

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

As I write this in mid-January, we find ourselves in a season of waiting. Winter still holds its grip on the world outside, but the promise of spring is just on the horizon. The days are slowly getting longer, and the earth, though still dormant, is preparing for the burst of new life that will soon arrive. This season of transition reminds us that growth often requires patience, but with it comes new possibilities.

Much like the changing seasons, God's church in Swallownest is also in a time of waiting and preparation. As we eagerly anticipate the arrival of our new minister, Jo Regan, we find ourselves reflecting on the hope and potential that come with change. Just as nature needs time to bloom, we are laying the groundwork for new beginnings, trusting that God is at work behind the scenes, shaping the future of our congregation. The promise of a new season in the life of the church is a time for us to come together in faith, unity, and anticipation.

Though the waiting can sometimes feel long, there is beauty in this moment. It is a time for reflection, for nurturing the relationships and ministries that are already flourishing within our church family. It's also an opportunity to prayerfully prepare our hearts for the new chapters ahead, knowing that just as the spring brings fresh growth, so too will the church experience a season of renewal. Together, we will step into this new season, confident that God's plan for us is unfolding in His perfect timing.

As we wait, let us reflect on the ways we can prepare our hearts, our lives, and our community for what is ahead. Just as a gardener tends to the soil before planting, we too can cultivate an atmosphere of unity, prayer, and anticipation. The seeds of faith we plant today will blossom into something beautiful in the season to come.

God bless,



Rob Joyce (on behalf of the leadership team)

If you wish to contact the leadership team or would like to share any news or prayer requests with the church, then please contact:



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Sunday



Prospects meets in the church school room on the third Sunday of each month @ **3:00pm**.

- 16th February
- 16th March



TeenMeet meets on the first Sunday of each month in the late afternoon / early evening and is for those of secondary school age.

- 2nd February
- 2nd March

Monday



A time of **Prayer & Meditation** takes place fortnightly on a Monday via Zoom @ **9:30am**.

- 3rd & 17th February
- 3rd, 17th and 31st March



The **Ladies Meeting** takes place in the church schoolroom fortnightly on a Monday @ **1:30pm**.

- 10th & 24th February
- 10th & 24th March

Tuesday



The **ARK Play Group** takes place every Tuesday during term time. There are 2 sessions: **10am-11:30 am and 1:00pm-2:30pm**. £1.50 per family plus 50p per extra child.



Mini Messy Church takes place in church on the first Tuesday of each month @ **3:30pm**.

- 4th February
- 4th March

Wednesday



There will be a **Prayer meeting** taking place every week on a Wednesday morning **@11:00am**. The litter picking will recommence in the Spring!

Thursday



The **Lunch Club** takes place in the church schoolroom every week on a Thursday, with lunch being served **@ 12:00pm**. Come and join us for food and a chance to chat. We just ask for a small donation of £2 per person.

Saturday



The **Men's Breakfast** takes place in the church schoolroom on the second Saturday of each month **@ 8:30am**

- 8th February
- 8th March



The **Prayer Meeting** takes place in church twice per month on the first and third Saturday **@ 9:30am**.

- 1st & 15th February
- 1st & 15th March



Hymn singing at Treeton Grange Care Home takes place on the third Saturday of each month **@ 11:00am**.

- 15th February
- 15th March



We are holding a **quiz and curry night** on **Saturday 1st March @ 6:00pm** to raise funds for the charity 'Home For Good'.



Our **Sunday services** take place each week at 10:30am in our church building. We also livestream the services via our YouTube Channel. The first and third Sunday of each month includes communion. Junior Church is for school-age children and meets each week during the service.

Feb	Mar
2 nd Rob Joyce (Communion)	2 nd Simon Wakefield (Communion)
9 th Suzanne Charles	9 th Rob Joyce
16 th Kevin Whitby (Communion)	16 th Suzanne Charles (Communion)
23 rd Café Church	23 rd John Claydon
	30 th Prayer Service

Café Church takes place on Sunday 23rd February at 10:30am. Join us for drinks and a bite to eat. It's a great opportunity to sit and chat. Towards the end of the service, there will be a short talk from one of our church leaders.



Come along to our curry and quiz night on Saturday 1st March for an evening with great food, fellowship and fun, whilst raising money for charity. Home for Good is a charity dedicated to finding

a home for every child who needs one by co-ordinating and resourcing a rapidly growing network of people, churches and local movements across the UK, inspiring individuals to explore fostering, adoption and supported lodgings. For more information visit their website: homeforgood.org.uk