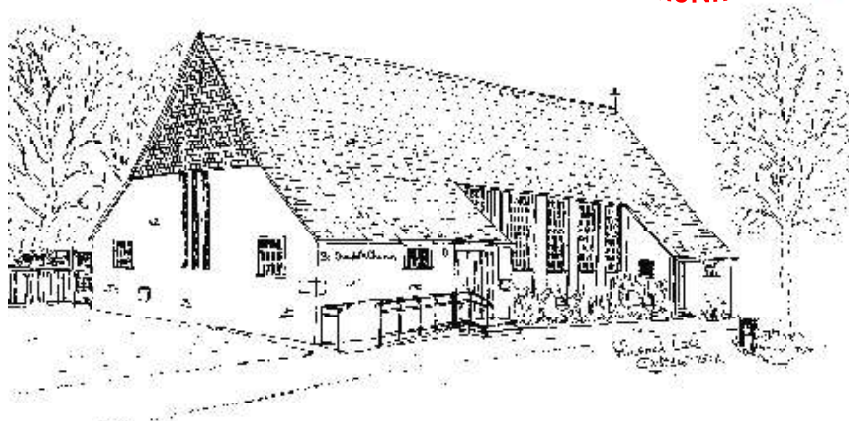


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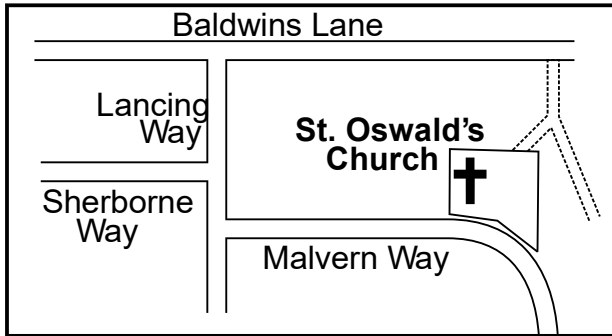
St. Oswald's Church - About us

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REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAYS

8.00am Communion (said) every week

10.00am 1st Sunday of the month: Family Service

10.00am Other Sundays: Sung Communion

10.00am Sunday school in the hall

4.00pm First Sunday of the month - Evening Prayer

NOTE - starts 6.00pm from April

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

9.00am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAYS

11.00am Communion



From The Vicarage



This is the last of these letters that I shall be writing as Vicar of St Oswald's before I leave to take up my new "house for duty" part-time Associate Minister role at Great St Mary's Church in Sawbridgeworth. My last Sunday will be on Easter Day and I shall be licensed to serve in Sawbridgeworth on Wednesday 21st May at 7.30pm in a service which you are very much welcome to attend.

Croxley Green has been my home and St Oswald's my church for seventeen years, exactly a quarter of my life so far. Moving will mean a big change. Inevitably, my mind and energies are currently preoccupied with preparations for that move. This has involved, among other things, a lot of sorting and disposing of papers, with concomitant stirring of memories: much-loved parishioners sadly no longer with us, baptisms and weddings, Chanticleers shows and services, FestivOs 2012, Holiday Clubs, Crophorne Retreats, procedures for the pandemic, meetings many and varied, proposals for change discussed and adopted – others discarded, sermons preached, the yearly round of festivals, activities and events. So much for which to be thankful but also much to be missed. The process of sorting is practically necessary but it's also a way for me to let go of the past as I move into the future.

I am so grateful to leave St Oswald's with two extremely capable churchwardens in post, Helen and Anne-Georgina, who will be supported by the wisdom and experience of their predecessors in that role. The churchwardens are Officers of the Bishop and, in the absence of a Vicar, bear additional responsibilities and workload. I am sure you will give them your full support and encouragement.

