

Growing Faith, Fellowship and Community for Everyone!

Newsletter

Sunday 5th October, 2025

"Harvest Time"

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Mondays at 7pm (Swillington 7:30pm)

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Swillington -	At St Mary's Church, Swillington.
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Readings, Hymns and Songs

Readings:

Deuteronomy 26.1– 11

Revelation 14.14–18

John 6.25–35

Kippax Hymns:

1. Come, ye Thankful people, Come.
2. Cauliflowers fluffy.
3. Here in this place.
4. We plough the fields and scatter.
5. All things bright and beautiful.

**Do you have a favourite worship
song or hymn?
Let us know and we'll try to use it**

Allerton Bywater Hymns:

1. Come, ye Thankful People, Come
2. The Steadfast Love of the Lord never ceases.
3. All Creatures of our God and King
4. Give Thanks
5. Blessed Be Your Name
6. We Plough the Fields and Scatter.

Swillington Hymns:

1. Come, ye Thankful people, Come
2. All creatures of our God and King
3. For the beauty of the earth
4. Great is thy faithfulness
5. We plough the fields

UPCOMING EVENTS



The next 2 weeks services in detail.

Sundays.

5th October:
(HARVEST)

09:00: All-Age Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Jo
10:30: All-Age Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Bob
10:30: Celtic Service of the Word - Rev. Jo and Team

12th October:

09:30: Sung Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev Bob
10:30: Sung Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Jo
10:30: Parish Communion - Rev. Bob

Weekdays.

7th October:

10:00: Said Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Bob

8th October:

09:30: Morning Prayer at Swillington - Diana
19:00: Said Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Jo

14th October:

10:00: Said Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Jo

15th October:

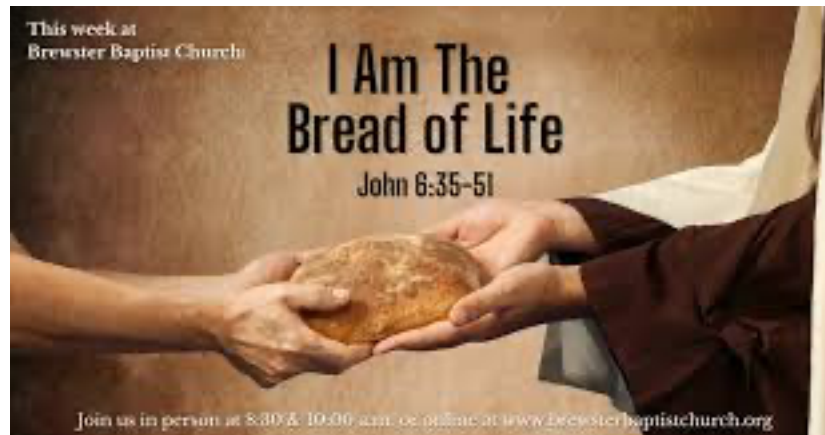
09:30: Parish Communion at Swillington - Rev. Bob
19:00: Evening Prayer at Allerton Bywater - Deak

The new rotas for October and November are now published here:

<https://stmarysbenefice.org/enews>

A Reflection on the Gospel this week. (Rev. Jo)

“The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” John 6 v 25-35



In this week's gospel message we have one of the most hopeful sentences of the whole of the bible.

“The Work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

This comes with a full stop.

Jesus tells us that He is the “Bread of Life”. This statement is a spiritual metaphor, connecting him to the manna that God gave the Israelites in the desert, but with a crucial difference: while manna provided temporary physical life and eventually led to death, Jesus as the true bread of life offers eternal life and true satisfaction to all who believe in him. Nothing else matters. If we believe, we are told we will “never be hungry again”.

Over the past few weeks we have looked at how God wants us to interact with others in this world, but today, our reading focuses totally on loving Him. If we are wanting “His Kingdom to come on Earth as it is in Heaven”... then we need to fulfil the work we were made for. To worship him.

As we think about Harvest, one way to worship Him is to look at His original work, with all its potential and remember that entrusted humanity to steward His creation. When I have a choice to recycle... do I? When I can buy fair-trade... do I? When there's food in the fridge to use up... do I?

As we think about Harvest, we remember that everything comes from God and everything will return to God. We give thanks and we celebrate His goodness to us while we are on earth. But what about those who don't have enough? If we do “believe in the one God has sent,”, then we must allow him to work through us in serving others, feeding the poor, caring for the sick and in the act of reconciliation when things go wrong.

The Work of God then involves personal, individual transformation which is sometimes very costly, but is totally necessary for lasting relationships both here on earth and with our heavenly father. The spiritual nourishment that comes from “The Bread of Life” gives permanent fulfilment, rather than temporary satisfaction of physical or worldly desires.

SAVE THE DATE!

IT'S TONIGHT!

If you haven't received an email from Rev. Jo with the "Hymn Book" attached, then I don't have you on the list.

An informal Celtic Style Band of professional (and not so professional) musicians will entertain with tunes old and new. Tickets are £5.00 per person and will include traditional bar snacks, soft drinks and a Ltd edition "Hymn Book". Beer and Wine will be on sale at very reasonable prices to aid the singing!!! (All proceeds to go into the work of Allerton Bywater Primary School and St.Mary-the-Less for running costs. Contact Jo for the last remaining tickets:

joanne.medhurst@leeds.anglican.org



Also at Swillington: 4th October

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



We're making cookies for Harvest !

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

This week we run alongside the monthly coffee morning in the annex.

BINGO and RAFFLE and a chance to chat.



free event



SATURDAY

10am-1pm

St Mary the Less Church,
Allerton Bywater

**Join us for games, crafts,
music and more**



A New Communion Service sympathetic
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.)

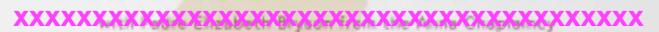
Large Print Communion Service with well known traditional hymns suitable for the elderly, those living with Dementia and those who are neurodiverse.

Join Rev. Bob, Elizabeth and team every other Wednesday (next one 8th 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

VISITING CHURCH & REFLECTIVE SERVICE





We'd love this page to have more on it!

Send in your photos of events in the Benefice so that we can add them to this page.

Thank you to everyone who came to the MacMillan Coffee morning at Your Space. £135 raised for such a wonderful charity.



Following on from last week:

What are these lovely ladies thinking?

(Photo Credit: Christine Bottom)



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 anypoint.)

(There is more information on the posters displayed around our churches.)



A big **THANK YOU** to Carly Pearson for taking on the Role of **Safeguarding Officer for Kippax**. She will be working closely with Rev. Bob, Rev. Jo our other safeguarding officers to consolidate our records and be on hand if anyone has any worries about Safeguarding at Kippax.

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. Bob, Rev. Jo or Rev. Gordon in the first instance.