

# ST OSWALD'S SOWERBY



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
2025

Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby  
*Readings: Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40*

Sunday 26th	8:30am 10:30am	Early Worship Family Communion*
Monday 27th	10:00am	Little Wonders baby and toddler group (Hall)
Tuesday 28th	9:30am 7:30pm	Prayer meeting Bell Ringing
Wednesday 29th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 30th	7:30pm	House Group (Orchid House)
Friday 31st	10:30am 12:00pm	Singing for Joy! (Orchid House) Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall)
Sunday 2nd	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Morning Praise*

**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 are available on Zoom using the link: <https://zoom.us/j/2607227907>

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## **NOTICES**

**Parish Passes** – Parish Passes are kindly sent by the Diocesan office on behalf of the Minster in December of each year. These are issued to the PCC secretary or Church warden to allow members of the Christian community across the Diocese to visit their Mother church free of charge. If you would like to borrow a parish pass please speak to one of the wardens or email [admin@stoswaldsowerby.org.uk](mailto:admin@stoswaldsowerby.org.uk)

**\*\*\* Tea and coffee rota \*\*\*** - thanks to those who are already on the rota, however we are still in need of a couple more volunteers to fill the last spaces. Please speak to Liz Harrison if you are able to help.

**Pastoral Volunteers** – Caring for those in our community is an important part of what we do. We are seeing an increasing need for pastoral home visiting for those unable to come to church at the moment. If this is something you feel you would be able to offer, or something that you already do but could formalise as part of our team, please speak to Rev David Biggs or Cecily Rands.

**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.

**House Group** – House group takes place on Thursdays at 7:30pm at Orchid House. Please speak to David Brooke or David or Lorraine Bacon for further details.



## **Eyewitness stories from Palestine.**

### **What is daily life under military occupation really like?**

**2.30pm Sunday 2 March 2025 in St Oswald's Church, Sowerby**

*Come and hear first-hand from Neil Irving, recently returned from three months as a human right monitor in the West Bank.*

Neil served with the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI). The programme was established following an appeal from church leaders in the Holy Land to create an international presence in the country, accompanying local people and communities, offering protective presence and witnessing their daily struggles and hopes.

Neil was based in the Jordan Valley and visited many families and communities over the three months. During this time he witnessed, heard about and reported many violations of human rights and international humanitarian law. He also wrote two blogs whilst there:

- <https://www.eyewitnessblogs.com/i-am-frightened-and-have-to-treat-the-flags-like-i-treat-my-own-children/>
- <https://www.eyewitnessblogs.com/education-under-attack/>



**Collect – Third Sunday of Epiphany**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

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**Love God.**  
**Build Community.**  
**Serve Sowerby.**

