

# Growing Faith, Fellowship and Community for Everyone!

## Newsletter

**Sunday 24th August, 2025 - Trinity 10**

**"Jesus Heals Crippling Illness."**

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## Weekly

<b>Sun.</b>	17:00 - Kippax.	Youth Group	(back 24/08/25)
<b>Mon.</b>	19:00 - Kippax and Swillington.	Housegroup	(back 01/09/25)
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 - Allerton Bywater.	Your Space	
<b>Thurs.</b>	13:00 - Allerton Bywater.	Knit and Natter	
<b>Sat.</b>	10:00 - Allerton Bywater.	Your Space	

## **A Reflection on the Gospel this week. (Rev. Jo) "Jesus Heals Crippling Illness". (Lk 13 v 10-17)**

This weeks' reading gives an account of the time Jesus healed a woman who had been bent double for 18 years. As I pondered the words, I was struck by the amazing courage of the woman. She was determined to see Jesus and ask Him for help, even though she had to cross the threshold of a place of worship where she would have been thought of as unclean for so long..

Imagine the stares from the Leaders of the Law. Imagine the "tut's" from the synagogue members, (women would have been segregated from the men remember,) but she walked right up to Jesus in faith. Imagine how the room would have gone silent... how dare she bring her crooked body into their midst? And how dare Jesus welcome her?

Of course we don't speak like this now. We know that all are loved from the inside out, but at the time of this account, people saw outward affliction as inward evil... thank goodness we no longer live like this.

As a Priest called to welcome those who have been hurt within the Church, back to church, I find this passage particularly poignant. This is the first time we are told Jesus had returned to the synagogue, since He delivered His groundbreaking sermon where He revealed that the Lord had anointed Him "to preach good news to the poor", (LUKE 4). In the meantime, He had been out and about in the community showing miraculous signs and wonders from His Father God, but here today He had brought His unclean, unlawful work inside this sanctified space. The leaders were already suspicious of Him and now He stood in front of them and dared to "work" on the Sabbath. Did He have no respect for the law?

This made me think: who is it that I think doesn't deserve to set foot in "my" church? Who do I think will disrespect "my" rules? Am I ready to welcome anyone who Jesus calls into these four walls just as Jesus did.



## The next 2 weeks in detail.

Rev. Sarah is presently off sick. Please continue praying for her healing. She is starting to receive physiotherapy but as you can imagine her recovery is more likely to be a marathon not a sprint.

Rev. Bob and Rev. Jo are back in full flow as of Tuesday and the new rota will be published to the website as soon as possible from then. The next few weeks are as follows.

### Sundays.

- 24th August: 09:00 Sung Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Jo.  
10:30 Celtic Service at Swillington - Diana and Catherine.  
10:30 Sung Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Jo.  
17:00 Sunday Social at Kippax (church Hall) - Rev Jo.  
31st August: 10:30 Team Eucharist at Swillington - Rev Bob and Rev. Jo.

### Weekdays.

- 26th August: 10:00 Said Eucharist at Kippax - Rev Jo  
27th August: 09:30 Morning Prayer at Swillington - Dawn  
19:00 Evening Prayer at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Jo and

Dale

- 2nd September: 10:00 Said Eucharist at Kippax - Rev. Jo  
3rd September: 09:30 Parish Communion at Swillington - Rev. Bob  
3rd September: 19:00 Said Eucharist at Allerton Bywater - Rev. Jo.



There is to be a Public Consultation regarding the qualities Leeds Diocese are looking for in the next Bishop of Leeds. Rev. Jo is joining a team of Curates who will be discussing this via Zoom with the Prime Minister's

### **Bishop Nick**

Bishop Nick 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.

### **Rev. Bob Bailey**

We are all invited to the licensing of Rev'd Bob Bailey as Area Dean alongside Rev'd Daniel Miles as Assistant Area Dean. This will be a wonderful service with +Arun presiding. Please do come as we support Rev. Bob in the new mission. SERVICE AT MANSTON.

