

Growing Faith, Fellowship and Community for Everyone!

Newsletter

Sunday 12th October, 2025

"Your faith made you well."

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Swillington -	At St Mary's Church, Swillington.
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A Reflection on the Gospel this week. (Rev. Sarah)

“Your faith has made you well” Luke 18 v 1-8



So we have a bunch of lepers, (who were forbidden by Jewish law to come near people in case they infected them), that came to Jesus and asked for his mercy on them. As per the custom, Jesus sends them to the priests. They were still lepers at this point but they did as they were instructed – they were obedient.

As they went, they were healed. These men had stepped out in faith and were made well. However, only one came back and it was the Samaritan. Oh my goodness, a Samaritan? How could that be the case? He was loud about what had happened! He came back to give thanks. Jesus noticed the lack of gratitude in that the other nine didn't come back!

We can always be thankful to God and in unexpected ways too. A well known Bible commentator's wallet was stolen. In his diary that night he wrote about the things he was thankful for – that he'd never been robbed before, that even though they took his wallet, they didn't take his life; even though they took everything, it wasn't much and he was the one who was robbed, not doing the robbing.

Have you ever thought about how you might describe yourself in one word? It's a bit of a challenge isn't it? What about when we speak about others? Is it too easy to make a quick judgment? Ages ago I was in John Lewis in town, it was my day off. I was dressed casually and was wearing a fleece jacket to keep warm. I may have been mistaken but when I sat down to have my food the couple at the other table kind of drew their bags towards them a bit more. I may have made an incorrect assumption but that's what it looked like. I wonder what the difference would have been if I was wearing my clerical collar and a nice jacket? I was the same person! Would their opinion of me have changed?

What made the Samaritan turn back to say, 'thank you'? Was he just different? Perhaps his faith in Jesus got bigger as he was healed physically?

So where are we? Would we be in the group who think of some people as outcasts? Who might the outcasts be for us? Can we do anything to help? Jesus always gives the example of being with those who society has shut out. How can we be serving practically and praying for opportunities to help others? Are there things which we need to thank God for? 'Your faith has made you well', changes our attitude and spurs us on. Are we really grateful to God for what he's done for us? If we were to write down three things each day that we're grateful to God for, would our attitude change?

The other day I was extremely annoyed about a particular situation and couldn't see a way through without things taking longer. In the middle of my tears, I received an email to say that someone had applied for a grant on my behalf and was being awarded £1000 to the work of my future ministry. I was stopped in my tracks and thanked God for this – I hadn't even applied – but God knew what I needed. I'm going to flip a saying here in that sometimes it's our attitude (looking to God) which determines our attitude (how we face each day with his help). Jesus really does help us to live as he wants us to, even though we mess up all the time. The nine lepers got it wrong, but one did the right thing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next 2 weeks services in detail.

Sundays.

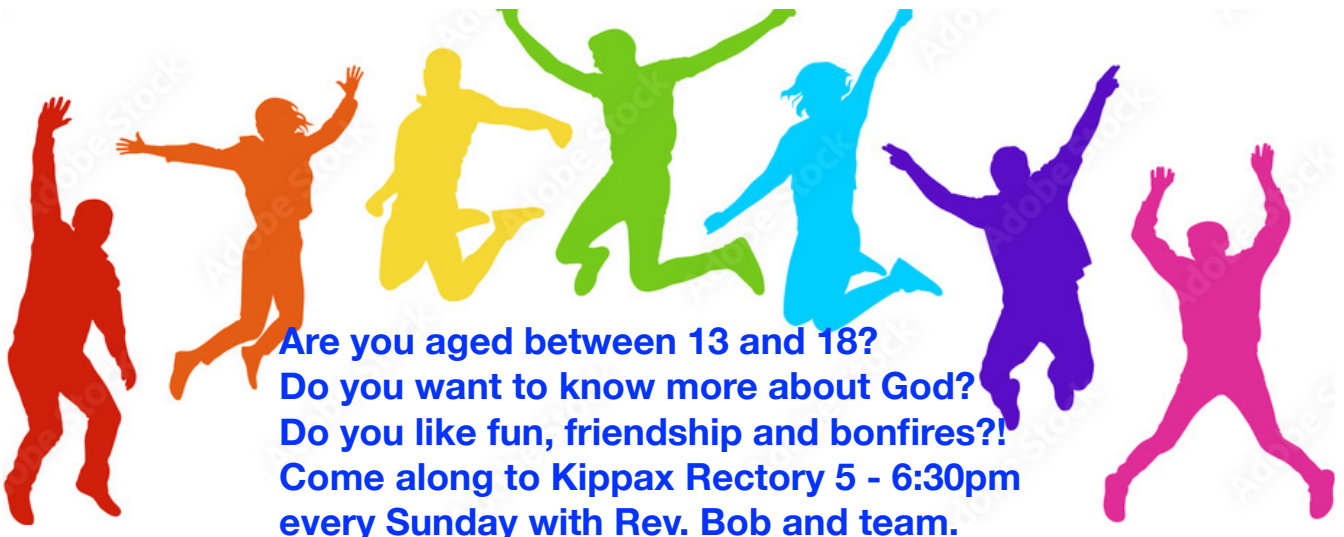
- 12th October: 09:00: Sung Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Bob
10:30: Sung Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Jo
10:30: Parish Communion at Swillington - Rev. Bob
- 19th October: 09:00: Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Martin preaches
10:30: Sung Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Bob
10:30: Parish Communion at Swillington - Rev. Jo

