**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.

**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 and

El-Nathan in your prayers

**ST. OSWALD’S LADIES GROUP** meet in the Parish Centre on Monday 7th April at 2.30 pm when we welcome Chris Birdsell-Jones who will speak to us about taking fire engines to Ukraine.

**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.

**CHURCH SPRING CLEAN -** Saturday 12th April 9.30 am - 3 pm As many people as possible are needed to give St. Oswald’s its annual spring clean in time for Easter. We welcome newcomers to St. Oswald’s as well as our regular helpers to assist with this annual task. Please come along with brushes, mops, vacuum cleaners etc.

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***CHURCH CALENDAR***

 **TUESDAY 1st APRIL**

10.30 Place of Welcome in Parish Centre

12.30 Christ Church Lent Lunch at 61 High Fawr

 Avenue - all welcome

19.00 Lent Group at 8 Lower Brook Street

19.00 Bev. Galloway Dance in Parish Centre

**WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL**

08.30 Oswestry School Assembly - 0940

09.00 Morning Prayer (online)

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

12.00 Lent Reflection and Litany in Lady Chapel

12.30 Lent Group in St. Catherine’s

17.15 Brownies in Parish Centre - 19.15

19.30 Scholars and Gentlemen rehearsal in

 Parish Centre

**THURSDAY 3rd APRIL**

10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

14.00 Lent Group meets in Parish Centre

19.30 Bell ringing practice - 2100

**FRIDAY 4th APRIL**

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

13.30 Oswestry School End of term rehearsal

15.00 Oswestry School Assembly - 16.00

15.30 Funeral of John William Humphreys at

 Emstrey Crematorium

18.45 Junior Choir Rehearsal in Parish Centre

19.15 Full Choir - 20.15

20.15 Choral Scholars & Adults only - 21.00

**SATURDAY 5th APRIL**

09.00 Orthodox Divine Liturgy Service in Church

 All are welcome.

There will be no more 9 o’clock Morning Prayer which is streamed online through the church Facebook page until after Easter Wednesday 23rd April. Sunday worship is on the You Tube page

***THE PARISH CHURCH OF***

***ST. OSWALD***

***KING & MARTYR***

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**30th 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.

10.10 Prayers in St. Catherine’s Chapel

10.30 Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday with the giving of flowers

President: Fr. Phil Hughes

Setting: Metrical to Hymn Tunes

Processional Hymn: NHWS 85

**The Collect:**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Reading:**

Exodus 2:1-10

The extraordinary story of the birth of Moses and how he came to be raised by the daughter of Pharaoh. This ingenious mother secures her child’s future.

Gradual Hymn: NHWS 244

**Gospel:**

John 19:25*b*-27

Even while dying on the cross, Jesus thinks about the needs of others and gives responsibility for his mother to his beloved disciple.

Preacher: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

**For your prayers:**

We pray for mothers everywhere, especially those caring for their families on their own, those who struggle financially, or those raising their families in places of violence or oppression, we pray also for those for whom today is challenging.

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

Offertory Hymn: NHWS 81

Communion Hymn: NHWS 164

**Anthem**: Jesus good above all other - German carol (14th C)

**The Post Communion Prayer:**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional hymn: NHWS 59

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

15.00 High Sheriff’s Legal Service - *please be seated by 2:30 pm*

**SUNDAY 6TH APRIL** (*Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

Passion Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion

10.30 Parish Eucharist

**18.00** Choral Evensong

**Please note change of time for evening service**

**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.