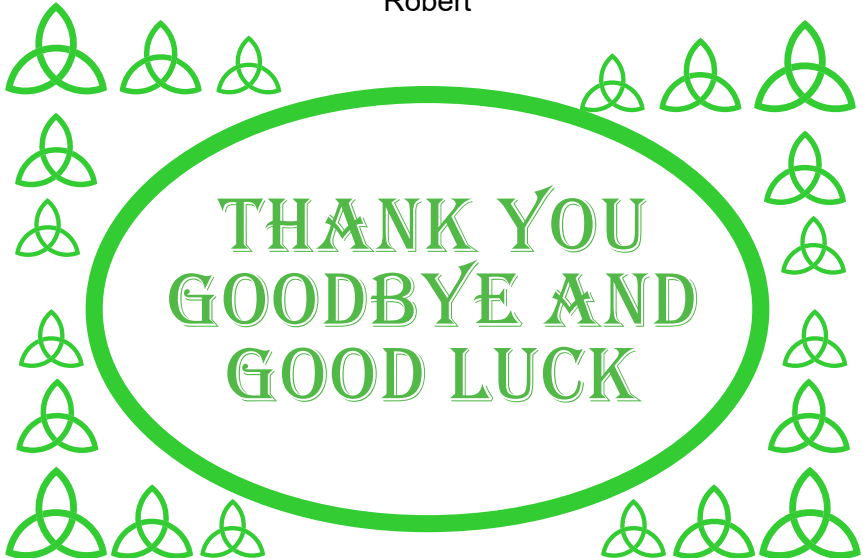
At the time of writing, we are well into the season of Lent. Now is a time of endings and beginnings, the ending of winter and the beginning of spring, when nature prefigures the death and resurrection of Jesus which we observe on Good Friday and at Easter. The Resurrection assures us that whatever endings we experience and whatever the future brings, there is always hope for fresh beginnings.

Words from a well-known hymn have been very much in my mind recently, *"'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far"*.

That for me is an expression of thankfulness and an acknowledgement of God's goodness, in spite of my own shortcomings. The verse continues, *"and grace will lead me home"*. I take heart from those words as I move to what will be my new home for a few years and as we all move closer to that final home in God's coming Kingdom. In words of Dag Hammarskjöld that I believe were quoted on more than one occasion by an enthusiastic visiting priest during the last vacancy, *"For all that has been — Thanks. For all that shall be — Yes!"* And to adapt Sir Thomas More's words to his daughter,

*"Fare well my friends and pray for me, and I shall for you
and may we merrily meet in heaven!"*

Robert



ROBERT RILEY-BRALEY AT ST. OSWALD'S 2008 - 2025

Robert was installed at St Oswald's on 28th April 2008 and his last service will be 20th April 2025. His seventeen years here makes him St Oswald's longest serving Vicar. It has proved to be a fruitful partnership between the Vicar and the people of the parish. Robert has embraced the church's patterns of worship and many of our activities while challenging us to broaden and deepen our faith and adapt to changing circumstances. Robert was initially appointed as Priest in Charge but the policy changed with a new Bishop and he was confirmed in the role of Vicar on 25th November 2012. We have taken a look back on Robert's time with us by dipping into some of the letters he wrote for the magazine 'From the Vicarage.'

Perhaps the biggest event of his tenure was the covid pandemic. This required flexibility and resilience during a period of great uncertainty and anxiety for many parishioners. Robert mastered the process of recording short prayer services on YouTube, while encouraging digitally minded folk to make use of other online opportunities for worship and finding other ways to support those less plugged-in to the internet age. He included the following in the first magazine of lockdown, April/May 2020: -

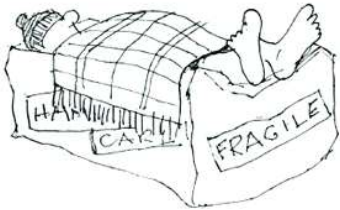
"Here's my mini-sermon based on Jesus's responses in the temptation story in Matthew 4:

...One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" - so let someone else have that can of beans! And now is an ideal opportunity to dust down your Bible.

...Do not put the Lord your God to the test" - so don't take unnecessary risks: observe hand hygiene; stay at home except for essentials; observe social distancing. You are protecting not just yourself but others too.

...Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him" – remember you can worship God anywhere. Try to maintain ...holy habits". And, as appropriate, serve God by serving your neighbour."

A prominent theme of his letters is the important role of children in the church. As Robert wrote in July 2011 about Rainbow Club: 'children are a treasure for the church. They are not just the church of tomorrow but part of the church of today with their own distinctive contributions to make to its life. They are worthy of our respect and appreciation.' Robert's background in education has been a great asset in reaching out to our local schools, encouraging our Sunday school and helping to lead holiday clubs over the years. This interest in children combined with a fondness for sweet things has helped to launch Donut Club for year 7 children as a way of supporting the mental health of youngsters after covid.



Robert has used his letters to publicise the work of Christian-inspired charities and has introduced some to St Oswald's such as the Mission to Seafarers which produced a crop of woolly hats for seafarers as well as money for the charity. He has often expressed the value of volunteering and his warm appreciation

of the work of volunteers at St Oswald's. In January 2012 this sketch by Robert's father appeared in the magazine. He has been a regular sleeper-outer at the Abbey and Watford FC as a way of supporting homeless charities such as New Hope.

