

NEWS

Harvey and Liz's new address is The Rectory, Badger Lane, Beckbury, Shifnal, TF11 9DG.

MONDAY Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary are holding their quarterly Mass on Monday 23rd February at 7.30 p.m. All members of the congregation are warmly invited

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.

Haydn Jones' wife Heather will be swimming 200 lengths in March to raise money for the Marie Curie charity- a cause close to their hearts. A sponsor form will be on the table in church. All donations appreciated. Thank you from Haydn Jones

Jenifer Chippett Williams' Lent group begins on 25th February at 7.30 p.m. in St. Catherine's for five sessions.

Judi Neale's Lent group Thursdays at 2 p.m. in St. Catherine's

Lindsay Clarke's Lent Group begins on Tuesday 24th February at 7 p.m. at 8 Lower Brook Street.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

19.30 Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary quarterly Mass. All members of the congregation are warmly invited.

TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY

10.30 Place of Welcome in Parish Centre
19.00 Lent Group at 8 Lower Brook Street - Lindsay Clarke

WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY

08.30 Oswestry School Assembly - 0940
10.00 Under 5's playgroup - Parish Centre
17.15 Brownies in Parish Centre - 19.15
19.30 Scholars & Gentleman - Parish Centre
19.30 Lent Group in St. Catherine's - Jenifer Chippett Williams

THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY

10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
14.00 Lent Study Group in St. Catherine's - Judi Neale
19.30 Bell ringing practice - 2100

FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY

11.00 Funeral Sondra Rowlands in church followed by interment at Oswestry Cemetery
19.15 Full Choir - 20.30
20.30 Choral Scholars and Adults - 21.00

SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY

***Sunday worship on the You Tube page
No morning prayer on line***

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD KING & MARTYR

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 22nd February 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.

**Holy Communion at Christ Church
Rhydycroesau**

President: Fr. Phil Hughes

10.10 Prayers in St. Catherine's Chapel

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

Setting: Archer - St. Albans Service

Processional Hymn: 67

Kyrie: MacMillan - St. Anne's Mass

The Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Adam and Eve are tempted by the serpent to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They succumb to temptation and their eyes are opened so they know that they are naked. They hide their nakedness with fig leaves.

Psalm: 32

Reading Romans 5:12-19

Sin and death came into the world because of Adam's disobedience, and held sway until the time of Moses, when God gave the Law to humankind. However, through the grace and obedience of Jesus Christ, humanity is offered the free gift of forgiveness and life.

Gradual Hymn: 12

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Three times Jesus resists the devil's temptations to ignore God's will, choosing not to act in self-interest, nor to behave recklessly to prove his divinity, nor to seize power for himself.

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.

The people of Greenland and Denmark

For our schools as they return from half-term holidays, especially those pupils who are preparing for examinations.

The Church Wardens, PCC, clergy and lay worship teams as they lead us through Lent and into Easter.

For all those working in the caring professions and for those in their charge.

The families and friends of Ruth Young, Sondra Rowlands, Ann Harding, Marlene May Hudspith, Barry Johnson, Alan Frederick Stratford, Pamela Vaughan and everyone who has recently been bereaved.

Offertory Hymn: 383

Communion Hymn: 70

Anthem: Salvator mundi (Tallis)

The Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn: 318

Organ Voluntary: Priere a Notre Dame by Boeillmann

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

18.00 Reflective Service in St. Catherine's Chapel - Mrs. Lindsay Clarke
Commissioned Lay Worker

SUNDAY 1st March St. David's Day Second Sunday of Lent

08.00 Holy Communion at St. Oswalds
President: Rev. Keith Musson

10.30 Parish Eucharist St. Oswald's
President: Fr. Phil Hughes

Preacher: Fr. Phil Hughes

18.00 Choral Evensong

Mrs. Jenifer Chippett Williams
Commissioned Lay Worker