2:00pm 6:45pm for 7:00pm	Movie Tuesday (Methodist Church) Deanery Synod meeting
Wednesday 21st	9:30am 7:30pm	Holy Communion Benefice Prayer Meeting on Zoom *
Thursday 22nd	7:15pm	Lent Course (Orchid House)
Friday 23rd	10:30am 12:00 noon	Singing for Joy! (Orchid House) Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall)
Sunday 25th	8:30am 10:30am	Early Worship Family Holy Communion *

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>

**For more details about our Youth activities please contact
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NOTICES:

Lent Course - This year's Lent Course continues this Thursday and runs until 21st March starting at 7.15pm at Orchid House. The topic is Christian mindfulness, meditation and contemplation. All are welcome. Please see David or Lorraine Bacon for further details including directions. Someone will be there to greet you at the door between 7:10-7:20pm.

Deanery Synod meeting – there will be an open Deanery Synod meeting in church on Tuesday 20th February at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start. All are very welcome to attend this important meeting where the future of ministry in the Deanery will be presented and discussed. If anyone is able to help serve refreshments at this meeting, please speak to Simon.

Movie Tuesday – will take place on Tuesday 20th February at Sowerby Methodist Church. Refreshments from 1.30pm: film starts at 2pm. This month's film is: 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' This is the story of an unremarkable man who sets off on a remarkable journey. Harold (Jim Broadbent) lives a life without purpose until he learns an old friend is dying, and vows that walking across England to see her will keep her alive. An uplifting reminder that you're never too old to take a chance, and that kindness is less rare than you think. Free - All Welcome

Benefice Prayers - You are warmly invited to join us as we pray together for the mission of our local churches in the benefice. We will meet on Wednesday 21st February at 7:30pm, using Zoom on the usual link:

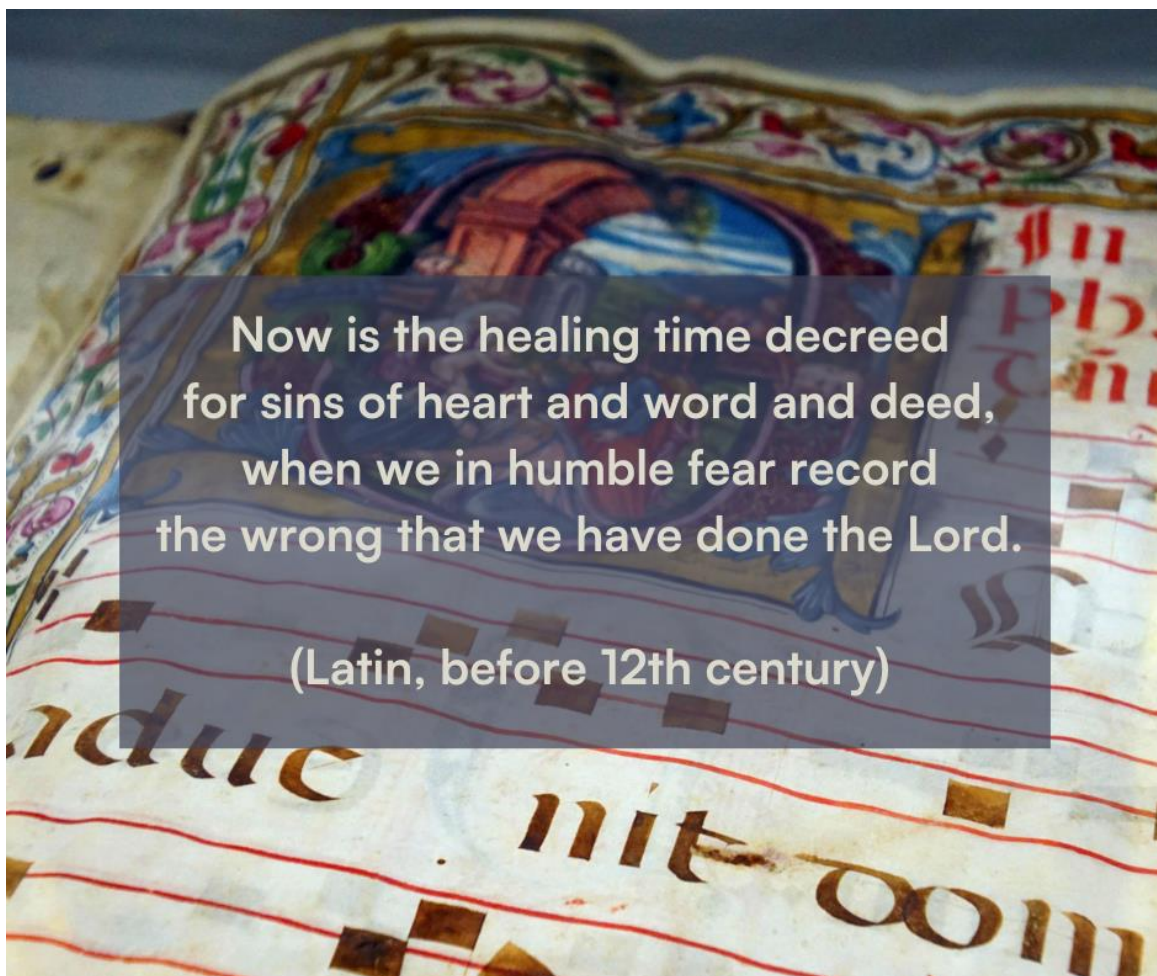
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A date for your diary.... Everyone is welcome to attend a **World Day of Prayer Service for the Thirsk and Sowerby area** at Thirsk Methodist Church, St James Green at 2pm on Friday 1st March 2024. This year's service has been prepared by Christian women in Palestine.

Soup Lunch Rota - The soup rota for March/April is on the notice board at the back of church. We need 3 volunteers each week, Please sign up! *We do need your help to run this lunch weekly.*



Food Bank contributions - Please keep these coming in as the needs continue. Box is at the back of church. The following items are always welcome: pasta sauce, boxes of cereal, tinned fish and meat/meat meals, long life milk, tinned tomatoes and vegetables, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, jam, honey, loo roll, toiletries and cleaning products, strong carrier bags/bags for life.



Collect for Lent 1

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.

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Serve Sowerby.