There have been ebbs and flows in St Oswald's life over the past seventeen years as conditions have changed. The much loved and longstanding musical theatre group, Chanticleers, came to a close. However, Cafe O has become a well established part of the church's activities and provides a venue for the very young and for somewhat older folk on a Monday morning. As well as Donut Club we now have the Hot Dog club for year 8 children and St Oswald's has achieved the silver Eco Church award for helping to care for the environment.

Robert has not been shy of introducing new services or adapting worship in order to broaden the church's appeal. He has rewritten our service booklets. Moreover, the introduction of a monthly informal Spotlight communion service appears to be successful. And a 'pop-up carol service to kick-start Christmas' at the end of the Christmas school term attracted more folk than even Robert had expected.

festivOs

2012 was a special 'FestivOs' year marking the 75th anniversary of the opening of the church building and the 50th year of its consecration as a separate parish. Robert was heavily involved in a large programme of activities led by an enthusiastic team of parishioners. The three Bishops and Archdeacon all visited. We mounted a flower festival, a brains trust, FestivOs-lympics, special praise services and a Chanticleers celebration show. At Croxley Revels we were awarded the Chairman's cup for the procession float and the Cafe O stall. As Robert pointed out there were other important anniversaries that year too - the Queen's diamond jubilee, the 350th anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer and 200 years since the birth of Dickens.

Taking inspiration from great literature, films and plays were common themes of Robert's letters. He encouraged us to challenge and deepen our faith by thoughtful watching and reading. His recommendations were not just well-known Christian writers such as Tom Wright or C S Lewis but also less known authors such as the African priest Uwem Akpan and secular writers such as Daniel Defoe. His inspirations from films ranged from the darkness of 'The Road', from the book by Cormac McCarthy, to the softer tones of 'Little Women' and Zeffirelli's 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon' about St Francis. The British Museum is another important resource, for example, an exhibition about Roman soldiers provided a starting point for a fresh look at familiar Gospel stories.

The recent play 'Dear England' by James Graham receives special mention. Robert writes that this kind of drama is a firm favourite because it appeals at a deep level, concerning a disparate and divided group of people coming together in a noble cause....something especially needed in this time of division.



We finish this brief appreciation with reference to Robert's ability to communicate some difficult theology through a letter in June 2024:

I like to think of the Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, as God above us, God alongside us and God within us. God is above us, our Creator, the one on whom we depend. We owe God our gratitude and worship. Believing in God in this way can provide us with a sense of purpose, and it should prevent us from behaving like gods ourselves. We are responsible to another. This has a particular point in the way we value not just our fellow human beings but the divinely created environment in which we live.

Believing in the Son, God alongside us, brings home the humility of God. In Jesus, God shared our human experience, its sorrows and its joys. He is our friend and, more than that, our Saviour. His complete identification with humanity in a world of injustice led to a cruel death on the cross, endured out of love. But by joining himself to us in this way, he now shares with us his risen life. The humanity of Jesus gives worth to every human life, however insignificant or despised by others. His years as a working man, a carpenter or builder, give dignity to our labours. His resurrection return on Easter Day offers hope to all – God has not given up on humanity!

Jesus is still with us by the Spirit, never more so than when we share bread and wine in remembrance of him at Holy Communion. That leads onto belief in God within us. The Spirit is at work throughout the world, inspiring all that is good and true and comes to us personally as we open up our lives to the amazing gift of God's presence coming to dwell within us. Sometimes the Spirit's presence is clear and dramatic, as on the Day of Pentecost, mostly the Spirit works quietly but no less powerfully ...behind the scenes", strengthening, guiding, inspiring, challenging, in other words enabling ordinary Christian disciples in their ordinary lives.'

There is much more that could be said and many things about the past seventeen years that have been omitted. If readers have favourite anecdotes about Robert's time at St Oswald's then please send them to the editors - magazine@stoswaldschurch.org.uk

STOP THE PRESS!!!

**SAINT OSWALD'S
HOLIDAY CLUB 2025**

**23rd & 24th July :
9.30am - 3.00pm**

**25th July :
9.30am - 1.00pm**

***AT SAINT
OSWALD'S
CHURCH***

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**FROM
RECEPTION
TO YEAR 6**

***APPLICATIONS
OPEN 2nd APRIL***

CHRISTIAN AID NEWS



Many thanks to all who supported the Omnia Concert on 8th February at All Saints. Over £840 was raised for the work of Christian Aid, who fight poverty across our world.

DON'T FORGET THE

CHRISTIAN AID "ARTS CAFE"
Saturday 26th April
11.00 am - 4.00 pm
St. Oswald's Church



CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE

Churches Together Lent Course this year is based on Richard Foster's book "Streams of Living Water" which considers six dimensions of faith and practice that have characterised the Christian tradition through the centuries and are still relevant today. The sessions have so far covered the traditions of "Contemplative", "Holiness", "Charismatic" and "Social Justice".

