

## ***Team Pastoral Letter ~ Easter 2024***

***St Mary's Churches: Allerton Bywater, Kippax and Swillington***

***God calls us to Prayer, Worship and Pastoral Care of each other and the wider world***

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## ***Happy Easter 2024***

Part of journeying is looking back and seeing the view and how far we have travelled. I've just opened up previous Easter Pastoral Letters and it is nearly exactly three years ago when I joined you. At the time we were live streaming our services and were about to open our churches for public worship (although we had to sing outside). We have come a long way! The Easter story is one of hope out of darkness, fulfilment of God's



Above; Bob together with Jo Medhurst (centre) who will be starting her curacy with us at the end of June and the Revd Sarah Harrison (right) who is licensed as Team Vicar of The Benefice at St Mary's Swillington on **Tuesday 19th March at 7pm**. Welcome Sarah and Jo!

promises and the enabling of the Spirit at Pentecost to give the Church new energy. So it is wonderful and appropriate that the Revd Sarah Harrison joins us on March 19th as we enter passion week. I will let Sarah finish our Pastoral Letter with a short introduction from her. Welcome Sarah and we are looking forward to journeying with you!... "Hi, I'm Sarah, about to be your new Team Vicar! I trained for ordination at Cranmer Hall in Durham and have latterly been serving my curacy in Tong and Laisterdyke in Bradford. It was three churches which were all part of the same parish. Before being ordained I've been a music teacher, a director of music of a church, a call centre operative, a medical secretary and PA to a vicar – thankfully not all at the same time! I enjoy serving the local church and encouraging people in their walk with God as well as serving local communities. I've been part of running a community pantry and a community choir. I love singing and making music with others. I like watching films, eating cake and enjoying a cup of Yorkshire!"

**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 or Gordon.*

**Midweek Services** *Weekly Morning/Evening Prayer, with the Eucharist/Holy Communion as below;*  
**Allerton Bywater 7pm Wednesday** Eucharist on March 20th; April 3rd, 17th; May 1st, 15th, 29th.  
**Swillington 9.30am Wednesdays** Holy Communion on March 27th; April 10th, 24th; May 8th, 22nd  
**Kippax: 10am Tuesday** Eucharist.  
**Morning Prayer Kippax;** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am.

### **Regular events around the Benefice**

**Across the Team:** **House Group:** Most Monday's term time, 7pm. A chance to study, pray and socialise together. The Rectory, Church Lane, Kippax LS25 7HF. **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:** **First Steps** for play and friendship (pre-school aged children) Thursday, 10am – 11.15am. **Kippax Food Pantry** Saturday's 10.am - 11am, Kippax Church Hall. **Youth House Group** year 6 to 18yrs old, Kippax Rectory, Sunday 5pm - 6.30pm term time (starting soon). **Swillington:** **Coffee Morning** 1st Saturday of the month 9.30-11.30am. **Drop In Share and Care Cafe** for people dealing with loss, loneliness or bereavement: 1st Wednesday of the month 10.30am-12noon.

**Other Events/Services** - *See below for our regular pattern of worship and overleaf for Easter Services*  
Tuesday March 19th 7pm Swillington - **Licensing of the Revd Sarah Harrison** as Team Vicar.  
Monday 8th April 7pm Kippax **Said Eucharist** on the Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Sunday 14th April, **Annual Parochial Church Meetings** at Kippax & Swillington after the 10.30am services.  
Sunday 21st April **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** at Allerton Bywater after the 9am service.  
Thursday 9th May 7pm Swillington Said Parish Communion on Ascension Day.  
Sunday 19th May 9am Said Eucharist at Allerton Bywater, **10.30am Kippax Team Pentecost Praise.**

### **Sunday Worship** *Regular monthly pattern of worship*

#### **1st Sunday**

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

#### **2nd Sunday**

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

#### **3rd Sunday**

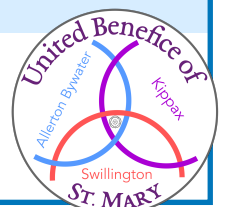
Allerton Bywater 9am All-age service.  
Kippax 10.30am Sung Eucharist.  
Swillington 10.30am Sung Parish Communion.

#### **4th Sunday**

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

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

**Stay in touch** Contact [rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com](mailto:rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com) to be added to the weekly 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>





# Holy Week & Easter

Allerton Bywater 🐣 Kippax 🐣 Swillington

March 2024

## Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

*Eucharist  
Parish Communion*  
9am Allerton Bywater  
10.30am Kippax  
10.30am Swillington



## Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

*Reflections & Compline*  
7pm Kippax

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

*Stations of the Cross*  
2pm Allerton Bywater



## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

*Tenebrae*  
8pm Swillington



## Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

*Messy Church*  
10am - 12noon  
Allerton Bywater

*Walk of Witness*  
12noon Kippax

*Good Friday Reflections*  
2pm Swillington

*Liturgy of Good Friday &  
Holy Communion*  
7pm Kippax



## Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>

*Dawn Service & Vigil*  
6am Kippax  
Rectory Garden.

*Service of Light*  
7.30am Kippax followed  
by breakfast at 8am

*Parish Eucharist /  
Communion*  
9am Allerton Bywater  
10.30am Kippax  
10.30am Swillington

## Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

*Last Supper  
& Watch*  
7pm Swillington



# St Mary's Kippax, Allerton Bywater & Swillington Children and families this Easter

## Messy Church

Good Friday - 29th March 2024

Crafts, edible easter garden, easter egg hunt, songs, snacks.  
10am - 12noon • St Mary-the-Less, Allerton Bywater

## Saturday - 30th March

Swillington Easter Crafts & Coffee Morning (Friends of Swillington Church)

10am - 12noon



## Easter Sunday - 31st March

6am Dawn Service with Bonfire - Kippax Rectory Garden

7.30am Service of Light followed by Breakfast in the Hall, Kippax.

9am Allerton Bywater • 10.30am Kippax & Swillington

## Regular Activities for children & Young People

**Kippax & Swillington:** 10.30am all-age service on the first Sunday of the month,

**Allerton Bywater:** 9am all-age service on the third Sunday of the month,

**1st Steps - Baby and Toddler group** Thursday 10.15am Kippax

**Youth House Group** Sunday 5pm Kippax Rectory (starting soon)

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