

ST OSWALD'S – HERE FOR CHRIST, COMMUNITY AND CREATION

DOUBLE ISSUE EMAILING FOR EASTER

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA.

N.B. Clocks go forward on Easter Sunday.

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER SUNDAY

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.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Easter Sunday 8am: Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18; 10am: John 20.1-18

Second Sunday of Easter 8am: Acts 4.32-35; John 20.19-31

Second Sunday of Easter 6pm: Psalm 143 (BCP p608; Isaiah 54; John 20.24-31

INTERCESSIONS

We pray: for all in particular need; for all who mourn for Derek Maclean and Robin Swaisland; for our 10% mission giving recipients: USPG, CMS, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, ASCEND, Church Army Marylebone Project, Alternatives Newham, Watford Schools Trust and A Rocha.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Please bring vegetation to wave at the procession at this Sunday's 10am service. And don't forget to bring flowers to decorate the garden cross on Easter Sunday!

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ELECTORAL ROLL

Our APCM will take place after the 10am service on Sunday 21st April. In preparation for that, Brian Thomson is revising the Electoral Roll which lists those eligible to vote at the APCM. The existing roll is displayed in the Church porch. If you are not listed on the existing roll and would like to join it, then please complete a form available at the back of church or from Brian (secretary@stoswaldschurch.org.uk). The revised roll will be published on 7th April. At the

APCM we will elect churchwardens and members of the PCC. If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone else please use one of the forms available at the back of the church.

SERVICES FOR EASTER 2

The 10am Family Service on Sunday 7th April will continue this year's theme of Saints but with a fishy Resurrection flavour, focusing on St Peter. Evening Prayer will be at the later time of 6pm.

CHOCOLATE EGGS FOR MARYLEBONE CENTRE

Thank you to everyone who contributed (at short notice!) chocolate eggs for the Church Army Marylebone Project. These have been delivered and gratefully received.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

The Palm Sunday Taizé Service was much appreciated by those who attended. Thanks to everyone involved. £115 for was collected for the Croxley Parish Nurses.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Parish Nurse Cathy will be running a Cancer Support Group in conjunction with Macmillan Cancer Support on the first Thursday of each month starting on April 4th 2.30-4pm at All Saints Church. Anyone who has been affected by cancer is welcome to attend.

MOTHERS UNION

The next MU meeting is on April 11th at 2.30pm in Church when John Malcolm will be speaking on the topic "My Life in Music". It promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable occasion and all are welcome.

CLEAR-UP MORNINGS

Many thanks to those who came along for the last Saturday Clear-up morning. Willing helpers will also be appreciated at the next Clear-up on Saturday 27th April. There are lots of jobs, suitable for different abilities and energy levels, which need doing to keep the Church, Hall and grounds in good shape. Refreshments and lively banter provided!

ARTS CAFÉ - ST OSWALD'S

Last year's Arts Festival was a great success. This year the Festival comes to St Oswald's on Saturday 20th April, 11am to 4pm, with a café, children's activities, arts and crafts displays and live music in the Hall and Church. All proceeds will go to supporting the work of Christian Aid. Please let Chris Gregory know if you would be kind enough to bake a cake, serve teas or help with setting up/clearing away. Email: cg@chrisgregory.uk; phone: 07818 412869.

TRINITY PROJECT PRAYERS

The next event hosted by the Trinity Project, the Rickmansworth Deanery Mental Health Project will be at 7.45pm on Monday 22nd April at St Peter's Church, Berry Lane, Mill End, WD3 7HQ. If you can't attend in person, please email hello@trinityproject.uk and ask for a copy of

the prayer evening prayers. For more information about the project or sign up to the mailing list please fill in your details at: <https://www.trinityproject.uk/mailling-list-sign-up>.

QUIZ NIGHT TEAM

Would someone like to help form a St Oswald's team for the Quiz Night in aid of Christian Aid on Saturday 11th May at 6:45 pm for 7 pm??? If so, please contact Michael Hart. Tickets at £15 per person will go on sale after Easter from 3rd April. Supper (cold meats/cheese etc.) will be served at 7 pm, with sweet treats & tea/coffee at the halfway point in the quiz. Bring your own drinks.

A CODA TO LENT MEETINGS

Any feedback on the Churches Together Lent series on "A Christian Look at the Environment" would be much appreciated and helpful for any planning for next year. Words from Dave Gregory's contribution to the BRF Lent Book "Loving my Neighbour" make an appropriate "coda" to our discussions on the theme: "If the news of climate change, its causes and impacts, makes you ask what in your small life can you do about it - then keep a look out for rainbows. And the next time you see one, stop for a while. Not only to take in its beauty, but to recognise that smallness and greatness meet here. Fragile and fleeting, yet marking something strong and eternal: God's care for all creation. As the raindrop opens itself to the power of light, so, in your smallness, offer yourself to God to live more deeply within his loving purpose for and towards your neighbours within the whole of the community of creation."

