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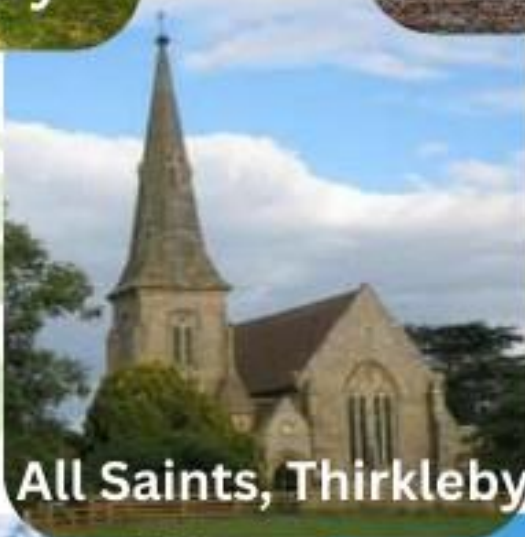
MARCH 2024



St Mary, Bagby



St Oswald, Sowerby



All Saints, Thirkleby



St Cuthbert, Sessay



St Mary, Kilburn

Welcome to the March edition of Saints Alive



We would like to express a huge THANK YOU to **Morna Stoakley** for compiling Saints Alive every month for the past 3 and a half years. A large amount of time and work have gone into producing the magazine and we are very grateful to Morna for her efforts.

Saints Alive is now being compiled by Jane Jackson, the new administrator at St Oswald's Sowerby – contact details towards the back of the booklet.

Readings for March

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| 3 rd March | 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 | John 2:13-22 |
| 10 th March | 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 | Luke 2:33-35 |
| 17 th March | Hebrews 5:5-10 | John 12:20-33 |
| 24 th March | Philippians 2:5-11 | Mark 14:1-15:47 |
| 31 st March | Acts 10:34-43 | John 20:1-18 |

Parish Registers

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| Baptism Sowerby | 4 th February | Liylah-Rose Smithson |
| Funeral Sowerby | 19 th February | Sandra Smith |

CandY update from Rachel

It is my joy and privilege to be able to fill the role of children, youth and families worker for St Oswald's and the South Mowbray Deanery. I started in post in December, which was a busy month to start, and I enjoyed meeting so many people at all the services in the build up to Christmas. January and February have flown by as I have continued to meet many new people and settle into the role.

Since starting the job I have enjoyed seeing and becoming involved in all the already established work going on. It's exciting to see such dedicated and skilled volunteers giving their best so the gospel can be passed onto the next generation in this area. The Open the Book assemblies continue in four local primary schools and it's wonderful to see the teams who do this bringing the gospel to life in such an accessible way to more than five hundred children living in this area. The Sunday evening youth group is a special place to be, I have really enjoyed becoming involved in this group and have learnt so much from the volunteers and the young people who attend. The parent and toddler group Little Wonders continues to thrive, and it's a joy to see so many young children with their parents and carers coming every week for an hour and a half of fun and fellowship.

We are just in early planning for the next Messy Church in Sowerby which will be on Good Friday and for family activity sessions which will run during the school summer holidays. If you felt you would like to be part of any of the teams running any of these activities please contact me, as we are always looking for new volunteers, and it's honestly a lot of fun.

Since starting this role I have set up a weekly newsletter called CandY (Children and Young people) news. This is a weekly newsletter which I send out during term time in which I aim to give information on all the activities that are being organized by churches in the South Mowbray deanery area for children, young people and their families. If you are planning any events which you would like advertised, please send me the details and I will put them on this newsletter. If you know of any parents or carers who would like to receive this newsletter, then please ask them to email me and I will add them to the mailing list.

I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming months. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything related to children and young people in our church community then please contact me and we can arrange to meet up.

Rachel Halkyard

Lent Course from David Bacon

In the introduction to the Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service we are invited to observe a Holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. Our Lent course, being held on Thursday nights at Orchid House in the upper room, is designed to help us focus on reading and meditating on God's word using meditative and mindfulness approaches. We arrive between 7:10 and 7.30 pm and meet for just over an hour. You would be most welcome.

Thirkleby

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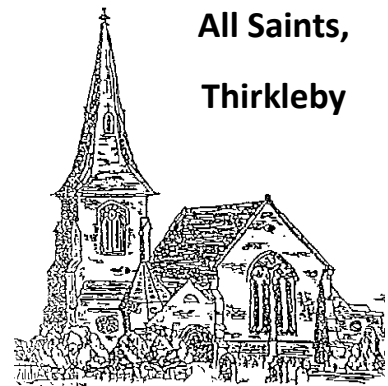
THIRKLEBY 200 CLUB

The winners for the January 2024 draw are shown below:

- 1st 132 – R Jewitt
- 2nd 134 – R Jewitt
- 3rd 77 – A Stoney

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

The APCM will be held at 7pm on 9th April 2024 in Thirkleby Parish Hall. Anyone on the Church Electoral Roll can attend this meeting so please do come along. If you are interested in joining All Saints PCC please let Doug Gillanders know. Copies of the annual report will be available at the back of church prior to the APCM.



All Saints,
Thirkleby



THIRKLEBY DOMINO DRIVE

The next Domino Drive will be held on Saturday 16th March at 7pm. If you could help out, please contact Doreen Hebdon on 01845 501335

Pop up Pub Quiz – Save the Date!

Pie and Pea supper

7pm Friday 5 April

Thirkleby village hall

Photo - Our Candlemas celebration

UPCOMING CHURCH SERVICES

There is a lot going on during March – here is a summary. All are welcome to join any service.

| Date | Service | | Where? |
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| Sunday 10 th March at 1030 | Mothering Sunday | A service for remembering our mothers – please bring a photo of your Mum for our display, which will be used as a focus for our prayers. | All Saints’ Thirkleby |
| Sunday 24 th March at 1030 | Palm Sunday | Joint service | St Mary’s Bagby |
| Friday 29 th March at 1400 | Good Friday – Hour at the Cross | Join us for a service of quiet reflection in the Frankland Chapel – bring a rug or blanket to keep yourself cosy! | All Saints’ Thirkleby – in the Frankland chapel |
| Sunday 31 st March at 0900 | Easter Day! | Don’t forget to put your clocks forward!! And note the service time of 0900. | All Saints’ Thirkleby |

THIRKLEBY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

This year's first meeting took place on Thursday 25th January in Thirkleby Parish Hall. It was well-attended by members and visitors who were tested on a number of subjects all having a connection with Yorkshire including people, places and literature. Teams of four competed with each other and the eventual winners were Marion Turner, Freda Yendall, Marney Rowley and Marjorie Brown. Congratulations are due to them for their Yorkshire knowledge! Thanks go to the quiz masters Michelle & Mike l’Anson and John and Andrea Potter.

The quiz was followed by refreshments including quiche, pizza and cake. All in all, a very enjoyable afternoon.

The speaker on 28th March is Glennis Whyte and her subject is Treasurer's House and the rise of the Green family. Visitors welcome at a fee of £3.00.

THIRKLEBY CHURCH FLOWERS

Ann Stoney provided the flowers for February. These will be the last ones as we enter Lent. We look forward to our treasured volunteers who will decorate the Church for the festival of Easter at the end of March.



The snowdrop is a symbol of hope and renewal, light in darkness, hope in the face of defeat and the resilience of the human spirit. This is part of the reason they are often seen in churchyards. Another practical reason is that they flower so early they don't interfere with the grass cutting, and rabbits do not tend to eat them!

Thirkleby PCC would like to encourage the planting of snowdrops (and daffodils, which the rabbits don't like either!) in close proximity to the gravestones and memorials in All Saints churchyard. There are strict regulations regarding what can and cannot be planted around individual graves, but spring bulbs are allowed, and once planted can make a meaningful display for many years to come.

