

Growing Faith, Fellowship and Community for Everyone!

Newsletter

Sunday 19th October, 2025

“The Unjust Judge”

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Swillington -

At St Mary's Church, Swillington.

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A Reflection on the Gospel this week. (Rev. Jo)

“The Unjust Judge” Luke 18 v 1-8



Look at this picture: Whilst it is a picture of our gospel reading today, it has similarity to a queue I was in in a well known large supermarket in Seacroft. I (and someone who shall remain nameless) had 3 trolley loads of beer, snacks and harvest goods, ready for our “Beer and Hymns” evening at Allerton Bywater. Standing there in my black dress with a dog collar, (feeling slightly self-conscious about the amount of alcohol I was putting on the

conveyor belt), I looked around at the queue behind me... I knew what they were thinking ... “Oh no, I had to get behind her,... she’s got so much,... it’s going to take hours!” The checkout assistant sitting in front of me, head in hands asking... “Have you got any bags?” (No) “How many of this beer?” “How many bags of crisps?!” The checkout assistant behind her looking over - a “Rather, you than me” look in her eyes. After about 15 minutes we finally managed to repack the three trolleys and hearing the sighs of relief from all those behind me in the queue I opened my Apple Pay App on my phone to pay, and yes you guessed it. “You can’t pay with that - we have a limit on how much goes through in one transaction. You’ve exceeded that limit. We’re going to have to start again and put it through in 2 transactions.”

Imagine how you would feel if a) you were me, b) if you were behind me in the queue, c) if you were the checkout assistant (who was due to go on her break). The looks on all our faces resembled the ones in the picture above.

But do you know - the checkout assistant was so so kind. Through my (and my friend’s) many “Sorry’s” and crippling embarrassment she showed patience and yes, care and love as she called security. (I had already written the News Headline “Vicar escorted from premises because she could not pay for 3 trolley loads of Alcohol!!) She was not interested in the complaining of the queue behind. She focussed on me and my pleading eyes! Quickly she arranged a closed till to be opened and let us start again with out the fury of those looking on. This woman did not know me but, even though she was tired, frustrated and probably angry, she showed compassion. “And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night?” (V7) My experience, “Yes, every time!” - Maybe not how we first thought he would - but trust Him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next 3 weeks services in detail.

Sundays.

- 19th October: 09:00: Eucharist at Allerton Bywater, with Baptism, Rev. Jo
10:30: Sung Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Bob
10:30: Parish Communion at Swillington - Rev. Jo
- 26th October: 09:00: All Age at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Bob
10:30: Sung Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Bob
10:30: Celtic Service at Swillington - Diana and Catherine
17:00: Cafe Praise at Kippax - Rev. Bob
- 3rd November: 09:00: Sung Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Jo
10:30: All Age at Kippax - Rev Jo, Trudy and Team
10:30: All Together Service at Swillington - Rev Sarah/Team
15:00: Memorial Service at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Jo
18:00: Memorial Service at Kippax - Rev. Gordon
18:00: Memorial Service at Swillington - Rev. Sarah

Weekdays.

- 21st October: 10:00: Said Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Bob
- 22nd October 09:30: Morning Prayer at Swillington - Margaret
- 22nd October: 19:00: Said Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Bob
- 27th October: 10:00: Said Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Jo
- 28th October: 09:30: Parish Communion - Rev. Gordon
- 28th October: 19:00: Evening Prayer - Dale
- 4th November: 10:00: Said Eucharist at Kippax - Rev Gordon
- 5th November: 09:30: Morning Prayer - Dawn
17:00: Said Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Bob

Funeral.

- 23rd October: 12:00: Funeral of **Andrea Lee** from our Kippax Community at St. Mary's Kippax. (May she rest in peace and rise in glory.)

(The new rotas for October, November and December are now published here: <https://stmarysbenefice.org/enews>)



Readings, Hymns and Songs in our Services this week

Readings:

Jeremiah 31.27–34
2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5
Luke 18.1–8

(Why not have a read before the service ?)

