



## Can you believe it?!



We're already into the second half of 2024 and the other day someone said to me about how many Fridays there are until Christmas!! I tried to contain my shock! However, at the same time there's been lots of excitement. I've (Sarah) now been part of the team for just over three months. On Saturday 29th June, Jo Medhurst was ordained deacon in Ripon Cathedral. It was an amazing service - pictures below.

Jo has moved Up North to serve our churches. She trained at St. Augustine's and studied pioneer ministry as an extra module. She was prompted by the Holy Spirit and called to serve in Leeds and can't wait to share about God's faithful provision.

Jo's been a teacher, a bank manager and a care manager demonstrating her heart for working across all ages and stages of life. Jo's moved with her husband, Dale and her Mum too! Between them they have 5 grown up children (with partners) and 2 grandchildren. Her favourite places are in the kitchen cooking a huge roast when they all reunite, and worshipping Jesus through music. She plays the flute, piano and sings. Jo is looking forward to combining a love of cooking and worship to reach out to the communities in mission and discipleship opportunities in the benefice. *Sarah*

### Clergy Team

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## Ordained Deacon - *but what does that mean?*

When someone has completed their initial college training they are ordained deacon by the bishop and start their curacy for 3/4 years: putting into practice what's been learned in training in order to prepare for their own ministry. Deacons do a variety of things, but have to be ordained priest before they can preside over Holy Communion. Most people are ordained priest after a year of curacy, although some decide to stay deacons. You can spot a deacon because they wear their stole diagonally.



## Team Prayer Tree:

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

### Swillington:

Bill Hamlin (5/7 ashes)

### Kippax:

Herbert Tordoff (3/7)

### Allerton Bywater:

Deborah Baker (19/6)

Roy Betteridge (3/7)

Sandra Silverwood (5/7 ashes)

Pat Bell (8/7 Pontefract)

Gail Bennett (16/7)

### Other:

Peter Bannister (Garforth 9/7)



**Alpha Course** Thursday evenings 7pm at St Mary's Swillington until July 25th.

**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** Eucharist on July 3rd, 17th.

**Swillington 9.30am Wednesdays** Holy Communion on July 10th.

**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. **Youth House Group** year 6 to 18yrs 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:** **First Steps** for play and friendship (pre-school aged children) Thursday, 10am – 11.15am. **Kippax Food Pantry** Saturday's 10am - 11am, Kippax Church Hall. **Church Choir** practice Saturday morning at 10.15am.

**Bellringing practice** Wednesday's 7.30pm - 9pm.

**Swillington:** **Coffee Morning** 1st Saturday of the month 9.30-11.30am. **Church Choir** practice on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm. **Bellringing practice** Mondays 7.30pm - 9pm.

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

Saturday 6th July **Kippax Summer Fair**, 10am - 2pm.

Saturday 20th July **Allerton Bywater Summer Fair**, 10am - 1pm.

Sunday 11th August 10.30am at St Mary's Kippax - **Team Eucharist**.

Sunday 18th August in each church - **Patronal Festival**.

Thursday 29th August at Allerton Bywater - **Benefice Holiday at home** - more details to come.

Saturday 14th September at Swillington - **Heritage Open Day** - more details to come.

**Stay in touch** Contact [rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com](mailto: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>

## **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.

### **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.*



Mini altar made by More Steps at Kippax



Fundraising concert at Allerton Bywater in memory of Simon Mirfin



PCC Annual BBQ in the rain!

*What have we been doing?*



Gordon & Sarah at Swillington Cosy Cafe



Taizé service at Wakefield Cathedral



Uniformed groups annual BBQ Kippax Rectory Garden



Swillington concert



John Holland retires from serving on a Sunday

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY EVENT

# Help maintain our churchyard together



Saturday, 6th of July 2024  
9:30-12:00



St Mary's Church Swillington are holding a community event in hope that volunteers come together to help maintain the churchyard. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring your own shears, rakes, or strimmers. Join us on the morning of July 6th, from 9:30 am until 12, accompanied by refreshments available from the Coffee Morning held in the church. Each helping hand is extremely valuable.

**SUMMER FAIR**

**St Mary's Church  
Kippax**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**10am to 2pm**

**Come and Support your Church**

**Lots of Stalls:**  
**Cakes, Tombola,  
Crafts, Books, Toys  
& Many More**

**Café Open until 2.00**



# Leeds Pride Celebration Service

**4PM SATURDAY 20TH JULY**  
**LEEDS MINSTER**  
KIRKGATE, LEEDS, LS2 7DJ

All are welcome to this LGBTQ+ Pride service of reflection, poetry, prayer, song, and fun!

4PM Drinks reception in the Minster  
4.30 Service begins

facebook.com/LeedsChristiansAtPride

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Special guests...



Matt Jameson



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## Final thoughts

"A beautiful face is any face, worn  
by a soul full of light, love and hope.

No mirror will show you that."

By Donna Ashworth from Wild Hope.

## House of Commons Prayers

On this day of great change in our nation we remember the place of prayer in the heart of national life. The Speaker's Chaplain usually reads the prayers which are voluntary to attend. The form of the main prayer is as follows:

"Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our King and his government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen."