

NEWS

PLACE OF WELCOME Tuesdays at 10.30 - 12.30 in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome.

FOOD BANK: Urgently requires tinned ham/spam/corned beef, baked beans, spaghetti hoops, tea and coffee, jams and spreads, tomato sauce and mayonnaise, pasta and rice 500g, dog and cat food.

PARISH NEWS - A reminder that subscriptions for the forthcoming year are due by the end of January - £5 for the twelve months or 50p each month. There is no increase on last year's price.

ST OSWALD' BOOK CLUB meet in Parish Office Wednesday 21st January at 7.30 p.m. We'll be reading and discussing our new book - 'Praying by Heart, The Lord's Prayer for Everyone' by Stephen Cottrell. **All are welcome to join us** for coffee, cake and lively discussion.

Harvey's last Sunday with us will be the 25th January followed by a Come and Share buffet in Church following the morning service. All are welcome. There is a sheet to sign on the table in the south aisle if you would like to donate food for the 'come and share buffet'.

9 o'clock Morning Prayer is streamed on the Facebook page on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Sunday worship on the You Tube page

CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY 19th JANUARY

19.30. PCC meeting in Parish Centre

TUESDAY 20th JANUARY

10.30 Place of Welcome in Parish Centre
11.00 Ladies Group Committee meeting in Parish Centre.

WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY

08.30 Oswestry School Assembly - 0940
09.00 Morning Prayer (online)
10.00 Under 5's Playgroup - Parish Centre
17.15 Brownies in Parish Centre - 19.15
19.30 St. Oswalds' Book Club meet in Parish Office
19.30 Scholars and Gentlemen meet in the Parish Centre

THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY

10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
19.30 Bell ringing practice - 2100

FRIDAY 23rd JANUARY

09.00 Morning Prayer (online)
19.15 Full Choir - 20.30
20.30 Choral Scholars and Adults - 21.00

SATURDAY 24th JANUARY

10.00 Shropshire Bells Association - 12.30
Bell Tower

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD KING & MARTYR

EPIPHANY 2

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18th January 2026



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: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

10.10 Prayers in St. Catherine's Chapel

10.30 Parish Eucharist at St. Oswald's

President: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

Setting: Mathias - Common Service in C

Processional Hymn: 271

The Collect:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your race, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-7

The work of God's servant is ignited by God's vision, which is not simply to restore Israel but to bring all nations into God's light.

Psalms - 40 v1-12

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul calls the Corinthian Christians to holiness and reminds them it is only achievable through the grace of God in Christ.

Gradual Hymn: 338

Gospel John 1:29-42

John the Baptist sees the newly baptised Jesus fulfilling Isaiah's servant vision as, by calling his first disciples, Jesus begins to draw Israel back to God.

Preacher: Fr. Phil Hughes

For your prayers:

Those working to preserve the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas and those working towards peace between Ukraine and Russia.

Iran

Those adversely affected by the ongoing winter weather and everyone working to keep others safe

People struggling with the increases in the cost of living and those who are working to balance the finances of county and local councils

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 Ann Harding, Marlene May Hudspeth, Irmgard Willeck, Barry Johnson, and everyone who has recently been bereaved.

Offertory Hymn: 353

Communion Hymn: 294

Anthem: The Lamb - Taverner

The Post Communion Prayer:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn: 343

Organ Voluntary: Trumpet Fanfare by Paul Fey

Please join us for Coffee in the Parish Centre after the service today.

18.00: Evensong

Preacher: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

SUNDAY 25th January (Epiphany 3)

10.30 Parish Eucharist St. Oswald's

President: Rev. Keith Musson

Preacher: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

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