All Welcome

**17th September  
7pm**

**Licencing  
Service**

**Licencing of Rev'd Daniel Miles as  
incumbent and Assistant Area Dean  
&  
Licencing of Rev'd Bob Bailey as Area  
Dean**

**Refreshments  
after service**

St James the Great  
Manston

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# Kippax.



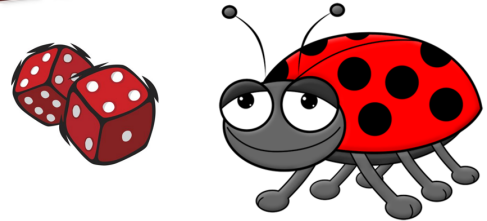
Starting 10th Sept in Church Hall.  
3pm-4.30pm every other Wednesday

Craft and Cakes for all the family.



**Sunday 31st August at 5pm**  
**Church hall, A Giant Beetle**  
**Drive and songs from**  
**"The Beatles!"**

## BEETLE DRIVE



*"Afternoon Tea"*

*St Mary's*

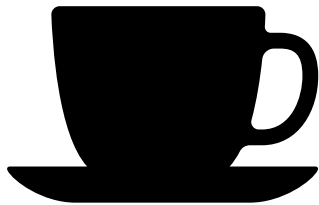
*Kippax*

*Saturday 13th September 2025*

*2.00pm to 4.00pm*

*£10.00pp*

*Everyone Welcome, bring a friend*





# Swillington



**At St. Mary's on Saturday 30th August! We have the scarecrow competition - An Angel saves the day! Come along and support us.**



## Allerton Bywater

**Come and Celebrate Harvest on the 4th Oct.**

7-10pm. Tickets available from Rev. Jo.

[joanne.medhurst@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:joanne.medhurst@leeds.anglican.org)

Sing your favourite Hymns and Songs accompanied by Josh Asquith and friends from his band.

**8th September: Housegroup starts.**

Every Monday at 7pm to coincide with Kippax and Swillington Housegroups.

Contact: [joannemedhurst@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:joannemedhurst@leeds.anglican.org) to find out more. (A gentle group exploring God's word together.)



**free event**

**SATURDAY**

**10am-1pm**

St Mary the Less Church,  
Allerton Bywater

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





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

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Your Space welcomed the local Fire Brigade on Wednesday... The children got to sound the sinen and the Priest got to pray for the wonderful team who protect us!T  
(Permission obtained to share photo)



A really great week was had by Rev Jo, Dale, Alannah, Rose, Reuben and Jacob at Hilfield Friary for the annual Youth Camp joining with the Franciscan Brothers! Banoffie Pie was the biggest hit!

The Youth and Adults spent an amazing time living as a community, preparing worship, cooking, cleaning and helping the brothers all together.

The topic was The Holy Spirit and many of the children were touched by her gentle ministry.

Ask us for more details: especially if you have 14-18 year olds in your family who may like to come next year!!

Dale's highlight.... Seeing Alannah throw an Axe at a target in the medieval Archery skills!



If you are a volunteer in the benefice and would like to become a First Aider, please take a look at this.

**We only have 2 places left for the course running on:**

17th September 25

9.30am-4.30pm

Allerton Bywater

Attached are the details of the course. Please email Jo if you are interested.

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**Notices for the E-News.**

If you have an event you wish to be added to this e-news each week, please email: [joanne.medhurst@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:joanne.medhurst@leeds.anglican.org) with the information by Wednesday 5pm each week and we will endeavour to include it where possible.

**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 through [rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com](mailto:rev.bob.bailey@gmail.com) at first port of call. There is more information on the posters displayed around our churches.

**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 and can provide:

- ❖ Someone to listen – compassionate and friendly, without interfering
- ❖ Non-judgemental, confidential support
- ❖ Befriending for people of all ages, any faith or none

If you would like support in any way, please contact:

Rev. Jo Medhurst: [joanne.medhurst@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:joanne.medhurst@leeds.anglican.org)