

### Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby

*Readings: Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8*

Sunday 6th	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Morning Praise *
Tuesday 8th April	9:30am 9:30am 11:30am	Pilates Prayer Meeting (Merriam Room) Funeral of Rev. Frank Blanchard
Wednesday 9th	9:30am 7:30pm	Holy Communion Lent Group
Thursday 10th	10:00am	Lent Group
Friday 11th	12:00pm 7:00pm	Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall) Choir Practice
Saturday 12th	7:30pm	Concert – St Luke Passion performed by the Mowbray Singers and Strings Attached
Sunday 13th Palm Sunday	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](mailto:rachel@stoswaldsowerby.org.uk)

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## NOTICES

**Funeral of Revd Frank Blanchard** - We will be celebrating the life of Revd Frank Blanchard on 8<sup>th</sup> April at 11:30am. Frank was a core part of the life of St Oswald's for many years. Please do join us on the 8<sup>th</sup> if you are able as we celebrate his life and hand him into God's care.

**Choral Evensong** - there will be a choral evensong at St. Columba Topcliffe at 6.30. Pre supper nibbles and drinks will be available after the service.

**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](mailto:afghandarbarpopup@gmail.com) to book.

**Choir Practice** - We are hoping that we can make a good showing for the Good Friday service which Sandra is taking (2pm) and the Family Communion on Easter Day (10.30am) and, in preparation for that, could we please have a choir practice on **Friday 11 April at 7.00. All are welcome to join us.**



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

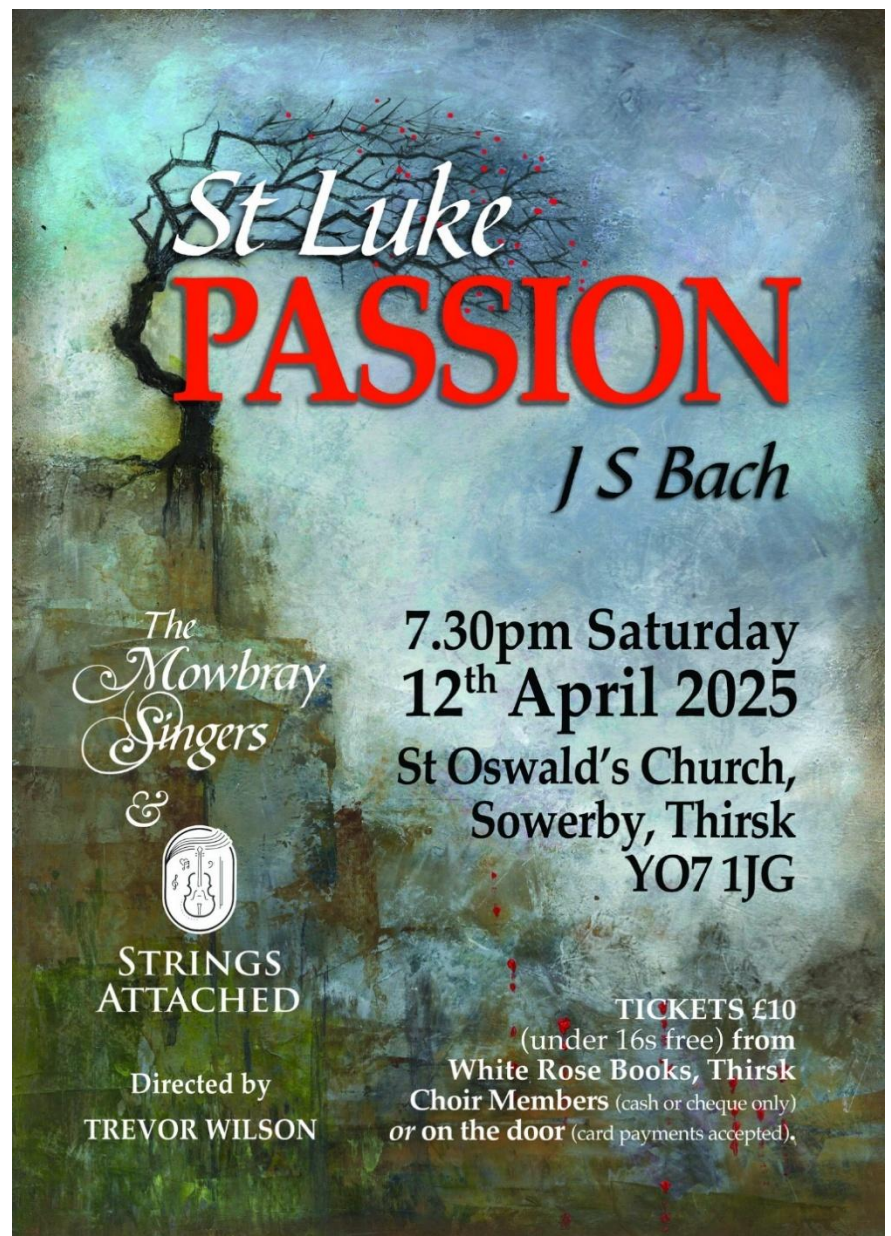
**Good Friday Messy Church** - There will be a Messy Church on Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April in Sowerby Parochial Hall from 10-12noon, refreshments will be served on arrival. All families are welcome to come along for Easter crafts and activities. If you would like to help on the day please speak 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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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



*St Luke*  
**PASSION**  
*J S Bach*

*The Mowbray Singers*  
&  
  
**STRINGS ATTACHED**

Directed by  
**TREVOR WILSON**

**7.30pm Saturday  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**St Oswald’s Church,  
Sowerby, Thirsk  
YO7 1JG**

**TICKETS £10**  
(under 16s free) from  
**White Rose Books, Thirsk**  
**Choir Members** (cash or cheque only)  
**or on the door** (card payments accepted).



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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