There are 2 sessions left in April: Thursday 3rd "The Evangelical Tradition" hosted by St. Oswald's church at 2.00 pm, and then The Baptist Church at 7.30 pm. The final one is on Thursday 10th April at 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm, both at St. Bede's, discussing "The Incarnational Tradition."



MOTHERS' UNION FEBRUARY



For this meeting we were pleased to welcome Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein from the Liberal Ark Synagogue in Northwood. He spoke of so much during the afternoon so I am just going to give a very brief summary.

He mentioned the Torah which is a compilation of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, also known as The Five Books Of Moses. This is one of their most influential books.

The Mishnah is the first written collection of the Jewish Oral Traditions and is the first work of Rabbinic literature with the oldest surviving material dating to the 6th and 7th Centuries. It is written in Hebrew, with about 30 volumes, a vast document. Prior to this everything would be passed down by word of mouth.

There are 613 commandments in the Jewish faith and it is thought the pomegranate represents this with the number of seeds the fruit has inside it!

He spoke of the many festivals that the Jewish Community follow:-
Shabbat – the day of rest and weekly observance of God's completion of creation.

Rosh Hashanah – The Jewish New Year, a holiday observed with festive meals and a day spent in prayer or quiet meditation.

Yom Kippur – The Jewish Day of Atonement – the most solemn day of the Jewish Year. A day devoted to self-examination and a chance to begin the New Year with a clean slate.

Sukkot – A celebration of the fall of Harvest.

Passover – also called Pesach is a major Jewish holiday

Tu Bishvat – New Year of the Tree celebrated on the fifteenth day of the month of Shvat (Thursday 13th February 2025) It is a day to reflect on the seasons, and on our reliance on and need for trees to live, and generally the health of the planet.

Rabbi Andrew related many stories about the festivals and how some have changed/alterd over the years. He is an extremely knowledgeable Rabbi and it made for a fascinating and interesting afternoon. Janet

MOTHERS' UNION MARCH

For this meeting our members had written down their favourite song or tune and Richard with his technology wizardry played recordings of the songs with the words up on the screen. He also had found out all sorts of interesting facts and figures relating to each one. We went from Miserere composed about 1630 to Amazing Grace a Christian Hymn written in 1772 by an English Anglican Clergyman and Poet John Newton. It is possibly the most sung and recorded hymn in the world used for both religious and secular purposes.

With various songs from Perry Como, Sammy Davis Junior, Stevie Wonder, ABBA, John Denver, Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly, Bette Midler, to 1988 "Mistletoe and Wine", a Christmas song made famous by Cliff Richard. This was a song written for a musical called 'Scraps' which was an adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen 'The Little Match Girl' set in Victorian London. Cliff Richard liked the song but adapted the lyrics to reflect a more religious theme which was accepted so became his 99th single and his 12th UK number one single spending four weeks as number one in December 1988.

It was a brilliant afternoon with such a mixture of songs and interesting facts added by Richard, enjoyed by all, either singing-along or just listening. Such a relaxing afternoon. We will book you again Richard!

Next Meeting April 10th with our own Brian Thomson – "God moves in a Mysterious Way" William Cowper, John Newton, and 250 years of Amazing Grace. Janet

ST. OSWALD'S 10% CHARITIES

WHAT ARE THE 10% CHARITIES?

These are some chosen charities that will receive, between them, a share of 10% of our weekly giving plus any donations that do not have a specified use. These donations do not come from fund raising that St. Oswald's does, and are entirely separate from the Annual Project. We support the following charities:-

THE MARYLEBONE PROJECT: Based in London, this project provides a safe place for women who have reached a crisis point in their lives from physical or mental abuse, or drug related issues. It provides accommodation and offers educational training and advice. It aims to turn round the lives of vulnerable women, and help them move forward.



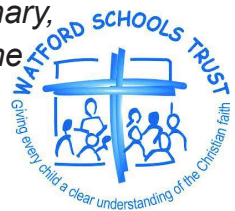
CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE : CSW primarily helps people who are facing injustice because of their religion, or belief, in 20 countries around the world. The charity will try to challenge and change policies that affect these freedoms.



CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY: CMS works with Christians around the world bringing hope where people have given up on God and the church, encouraging them where faith in Jesus makes people outsiders, and empowering people pushed to the edges of life to reach their God given potential.



WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST: A Christian charity that works in more than 50 local schools, mostly primary, offering to give lessons or assemblies, and in some schools will form a Prayer Space. They can also provide lesson material, ideas for assemblies and other teaching resources.



TRINITY PROJECT: This has been established to support and promote the wellbeing and mental health of school children, reduce loneliness and anxiety, and to increase emotional literacy.



ALTERNATIVES NEWHAM: *St. Oswald's has been a long time supporter of this charity, which maintains a Christian ethos, although will offer help to people of any or no faith. It helps women with pregnancy related issues.*



A ROCHA: St. Oswald's has, for a number of years, supported this charity, which aims to inspire churches, or individuals, to help protect and restore the environment. We have a Bronze and a Silver ECO Award.



PARISH NURSING MINISTRIES: *Parish nurses work alongside churches to promote health through education, advice or spiritual care to people of all faiths, or none, looking after the whole person with regard to body, mind and spirit.*



UNITED SOCIETY PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL:

USPG is an Anglican Mission Agency that partners with churches worldwide to enliven faith, to champion justice, and to provide practical help for communities.



Overleaf are some prayers used at a recent service about these charities which may help you.

Father God, we bring before you all the organisations we support through our giving as a church, here at St Oswald's. We thank you for the work of USPG, A Rocha, The Trinity Project and Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

Lord, we pray for the work of the Church Mission Society, as they reach out into new areas at the edges of church and society and meet new challenges. Give them courage, sensitivity and resilience as they share Jesus' love in word and action with people who are "at the edges" and invite them to be part of Your story. Lead them and support them in their work bringing small changes across the globe, offering opportunities for people to get to know you better in whatever geographical, cultural or spiritual place they might find themselves.

Loving Lord, we pray for the work of Alternatives East London and the work they do to empower vulnerable families and transform their lives. We pray for their "We Are Family" programme and over 100 women along with their children, that they support each year with advocacy to reduce poverty and provide practical support with food, equipment, one-to-one parenting skills and counselling.

Lord, we know that Parish Nursing is a way that Christians have demonstrated Jesus' love by providing holistic care to people who are unwell and need support. We pray for the Croxley Parish Nurse Project and the work done in our community supporting the well-being of people in need, regardless of their background.

Lord Jesus, we bring before you Watford Schools Trust who seek to spread your good news amongst young people in the Watford area. We give thanks for

the dedication of their team in helping with school assemblies and lessons, and setting up prayer spaces for children of all faiths and none. We pray that this may provide safe, creative and interactive ways for children to explore some of life's deeper questions, and their own spirituality and faith.

Loving Lord, we pray for the Church Army Marylebone Project as they seek to empower women to find safe homes and live their lives to the full. We pray for your blessing on all those who are homeless, whatever the circumstances. We pray that you will uphold those who work with the women at the Project as they seek to provide the necessary support.

Lord we thank You for all You have given us – so many blessings that we cannot begin to count them. We pray that You will give us caring hearts that glorify You, and cheerful hearts that give back to You a small measure of the abundance that You have poured into our lives. Amen

AND ON THE SUBJECT OF GIVING

Nappies for alternatives charity

In the past we have donated harvest items to Alternatives, East London. Last year, we were informed that, for logistical reasons, Alternatives is no longer able to accommodate food items and so our harvest gifts went to New Hope in Watford. However, Alternatives can accept baby products, so during Lent this year we shall be asking for donations of the following items which can be left in a box to be provided: nappies - including pull ups, baby wipes, baby body wash and lotion, Sudocream, baby food, baby grow vests and bodysuits.

It is hoped that we might also collect chocolate Easter eggs for the **Marylebone** Project again.



SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

- Thursday 3rd - 2.00 pm 5th Lent group at St. Oswald's
Thursday 3rd - 7.30 pm 5th Lent group at Baptist church
Friday 4th - 3.00 pm Donut club
5.15 pm Hotdog club
Sunday 6th - 10.00 am Family Service
Thursday 10th - 2.00 pm & 7.30 pm Final Lent group
at St. Bede's
2.30 pm Mothers' Union
Saturday 12th - 7.45 am Men's Breakfast,
speaker John de Braux
Sunday 13th - 8.00 am Palm Sunday Holy Communion
10.00 am Palm Sunday Holy Communion
Monday 14th - 8.00 pm Compline with reading
Tuesday 15th - 8.00 pm Compline with reading
Wednesday 16th - 11.00 am Holy Communion
8.00 pm Compline with reading
Thursday 17th - 7.30 pm United Service at
All Saints Church for Maundy thursday
GOOD Friday 18th - 9.30 am Churches Together
Walk of Witness
11.00 am Family time in Church
2.00 pm "The Last Hour"
devotional service
HOLY Saturday 19th - 8.00 pm Lighting of the Paschal
candle and Renewal of Baptism Vows
EASTER Sunday - 5.55 am United **SUNRISE**
service on the Green
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am All Age Easter Communion
EASTER Monday - Pilgrimage to St. Albans.
Sunday 27th - 11.30 am APCM after the 10.00 am service



