

individuals to membership of the Council between Annual Meetings, as a way of addressing this concern.

Also, following the stepping down of Rosemary Folkard from her voluntary role as Stewardship Officer, we are actively seeking someone with the skills to step into this role.

The Parish Stewardship Officer

works closely with the Parish Treasurer, and alongside the Vicar and PCC in order to help the Parish manage its day-to-day financial affairs effectively as well as to manage and develop its mission and ministry by promoting and implementing effective 'planned giving' methods.

Amongst the key tasks of the stewardship officer are the following:-

1. administering the Gift Aid scheme, - making sure declarations are made properly and records kept
2. recording donations given at Church Services, or via Standing order, or other giving platforms, into a database.
3. submitting Gift Aid reclaims to HMRC in a timely manner.
4. providing progress reports to the PCC.
5. communicating once a year with our 'regular / committed givers' – thanking people for their financial contributions.
6. with the Treasurer/PCC, encouraging regular / planned and tax effective giving, as a matter of course, as well as being involved in any specific parish programme / campaign seeking the renewal of, or making of new Stewardship pledges. The above would require someone to have

- a good head for figures / financial accounting
- a good level of computer literacy – *i.e.* the ability to use the necessary software programmes for the effective keeping of electronic records, production and submission of reports
- the ability to work well with the Parish Treasurer, and PCC in dealing with this sensitive area of the Church's work.

If you are someone willing to consider being involved in any of the ways outlined above, please do speak to our

Wardens, Treasurer, or Rev'd Carolyn.

THANK YOU



**St Oswald's Church
Parish of Collingham
with Harewood**



Welcome

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"



Sunday 21st May

SUNDAY after ASCENSION

8.30am Eucharist (said)

10.00am Eucharist (sung)

Wednesday 24th May - 9.30am - Eucharist

Next Weekend

Sunday 28th May : PENTECOST

8.30am Eucharist (said)

10.00am ALL-AGE WORSHIP

with Eucharist

**THANK YOU to all those who helped
make 7th May "A Right Royal Village Do"**

***It really was a very
Special and Memorable Day -
Enjoy the Photos!***



TODAY'S COLLECTS & READINGS

Collect :- O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Acts 1. 6-14

When they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven,

suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 17. 1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post-Communion Prayer-

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LOOKING AHEAD

LO : GO—for our children / families
in Half Term—**Thursday 1st June, 2pm - 4.30pm**
Speak to Amy or Carolyn to Book In!

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Wednesday 19th July
Summer Evening Concert in Church
with Wetherby Light Music Singers.

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Sunday 6th August - Celebrate St Oswald!
Afternoon Activities, Teas & Worship
in the Churchyard—with those
Parachuting Teddies, once again!

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HYMNS

453 - Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour...

294 - He is Lord, he is Lord...

120 - Come down, O Love divine...

103 - Christ triumphant, ever reigning...



REPORTING ON OUR ANNUAL MEETING

At our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in March

we were delighted that both Tim Wood and John Newby were re-elected to serve as our Churchwardens for the coming year, and that Jan Robinson was re-elected, and Amy Lowe elected, to serve as our Deanery Synod Reps. However, we were without people to stand for the four regular PCC vacancies which we need to fill each year in order to keep a full and effective church council and to enable us to have both good representation of our church family when it comes to decision -making and a good team of people who will share in the work and communication of all we hope to provide and achieve as a Parish Church. I am sure everyone will realise that to look to the year ahead without an adequate number / representation on the PCC is not a healthy position to be in.

It is, however, possible to co-opt

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