



St. James', Temple Sowerby
Church News
October 2023

Welcome, Rev. Fran and Rev. Andrew

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Fran Parkinson and Rev. Andrew Burrell, who joined us in May to share the role of priest-in-charge in the Heart of Eden benefice, which includes Temple Sowerby. We look forward to them leading our worship and working with us as we seek to share God's love in this community.

COMING UP

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Sunday 15th October at 10.30am

We will be accepting gifts of food for the Upper Eden Foodbank. Any cash offerings will be shared equally between the church and the foodbank.

Please note that the foodbank cannot accept fresh produce or home-made preserves.

CHURCH GIFT DAY



Saturday 11th November 2-5pm

Refreshments in the church
and an opportunity to make a donation.

See inside for more information.



RECENT CHURCH EVENTS

As well as our monthly services, we try to hold some special events. For example, last year we held a fundraising event for Ukraine as well as a Flower Festival for the Jubilee. We hope to hold some more events in the future.

Family Events

Over the past 18 months, we have begun to provide family events.

- Two family fun afternoons – ‘Secret Agents’ and ‘Desert Adventure’.
These offered crafts, games and drama all based around a Bible theme.
- A treasure hunt and craft session for the jubilee.
- A Christmas Crafts session and Crib Service.
- A Holiday Club – ‘Diary of a Disciple’ for 3 mornings at Easter, run jointly with Kirkby Thore church.

All these were lots of fun and enjoyed by those who came along.

Open church

Over the summer months we open the church each day so that it can be enjoyed as a quiet space to pray, enjoy some peace or shelter from the rain!

THANKYOU

We would like to thank all who help the church, whether financially or in practical ways. We really appreciate your support which enables us to maintain and improve the church building.

Recent improvements include:

- A toilet and baby changing area
- A new sound system with hearing loop
- Additional tables and chairs
- A data projector and screen

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

We would love to develop the church building and churchyard further so that it can be used both for worship and community events. This includes:

- Installing a kitchen area
- Replacing worn carpets
- Maintaining the churchyard and creating a wild area

We would like to do this as well as covering the costs of maintaining a historic building. We also anticipate repairs being needed to the roof in the near future. If you are able to help, please consider making a donation on Gift Day or contact us if you are able to offer any practical help with maintenance of the church or churchyard.

CHURCH GIFT DAY 2023

In the past, many have responded generously to our gift days. We will be holding another gift day on Saturday 11th November. The church will be open from 2 to 5pm offering refreshments. You are invited to come along and join in.

If you would like to make a donation, it can be done as follows:

- Bring along cash or cheques (payable to Temple Sowerby PCC) to the church on the day.
- Put your gift in an envelope in the box at the Victory Hall.
- Make a bank transfer to Sort code: 20-66-97 A/c no: 10687359 A/c Name: Temple Sowerby PCC. Reference: Gift Day

GIFT AID

If you are a UK taxpayer, you can gift aid your donation by completing the form overleaf and returning it with your donation. This enables us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Services

Sunday 15th October 10.30am – Harvest Festival

Sunday 19th November 10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 17th December 3.00pm – CAROL SERVICE

Thursday 21st December 3.00pm
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND CRIB SERVICE

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BENEFICE WEBSITE

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GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM – St. James church, Temple Sowerby

I am a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid my donation of £ _____

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Signed _____ Date _____