Kippax Hymns:

1. Firmly, I believe and truly
2. Father, Hear the prayer we offer.
3. Abba Father.
4. God is in my heart.

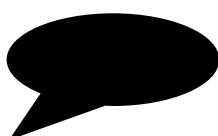
Allerton Bywater Hymns:

1. Lord of the Dance.
2. Jesus Christ is waiting
3. Amazing Grace
4. As the Deer Pants
5. Make me a Channel of Your Peace.
6. Living Lord

Swillington Hymns:

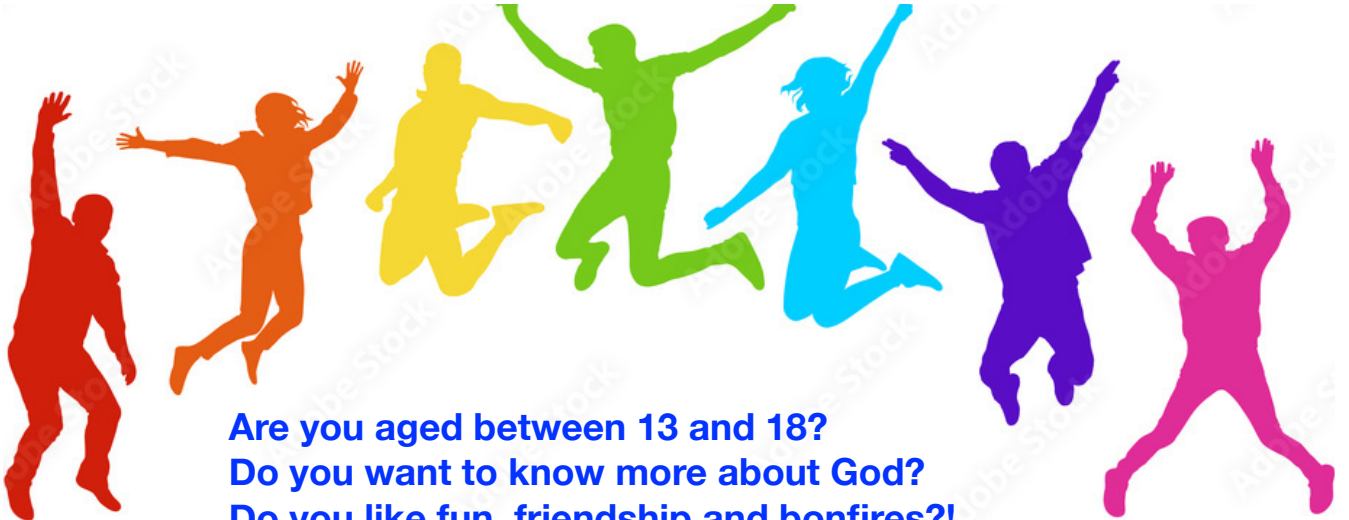
1. Praise to the Lord.
2. One more step.
3. I want to walk.
4. The Lord's my shepherd.
5. Tell out my Soul.

Do you have a favourite worship song or hymn? Let us know and we'll try to use it in our worship planning.



SAVE THE DATE!

Youth Group at Kippax.



Are you aged between 13 and 18?
Do you want to know more about God?
Do you like fun, friendship and bonfires?!
Come along to Kippax Rectory 5 - 6:30pm
every Sunday with Rev. Bob and team.



Memorial Services

Sunday November 2nd

St. Mary's Church
Allerton Bywater 3pm
Kippax & Swillington 6pm

light a candle to remember someone you love

www.stmarysbenefice.org

SATURDAY 1ST
November, 10-12am

LIGHT

PARTY!
Dress as a Disney
Character!



free event



SATURDAY

10am-1pm

St Mary the Less Church,
Allerton Bywater

Join us for games, crafts,
music and more



Join Rev. Jo and team every Saturday at St. Mary-the-Less. A family space with singing, craft, board games and regular community activities from 10am. Free coffee, tea, snacks and even a light lunch. (Must pre-book for lunch)
Contact Jo for more details: joanne.medhurst@leeds.anglican.org
A special light party is happening on November 1st. A Celebration of Good.