Weekdays.

- 14th October: 10:00: Said Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Jo
- 15th October: 09:30: Parish Communion at Swillington - Rev. Bob
19:00: Evening Prayer at Allerton Bywater - Deak
- 21st October: 10:00: Said Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Bob
09:30: Morning Prayer at Swillington - Margaret
19:00: Said Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Bob

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

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.



Readings, Hymns and Songs in our Services this week

Readings:

Deuteronomy 29 v1, 4-7

2 Timothy 3 v14 - 4 v 5

Luke 18 v 1- 8

(Why not have a read before the service ?)

Kippax Hymns:

1. Praise to the Lord, The Almighty,
2. Be Bold, Be Strong
3. Just as I am
4. Be Still for the Presence
5. Cornerstone

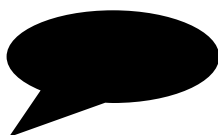
Allerton Bywater Hymns:

1. Praise to the Lord, The Almighty,
2. Lead Kindly Light
3. I am Weak but Thou art Strong
4. Just as I am
5. Be Bold, Be Strong

Swillington Hymns:

1. Jesus shall reign (Rimington)
2. Give thanks
3. Just as I am
4. Be still
5. Great is thy faithfulness

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!

St. Mary's Church, Swillington

PRAYER DAY

Saturday 11th October
10.00am – 3.00pm

Church will be open for anyone
who would like to call in to say a
prayer



Pray for our church and community



Join us at "Your Space" on All
Saints day to celebrate "Light"!
Disco, crafts and why living in
the light is so much more fun
than being in the dark!
1st November, 2025, at 10am.
Allerton Bywater.



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

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**



Join Rev. Bob, Elizabeth and team every other Wednesday (next one 23rd October) 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.

rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com



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. (14th October, 11th November, 9th December.)

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

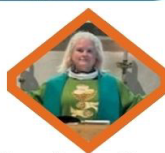
A Traditional Church of England Communion Service accessible for those who are Neuro-Diverse and those living with Dementia.

- ✓ 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.

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Marjorie and Jim Trimby are please to celebrate their 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 9th October, 1965. It was at the time of Harvest Festival; the church was decorated accordingly and even more significantly, Jim was a farmer. **Congratulations** to the both of them!!



See what you're missing?

Here's Bob and Reuben at the Craft Cafe this week. Would you Adam and Eve it?!

So much fun to be had in this new environment for all ages.

Next Cafe is on the 23rd October in Kippax Church Hall at 2.15pm.

What are Bob and Reuben thinking?



Congratulations Jess Jones!!!!

After our wonderful Harvest service at St. Mary-the-Less, we played guess the weight of Stan's Pumpkin! Grown lovingly for the service. Jess guessed closest after comparing the pumpkin to little Amelia's weight! 8.7KG! Your Prize is ready to pick up when you are!

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:

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. Jo or Rev. Gordon in the first instance.