

NEWS

EARLY DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL JANUARY MAGAZINE required in the Office Sunday 7th December or e mail dianedawson15@gmail.com

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.

ST OSWALD'S BOOK CLUB meet in Parish Centre on Wednesday 3rd December at 19:30 reading 'Five for Sorrow, Ten for Joy' meditations on the rosary, by J Neville Ward. All are welcome to come along to discuss the book over coffee and tea.

ST OSWALD'S LADIES GROUP visit to All Saints church, Baschurch, on Monday 1st December. Please meet in the car park at St. Oswald's at 2 p.m. **prompt** so that we can arrange transport.

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 3rd December.

ST. OSWALD'S LADIES GROUP Christmas Dinner at the Orangery, Derwen College on Monday 8th December. 12 for 12.30 p.m.

CHURCH STREET will be closed on Sunday 7th December for the Santa run. Please use the Welsh Walls entrance to the Church Car park.

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

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS POP-UP SHOP
OPEN IN CHURCH DAILY 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

MONDAY 1st DECEMBER

- 10.00 Staff Eucharist & meeting
- 14.00 Ladies Group visit to All Saints Church, Baschurch. We leave at 2 p.m
- 19.00 Vocations discussion - Parish centre

TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER

- 10.30 Place of Welcome in Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER

- 09.00 Morning Prayer (online)
- 10.00 Under 5's 'Stay and Play' Parish Centre
- 12.00 Advent Reflection in St. Catherine's
- 17.15 Girl Guides/Brownies in Parish Centre
- 19.00 Praying for Our World - reading area in church
- 19.30 St. Oswald's Book Club – Parish Centre

THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER

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

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER

- 09.00 Morning Prayer (online)
- 10.00 Under 5's Playgroup - Parish Centre
- 19.15 Full Choir - 20.30
- 20.30 Choral Scholars and Adults - 21.00

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER

Charity Christmas card pop-up shop
closes today.

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD KING & MARTYR

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
30TH NOVEMBER 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.

10.10 Prayers in St. Catherine's Chapel

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

Setting: Shephard - Addington Service

Processional Hymn: 6

The Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah sees the Lord's house established on the highest mountain and the word of the Lord going forth from Jerusalem. God will judge the nations, war will end and peace will come.

Psalms: 122

Romans 13:11-end

Paul tells the Church in Rome that the time of salvation is nearer than when they first believed. They should wake from sleep and live honourably.

Gradual Hymn: 366

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

No one knows when the end times will come. We will be going about life as normal, like the people in the time of Noah before the flood came. We must keep awake because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected time.

Preacher: Fr. Phil Hughes

For your prayers:

Those adversely affected by flooding in Indonesia, the fire in Hong Kong and the abducted schoolgirls in Nigeria and those who came to their aid.

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

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 Daphne Madden, Edward Russell Jones, Ron Derwas, Sheila Lloyd and everyone who has recently been bereaved.

Offertory Hymn: 492

Communion Hymn: 14

Anthem: Thee will I love - Armstrong Gibbs

The Post Communion Prayer:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn: 15

Organ Voluntary: Fantasia super 'Komm heiliger geist' BWV 651 - J. S. Bach.

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

18.00 Advent Procession & Carol Service
(from Darkness to Light)

SUNDAY 7th December (Advent 2)

08.00 Holy Communion

10.30 Parish Eucharist

18.00 Choral Evensong

Looking ahead –

Saturday 13th December 2025 in St. Oswald's Church - Matinee 2 pm and Evening 7.30 pm
Engelbert Humperdinck Hansel and Gretel - Merry Opera Company Box Office:
www.merryopera.co.uk

Come and choose your favourite carols and join in the sing-along Sunday 14th December 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m. in Church. Mince pies, tea and coffee available. All welcome