

ST OSWALD'S SOWERBY



Sunday 15th December 2024

Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby

Readings: The First Christmas (10:30am) or Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

Sunday 15th	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Family Carols*
Monday 16th	10:00am	Little Wonders baby and toddler group**
Tuesday 17th	9:30am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Prayer meeting Movie Tuesday (Sowerby Methodist Church) Bell Ringing
Wednesday 18th	9:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Advent Group
Thursday 19th	7:30pm	Advent House Group (Orchid House)
Friday 20th	10:00am 12:00pm	Christmas Flowers in church Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall)
Saturday 21st	6:00pm	Community Carol Service
Sunday 22nd	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.

*Please get in touch if you would like to access this service online on Zoom. **For more details about our Youth activities please contact rev.david@stoswaldsowerby.org.uk

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NOTICES

Christmas collections -

All money collected at our Christmas services this year will be shared with these three local, national and international charities:



You can find out more about the charities here:

www.sands.org.uk www.cdlf.uk www.shelterbox.org

Church Christmas Card – if you would like to send a message of Christmas greeting to the whole congregation in one go, why not add a message to the church Christmas card which was made at the Christingle Service? Add your message to the card and a donation which will be given to the Church Army.

Jigsaw Boxes - As a church we will be supporting Jigsaw's Resources for Life Campaign. At the back of the church is a box ready to take donations of hygiene and health resources, craft and education materials, and good quality sewing materials. These resources will help bring healing, health development and empowerment to children and adults living at risk and in poverty in the Philippines. The resources needed are listed and displayed with the box, and are also attached to the notices email.

Carols - As well as the Family Carol Service this morning, there will be a Community Carol Service on 21st December at 6:00pm: carols and readings retelling the story of Christmas, as we look towards Christmas day. With Christmas refreshments afterwards. **If you would like to join the choir for**



this service (and all are very welcome!), there will be a rehearsal on Friday 13th in church at 7:00pm.

The parish council Carols Around the Tree will be on Tuesday 17th December at 7:00pm. So there's plenty of opportunity to add some real life singing to our advent focus on carols this year!

Christmas Flowers in Church - We will be decorating the church for the Christmas Celebration Services on Friday the 20th December, after 10am. If you would like to help or give a donation in memory of a loved one, please contact Barbara on 01845 523656 07952580229 or 4 The Close

Movie Tuesday – will take place at Sowerby Methodist Church on Tuesday 17th. This month's film will be the Christmas favourite "Miracle on 34th Street". Refreshments will be from 1,30pm and the film will begin at 2pm. All the donations on 17th will go to Crisis at Christmas.

Brass Cleaning – Please would you consider giving one hour twice a year to clean the church brasses. We usually work in pairs but if you offer as an individual I will work with you. We need about three more people as some have had to give up this job. Please speak to me after church or ring me on 07718 200504. Your help would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Cecily Rands.

Teas and Coffees rota – we need volunteers to help with coffee after the 10:30am services. If you can go on the rota once a month or be a reserve, please contact Margaret Turner or Liz Harrison.

Advent Groups - This week will be the last advent group before Christmas: on Wednesday morning, 10:30am at St Oswald's, or Thursday Evening, 7:30pm Orchid House. We have been using the book "Sing in Exultation": a Christmas devotional exploring our favourite carols. Copies of the book are available at the back of the church. Please take one. A £2 donation towards the cost of the book is appreciated if you are able. *After this week, house groups will be taking a break for a few weeks and will restart in the new year – keep an eye out for dates.*

Soup lunch rota – soup lunches continue to run throughout December – please sign up on the rota at the back of church if you are able to help.



Food bank – please continue to bring in donations for the foodbank to leave in the box at the back of church.

Collect – Third Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Build Community.
Serve Sowerby.

