

NEWS

MATERIAL FOR THE APRIL MAGAZINE
required in the Office **TODAY SUNDAY 16th**
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FOOD BANK: urgently requires tinned ham/spam/corned beef, small coffee and tea, tinned spaghetti, large tins of sweetcorn, jams and spreads, size 6-7 nappies and pull ups, dog and cat food, shampoo and shower gel.

THE LENT REFLECTION & LITANY at 12 noon in the Lady Chapel focuses on peace, justice & reconciliation. It lasts about 20 minutes and all are welcome.

CHURCH OFFICE - June will be spending her Friday mornings in the Church Office so if you need to have a chat or just want to pop in to say hello, she would be delighted to see you.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - We are hosting the High Sheriff of Shropshire's service on Sunday 30th March at 3 pm. All are welcome to come along to celebrate this glorious event.

PCC MEETING Monday 17th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre

The funeral of Ann Salway will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday 21st March 2025 at St. Mary's Church Selattyn. Ann was a longstanding member of the Bible Study Group at St. Oswald's.

JASSICA'S LAST SUNDAY will be May 25th and her Licensing service in Great Yarmouth is on 15th June at 3pm. Please keep Jassica, Roy & El-Nathan in your prayers

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CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY 17th MARCH

19.30 PCC meeting in the Parish Centre

TUESDAY 18th MARCH

10.30 Place of Welcome in Parish Centre
14.00 Christ Church PCC meeting
19.00 Lent Group at 8 Lower Brook Street

WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH

09.00 Morning Prayer (online)
10.00 Under 5's 'Stay and Play' Parish Centre
12.00 Lent Reflection and Litany in Lady Chapel
12.30 Lent Group in St. Catherine's
14.30 Sue Stedman Dance in Parish Centre - 16.30
17.15 Brownies in Parish Centre - 19.15
19.30 Scholars and Gentlemen rehearsal in Parish Centre

THURSDAY 20th MARCH

10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
14.00 Lent Group meets in Parish Centre
18.00 Chris Wood - Wilfred Owen Talk - 21.00
19.30 Bell ringing practice - 2100

FRIDAY 21st MARCH

10.00 Under 5's 'Stay and Play' Parish Centre
10.00 Funeral of Anne Goulding in Church followed by interment at Oswestry Cemetery.
13.00 Funeral of Cyril Laycock in Church followed by interment at Oswestry Cemetery.
18.45 Junior Choir Rehearsal in Parish Centre
19.15 Full Choir - 20.15
20.15 Choral Scholars & Adults only - 21.00

9 o'clock Morning Prayer is streamed online through the church Facebook page. Sunday worship on the You Tube page

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD KING & MARTYR

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

16th MARCH 2025



Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory: to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might now and in all eternity.
Amen

Welcome to worship at St. Oswald's. Please introduce yourself, especially if you are a visitor or newcomer.

08.00 Holy Communion
President: Fr. Phil Hughes

10.10 Prayers in St. Catherine's Chapel

10.30 Parish Eucharist
President: Rev. Jassica Castillo-Burley

Setting: Thorne - Mass of St. Thomas

Processional Hymn: 238

Kyries: Plainsong - Orbis Factor

The Collect:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Genesis 15:1-12. 17-18
God makes a covenant with Abram, gifting land to his promised blood heir and descendants. God ratifies this with holy fire amid Abram's sacrificed animals.

Psalm: 27 vv 1-7:

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Paul exhorts the Philippians to follow his example of steadfast faith by focusing their minds on heavenly citizenship, confident in Jesus' power to transform them into his likeness.

Gradual Hymn: 66

Gospel: Luke 13:31-end

Jesus responds to reported threats to kill him by declaring that God's purposes will not be thwarted. He grieves over those who refuse his love. Human resistance, not divine reluctance, blocks God's grace.

Preacher: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

For your prayers:

Those working to maintain the peace agreement between Israel and Hamas, those killed and injured, for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of the fighting and for all working towards peace.

Those gathering to discuss the terms to end the Ukraine war.

The victims of all forms of abuse especially children and young people and those working to keep them safe from harm.

The sick and everyone involved in the medical professions, especially those working for the NHS and in residential and care homes.

The families and friends of Ray Lewis, Terence Williams, Rosemary May Pierpoint, Peter Tomley, Ann Salway, Sylvia Margaret Findlay, Anne Goulding, Elsie Griffiths, Cyril Laycock, Terry Rogers, Jean Rosemary Roberts, John William Humphreys and everyone who has recently been bereaved.

Offertory Hymn: 73

Communion Hymn: 277

Anthem: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem - Howells

The Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional hymn: 76

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre after our service

18.30 Said Evening Prayer
Preacher: Rev. Jassica Castillo-Burley

SUNDAY 23rd March (Third Sunday of Lent)

10.30 Parish Eucharist
President: Rev. Keith Musson
12.30: Baptism - Teddy James Rogers
President: Rev. Jassica Castillo-Burley
17.30 Reflective Space
President: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

ELECTORAL ROLL - A brand new Electoral Roll is required every six years throughout the Church of England and 2025 is the year for the new Roll. Can you please collect your envelope from the table in the South Aisle, complete and return to the Parish Office or Maureen Crosby Electoral Roll Officer. It must be brought up to date before the Annual PCC meeting.