MAY

Friday 2nd - 3.00 pm Donut club
5.15 pm Hotdog club
Sunday 4th - 10.00am Family service
Thursday 8th - 2.30 pm Mothers' Union
Saturday 17th - 7.45 am Men's Breakfast,
speaker Paul Palmer
Sunday 18th - 10.00 am Spotlight service
**Wed 21st - 7.30 pm Robert's Licensing in
Sawbridgeworth**

JUNE

Sunday 1st - 10.00 am Family service
Thursday 5th - 7.30 pm Parish Vacancy Meeting
Friday 6th - 3.00 pm Donut club
5.15 pm Hotdog club
Thursday 12th - 2.30 pm Mothers' Union
Saturday 14th - 7.45 am Men's Breakfast,
speaker Alan Restarick "Time Flies"
Sunday 15th - 10.00 am Spotlight service
Saturday 28th - Croxley Revels

EASTER DATES FOR 2025
GOOD FRIDAY: 18th APRIL
EASTER SUNDAY: 20th APRIL



NOTES FROM THE PCC

At its meeting on 11th March the PCC agreed to return to the practice of Holy Communion as it was before the pandemic i.e. to use the common cup and to allow communicants to intinct (dip) their wafers if they wish to do so.

The PCC noted that the Vicar had revived the Pastoral Contact Group whose members are Sue Barton, Gill Thomson and Pat Phillips. The Group's role is to assist the Vicar in ensuring that members of St Oswald's church are well cared for. Members are not authorised to act as official church pastoral visitors.

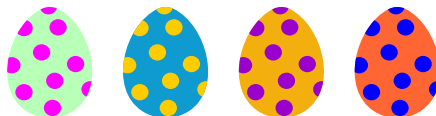
Copies of past PCC minutes are available to members of the Electoral Roll on request to the Secretary, Brian Thomson, secretary@stoswaldschurch.org.uk

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This year's meeting will take place at 11.30 am on Sunday after the 10am service on 27th April. There will be a meeting of parishioners to choose churchwardens for the year ahead. Then at the APCM itself we will receive reports on church activities and finances for 2024 and elect members of the Parochial Church Council. Nomination forms for churchwardens and PCC members will be available at the back of church and should be returned to the Secretary, Brian Thomson.

New Electoral Roll

This year St Oswald's will compile a new Electoral Roll. Formally the Roll lists those who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 27th April. It also indicates informally the membership of St Oswald's. We would be grateful if those on the previous Roll together with others who attend would complete the application form. Anyone aged 16 and over can be entered on the roll and it is open to members of the Church of England and members of other churches. Forms are provided at the back of church. Completed forms should be given to Brian Thomson or the churchwardens. The final date for applications to be received is Sunday 6th April. Brian Thomson



