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Mothering Sunday

15/3/26



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.

Looking ahead March/April:

- Tuesday 17th Holy Communion at St. Margaret's Hall 10am
- Sunday 22nd Passion Sunday 11am
- Tuesday 24th Holy Communion at St. Margaret's Hall 10am
- Sunday 29th Palm Sunday 11am
- Tuesday 31st Holy Communion at St. Margaret's Hall 10am
- Maundy Thursday 7:30pm
- Good Friday 2pm Hour at The Cross
- 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



Today's Service Service of The Word



Hymns

Opening: 563 Praise to the holiest
Gradual: 501 O Jesus I have promised
Offertory: 152 For the beauty of the earth
Closing: 631 Tell out my soul

Service lead: Darren & Karen
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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.



This month we will be learning about lent and hearing the story of Jesus in the wilderness. As always we will be doing some fun crafts and activities and finishing the session with a yummy tea. All are welcome!

Join us Sunday
15th March
3:30-5:30pm
at
St. Margaret's
Hall

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

An exhibition of art and craft by local artists
In the historic church of St Oswald's Methley
Saturday 26th April from 10.30 to 5.00
Sunday 27th April from 1.00 to 5.00

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



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

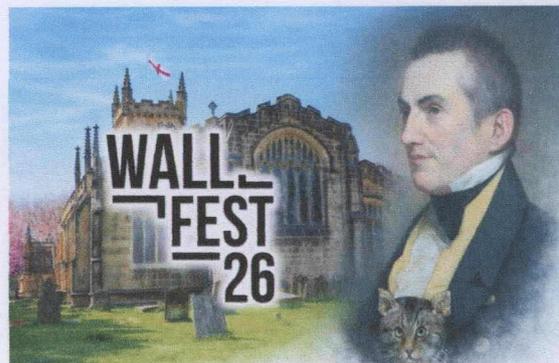
After theft of all our **MOWING MACHINERY**

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

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY
VIA THE COLLECTION BOX IN CHURCH,
THROUGH THE QR CODE BELOW
OR BANK TRANSFER

The PCC of Methley Parish Church
Sort Code 40-16-27
Account 40649546

For more information contact
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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

Christmas wreaths and decorations in the churchyard

We kindly ask families to remove Christmas wreaths and decorations from graves by Palm Sunday (**Sunday 29th March**).

We appreciate that some families do not live locally, so remaining items will be removed during Holy Week.

At the same time we will also collect other plastic items that may have blown around the churchyard during winter.

Thank you for your understanding



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.

Daytime:

Parish Centre,
Rothwell

10am

Evening:

Café at Christ
Church,
Lofthouse

7pm

★ FROM NOW ON - Lent Groups

Mondays in Lent | Daytime & Evening | All Welcome

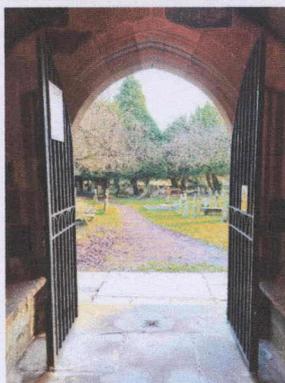


16/23 March

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.



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



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ELECTORAL ROLL



Scan the QR code or use the contactless machine to donate securely.
Thank you for your support.

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.

FIRST READING

Either **Exodus 2:1-10**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Or **1 Samuel 1:20-end**

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour,

and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

PSALM Either **Psalm 127:1-4**

R *The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in.*

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.
Unless the Lord keeps the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain. **R**

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of
toil,

for he gives his beloved sleep.
Children are a heritage from the Lord
and the fruit of the womb is his gift. **R**

Or **Psalm 34:11-20**

R *O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.*

Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things? **R**

Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **R**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who
do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from
the earth. **R**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **R**

Many are the troubles of the righteous;
from them all will the Lord deliver them.
He keeps all their bones,
so that not one of them is broken. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation;

if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Or **Colossians 3:12-17**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL

Either **Luke 2:33-35**

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

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Or **John 19:25b-27**

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

POST COMMUNION

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of
faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

