



Sunday 24th March
2024
Palm Sunday

Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby
Today's Readings: Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

Sunday 24th	8:30am 10:30am 7:30pm	Early Worship Family Communion Mowbray Singers Concert – Stainer's Crucifixion
Monday 25th	7:30pm	St Oswald's PCC meeting
Tuesday 26th	7:00pm	Deanery Consultation Meeting
Wednesday 27th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 28th	2:00pm 6:30pm	Mother's Union (Merriam Room) Agape Meal (Hall)
Friday 29th	10:30am 12:00 noon 2:00pm 3:30pm	Messy Church Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall) Hour at the Cross Easter Flowers
Sunday 31st	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Easter Celebration with 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>

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NOTICES:

Collection – All loose offerings from the collection today, including digital offerings on the card machine, will be donated to the Church Army.

Agape Meal - We will be sharing a meal on 28th March, Maundy Thursday, in the Parochial Hall at 6:30pm followed by an act of worship in the church. Please sign up on the sheets at the back if you are planning to come and/or if you are able to help with the meal.

Messy Church – All are welcome to come and enjoy some crafts on Good Friday, 28th 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.

Mowbray Singers Concert – The Mowbray Singers present a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion tonight, 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. *We would appreciate offers of help to organise and serve refreshments at this meeting as visitors will be coming from around the Deanery.* To give Archdeacon Amanda an idea of numbers, it would be helpful if people could indicate whether they are intending to come by emailing her PA, Jacqui Gunter (Jacqui.Gunter@yorkdiocese.org) by **Thursday 28 March**.



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.

Easter at Kilburn – The 10:30am communion in Kilburn on Easter Sunday has unfortunately had to be cancelled, however there will be an Easter-eve communion service in Kilburn at 8:00pm. All are welcome to attend any of the services in the churches across the plurality.

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 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 25th 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 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.

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.*



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True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

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