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IN MEMORY

APRIL

John HAMBLYN ~ 17th Jan 1938 to 1st April 1998

Bessie TUCK ~ 15th Aug 1906 to 3rd April 2002

*Raymond John CHALKLEY ~ 13th November 1931
to 3rd April 2019*

Bernard RUMMERY ~ 13th March 1932 to 5th April 2024

George Edward CULLEN ~ 9th May 1921 to 8th April 1978

Ann Elizabeth WALTON ~ 14th May 1933 to 11th April 2013

*Muriel Christine Edith CHURCHILL ~ 27th Dec 1915
to 19th April 2006*

Stanley John CHILD ~ 18th Nov 1905 to 12th April 1989

Sidney James MADGWICK ~ 11th Sep 1904 to 12th April 1989

Marion Rose PARR ~ 15th March 1946 to 14th April 1984

Mary BISHOP ~ 23rd Aug 1926 to 25th April 1998

Robert Stephen WILSON ~ 9th April 1940 to 29th April 2018

John EDWARDS ~ 2nd Feb 1951 to 12th April 2017

MAY

Doreen BARNES ~ 30th Apr 1922 to 2nd May 2015

Peter GIBBENS ~ 25th Sep 1927 to 6th May 2012

Richard SMITH ~ 14th March 1913 to 6th May 1994

Gladys Patricia BALDWIN ~ 17th March 1903 to 8th May 1990

Martin STRANZ ~ 5th Sep 1890 to 13th May 1976

Norman Roy SCOTT ~ 6th May 1931 to 15th May 1994

MAY

Courtenay George TILLEY ~ 18th Sep 1945 to 16th May 2006
Harry Leonard CURNOW ~ 18th March 1930 to 16th May 2014
Francis George William WOODHOUSE ~ 5th June 1920
to 18th May 2013
John Graham THOMSON ~ 12th Feb 1913 to 30th May 1998
Pamela (Pam) CORDERY ~ 15th May 1933 to 31st May 2021
Pamela Doris PRATT ~ 25th Nov 1936 to 31st May 2011
Ian BROADBENT ~ 3rd Feb 1952 to 4th May 2021
Gerald WATTS ~ 15th July 1933 to 12th May 2022
Molly JACKSON ~ 22nd Aug 1936 to 17th May 2021
John Colin GRIFFITHS ~ 24th May 1934 to 29th May 2021

THANK YOU

Eileen, John, Alison and April would like to thank everyone for their cards, good wishes and support following the passing of Michael Howard. This was of great comfort to us all at such a difficult time.

God bless you all.

*Many thanks,
Eileen and John.*



INTERCESSIONS



The following suggestions for prayer week by week are by no means exhaustive. They are intended as prompts to encourage our prayers for: the life of our church; the charities with which we are connected; the roads of our parish; the village and the wider community.

Sunday 30 March to Saturday 5 April

Prayer Fellowship

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Dover Way, Ludlow Way, Richmond Way, Warwick Way

Our local shops and businesses

Sunday 6 to Saturday 12 April

Our Mission Action Plan

New Hope Trust

Canterbury Way, Gade Bank, Links Way, Rousebarn Lane

Our local schools

Sunday 13 to Saturday 19 April

Choir and church musicians

Trinity Project

Dorrofield Close, Hazelwood Road, Mayfare, Sansom Close,

Watford Road

All Saints' Church

Sunday 20 to Saturday 26 April

The Vicar and Readers

Christian Aid

Beechcroft Ave, Oakleigh Drive, Sycamore App, Sycamore Road,

Valley Walk

Parliament and our MP Gagan Mohindra



Sunday 27 April to Saturday 3 May

Mothers' Union and Men's Breakfast

Watford Schools Trust

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Heckford Close, Longmans Close, Shaftesbury Court

Sunday 4 to Saturday 10 May

Safeguarding Team and Pastoral Contact Group

The Children's Society

Girton Way, Malvern Way, Sherborne Way, Winchester Way
Churches Together in Croxley Green

Sunday 11 to Saturday 17 May

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USPG

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Winton Drive

Our Parish Nurse

Sunday 18 to Saturday 24 May

Parish Magazine

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The King and Royal Family

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There is still time to add the names of loved ones you would like remembered in the Easter Lily Card. Please clearly write the names in block capital letters on the outside of an envelope, and put a small donation inside, and place the envelope into the "Easter Lily Flower Box", at the back of the church, or email me at musicali2kn1@leeglanville.plus.com

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Names by Palm Sunday please, 13th April. Thank you.
Alison



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PUZZLE PAGES

ODD ONE OUT PUZZLE No 6 - a little mental exercise by Richard Lee

The clues below (A to O) should direct you to two of the words in the column on the right.

Some of the answers suggest two words which can be individually linked to the clue, some may give two separate words which together to give a two word answer and some join two words together to form a new one word answer.

Most are straight forward but a few may be cryptic and there are choices to be made for the correct pairing of words to make your answer - you can't be sure until every clue has been solved.

There is a space at the end of each clue to write in the numbers of the words you have used. When all clues have been solved one word will be left over and this is the ODD ONE OUT. Good luck!!

THE CLUES

A - Two anagrams _____

B - Two from the sea _____

C - Two holding out _____

D - Two trees _____

E - Two opposites _____

F - Two associated with apple _____

G - Two sounding the same _____

H - Two to create legal action _____

I - Two words reversed _____

J - Two having tea _____

K - Two with similar meanings _____

L - Two held in case _____

M - Two for a child's toy _____

N - Magical benefactor _____

O - Two making a colour _____

The Odd One Out Is _____

1 - ABALONE

2 - AGREE

3 - ANTEATER

4 - BEECH

5 - BOUTIQUE

6 - CANTONESE

7 - CELLAR

8 - CHEMISTRY

9 - CONTRADICT

10- CREASE

11- CUTE

12- DEVIL

13- FAIRY

14- FRITTER

15- GODMOTHER

16- HORSE

17- IMPARTIAL

18- LET

19- LIVED

20- OAK

21- PROSE

22- REFUNDED

23- ROCKING

24- SCAR

25- SELLER

26- SKATE

27- STEADFAST

28- UNBIASED

29- UNDERFED

30- YEW

31- YOUTHFUL

WORDSEARCH FOR THOSE WITH A SWEET TOOTH!

