

NEWS

MATERIAL FOR JANUARY MAGAZINE

required in the Office TODAY 7th December or e mail dianedawson15@gmail.com

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

MOTHERS' UNION FELLOWSHIP GROUP

meet on 11th December at 2.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre when Gill and Kevin will be entertaining them with seasonal music.

Saturday 13th December 2025 in St. Oswald's Church - Matinee 2 pm and Evening 7.30 pm performance of **Hansel and Gretel** - 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

Rehearsal after the service today, for approx. 30 mins to run through some carols for the Crib Service.

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 8th DECEMBER

12.00 Ladies Group Christmas Dinner at the Orangery at the Derwen -12 for 12.30

TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER

10.30 Place of Welcome in Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER

08.30 Oswestry School Assembly -11.00
09.00 Morning Prayer (online)
10.00 Under 5's 'Stay and Play' Parish Centre
12.00 Advent Reflection in St. Catherine's -12.30
17.15 Girl Guides/Brownies in Parish Centre

THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER

10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
14.15 Mothers' Union Fellowship Group meet in Parish centre
19.30 Bell ringing practice - 2100

FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER

09.00 Morning Prayer (online)
10.00 Under 5's Playgroup - Parish Centre
10.00 - Oswestry School Readers Rehearsal - 11.00
13.45 - 1600 - Oswestry School Carol Service
19.15 Full Choir - 20.30
20.30 Choral Scholars and Adults - 21.00

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

10.00 - 21.30 Hansel and Gretel - performances at 14.00 & 19.30

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD KING & MARTYR

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7th DECEMBER 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.

08.00 Holy Communion

President: Fr. Phil Hughes

10.10 Prayers in St. Catherine's Chapel

10.30 Parish Eucharist at St. Oswald's

President: Rev. Adrian Bailey

Setting: Thorne - Mass of St. Thomas

Processional Hymn: 12

The Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah pictures a shoot growing from a stump that seemed dead – we now know that shoot to be Jesus at the heart of whose mission is peace and restoration for the whole of creation.

Canticle: Verses from Isaiah 35

Romans 15:4-13

As we wait in great hope for the coming of Christ, we must strive to be like Christ, especially those who are strong and powerful. God's love is inclusive and we are called to welcome others as God has welcomed us.

Gradual Hymn: 5

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus by calling everyone to repentance.

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 staff and young people of our schools as they prepare for the end of the Christmas term

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: 170

Communion Hymn: 18

Anthem: This is the record of John - Gibbons

The Post Communion Prayer:

Father in heaven, who sent your son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge; give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn: 500

Organ Voluntary: Sinfonia by J. S. Bach transcribed for concert organ solos edited by Maurizio Machella from BWV35

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

18.00 Choral Evensong

President: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

SUNDAY 14th December (Advent 3)

9.30 a.m. Christ Church Rhydycroesau
Holy Communion

St. Oswald's

10.30 Parish Eucharist

14.30 Pop-up Carols in Church (see news)

18.00 BCP Evening Prayer

Looking ahead –

HAYDN JONES will be playing the piano in the indoor market on Saturday December 20th from 10.30 am. Christmas carols and songs. Donations for the Debra charity.

Epiphany drinks on January 6th ... drop in to the vicarage between 6pm and 8pm for a drink and a mince pie. All are most welcome