

Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby
Today's Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

Sunday 3rd	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship*
Monday 4th	10:00am	Little Wonders - baby and toddler group (Hall)**
Wednesday 6th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 7th	7:15pm	Lent Course (Orchid House)
Friday 8th	12:00 noon 2:00pm	Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall) Bell Ringing – Ladies' Guild
Saturday 9th	9:30am	Joint Benefice PCC meeting (Kilburn Village Institute)
Sunday 10th - Mothering Sunday	8:30am 9:45am 10:30am	Holy Communion Breakfast for All Worship for All*

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.

March Services – As Mothering Sunday falls on 10th March, this will be a Worship for All Service at 10:30am, with Breakfast for All at 9:45am. Sunday 17th March will be a Holy Communion service at 10:30am. The children's groups will be adjusted accordingly.

Please note: The church will remain closed and locked for the time being unless in use. This is because of recent nuisance, intrusion, and activity. Please report any suspicious activity or persons to one of the wardens. A new CCTV system is being installed as an additional security measure.

Church Flowers – The rota for flowers for the year is up at the back of the church. Please consider whether you can sign up. If you are interested but feel you lack the skills, perhaps come along on Good Friday to work on the Easter Flowers? (see below)

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

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.



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.*

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.

Hilda's Heirs - Celebrate International Women's Day and follow in the footsteps of women of faith at the annual festival of Hilda's Heirs, held in partnership between the Diocese of York, York Minster and the Yorkshire North and East Methodist District. The festival, which will take place inside York Minster on Saturday 9 March, is free to attend and includes acts of worship, a market place and specially designed trails exploring the legacy of women in York. Women in positions of leadership from across different sectors and settings will host a market place, offering conversation and activities to visitors. Rachael Maskell, MP for York Central, will be in attendance. All are welcome to join the festival. Free tickets must be booked in advance by following the link at <https://yorkminster.org/whats-on/event/hildas-heirs/>



Collect for Lent 3

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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