

ST OSWALD'S SOWERBY



**Sunday 13th and 20th
April 2025**

Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby

Readings 13th April: Psalm 118:1-2,19-end, Luke 19:28-40

*Readings 20th April: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18 or
Luke 24:1-12*

Sunday 13th Palm Sunday	8:30am 10:30am	Early Worship Holy Communion*
Tuesday 15th April	9:30am 2:00pm	Prayer Meeting Movie Tuesday (Sowerby Methodist Church)
Wednesday 16th	9:30am 7:30pm	Holy Communion Lent Group
Thursday 17th	10:00am 5:30pm	Lent Group Agape Meal at Parochial Hall
Friday 18th	10:00am 12:00pm 2:00pm 3:30pm	Messy Church (Hall) Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall) Hour at the Cross Easter Flowers
Sunday 20th Easter Sunday	10:30am	Easter Celebration with Holy Communion*
Tuesday 22nd	9:30am 7:30am	Prayer Meeting Bell Ringing
Wednesday 23rd	9:30am	Holy Communion
Friday 25th	10:30am 12:00pm	Singing for Joy! (Orchid House) Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall)
Saturday 26th	9:30am 11:00am or 2:00pm	Churchyard working party (see notice) Coffee/tea fundraiser (see notice)
Sunday 27th	8:30am 10:30am	Early Worship Holy Communion*

Children's Sunday morning groups are on a break for the Easter Holidays, however there will be toys and activities for children to use during the service at the back of the church. Please ask if you need anything.

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

**For more details about our Children and Youth activities please contact rachel@stoswaldsowerby.org.uk

NOTICES

Easter Flowers - We plan to decorate the church on Good Friday, 18th April, after 3.30pm. If you would like to help or give a donation in memory of a loved one, we would be pleased to hear from you.

The weekly flower rota is on the notice board at the back of the church, it has lots of spaces, please do add your name on any of the blank dates if you can help, this will enable us to have flowers in church every week.

You don't need to do a large arrangement, a vase of flowers would be great and we do have a flower fund so it doesn't have to have any costs to you. Please contact Barbara 01845 523656 or 4 The Close

Afghan Darbar Pop-up Cuisine – a wonderful opportunity to sample Afghan cuisine – places are booking up fast! “Join us for an unforgettable evening on April 19th at Northallerton Town Hall! Come and savour the rich, authentic flavours of Afghan cuisine in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. We're excited to host you for a night filled with delicious, flavourful dishes that will take your taste buds on a journey. The dinner will begin at 7:00 PM and end at 9:30 PM. Don't miss out – book your spot now as spaces are limited! We look forward to welcoming you, our dear guests, for an exceptional dining experience.” Email afghandarbarpopup@gmail.com to book.

Good Friday Walk of Witness – this is planned for 10am on Good Friday (18th April) and will start at St Mary's Church in Thirsk.

Good Friday Messy Church - There will be a Messy Church on Good Friday 18th 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.

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.



Churchyard Working Parties - On April 26th we will be sawing and cutting back lots of branches in preparation for their being chipped on the following Saturday 3rd May. If you can join us (in the morning only) please do and bring saws, loppers etc. Not safe for small children however!

You are invited to... Coffee/Tea and cake plus a raffle and plant stall on Saturday 26th April at Rev Sandra and John Howells' house. Proceeds from this will be shared between St Oswald's Church and Holy Rood House. Pop in any time between 11am-1pm, or 2pm-4pm at 4 Dale View, Gravel Hole Lane, YO7 1NN. Email sandjunebess@gmail.com or ring 01845 400450 for more details.

Movie Tuesday - Tuesday 15th April 2025 at Sowerby Methodist Church. Refreshments from 1.30pm, film starts at 2.00pm. This month's film, **Brief Encounter**, written by Noel Coward, directed by David Lean and first released in 1945, is one of the true masterpieces of British Film History, and was recently voted the greatest romantic film of all time. The story seems slight – a respectable housewife has a chance meeting with a handsome married doctor, their friendship becomes romance, but they feel the pressures of convention pulling their relationship apart. However, the superb writing, acting and direction turn what might have been just another melodrama into a heartbreaking story of impossible love. Have the tissues ready!

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.

APCM – date for the diary! – The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 4th May after the service. After the APCM we will be holding a bring-and-share lunch together at the back of the church – more details to follow.

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.



Collect – Palm Sunday

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Collect – Easter Sunday

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Serve Sowerby.

