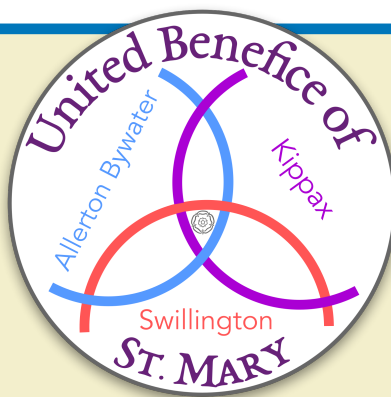


St Mary's Benefice Newsletter

September 2024



Allerton Bywater
Kippax &
Swillington

www.stmarysbenefice.org

Can you believe it?



It was only a few weeks ago that we couldn't believe that it was summer and then it quickly turned into August and actual nice weather for a change. Well, proper nice weather than I can remember after about 15 years of camping at New Wine. There were strange moments of 'it's a bit too hot, isn't it?' And then we had the winds at Leeds Festival with Rev'd Jo and Rev'd Bob ensuring that festival goers were able to keep warm and find a safe space among the many. We also had a fantastic time at our Holiday at Home including Bob the Pirate, bingo, songs, Messy Church and a sausage chippy tea. And before we know it we'll be getting out our hats, gloves and scarves ready for the change in season. And we even felt the difference on Sunday just gone which was unsurprisingly followed by another bout of decent weather. It's a good job that God doesn't change with

the seasons. He is faithful through them all and in all the circumstances that we face. And in those moments of us not being sure if God is there, we can continue to call out to him. So let's keep our eyes fixed on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. With love, Sarah

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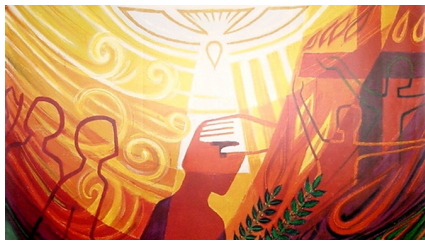
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Sunday 29th September,
7pm Swillington
Worship, teaching and ministry
Led by Rev'd Sarah
Speaker Andy Bowerman
(Dean of Bradford Cathedral)
All are welcome



CONFIRMATION

Have you been confirmed?

Would you like to be?

You might be wondering what confirmation is?

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Friends, family and Church family will be there to promise to support and pray for you. The bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength to live God's way for the rest of your life. If you're interested, please come and speak to Rev'd Bob, Rev'd Sarah, Rev'd Jo and then we can 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:

Kippax:

Stuart Inman (6/8) SH

Mary Ellen Farrar (27/8 burial ashes) BB

Allerton Bywater:

Ian Joseph Shepherd (20/8) SH

Dorothy Revis (24/9) JM

Eileen Wales (2/10 Pontefract) BB



Above: The Revd Jo Medhurst giving out surplus food supplied by Kippax Food Pantry at Leeds Festival while volunteering with Festival Angels. 220 volunteers helped festival goers in the Prayer Cafe, Lost Property, welfare hubs and with detached teams.

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 Eucharist on 11th September, 25th September

Swillington 9.30am Wednesdays Holy Communion on 4th September, 18th September

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 (dates tbc) 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 afternoon at 2.30pm.

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

Saturday 7th September **Coffee Morning and Churchyard Working Party** at Swillington, 8.30 – 11.30am.

Sunday 8th September 5pm St Mary's Whitkirk - **Institution and induction of the Revd Dr Claire Honess.**

Monday 9th September 6.30pm St Hilda's - **Institution and induction of the Revd Jonathan Fleury SSC.**

Monday 12th September 7pm St Hilda's - **Institution and induction of the Revd Gemma Fleury.**

Saturday 14th September at Swillington - **Heritage Open Day.**

Sunday 15th September 3pm Kippax - **Team Evensong.**

Saturday 21st September 2-4pm Kippax - **Afternoon Tea.**

Sunday 29th September 10.30am at Swillington - **Team Eucharist.**

Sunday 29th September 7pm at St Swillington - **New Wine Celebration.**

Sunday 6th October - **Harvest.**

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.

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.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



The Church of the Epiphany
227 Beech Ln, Leeds LS9 6SW



Oakwood
Church
A Methodist-Anglican Partnership

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils of the benefice are pleased to invite you to:

The Licensing by the Right Reverend Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall

of

Reverend Gemma Fleury

as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Gipton and Oakwood

on

Thursday 12th September at 7:00pm.

