

## Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby

*Today's Readings: Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33*

Sunday 17th	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion* Godly Play (Annexe) **
Monday 18th	10:00am	Little Wonders Baby and Toddler Group (Hall) **
Tuesday 19th	2:00pm	Movie Tuesday (Methodist Church)
Wednesday 20th	9:30am 7:30pm	Holy Communion Benefice Prayer Meeting (zoom) *
Thursday 21st	7:15pm	Lent Course (Orchid House)
Friday 22nd	12:00 noon	Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall)
Sunday 24th	8:30am 10:30am 7:30pm	Early Worship Family Communion Mowbray Singers Concert – Stainer's Crucifixion

**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:**

**Agape Meal** - we will be sharing a meal on 28<sup>th</sup> March, Maundy Thursday, in the Parochial Hall at 6:30pm followed by an act of worship in the church.

**Movie Tuesday:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Sowerby Methodist Church with refreshments at 1:30pm and the film starting at 2pm. This month's film is *The Pursuit of Happyness*, Will Smith (and his son) star in this moving tale inspired by the true story of Chris Gardner, a San Francisco salesman who is struggling to make ends meet while raising his son on his own. With self confidence and the love and trust of his son, Chris Gardner rises above his obstacles to become a Wall Street Legend. Free – all welcome.

**Messy Church** – All are welcome to come and enjoy some crafts on Good Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. Activities will run in the church from 10:30am-12:00pm and you are welcome to join us afterwards for soup lunch in the Parochial Hall.

**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.

**Mowbray Singers Concert** – The Mowbray Singers present a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion on Palm Sunday, 24 March at 7.30pm in St Oswald's Church. Admission costs £8, with under 16s free. Profits will be donated to the Church Army which is the charity nominated by the Church.

**Deanery Consultation dates** – Please note the following opportunities for all of us to engage with the Deanery consultation process:

**26th March 7pm in church** - a consultation with members of the Deanery Leadership Team following up on what we shared with Deanery Synod last week. It's an informal continuation of the conversation we started at synod and a chance to bring questions and comments that people have been reflecting on.

**11th April 7pm in church** – Archdeacon's working party, who will report to the Mission and Pastoral Committee. This meeting is a bit more formal and looks towards submission to the diocese.



**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.

**Riding Lights Theatre** - The Narrow Road, **by Paul Birch:** *Powerful Theatre on the journey to Easter.* Riding Lights Theatre Company are pleased to announce a revival of their acclaimed passion play *The Narrow Road* by Paul Birch, for the season of Lent and Holy Week 2024. Wednesday 27th March, 7.30pm. Galtres Centre, Easingwold, YO61 3AD. Email [rmapletoft@outlook.com](mailto:rmapletoft@outlook.com) or call 01347811854

**Electoral Roll** - Before the Annual Meeting we need to update the Electoral Roll. Anyone on the Electoral Roll can vote for new members of the PCC (if there are enough names to go to a vote). If you are not currently on the Electoral Roll please can you ask a churchwarden for a form and return it to Helen Birkbeck by 25<sup>th</sup> March. (All church members are encouraged to go on the electoral roll). The updates must be completed by 1 April latest in readiness for the annual meeting.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** - The Annual Church Meeting will be directly after the 10:30am service on April 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**Old Photographs** - Old Photographs. We would be very interested to see any old photos you may have from the last 20 or more years of any events on the Hall field. Particularly, we would like any visual evidence of parking on the old hardstanding beyond the present Annexe! If you have anything, please talk to David Tucker.

**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.*



## Collect for Lent 5

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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