Join Rev. Bob, Elizabeth and team every other Wednesday (next one this week! at 2.30-4.15pm at St. Mary's Church Hall, Kippax. All welcome to come and enjoy cake, a drink and some crafty creations with a bible story theme.

Contact Bob for more details.

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A New Communion Service sympathetic to the needs of carers and their clients, inspired by clergy visits to Highfields Nursing Home.

Once a month on Tuesdays at 2pm at St. Mary-the-Less, Allerton Bywater.

(11th November, will have a minute's silence to remember those who gave up their lives protecting their country.)

Large Print Communion Service with well known traditional hymns suitable for the elderly, those living with Dementia and those who are neurodiverse. Quiet and reflective with no screens. All are welcome.



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CAREGIVERS



HOLY COMMUNION

At St. Mary-the-Less Church,
Allerton Bywater, WF10 2GL

Every Second Tuesday of the Month: 2pm
14th October, 11th November, 9th December 2025

A Traditional Church of England Communion Service accessible for those who are Neuro-Diverse and those living with Dementia.

- ✓ WELL KNOWN AND LOVED HYMNS
- ✓ RECOGNISED ORDER OF SERVICE IN LARGE PRINT (APPROX 25 MINS)
- ✓ EASY ACCESS TO CHANGING FACILITIES AND DISABLED TOILET
- ✓ TEA, BISCUITS AND CHAT IN A WARM SPACE

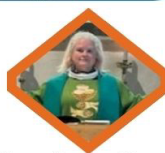
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Send in
your
photos
of
events
in the
Benefice
so that we
can add them
to this page.

Harvest seems long time ago... but the wonderful community at Kippax share a homemade soup and rolls meal after their service. Wendy writes: "Thank you to everyone who brought Harvest Gifts to our All Age Worship, and many thanks also to the team who served lunch... it raised £107. The gifts and money will be shared equally between caring for life and St George's Crypt."

\Find out more about their work here:
Caring for Life: [Here](#)

See what you're missing? Beer and Hymns on the 5th at Allerton Bywater! So much fun! £70 was given to the School as we combined to make a really good band! Thanks Carly for all you did!!



A Big Thank You was received from Kippax Food Pantry for the donations of food from Swillington and Allerton Bywater. Why not pay them a visit in Kippax Church Hall on a Saturday. The pantry gives away food to everyone, (which otherwise would be wasted and go to landfill,) as well as feeding the most vulnerable. Take a look at the Pantry's work : [Here](#)



News on Bishop Nick.

Rev. Bob and Rev. Jo joined the clergy of Leeds Diocese to hear Bishop Nick's last training day last Thursday. He reflected on the story of Jonah. "It's not about Jonah, it's about Ninevah!" As he leaves us at the end of November, he invites us to stop thinking about our individual needs and look out to our communities and ask what do they need? Maybe read the story of Jonah again this week.... What is it saying to you?

Bishop Nick is retiring and will be having 3 farewell services, one in each of the diocese' Cathedrals. This is not just for clergy all are welcome.

Bradford Cathedral 19 October – 3.00pm
Wakefield Cathedral 26 October - 3.30pm
Ripon Cathedral 23 November – 3.30 pm

Please do pray for Bishop Nick as he starts to handover responsibilities to Bishop Toby for the interim.



Safeguarding.

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of us all, but if you have a safeguarding concern please contact a member of the safeguarding team:

Allerton Bywater: Gordon Linton: notnilg@aol.com
Kippax: Carly Pearson: carlypearson22@gmail.com
Swillington: Diana Puxty: dianapuxty@hotmail.com

(Or any of the Clergy at any point.)

(There is more information on the posters displayed around our churches.)

Pastoral Support.

Are you unwell, lonely, bereaved or just finding life a bit too much to handle? The Pastoral Team in St. Mary's Benefice are always ready to listen. If you would like support in any way, please contact Rev. 8 Bob, Rev Sarah, Rev. Jo or Rev. Gordon in the first instance.