**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 ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** will be held on 19th May. We have four vacancies on the PCC, if you would like to be a member of the PCC please compete an election form, there are also four vacancies for Church Warden. For more information about either vacancy, please speak to Harvey or a church warden.

**JASSICA’S LAST SUNDAY** will be May 25th

and her Licensing service in Great Yarmouth is on

15th June at 3pm. We are arranging transport to Great Yarmouth, please add your name to the list in the south aisle if you are interested.

There will be a ‘Come and Share’ lunch after the service on Sunday May 25th in Church. Please sign the sheet in the south aisle if you can contribute to this. Thank you.

**ST. OSWALD’S BOOK CLUB** meet in the Parish Centre on Monday 26th May at 19.30 p.m.

**QUARTER PEEL ATTEMPT IN BELL TOWER MONDAY 26th May 11.30 - 12.30**

**THURSDAY 29TH MAY - ASCENSION DAY**

10.30 a.m. BCP Eucharist

19.00 Parish Eucharist

***CHURCH CALENDAR***

**MONDAY 19TH MAY**

19.00 Annual Parochial Church meeting in the

 Parish Centre

 **TUESDAY 20TH MAY**

10.30 Place of Welcome in Parish Centre

19.00 Bev Galloway - dance in Parish Centre -

 20.30

**WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY**

08.30 Oswestry School Assembly - 0940

09.00 Morning Prayer (online)

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

17.15 Brownies in Parish Centre - 19.15

 **THURSDAY 22ND MAY**

10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

19.30 Bell ringing practice - 2100

**FRIDAY 23RD MAY**

09.00 Morning Prayer (online)

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 24TH MAY**

**The Rev Harvey Gibbons**

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*9 o’clock Morning Prayer is streamed on the Facebook page on Wednesday and Friday morning*

*Sunday worship on the You Tube page*

***THE PARISH CHURCH OF***

***ST. OSWALD***

***KING & MARTYR***

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**18th MAY 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**

President: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

Setting: Mathias - Communion Service in C

Processional Hymn:107

**The Collect:**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings:**

Acts 11:1-18

Peter describes his vision of all the animals and birds, which God tells him he can eat. This is an indication that Gentiles can be accepted into the Christian Church.

Psalm: 148 vv 1-6

Revelation 21:1-6

John sees a vision of a new heaven and a new earth, and the one seated on the throne says “See, I am making all things new.”

Gradual Hymn: 102

**Gospel** John 13:31-35

Jesus tells the disciples they cannot follow where his is going and gives them a new commandment, that they love one another as he has loved them.

**Preacher:**  Fr. Phil Hughes

**For your prayers:**

Family and friends of Lillie Rose Ratcliffe being baptised here this morning.

The Rev’d Canon Elizabeth Jackson and Revd Nick Watson the new Archdeacons of Walsall and Salop.

The ministry of Pope Leo XIV.

Those working to secure a ceasefire 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 Edward George Holmes, John Roberts, Paula Deering, Christopher Ellison, Maureen Ross, Kathleen Mabel Hemus, Margaret Henderson and everyone who has recently been bereaved.

Offertory Hymn: 408

Communion Hymn: 441

Anthem: Ubi caritas - Gjeilo

**The Post Communion Prayer:**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Recessional hymn: 478

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

**12.30: Baptism** - Lillie Rose Ratcliffe

President: Rev. Harvey Gibbons

**18.00 Evening Prayer**

President: Rev. Keith Musson

**SUNDAY 25th MAY** *(Sixth Sunday of Easter)*

10.30 Parish Eucharist – Jassica’s last Sunday

18.00 Reflective Space with service of reception for the stained-glass window of St. John the Evangelist



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