As snowdrops are best moved 'in the green' now is the ideal time for planting them. Perhaps you already have a small clump in your garden which could be replanted by your loved one's memorial? If you would like to plant some in the churchyard but don't have a family grave there, please ask a PCC member who can advise where best to plant them.



Join us for the
Thirkleby
Easter
Cake and a Cuppa
26th March
2pm - 4.30pm
In the Parish Hall
All welcome!



*"Come,
let us drink tea,
eat cake,
and talk
about happy things"*

Craft stall, raffle.
Proceeds in aid of the Parish Hall

Your Parish Hall Needs You!

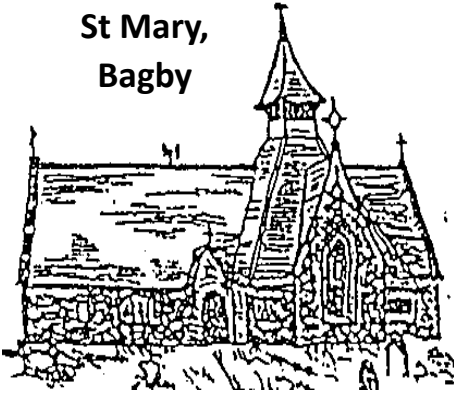


We need a new bookings coordinator for Parish Hall bookings for Thirkleby Parish Hall.

If you could spare a bit of time and have some basic IT skills, maybe you could help us? This is a key role for managing our much-loved resource and we'd really appreciate your help!

Please contact Sarah on thirklebyvillagehallbookings@gmail.com for more details or to arrange a phone call to discuss further.

St Mary,
Bagby



Bagby

Bagby & Balk Village Society 100 Club

100 club draw - February
£25 Kate Tudhope
£15 Carol Musgrove
£10 John Horsnail

Churchyard Path

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with restoration of the church path. We hope to arrange a date sometime in the Spring. We are still hoping for some more volunteers so please contact us if you are able to help. (Amanda Dowson (07709948375), Jeanne Whiting (07974713222)). Refreshments will be provided.

Easter Flowers

If anyone wishes to contribute to the church flowers at Easter, please contact Jeanne Whiting (07974713222)

Kilburn

Daffodils are just beginning to line the path to St Mary's and herald the start of Spring in readiness for the celebration of Easter at the end of the month. In the Church we shall start to welcome the floral arrangements provided by our much appreciated, but dwindling, group of Flower arrangers - if anyone would like to join the group do please let us know.



St Mary,
Kilburn

The next Five Parishes meeting is scheduled for Saturday 9th March in Kilburn Institute - details to come on the Revd David's return following his paternity leave.

St Cuthbert, Sessay



Sessay

Sunday 10 March 10.30 Morning Prayer with coffee afterwards.

Wednesday 13 March Lent Lunch at 12-1.30 in the Village Hall for delicious homemade soup and cheese and biscuits. We are raising funds for the Alzheimer's Society, so please come along and help us to support this very worthwhile charity.

Palm Sunday 24 March 10.30 Holy Communion with Rev Pauline Percy and coffee afterwards.

Good Friday 29 March 6pm Hour at the Cross, a reflective service with Rev Pauline.

Easter Sunday 31 March 10.30 Holy Communion with Rev Pauline and coffee afterwards.

Sessay WI

Wednesday 6 March. Meet at the Village Hall at 11.40 to arrange transport to The Carpenter's Arms at Felixkirk for lunch at midday.

Tuesday Club

Tuesday 12 March at 2pm in the Village Hall to hear Mrs Veronica Bird give a talk entitled "The Russian Job". H Smith, S Newby and P Barker will be on tea duty.

Sessay Bowls Club

Monday March 25 at 7.30 in the Village Hall for a pre season meeting.

Sessay Community Café

Saturday 30 March at 10-11.30 in the Village Hall for coffee, cake and a chat. Bring a friend or a neighbour or both!



