



**Growing Faith, Fellowship and Community
for Everyone!**

Newsletter

Sunday 14th September, 2025 - Holy Cross
"The Son of Man will be Lifted Up"

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Housegroups:

Mondays at 7pm starts this week. (Swillington 22nd)

Kippax - At the rectory. Leaders Rev. Bob & Jess.
Contact: rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com

Allerton Bywater - At 23 Davy Road, WK10 2EU. Leaders Rev. Jo & Dale. Contact: joanne.medhurst@leeds.anglican.org

Swillington - At Swillington Sports and Social Club. Leaders Rev. Sarah & Dawn Marshall. Contact: dawnandjonathan@tiscali.co.uk



House groups are relaunching. Come along...all are welcome.

Otherwise known as a home group or small group, a house group is a small gathering of Christians in a relaxed, informal setting. It aims to build community, discuss the Bible, support one another, and pray together.

Our groups aim to provide a space for deeper faith exploration and fellowship than may be possible during our Sunday services and hopes to foster connection and mutual encouragement within the Christian community.

We have 3 house groups in the benefice, all on Monday nights at 7pm. Please see the front page of who to contact if you would like to become part of a house group and build stronger relationships in the community.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The next 2 weeks services in detail.

Rev. Sarah is home! She is still off sick so please do continue praying for her healing. She is signed off from physiotherapy but as you can imagine her recovery is still more likely to be a marathon not a sprint.

The new rotas for September and October are now published here:

<https://stmarysbenefice.org/enews>

Sundays.

14th September: 09:00: Sung Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Bob
10:30: Sung Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Jo
10:30: Parish Communion at Swillington - Rev. Bob

**Patronal Evensong 17:00: Kippax -
Rev. Bob, Rev. Jo and Choir.**

(Come at 4pm and join in "Scratch Choir")

21st September: 09:00: Sung Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Jo
10:30: Sung Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Bob
10:30: Parish Communion at Swillington - Rev. Jo

Weekdays.

16th September: 10:00: Said Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Jo
17th September: 09:30: Parish Communion at Swillington - Rev. Bob
**19:00: Licensing of Rev. Bob as East Leeds Dean
- St.James, Manston.**
23rd September: 10:00: Said Eucharist as Kippax - Rev. Bob
24th September: 09:30: Morning Prayer at Swillington with Dawn
24th September: 19:00: Said Eucharist at Allerton Bywater with
Rev.Gordon.

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

“The Son of Man shall be Lifted Up”.



During my time in Chichester Diocese I had the pleasure of spending much time in the Cathedral. I was mesmerised by this stain glass window which is an example of a "Type and Anti-type" art. Designed by Charles Parrish in 1877, it portrays incidents from the Old Testament (Type) used to foreshadow events in the New Testament. The largest and most important example of Type and Anti-type is the centre right Old Testament record of how Moses was told to make a bronze serpent and set it up on a pole so that those who had been bitten by a serpent could look to it and be healed. This foreshadows the New Testament account (Anti-type) of the Crucifixion, portrayed on the left hand side of the window. Look at the symmetrical shapes in the artwork.

In our services on Sunday we will be looking at the two readings which tell these stories. What is God trying to communicate through them to us today? What is the link? What does it mean to us today? Take a look at the readings before Sunday: Numbers 21.4–9 and John 3. 13-17. What links can you make between the Old Testament and the New??

SAVE THE DATE!

Rev. Bob Bailey

We are all invited to the licensing of Rev'd Bob Bailey as Area Dean alongside Rev'd Daniel Miles as Assistant Area Dean. This will be a wonderful service with +Arun presiding. Please do come as we support Rev. Bob in the new mission. Service at St. James' Church, MANSTON.



All Welcome

**17th September
7pm**

Licencing Service

**Licencing of Rev'd Daniel Miles as
incumbent and Assistant Area Dean
&
Licencing of Rev'd Bob Bailey as Area
Dean**

**Refreshments
after service**

St James the Great
Manston

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20th September: 2025 from 10am.

Pop along to St. Mary's, Swillington for their Open Day.

Very low key - quiet day to have a cuppa and share stories of the church.



Let's have fun, let's make a difference.

Coffee morning
27th September
GET STARTED TODAY

**Let's get
Coffee Morning
ready.**

Start fundraising now.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Saturday, 27th September at "Your Space". Come and see what goes on and have a coffee with us as we raise money for "Macmillan Cancer Support". St. Mary-the-Less, Allerton Bywater, 10am - 1pm.

Friday 3rd October at 7pm: working with Allerton Bywater Primary School, come to our Beer and Hymns night at the St. Mary-the-Less, Allerton Bywater.. An informal Celtic Style Band of professional (and not so professional) musicians will entertain with tunes old and new. Tickets are £5.00 per person and will include traditional bar snacks, soft drinks and a Ltd edition "Hymn Book". Beer and Wine will be on sale at very reasonable prices to aid the singing!!! (All proceeds to go into the work of Allerton Bywater Primary School and St.Mary-the-Less for running costs. Tickets are limited and on a first come, first served basis.)

Contact Jo for tickets:

joanne.medhurst@leeds.anglican.org



Join Rev. Bob, Elizabeth and team every Wednesday from the 10th September at 3-4:30pm 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.

rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com



Join Rev. Jo and team every Saturday (from 20/9/25) at St. Mary-the-Less. A family space with singing, craft, board games and regular community activities from 10am - 1pm.

Free coffee, tea, snacks and even a light lunch. (Must pre-book for lunch.)

Contact Jo for more details:

joanne.medhurst@leeds.anglican.org

free event

SATURDAY

10am-1pm

St Mary the Less Church,
Allerton Bywater

**Join us for games, crafts,
music and more**



I'd love this page to have more on it!

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

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What a delight it was to baptise 3 children at our recent All Age service at Kippax.

There was over 100 people in the congregation, all singing their hearts out at the service and some very interesting characters turned up!!! Made from clay!

Please pray for the Ward children as they return to school this week - that they might shine as brightly as they did last Sunday!

News on Bishop Nick.

Bishop Nick is retiring and will be having 3 farewell services, one in each of the diocese' Cathedrals.

Everyone is welcome to attend these.

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 through rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com at first port of call. There is more information on the posters displayed around our churches.



A big **THANK YOU** to Carly Pearson for taking on the Role of **Safeguarding Officer for Kippax**. She will be working closely with Rev. Bob, Rev. Jo our other safeguarding officers to consolidate our records and be on hand if anyone has any worries about Safeguarding at Kippax.

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 and can provide:

- ❖ Someone to listen – compassionate and friendly, without interfering
- ❖ Non-judgemental, confidential support
- ❖ Befriending for people of all ages, any faith or none

If you would like support in any way, please contact:

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