A ROCHA WALKER

Polly Eaton will be taking part in #BigGreenHike 6-7 April, walking from High Street Baptist Church in Tring (a gold Eco Church), to Wolf Fields, A Rocha UK's urban community nature reserve in Southall, West London, 35 miles in total, entirely along the Grand Union Canal in aid of A Rocha. She has contacted St Oswald's, as we are an Eco Church, to ask if anyone would like to support her. You can sponsor her at: www.justgiving.com/page/polly-eaton-1708072674430.

NEW HOPE CELEBRATION

The annual New Hope celebration service, "Hope and a Future", will be held at St Luke's Church, Langley Way, Watford on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm. Rev Tony Rindl from St Mary's Church, Watford will be sharing some thoughts on hope and New Hope's chaplain, Sarah Shaw will be leading worship. Parking is available at the church and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

DEMENTIA ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

Having had very positive feedback from our Churches Dementia Awareness Event a few weeks ago, the Parish Nurses have arranged for Julie from Alzheimer's Society to visit Croxley Green again for an "Environmental Audit" exploring the obstacles in our church buildings for someone living with dementia. The meeting will be at All Saints on 11th April at 2.30pm. The Audit will give us an opportunity to think about what to be aware of in our church, including how the type of flooring, signage, etc. can impact someone with dementia. The strategies

suggested may also be helpful for people with visual problems, autism and many other neuro-divergent conditions. It would be good if representatives from St Oswald's could attend.

DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY BIBLE

The Bible Society has made dyslexia friendly editions of every book of the bible available for purchase. We have copies of the four gospels in the Church library. Visit www.biblesociety.org.uk for more information.

LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

The next meeting in a series of monthly drop-in sessions about Mental Health organised by Parish Nurse Ruth will take place in the Committee Room at All Saints' Church Hall on Friday 26th April from 12.30 to 2pm and the topic will be Bipolar Disorder. Tea and biscuits provided.

COUNT ON NATURE WEEKEND

Please put in your diaries the 15th-16th June for the Count on Nature Weekend – a nationwide event to promote nature! Over the weekend there will be a number of activities at St Oswald's for people of all ages, including a litter pick and a species count in the church grounds (Saturday 15th), an All-Age Spotlight Service and a family picnic and activity session (Sunday 16th). There is plenty happening for everyone and a chance to make a difference in the local community, so please do make a note and look out for more details closer to the time!

GREAT IDEA FOR SUPPORTING THE PARISH PROJECT!

Why not hold a tea (or coffee or lunch) party for your friends and neighbours in aid of the Parish Project? It's a great way to enjoy company and raise funds for a good cause. Or you could help build up shared life at St Oswald's by inviting two people you know well and two people you know less well.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Induction Service for new minister, Stephen Elmes, at Croxley Baptist Church 2pm 20th April
Children's Holiday Club Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th July

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE FESTIVAL

St Andrew's Bookshop in Great Missenden is holding a Literature Festival on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd June with an impressive line-up of speakers including New Testament Scholar Paula Gooder, comedian Paul Kerensa and author and Presenter of The Bible Course Andrew Ollerton. Spaces are limited so book tickets ASAP at www.stalitfest.co.uk.

GIVE AS YOU LIVE AND SUPPORT ST OSWALD'S

Church members have already raised over £70 so far for St Oswald's by shopping through Give as You Live Online. By signing up to the scheme, the church receives a donation every time you shop online at a registered store, including John Lewis, eBay, Currys, Booking.com, M&S and Just Eat, at no extra cost to yourself. For more information, please visit: <https://www.giveasyoulive.com>.

HUBBARD CUPBOARD

The Hubbard Cupboard at the back of Church is available for donations to Croxley Food Bank.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

At St Oswald's we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. Our aim is to provide a safe place for all. Val Edwards is our Parish Safeguarding Officer. Val is supported by Catherine Farman and Alan Restarick. The email for safeguarding matters is:

safeguarding@stoswaldschurch.org.uk.

CHURCH FINANCES

Many church members contribute regularly to St Oswald's through the Parish Giving Scheme (www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk). You can join the scheme by telephoning 0333 002 1271, providing your bank account details, church/parish name (Croxley Green St Oswald) and PGS parish code (320632193). "One off" donations can be made on the church website (www.stoswaldschurch.org.uk), by a cheque payable to "St Oswald's PCC" or directly to the Church's bank account for which the details are: St Oswald's Church Hall, sort code 20 45 45 and account number 60135720.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AND READING GLASSES

Please inform a sidesperson if you require a gluten free wafer. There is a tin of various glasses at the back of church which can be borrowed if needed and replaced at the end of the service.

Blessings,
Robert