

NEWS

PALM CROSSES - Ash Wednesday (February 18) is soon upon us so can you please return your palm crosses from previous years so we can use them to make the ash for this year. Please place them in the basket provided.

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.

ANN HARDING'S FUNERAL will take place at St. Oswald's Church on Thursday February 5th at 12:30pm followed by Interment in Oswestry Cemetery.

ST OSWALD'S LADIES GROUP meet in the Parish Centre on Monday 2nd February at 2.30 p.m. when we welcome Justin Soper as our Speaker - Battle of Agincourt - John Shrewsbury. All welcome.

PRAYING FOR OUR WORLD - The Mission and Ministry Team invite you to join them in prayer in the reading area in Church for their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 4th February.

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 26th JANUARY

TUESDAY 27th JANUARY

10.30 Place of Welcome in Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 28th 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 Scholars and Gentlemen meet in the Parish Centre

THURSDAY 29th JANUARY

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

FRIDAY 30th JANUARY

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

SATURDAY 31st JANUARY

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD KING & MARTYR

**EPIPHANY 3
CONVERSION OF PAUL
25th 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.

10.10 Prayers in St. Catherine's Chapel

10.30 Parish Eucharist at St. Oswald's
President: Rev. Keith Musson

Setting: Thorne - Mass of St. Thomas

Processional Hymn: 52

The Collect:

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Despite his hesitation, Jeremiah is chosen to deliver God's message to the people of Judah and on to the rest of the world.

Psalm - 67

Second Reading Acts 9:1-22

Saul meets Jesus, and his life and the life of the Christian Church are turned around for ever.

Gradual Hymn: 146

Gospel: Matthew 19:27-end

Jesus explains to the disciples that the rewards of the kingdom are not earned but are freely given, even to the most apparently insignificant people.

Preacher: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

For your prayers:

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

The people of Greenland and Denmark

The benefices of St. Oswald King & Martyr and Christ Church, Rhydycroesau and the United Benefice of the 6 Parishes as they both begin a new chapter in their mission and ministry

The Church Wardens, PCC, clergy and lay worship teams as they prepare to lead through the vacancy

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 Hudspith, Barry Johnson, Nigel Rowley, Malcolm Powell and everyone who has recently been bereaved.

Offertory Hymn: 461

Communion Hymn: 272

Anthem: Be thou my vision - Chilcott

The Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn: 486

Organ Voluntary: Trumpet tune Op 6 number 5 by John Stanley

Please stay for refreshments in the church after our service today.

SUNDAY 1st February Epiphany 4
(Presentation of Christ in the temple or Candlemass)

8.00 - Holy Communion
President: Rev. Adrian Bailey

10.30 Parish Eucharist St. Oswald's
President: Fr. Phil Hughes
Preacher: Rev. Keith Musson

18.00 Sequence of Music and Readings for Candlemas