St Cuthbert's Church

Sessay

Welcomes you to our Lent Lunch on Wednesday 13th
March in the Village Hall from 12-1.30



Come and join us for a simple meal of delicious
homemade soup, bread roll and cheese & biscuits.

Help us to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society

Sowerby

St Oswald, Sowerby



Easter Flowers at Saint Oswald's

We will be decorating the church on Good Friday afternoon after 3.30pm.

If you would like to help or give a donation in memory of a loved one, please contact Barbara 01845 523656 or at 4 The Close

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting will be directly after the 10:30am service on April 21st. This is a meeting open for all church members to attend and hopefully be encouraged by all that is going on. If you are on the electoral roll you can vote for new members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). We also vote for 2 churchwardens. There are vacancies on the PCC, so it would be good to get some new fresh members! (If you don't know what this entails, please speak to Rev David or one of the existing wardens). We will also be updating the electoral roll before the APCM – if you are not yet on it then please ask about it!

Sowerby Parochial Hall 100 Club February: the income from the 100 Club helps with the costs of running the Hall as an asset for church users and groups and for the parish. Subscribers for 2024 have so far bought 180 numbers in the Draw. This means that the monthly prize fund is £90.

1st prize £45 Sara and Malcolm Perkins

2nd prize £27 Margaret Sparrey

3rd prize £18 Christopher Snowden

Thank you for the tremendous support given to the 100 Club. The profit for Parochial Hall funds in 2024 exceeds £1,200. The next draw of 2024 will be on 14 March. If you haven't been a subscriber in the past and would like to give a little support to Hall funds you can join for the rest of the year for just £10! To join as a subscriber or to renew your subscription contact David Tucker

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Five Parishes Monthly Church Prayer Meetings

Prayer is at the heart of all that we do, so join us as we gather together
to pray, seek God and encourage one another

Meetings are in St. Oswald's on the third Wednesday of the month

20th March 7.30-8.30pm only on Zoom



✓ Get your broken item repaired
✓ Learn how things are made
✓ Meet and socialise over a cup of tea or coffee

WHAT: Clothes; Furniture; Small Appliances; Toys; Computers; Phones etc.

WHERE: Thirsk Library, Meadowfields, Chapel St. YO7 1TH

**WHEN: Saturday 6th April
10am-1pm**



Be greener by avoiding creating waste and also save money by letting a team of dedicated and talented volunteers try to repair your broken or "worn-out" items; cost is a voluntary donation. For further details or if you would like to volunteer, please contact: thirskrepaircafe@gmail.com

www.repaircafe.org

Our Church Services

| Date | St Oswald's Sowerby | St Cuthbert's Sessay | St Mary's Bagby | All Saints Thirkleby | St Mary's Kilburn |
|--|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 rd March Lent 3 | 8:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Morning Worship* | | 10:30am Holy Communion | | |
| 10 th March Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday) | 8:30am Holy Communion 9:45 Breakfast for All 10:30am Worship for All* | 10:30am Morning Prayer | | 10:30am Holy Communion | |
| 17 th March Lent 5 | 8:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Holy Communion * | | | | 10:30am Holy Communion |
| 24 th March Palm Sunday | 8:30am Early Worship 10:30am Family Holy Communion * | 10:30am Holy Communion | 10:30am Holy Communion | | |
| 28 th March Maundy Thursday | Agape Meal at Sowerby Parochial Hall | | | | |
| 29 th March Good Friday | 10:30am Messy Church 2:00pm Hour at the Cross | 6:00pm Hour at the Cross | | 2:00pm Hour at the Cross | |
| 31 st March Easter Sunday | 10:30am Easter Celebration with Holy Communion* | 10:30am Holy Communion | 9:00am Holy Communion | 9:00am Holy Communion | 10:30am Holy Communion |
| 7 th April Easter 2 | 8:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Morning Worship* | | 10:30am Holy Communion | | |

Every Wednesday – 9.30am Holy Communion in St. Oswald's

*St. Oswald's Zoom link is now always: <https://zoom.us/j/2607227907>

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