The service will be held at The Church of the Epiphany.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Only Clergy officiating during the service will be robing.

RSVP by 5th September 2024 to
office@oakwoodchurch.info



INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION
of the Reverend Dr Claire Honess by the
Right Reverend Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall,
at St Mary's Church, Whitkirk
on Sunday 8 September at 5.00 pm

You are warmly invited by the Churchwardens
and members of the Parochial Church Council to the
Institution and Induction of the Rev'd Dr Claire Honess
as Vicar of St Mary's Church, Whitkirk.

Following the service there will be refreshments
in St Mary's Whitkirk Community Centre.

All Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers
are requested to wear choir robes.
I would be most grateful if you could indicate your
willingness to robe when you reply to me.

The postcode of the Church is LS15 0AA.

With all good wishes,

Sue Middleditch

The Secretary, Parochial Church Council

Licensing of
The Rev'd Jonathan
Fleury, SSC.
St Hilda's Church,
LS9 0DG,
6.30pm
Monday 9th September
2024.



Summer refreshment.

Left: Revd Sarah camping at New Wine.

Right: Some of our teenagers went to Hilfield Youth Camp.

Candlelit
Evensong



Sunday 15th September, 3pm

St. Mary's Church, Kippax

*Worship led by Revd Jo Medhurst
with guest preacher Gwilym Thomas*



HOME GROUP
Swillington

We're starting a home group on a Monday evening in Swillington. An opportunity to look at and discuss the Bible together 7pm at Swillington Rectory starting on Monday 30th Sept Contact Rev Sarah for details



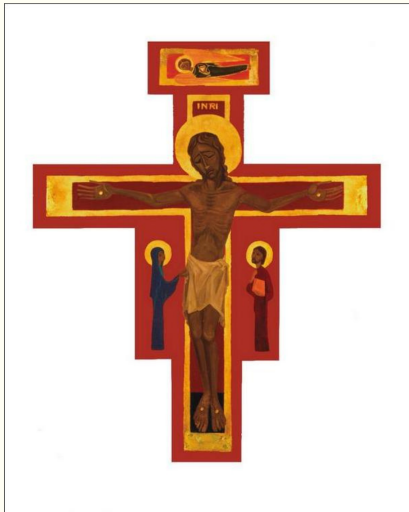
Above: Revd Bob and Allison at Leeds Festival. Allison has worked hard through the year supporting the work of Festival Angels. Bob is the chair of Leeds Festival Angels steering group.



Top: Main stage at New Wine which Revd Sarah volunteered at over the summer.
Above: Revd Gordon the pirate at our Team Benefice holiday at home.
Right: We have had a busy summer with weddings. Revd Sarah pictured at Swillington.



Right: Revd Jo has been working hard learning how to do baptisms. *Above:* We are blessed with a variety of worship styles and traditions. *Below:* Enjoying cake at one of our social events, pictures Swillington afternoon tea.



Taizé SERVICE

**JOIN US
SUNDAY
20TH OCTOBER 2024
3PM
ST MARY THE LESS,
ALLERTON BYWATER**

an opportunity to
worship God together
using music, reflections
and readings from the
Taizé Community





ST MARY'S BENEFICE

Harvest Services

Please join us as we celebrate
all that God gives us
and share items to help our local community

Sunday 6th October

Allerton Bywater 9am
Kippax 10.30am
Swillington 10.30am




New Wine

Women's Day

with Anne Coles
& worship with Cath & Angus

Saturday 12th October 2024
at Fountains Church,
1 Glydegate, BD5 0BQ
10am-4pm (doors open at 9.30)
Tickets £10 or £15 to include lunch

Booking here:
<https://rb.gy/996610>

Worship,
teaching, ministry




Afternoon Tea

St Mary's Kippax

Saturday 21st September 2024
2.00pm to 4.00pm £8.00pp

Everyone Welcome, bring a friend!
If you have any allergies, please let us know!
Tickets: Contact "Wendy"
07751 295505




ST. MARY'S CHURCH SWILLINGTON

Please join us for a

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME!

Saturday 14th September
10.30am - 3.30pm

Come along and see some interesting photographs and displays.

An opportunity to look round the church, including the tower, in more detail than is normally possible!



Refreshments available