

ST OSWALD'S SOWERBY



Sunday 22nd December 2024

Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby
Readings: Titus 3:3-8, Luke 1:39-45

Sunday 22nd	8:30am 10:30am	Early Worship Family Holy Communion *
Tuesday 24th	9:30am 4:00pm 11:30pm	Prayer meeting Crib Service Midnight Communion
Wednesday 25th	10:30am	Christmas Day Service
Friday 27th	12:00pm	Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall)
Sunday 29th	10:30am	Joint Benefice Service at St Oswald's

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

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



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NOTICES

Children's activities – As it is the school holidays and our children and youth team are taking a break, activities are available at the back of the church to use during the service.

*****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.

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 and Christmas Appeal - 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.

Jigsaw are also running a Christmas appeal in order to build a new children's centre building and to empower the ongoing life giving work of Jigsaw:

- *Jigsaw has shared God's love in Angeles City for more than 15 years. It's a community on the edge of the city with children and families living in extreme poverty. The city is built around one of the world's largest sex industries, making children and families extremely vulnerable to harm and abuse. Over the years Jigsaw has worked in open spaces and rented buildings. It has been our dream to have a building of our own so that we can develop a permanent centre in order to respond to and support the needs of the community. Two months ago a piece of land became available right in the centre of the squatter area and Jigsaw staff began to pray for the miracle of having the funds to buy it. We praise God as a large gift was given to Jigsaw and we were able to buy the land and now we are praying for the funds to build a building to be a children's and family centre on the land.*



- *Our initial goal is to build a small concrete building to put in toilets, a wash room and a small kitchen so we can start our nutrition program. Goal £1000*
- *Our next goal is to add on a larger simple building that can be used for a literacy school, ladies sewing ministry, kids clubs and seminars. Goal £8000.*

Gifts can be deposited to our bank account or transferred online to:

Jigsaw Kids Ministries

Lloyds Bank

Account number: 03952804

Sort Code: 30-94-43

Cheques can be sent to

Jigsaw UK Office:

Stone check, Main Street Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7QZ

100 Club - Sowerby Parochial Hall 100 Club: 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 bought 180 numbers in the Draw. This means that the monthly prize fund is £90.

- 1st prize £45 Frank Moane
- 2nd prize £27 Jane Burnley
- 3rd prize £18 Mr SJ and Mrs E Coleman

This is the final draw of the 100 Club. Thank you for the tremendous support given to the 100 Club. The profit for Parochial Hall funds in 2024 exceeds £1,200.

When the 100 Club was started it was needed to raise that extra income. The good news is that the Hall finances are on a sound footing and we can wind up the 100 Club. Above all a massive thank you to everyone who has subscribed over the years. We hope you have found it a bit of fun, even if you didn't win one of the monthly prizes!

We would like to thank David Tucker for running the 100 club so efficiently for us.

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.

House Groups – 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 and January – 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 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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