**NEWS**

**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.

**OLIVE MORRIS** will be taking part in the Derwen Walk on 5th April. Can you please sign the sheet in the South Aisle if you would like to sponsor her.

**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

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

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***CHURCH CALENDAR***

 **MONDAY 24th MARCH**

19.30 St. Oswald’s Book Club reading ‘A Splash

 of Words Believing in Poetry’ by Mark

 Oakley - Parish Centre

**TUESDAY 25th MARCH**

10.30 Place of Welcome in Parish Centre

19.00 Lent Group at 8 Lower Brook Street

19.00 Oswestry Civic Society in Parish Centre

**WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH**

08.30 Oswestry School Assembly - 0940

09.00 Morning Prayer (online)

10.00 Under 5’s ‘Stay and Play’ Parish Centre

11.30 Final rehearsal for High Sheriff service

12.00 Lent Reflection and Litany in Lady Chapel

12.30 Lent Group in St. Catherine’s

14.00 Funeral Jean Rosemary Roberts in

 Church followed by interment at Oswestry

 Cemetery

17.15 Brownies in Parish Centre - 19.15

19.30 Scholars and Gentlemen rehearsal in

 Parish Centre

**THURSDAY 27th MARCH**

10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

11.30 Terence Philip Rogers Cremation at

 Emstrey

14.00 Lent Group meets in Parish Centre

19.30 Bell ringing practice - 2100

**FRIDAY 28th MARCH**

10.00 Under 5’s ‘Stay and Play’ Parish Centre

18.45 Junior Choir Rehearsal in Parish Centre

19.15 Full Choir - 20.15

20.15 Choral Scholars & Adults only - 21.00

**SATURDAY 29th MARCH**

10.00 Preparing Mothering Sunday posies in the

 Parish Centre basement.

20.00 Social Dance £5 entry - 23.59

***THE PARISH CHURCH OF***

***ST. OSWALD***

***KING & MARTYR***

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**23rd 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.

**09.30 Holy Communion at Christ Church Rhydycroesau**

President: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

10.10 Prayers in St. Catherine’s Chapel

10.30 Parish Eucharist

President: Rev. Keith Musson

Setting: Archer - St. Albans Service

Processional Hymn: 360

Kyries: Plainsong - De Angelis

**The Collect:**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 55:1-9

We’re invited to live an abundant life. The prophet tells us not to spend our money on that which is not bread, but instead to listen and eat what is good. God will make an everlasting covenant with Israel.

Psalm: 63 vv 1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul warns the Corinthians not to be like the Israelites in the wilderness, some of whom became idolators. They are an example for us. We are all tested in the same way, but testing will never be beyond our strength.

Gradual Hymn: 337

**Gospel** Luke 13:1-9

Jesus responds to two stories about Galileans who have been killed, explaining that they were not worse sinners than others and that everyone needs to repent. A man who has a barren fig tree is encouraged to let it live for another year, to see if it will fruit.

Preacher: Rev. Jassica Castillo-Burley

**For your prayers:**

Family and friends of Teddy James Rogers being baptised here this morning

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 Vera Brunt, Anne Goulding, Cyril Laycock, Terry Rogers, Jean Rosemary Roberts, John William Humphreys, Roger Owen Derwas and everyone who has recently been bereaved.

Offertory Hymn: 216

Communion Hymn: 276

**Anthem**: Sicut cervus - Palestrina

**The Post Communion Prayer:**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional hymn: 333 (omit v2)

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

12.30: Baptism - Teddy James Rogers

President: Rev. Jassica Castillo-Burley

17.30 Reflective Space

Preacher: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

**SUNDAY 30th March** *(Mothering Sunday)*

10.30 Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday President: Fr. Phil Hughes

15.00 High Sheriff’s Service

- please be seated by 2:34 pm

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.

***Reminder clocks go forward on 30th March***