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Palm Sunday

29/3/26

Welcome

Methley with Mickletown Parish is a **Dog-Friendly** and **Inclusive Church** – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.



Prayers for those who are unwell

Richard, Ann, Sally, David, Michael, Jack, May, John, Steve, Julie, Karen, Joanne.

Today's Service



Hymns

Opening: 9 All glory. Laud and honour
 Procession around church 167 Sing Hossana
Gradual: 457 Make way, make way
Offertory: 77 Chris Triumphant
Communion: 162 From heaven you came, taize
 Bless the Lord
Closing: 580 Ride on, ride on in majesty

President: Rev Terry Williams
Reader: Shirley Wright
Intercessor: Rev Diane Flynn
Chalice: LLM Charlotte Taylor
Hymnal: Stuart Davis
Welcomers:



St Oswald's Methley
Holy Week
 SERVICES & EVENTS

Maundy Thursday (2nd)
 7.30pm Eucharist & Foot Washing

Good Friday (3rd)
 10am Walk of Witness (Rothwell)
 11am Messy Church (St Margaret's Hall)
 2pm Hour at the Cross (St Oswald's Methley)

Holy Saturday (4th)
 7.30pm Benefice Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (5th)
 7am Dawn Eucharist (outside St John's, Oulton)
 11am Easter Eucharist

All are welcome to join us during this sacred time.

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Methley

Parish Prayer



Spirit of God,
 move among us here in Methley;
 make us one in heart and mind,
 make us one in love.
 Humble, caring, selfless, sharing; Spirit of God, fill our
 lives with your
 purpose and love,
 Amen.

Looking ahead March/April:

Tuesday 31st Holy Communion at
St. Margaret's Hall 10am

Maundy Thursday 7:30pm

Good Friday 2pm Hour at
The Cross

Messy Church 11am
St. Margaret's Hall

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
at Holy Trinity, Rothwell

Easter Day 7am Dawn Eucharist
at St. John's, Oulton

Sunday 5th Easter Day 11am

Tuesday 7th Holy Communion at
St. Margaret's Hall 10am

Sunday 12th Easter 2 11am

Tuesday 7th Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
Hall 10am

Sunday 12th Easter 2 11am

Tuesday 14th Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
Hall 10am



Sunday 19th April
11:45am at
St. Oswald's

Annual Meeting Season – A Time to Step Forward

It's that time of year again when we reflect not only on what God is doing among us, but how we can play our part in it.

With our annual meetings looming, I ask you to consider whether there is a role you could play. Whether that is churchwarden or deputy, PCC members, or as representatives to Deanery Synod. These roles aren't just about meetings and minutes — they are about shaping the life, mission, and welcome of our church.

The PCC helps guide vision and practical decision-making. Churchwardens carry a particular responsibility for the care and wellbeing of the church community and building. Deanery Synod representatives connect us with the wider church. All of these roles are vital — and none are meant to be carried alone.

But serving doesn't only happen around a table.

You may feel called to help in other ways: offering a warm welcome at the door, leading prayers, reading scripture, helping with refreshments, supporting events, or quietly working behind the scenes. **Every act of service builds up the Body of Christ.**

If you've ever thought, "I could do that," or even, "I'm not sure, but maybe..." — that might just be the nudge of the Spirit. Please do have a conversation with Rev Terry if you'd like to explore any of these roles or ministries. We would love to hear from you.

This is *our* church. Let's continue building it together.



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Thank you for your
support.**

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

An exhibition of art and
craft by local artists

In the historic church of
St Oswald's Methley

Saturday 25th April
from 10.30 to 5.00

Sunday 26th April
from 1.00 to 5.00

To exhibit or for more information
please call 07599 419766
or email peter.bloodworth@hotmail.co.uk

Join us for

Methley Messy Church

messy worship

on Good Friday,
3rd April

11am at
St. Margaret's
Hall

We are at that time of year when the electoral roll is reviewed. Closing date for changes to the roll is 3rd April. Please speak to Rev Terry or Elaine Williams if you wish to go on or be taken off the roll.

-  **Belong**
 -  **Participate**
 -  **Contribute**
- ELECTORAL ROLL**

OPEN FOR VISITORS



Our historic church is open to visitors every Sunday afternoon from 2-4pm. You are warmly invited to come in, light a candle, say a prayer, or simply explore the church and its heritage.



Easter Flowers

Donations will be gratefully received for Easter flowers. Please place donations in the flower donation box at the back of church. Many thanks.



WANTED

After theft of all our **MOWING MACHINERY**

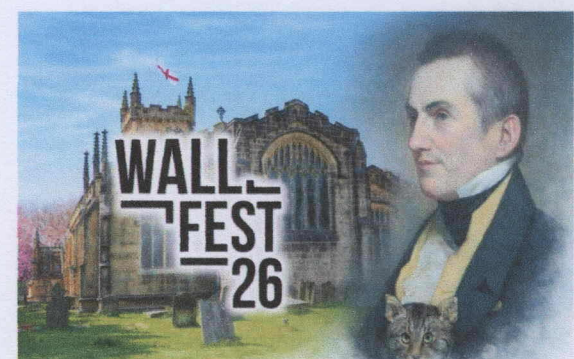
St. Oswald's is asking for **DONATIONS FOR A NEW MACHINE** to maintain our churchyard

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY
VIA THE COLLECTION BOX IN CHURCH,
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The PCC of Methley Parish Church
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WALL FEST 26

600 years ago Robert Waterton was buried in St. Oswald's Church. 200 years ago his descendant Charles Waterton opened the worlds first nature reserve at Walton.

WATERTON'S WALL

including
an Open Day in Methley Church.
Come and learn about the history of this family
on
Saturday 9th May
10:00-2:00

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the
human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of
his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2. 19-end (or 118:19-24)

R This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

Open to me the gates of righteousness;
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it. **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Come, O Lord, and save us as we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R**

The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM Psalm 31:9-16 (or 31:9-18)

R Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in
trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
my soul and my body also.
For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my
affliction, and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my
enemies and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee
from me. **R**

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of
mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the whispering of the
crowd; fear is on every side;
they scheme together against me,
and plot to take my life. **R**

But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your
servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake." **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was
in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in
the form of God, did not regard equality
with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a
slave, being born in human likeness. And
being found in human form, he humbled
himself and became obedient to the
point of death – even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and
gave him the name that is above every
name, so that at the name of Jesus every
knee should bend, in heaven and on earth
and under the earth, and every tongue
should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father.

PASSION

Either Matthew 26:14 – end of 27

Or Matthew 27:11-54

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of
a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for
our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

