

ST OSWALD'S SOWERBY



Sunday 23rd March
2025

Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby

Readings: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

Sunday 23rd	8:30am 10:30am	Early Worship Family Holy Communion *
Monday 24th	10:00am 7:30pm	Little Wonders baby and toddler group (Hall) Intercessors' Meeting
Tuesday 25th	9:30am 11:00am 7:30pm	Prayer Meeting Funeral of Brenda Lofthouse Bell Ringing
Wednesday 26th	9:30am 7:30pm	Holy Communion Lent Group
Thursday 27th	10:00am	Lent Group
Friday 28th	10:30am 12:00pm	Singing for Joy! (Orchid House) Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall)
Sunday 30th	10:30am	Mothering Sunday – Café Church @ the Parochial Hall

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

Electoral Roll – DEADLINE APPROACHING! - Please remember to complete both the [Electoral Roll form](#) and the [GDPR form](#) (paper copies available in church or click on the words in blue if reading this sheet online!). We need all forms to be completed by **Sunday 30th March** please.

Good Friday Walk of Witness – this is planned for 10am on Good Friday (18th April) and we need two volunteers from St Oswald's to do a reading at this. Please speak to Rev David if you are able to do this.

Good Friday Messy Church - There will be a Messy Church on Good Friday 16th April in Sowerby Parochial Hall from 10-12noon, refreshments will be served on arrival. All families are welcome to come along for Easter crafts and activities. If you would like to help on the day please speak to Pauline.

Lent Course: What does it mean to be chosen?

Following "The Chosen" film series, we will journey to uncover the profound meaning of knowing that we are chosen by God. Continues on Wednesdays 7:30-9:30pm or Thursdays 10am-12noon.

Agape Meal – this will take place on Maundy Thursday, 17th April, in the Parochial Hall. If you are able to help with setting up tables, food preparation and serving, or clearing up please speak to Rev. David.

Intercessors Meeting - Monday March 24th 2025 - St Oswald's Church at 7.30pm

This is an open invitation to the five parishes for church members to attend an Intercessors Meeting. Current Intercessors are welcome for prayer, sharing resources and experience and fellowship. Also welcome are people interested in contributing to our services by leading intercessions on behalf of the congregation, who would like to ask more about it, what it entails. Revd David will be leading the Meeting.

At our last meeting we discussed having an online repository for Intercessor's prayers which could then be adapted and used in other churches who do not have capacity to provide prayers themselves. Unfortunately, this did not materialise due to time limitations. We did not want to set something up without having time to do it effectively. However, we are now hoping to



resurrect this idea if people still think it would be useful. Intercessors at St Oswald's have agreed to share prayers and would not mind them being adapted for individual congregations. We would value your opinions at the meeting.

I would like to thank current intercessors for their time and contributions. They are valued by the clergy and congregation.

Men's Group - Snooker / 27th March (6 - 8pm). Some of you may already be aware that there is a snooker club in Topcliffe for local members in the Old Tollbooth, opposite the Angel. I've arranged for us to have access on Thursday 27th for the evening from 6.00 - 8.00pm. All you need is a pocket full of 50p's for the lights and a £1 each as guests.

There are 2 tables, available (no bar, no w/c - so be prepared) and for those who wish we can go for a drink afterwards.

Please drop me a text/call on 07918 674314 if you're interested in joining us, playing is not a pre-requisite, it's about getting out together and having some fun! Andrew

Churchwarden: Could you be a Churchwarden or Deputy Warden? With Simon stepping down at the APCM this year we need to appoint new members to the wardens team. Do you love Jesus? Do you love the Church? Could you give one Sunday a month and a few hours in the week to serve the church? A Deputy Warden role might be a great fit for you. If you can give more, then a Warden role might be a better fit. We need a team of wardens with a broad skill set. Please talk to Revd David, Simon or Pauline for more information.

Soup Lunch - we are looking for new volunteers to help with soup lunches on a Friday. Please speak to Pauline Alderson if you would like to help with this.

Mothering Sunday Service – calling all Dads/men! We are planning for the Mothering Sunday service on 30th March to be a café church-style service in the Parochial Hall. If you are able to help with setting up tables and chairs and clearing them away at the end please contact Rachel Halkyard.

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.

Food Bank - a reminder that there is a box at the back of the church to collect items for the food bank. 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.

Collect – Third Sunday of Lent
 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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