

St Mary's newsletter

Allerton Bywater + Kippax + Swillington



One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'" Luke 11:1-4

The disciples asked Jesus a simple question of how we should pray. We are given the ingredients of what can go into a prayer. We begin with a declaration of who God is and his rightful place – he is our Father God and his name is holy. This helps us focus on who God is as we pray. The fact that we begin with 'Father' aids our understanding how as Christians we're not on our own – we are part of God's family. God listens to our prayers as we come to him.

God is in heaven but is also with us. He is not distant. By saying 'your kingdom come' we're asking for God's will to be active in our lives – we're surrendering to him. God is faithful and can be trusted. At times it feels like the world around us is changing all the time. God is constant and we can keep our eyes on him through everything we face.

We also look to God for our 'daily bread' – the things we need for life. It is God who provides for us. He provides physical and spiritual food.

In the next section, we dig a little deeper and bring the wrong things we have done to God. We can come to God with confidence and he will forgive us. As we are sincere in saying sorry to God, we must forgive others too. We can ask for God's help in doing this.

Last of all we can ask God to help us in our everyday lives and the temptations we might fall into. We can ask for his protection over us so that we can stand against the bad influences in the world. We turn to God for wisdom in knowing the difference between right and wrong.

When we say the Lord's Prayer, we finish with 'For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.' Here we return to worshipping God for who he is, what he's done for us and through us. And we want to give glory to God in all things - even when we have turned away from God, he welcomes us back into his loving arms. We thank God for his presence with us each and every day – his faithfulness, his love, his mercy, his promise to never leave or forsake us. Amen – we don't know when or how, but know that Jesus will answer our prayer.

Rev'd Sarah

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Celebrating 400 YEARS of the Royal Charter
"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted over all the earth." Psalm 46:10
Global Day of Prayer 2026
Pentecost Sunday 24th May
6:00-8:00pm
Hosted with Leeds Minster, Kirkgate, LS2 7DJ
Refreshments provided
NCDPW IDU INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE UNREACHED

sunday worship

May 24th

Pentecost

9am Allerton Bywater All Age Eucharist

10.30am Kippax Sung Eucharist

10.30am Swillington Celtic Service

May 31st

Trinity Sunday

10.30am Swillington Team Benefice Service

midweek worship

Allerton Bywater

Evening Prayer or Said Eucharist 7pm
Wednesday

Kippax

Morning Prayer 9.30am Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri.

Said Eucharist 10am Tuesday.

Swillington

Morning Prayer or Parish Communion

9.30am Wednesday

June 7th

Trinity 1

9am Allerton Bywater Eucharist

10.30am Kippax All Age Eucharist

10.30am Swillington All Together Service

A logo for "FIRST STEPS Playgroup" featuring two black footprints on either side of the text. Below the text is a colorful illustration of children playing in a playgroup.

St Mary's Church Kippax
Baby and toddler group
For 0-5 year olds
Every Thursday Morning
10am - 11.15am

We meet in the church for a short story and song session followed by play and refreshments in the hall

For further information
Contact Elizabeth: 07739151701

church news

APCMs - Congratulations to our new PCC members/warden and a huge thanks to those who have come to the end of their term.

A poster for "Baby Space" with a light blue background and clouds. The text reads: "Coming soon", "BABY SPACE", "St Mary the Less, Allerton Bywater", "Starting 1st June", "1-2.30pm", "Baby weighing support", "Friendly tips for feeding & weaning", "Meet other local parents", "Relaxed, welcoming space", "Refreshments to finish". There are illustrations of a teddy bear and alphabet blocks at the bottom.

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‘Whittling on’ at Craft Café!! 😊

Sunday Social



5pm-6.30pm

St Mary's Church Hall Kippax

- 29 March **Old gospel praise night**
scratch choir /just turn up with instruments
- 26 April **Poetry and music workshop**
with Jimmy Andrex & the Bible of Dreams
- 31 May **Community meal**
- 28 June **Midsummer murder mystery**
- 26 July **Schools out for summer**
disco + school pudding +
school bangers

Chilled café style including...
Sing-a-long • hot-chocolate • bingo
cake • discussion • quiz • DJ RICH • origami

Info: Rev Bob 07885386932 • www.stmarysbenefice.com



regular events & information

For whom to contact and more information please see our contacts page below.

