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## Third Sunday of Lent 8/3/26

### 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:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion 11am  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at St. Margaret's Hall 10am  
 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday / Service of the Word 11am  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at St. Margaret's Hall 10am  
 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Passion Sunday 11am  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at St. Margaret's Hall 10am  
 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday 11am  
 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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  
 Easter Day 11am



### Today's Service



#### Hymns

Opening: 480 New every morning  
 Gradual: 920 Praise the Lord  
 Offertory: 731 We love this place  
 Communion: 94 Come let us sing, Taize  
 'Bless the Lord my soul'  
 Closing: 16 All my hope on God is founded

President: Rev Terry Williams  
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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.

## HOW DO I MAKE MY FAITH COUNT?

*Come along and find out...*

Events 2026

22 April 2026, 6pm-9pm @ Wakefield Cathedral

**Vocations Fayre** – connect with people from a broad range of ministries, including lay, ordained and chaplaincy. Pre-event Choral Evensong at 5:30pm  
5:30pm: Choral Evensong (optional, before the event)

**For an initial conversation speak to Rev Terry on 01924 792122 or email revdtezza@gmail.com**



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

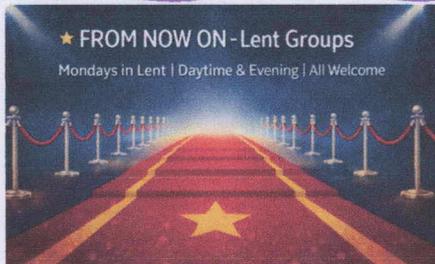
But serving doesn't only happen around a table.

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.

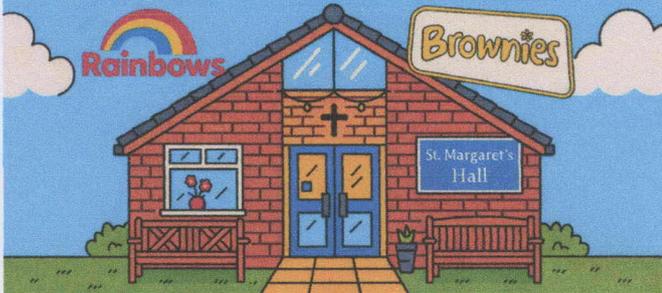
This is *our* church. Let's continue building it together.

**Daytime:**  
Parish Centre,  
Rothwell  
**10am**  
**Evening:**  
Café at Christ  
Church,  
Lofthouse  
**7pm**



**9/16/23 March**

## BROWNIES & RAINBOWS



**COFFEE MORNING** Saturday 14th March,  
10am-12noon

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



**ELECTORAL ROLL**



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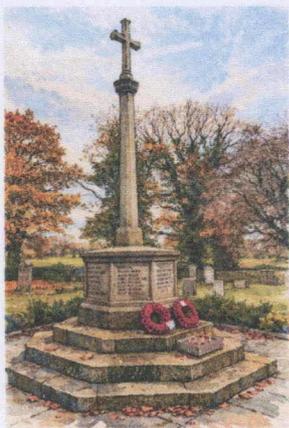


# Easter Flowers

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



We are pleased to announce that the Diocese has given approval for the installation of a 'War Graves' sign in the churchyard. The CWGM will install the sign on the main gate.




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

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St Oswald's Church, Methley & Mickletown  
Christ Church, Lofthouse

# LIFE EVENTS *meeting*

Meet the Team Vicar  
to discuss baptisms,  
weddings or other  
life events.

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month

The Vicarage, Church Farm Cl  
Lofthouse, WF3 3SA  
anytime  
between 6pm - 8pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month

Coffee Morning at the Hall  
St Margaret's Hall, Main St,  
Mickletown, LS26 9JE  
anytime  
between 10am - 12 noon

Please note **this is a drop-in so you may be required to wait.**

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### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
 whose most dear Son went not up to joy but  
 first he suffered pain,  
 and entered not into glory before he was  
 crucified:  
 mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of  
 the cross,  
 may find it none other than the way of life and  
 peace;  
 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 Exodus 17:1-7

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

### PSALM Psalm 95

**R** Come, let us worship and bow down.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
 let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
 and be glad in him with psalms.  
 For the Lord is a great God  
 and a great king above all gods. **R**

In his hand are the depths of the earth  
 and the heights of the mountains are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it,  
 and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**

Come, let us worship and bow down  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God;  
 we are the people of his pasture and the sheep  
 of his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice:  
 "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
 on that day at Massah in the wilderness,  
 "When your forebears tested me, and put me  
 to the proof,  
 though they had seen my works. **R**

"Forty years long I detested that generation  
 and said,  
 'This people are wayward in their hearts;  
 they do not know my ways.'  
 "So I swore in my wrath,  
 'They shall not enter into my rest.'" **R**

### SECOND READING Romans 5:1-11

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### GOSPEL John 4:5-42

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman

answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

### POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord,  
 grant your people grace to withstand the  
 temptations of the world, the flesh and the  
 devil,  
 and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,  
 the only God;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Come, let us worship and bow down.