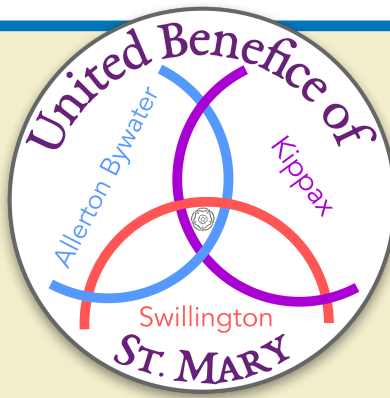


St Mary's Benefice Newsletter



Allerton Bywater
Kippax &
Swillington

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EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!!!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

Welcome to our bumper edition of our newsletter. It's been a while, which is why we thought we'd share a load of things that have been going on over the last few months. From a Lent Retreat to a Snowdrop Festival; to bacon sandwiches to connecting with God's creation around us. We have so much to thank God for over the last few months. You might like to share with a friend about the difference knowing God has in your life - perhaps sharing why Easter Sunday is so important, not just on Easter Sunday but each day of the year. I was reminded the other day about a quote which says that 'Christmas is important, but Easter is decisive.' We can't have Easter without Jesus being born at Christmas. Easter is decisive because it makes us really think about the power of God. In fact Paul writes to the church at Ephesus, "I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand in the heavenly realms." The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us!!

Wishing you a holy, happy and joyful Easter!! With love from Sarah, Bob and Jo



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CONFIRMATION

Have you been confirmed? No?

Would you like to be?

*You might be wondering what
confirmation is?*

If you're interested, please come and
speak to Rev'd Bob, Rev'd Sarah,
Rev'd Jo because we want to arrange
some sessions to discuss what it's all
about.

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

Team Prayer Tree:

Names of the deceased (RIP) to be remembered in
prayers and prayers of comfort for their families and
friends

Swillington:

Paul Johnson (4/3) SH
Margaret Holdsworth (5/3) SH

Kippax:

Barbara Rhodes (5/3) JM
Harry Naughton (7/3) GC
Jack Gough (10/4) JM
Hilda Miller (14/4) BB

Allerton Bywater:



All are welcome
to the ordination of
Rev'd Jo Medhurst
to the priesthood.
Saturday 21st June
11am

St Mary the Less,
Allerton Bywater

*Please stay for refreshments
after the service*

Regular events and information

Pastoral Care Please let us know if you are unable to attend church and need a visit or Home Communion. *Please let a Church Warden know if someone needs praying for or speak to Bob, Sarah, Jo, or Gordon.*

Baptisms, weddings and funerals Please book at church or contact a member of the clergy or a Churchwarden.

Midweek Services *Weekly Morning/Evening Prayer, with the Eucharist/Holy Communion as below:*

Allerton Bywater 7pm Wednesday alternates between Eucharist and Evening Prayer

Swillington 9.30am Wednesdays alternates between Holy Communion and Morning Prayer

Kippax: 10am Tuesday Eucharist.

Morning Prayer Kippax; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am.

Regular events around the Benefice

Across the Team:

- Youth House Group ages 11-17 yrs old, Kippax Rectory, Sunday 5pm - 6.30pm term time.
- Messy Church rotates around the churches seasonally - Join the mailing list (stay in touch below) to hear about future events.

Allerton Bywater:

- Coffee Morning at St Mary's, every Tuesday 10am - 12noon. Donations to Garforth NET.
- Coffee Morning 1st Saturday of the month 10am with Council Surgery.

Kippax:

- House Group: Most Mondays term time, 7pm. A chance to study, pray and socialise together. The Rectory, Church Lane, Kippax, LS25 7HF.
- First Steps for play and friendship (pre-school aged children) Thursday, 10am – 11.15am.
- Kippax Food Pantry Saturdays 10am - 11am, Kippax Church Hall.
- Church Choir practice Saturday morning at 10.15am.
- Bellringing practice Wednesdays 7.30pm - 9pm.

Swillington:

- Home Group: Mondays - ask for dates St Marys Rectory, Wakefield Road, Swillington, LS26 8DS.
- Coffee Morning with bacon sandwiches 1st Saturday of the month 9.30-11.30am.
- Bellringing practice Mondays 7.30pm - 9pm.
- Church Choir practice on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm.

Other Events/Services - *See below for our regular pattern of worship*

Stay in touch Contact rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

Facebook search for St Mary's and the name of the village. **INCLUDING LIVE STREAMING.**

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmarysbenefice> **Website:** <https://stmarysbenefice.org>



Good Friday

10.30am - 12.30pm

Messy[®] CHURCH



crafts, refreshments,
songs and dramatic
re-telling of the
Easter story

10.30am Crafts • 11.30am Refreshments

11.45am The Easter Story/walk of witness

St Mary's Kippax Church Hall



God's Little Acre -
repairing bug hotels,
colouring Easter eggs
and crosses in the hall
with refreshments
in-between
followed by an Easter
egg hunt in the church.
Happy Easter!





Easter crafts, coffee and
bacon rolls at Swillington.
Nearly £1000 raised
through Friends of
Swillington Church





**Come along to
“Your Space!”**

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





Every Saturday * 9am - 1pm

Book your place here: <https://stmarysbenefice.org/your-space>

Or




Or

Email: joanne.Medhurst@leeds.anglican.org

* unless church is being used for weddings!



Left: Rev Sarah was a judge at Swillington's Got Talent
Below: Easter Schools Team



Sunday Social

Sharing life

27th April 5pm-6.30pm

St Mary's Church Hall
Kippax

chilled café style
live music
hot-chocolate - cake
discussion

Dementia and neurodiverse friendly • Info: Rev Bob 07885386932 • www.stmarysbenefice.com

Sunday Worship

Regular monthly pattern of worship

1st Sunday

Allerton Bywater 9am Sung Eucharist.
Kippax 10.30am All-age Eucharist.
Swillington 10.30am All Together Service.

3rd Sunday

Allerton Bywater 9am All-age service.
Kippax 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
Swillington 10.30am Sung Parish Communion.

5th Sunday Team service together alternating between our three churches.

2nd Sunday

Allerton Bywater 9am Sung Eucharist.
Kippax 10.30am Sung Eucharist/Celtic Service.
Swillington 10.30am Sung Parish Communion.

4th Sunday

Allerton Bywater 9am Sung Eucharist.
Kippax 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
Swillington 10.30am Celtic Service of the Word.