Across the Team

Pastoral care: Do 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, funerals, burials, renewal of wedding vows or blessings: please book at church or contact a member of the clergy or a Churchwarden.

Safeguarding: for any concerns, please contact the relevant Parish Safeguarding Officer or clergy.

Youth House Group for bible study, prayer, worship, friendship and fun; ages 11-17 yrs old, Kippax Rectory, Sunday 5pm - 6.30pm.

Messy Church rotates around the churches seasonally - Join the mailing list (stay in touch below) to hear about future events.

Allerton Bywater

Home Group Mondays 7pm. A chance to study, pray and socialise together. 23 Davy Rd, Allerton Bywater, Castleford WF10 2EU

Coffee Morning 1st Saturday of the month 10am with Council Surgery, play and stay, bingo etc.

Your Space 3rd Saturday of the month 10am - 1pm, A family space with singing, craft, board games and regular community activities. Free coffee, tea and snacks.

Community Choir Wednesdays 5pm - 6.30pm.

Swillington

Home Group Mondays 7.30pm in church.

Coffee Morning with bacon sandwiches 1st Saturday of the month 9.30-11.30am.

Bellringing practice Mondays 7.30pm - 9pm.

Church Choir practice Tuesday afternoon 2.30pm.

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, 10 – 11.15am.

Kippax Food Pantry (organised by Kippax Parish Council and hosted in the hall) Saturdays 10am - 11am, Kippax Church Hall.

Church Choir practice Saturday morning at 10.15am.

Bellringing practice Wednesdays 7.30pm - 9pm.

Craft Cafe alternate Wednesdays 2.30 - 4.15pm (see publicity) drop in for refreshments, craft making, story and song.

Sunday Social last Sunday of the month 5pm - 6.30pm (see publicity) with a variety of social events for all ages including quizzes, boardgames, sing-a-long, crafts and refreshments.

Keep in touch

Contact rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com or any of the clergy to be added to the **mailing list**.

Facebook search for St Mary's and the name of the village. INCLUDING LIVE STREAMING FOR SWILLINGTON.

YouTube

INCLUDING LIVE STREAMING FOR ALLERTON BYWATER.

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmarysbenefice>

Website

<https://stmarysbenefice.org>

NEW!!!

Daytime bible study / house group

Tuesday fortnightly in St Mary's Kippax, 11am (after Holy Communion service at 10am)

For anyone in the Benefice interested in Bible study, worship and prayer.

June 2, 16, 30. July 14, 28. August 11, 25

Everyone is welcome

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family news

We wish Nikoleta and Derek well for their wedding at Swillington on Saturday 23rd May.

If you have family news you would like to include in the newsletter, please contact Rev Bob, Sarah or Jo.

Newsletter publication dates

We plan to publish the Benefice newsletter at three-week intervals. If you would like something in the magazine, please email it to one of the clergy before the publication date.

If you would like to include a longer article, please get in touch.

June 11th Rev'd Bob
July 2nd Rev'd Jo



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Kippax

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other support

NSPCC – For adults concerned about a child – 0808 800 5000 **ChildLine**

– For children and young people – 0800 1111 **Action on Elder Abuse**

helpline – 0808 808 8141

24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline – 0808 2000 247

NAPAC – Support and advice for adult survivors of childhood abuse – 0808 801 0331

Stop It Now – Preventing child sexual abuse – 0808 1000 900

Cruse – Bereavement helpline – 0808 808 1677



prayers

Don't forget that we have opportunities to pray together during the week.

1. For the appointment of the next Bishop of Leeds
2. For those sick or bereaved.
3. Local food pantry hosted out of St Mary's Kippax.
4. Growth in numbers, spiritual depth and service to our community.
5. Work in the seven local schools.
6. The housebound and the care homes we visit
7. Our three house groups that study and pray together.
8. Children's and youth work, especially our monthly all-age/All Together services, Messy Church, Your Space, Craft Café and our Youth House Group.
9. Peace in our hearts, communities and the world.



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Growing faith + friendship + community