ST OSWALD'S SOWERBY

Sunday 15th
November 2026

Welcome to St Oswald's Church, Sowerby

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11, Matthew 25.14–30

Sunday 15th	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Worship for All*
Monday 16th	10:00am	Little Wonders
Tuesday 17th	9:30am	Prayer Meeting in the Annex
Wednesday 18th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 19th	10:00am 7:30pm	House Group (30 Cocked Hat Park) House Group (Orchid House) House Group (Long Street)
Friday 20th	12:00pm	Warm Welcome Lunch (Hall)
Saturday 21st	10:30am 7:30pm	Coffee, Cakes & Crafts (Parochial Hall) Mowbray Singers Concert
Sunday 22nd	8:30am 10:30am 6:30pm	Early Worship Family Communion* Youth Group (Parochial Hall)

*Zoom is always available for these services, but on request. You can request up to 9.30am on a Sunday morning by calling 07710 747 841: https://zoom.us/j/2607227907
**For more details about our Children and Youth activities please contact admin@stoswaldsowerby.org.uk

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NOTICES

This Sunday is the Worship for All: Children's groups - this week the 15th November is the third Sunday, and we are all together in Church.

Bible Study Groups: House groups meet on a Thursday night (7.30-9pm) at Orchid House and 135 Long Street, Thirsk YO7 1BB. Daytime House Group: Every Thursday at 10am at 30 Cocked Hat Park. Please see Simon or Helen for more information.

Youth Group: Young people in school years 7-13 are invited to join us for our term-time youth group held every Sunday at 6:30pm. We meet in the Parochial Hall for a time of games, bible study and of course snacks! For more information or any questions, please contact Robyn.

Safeguarding Sunday: This Sunday, our Worship for All service will also mark Safeguarding Sunday. We'll explore what it means to be part of a loving and safe church. Some of the topics may feel upsetting or difficult, please be assured that support will be available should anyone need it. You may wish to talk them through and explain more with children afterwards.

Movie Tuesday: Date: Tuesday 17th November
Venue: Sowerby Methodist Church
Time: Refreshments from 1.30pm - Film starts at 2pm
Film: Mrs Caldecot's Cabbage War. This is a comedy starring Pauline Collins and John Alderton and was described as being 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' for OAPs! After the death of her bullying husband, down-trodden Thelma Caldicot is taken to the Twilight Years Rest Home by her money-grabbing son and daughter-in-law. Appalled by the conditions Mrs Caldicot takes matters into her own hands...
All welcome Free.

Advent books: Advent Book and Groups - Advent Book 2026 - The Indescribable Gift - 25 daily reflections on the wonder of Jesus' coming, plus a verse to learn each day. By Christmas we'll know Luke 2:1—20 and Isaiah 9:6—7 by heart! A great way to cut through the busyness and stir up our hearts for Christmas. Why not read it alongside one of our advent groups - Starting Tuesday 1st December 10am and Thursday 3rd December 7:30pm in Church.
Copies of the book are available from the back of Church/Office for £2.

Remembrance Fowers: A big thank you for the wonderful volunteers who arranged the beautiful flowers in Church for Remembrance Sunday.

Coffee, cakes & Crafts: **This year's Coffee, Cake and Craft event is on Saturday 21st November 2026.** We are putting together a Christmas hamper as one of the prizes for the raffle, if you would like to contribute an item to this, please see the suggestions below, please let me know if you do intend to bring something so I can potentially avoid receiving 6 Christmas puddings. If you would like to bring something different from the list that is fine, just let me know.
A reminder too that we are also asking for cakes to serve with the coffee or to sell separately on a cake stall, bottles that can be used on the tombola, any unwanted jewellery for the jewellery stall, small raffle prizes, books jigsaws and anything for our white elephant stall. All these items can be brought to the hall on the day of the event, or if you need anything collecting, please don't hesitate to contact me .
Suggested Hamper donations: Small Christmas cake, Christmas crackers, Christmas pudding, Mince pies, Stollen, Box of biscuits, Savoury crackers, Crisps/ Pringles Fancy cakes, Chocolate, Pickles, Serviettes, Drinks and anything else you think is suitable. Many thanks, Pauline.

Thank you from Jigsaw: Please pass on our huge thanks to the PCC and everyone at the church for their generous increase in support for us with CMS. We are so very grateful for your continued love, prayers and faithful partnership with us and Jigsaw. It really does mean so much and is a great encouragement. Praise God, we have also had some very encouraging responses from other churches, which has been a real blessing as we look towards the next 5 years of God's work with Jigsaw. - Tim Lee.

Messy Christingle: Join us on Sunday 29th November at 3pm for our Messy Christingle followed by a service at 4pm. A celebration for the whole family looking at how Jesus is the light of the world.

Christmas Cards: Please let us know if you would like to help with the delivery of our Christmas cards. Please speak to Pauline or Ann.

Christmas: As Christmas draws near, let's begin thinking about the people we can be praying for and inviting to join us at our Christmas services.

Church Library: We are looking for a few volunteers to help tidy and organise the church library. This will involve sorting through the books, organising them, and helping decide what should be kept or removed. If you enjoy books and would like to help, please see Ann or Pauline.

Collect — The Third Sunday before Advent

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

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Serve Sowerby.