There are 26 chocolate bars in the grid. The unused 23 letters will spell 2 more chocolate bars

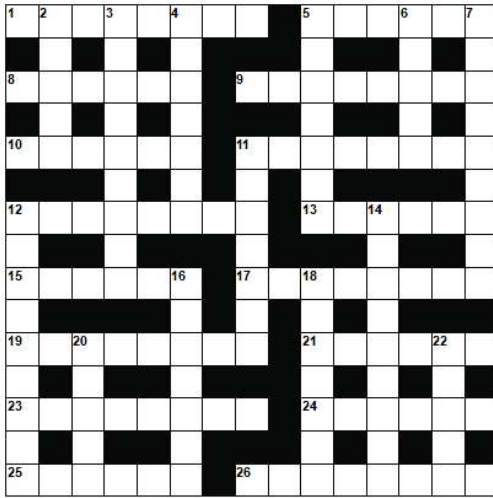


BOOST
BOUNTY
CARAMAC
CRUNCHIE
DAIRY MILK
FLAKE
FUDGE
GALAXY
KIT KAT

LION BAR
MALTESERS
MARS BAR
MILKY WAY
MINSTRELS
MUNCHIES
PICNIC
REVELS
RIPPLE

ROLO
SMARTIES
TOBLERONE
TOPIC
TWIRL
TWIX
WISPA
YORKIE

1 - - - - -
2 - - - - -



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD BY RICHARD LEE

- 21 Promise Papa a narrow shelf of rock (6)
 23 Bee tools become out of date (8)
 24 Rain is all about but the fruit is dried (6)
 25 Wise economy for seaside plant (6)
 26 Designer changes having given notice (8)

DOWN

ACROSS

- 1 Firmly demanded improvement of tidiness (8)
 5 Feeling of personal confidence and enthusiasm or an extra amount holding a little metal (6)
 8 Correct thick cord is covered by a little public relations (6)
 9 Swindle mission to create a victory by combat (8)
 10 A small amount of qualification (6)
 11 Announce officially being in favour of assertion of ownership (8)
 12 Dares to sit in a way that creates a catastrophe (8)
 13 Feasts become least dangerous (6)
 15 Wither, upset and more pale (6)
 17 Lad with man in turmoil in nearby largest expanse of Terra Firma (8)
 19 Accomplished change in Lent date (8)

- 2 Runs around with energy to care for the infirm (5)
 3 Having great significance to bring in a worker (9)
 4 Men trot around in anguish (7)
 5 He travels to find fruit (7)
 6 A ring seen in rare narcotics (5)
 7 Meditates in a way that can be calculated approximately (9)
 11 Burial tomb may drip in a fashion (7)
 12 Forgo when two hid out wrongly (2, 7)
 14 Loudly amending yet hesitating (9)
 16 Fall back to a place for peace and reflection (7)
 18 Rascal with a star turn passes something on (7)
 20 One defeated and roles change (5)
 22 Unpleasant point for dirt (5)

ANSWERS

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

1	I	N	S	I	S	T	E	D	5	M	O	R	A	L	E	
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8	P	R	O	P	E	R	9	C	O	N	Q	U	E	S	T	
	S		O		M					G		N		I		
10	D	E	G	R	E	E	11	P	R	O	C	L	A	I	M	
			T		N					Y		E			A	
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	H		O			R				A		R		R		
23	O	B	S	O	L	E	T	E	24	R	A	I	S	I	N	
	U		E			A				T		N		M		
25	T	H	R	I	F	T	26	R	E	S	I	G	N	E	D	

O	D	S	T	U	E	L	P	P	I	R	C	T
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S	M	U	N	C	H	I	E	S	B	I	P	
X	R	H	I	F	E	P	N	S	S	S	T	I
T	Y	E	C	D	L	O	D	L	G	R	K	C
W	M	A	S	N	R	A	E	E	A	A	A	L
B	I	C	W	E	U	R	K	V	L	M	T	R
O	L	S	L	Y	T	R	B	E	A	Y	S	I
U	K	B	P	S	K	L	C	R	X	O	O	W
N	O	L	N	A	E	L	A	E	Y	R	O	T
T	P	I	C	N	I	G	I	M	R	K	B	E
Y	M	S	E	I	T	R	A	M	S	I	K	F
E	R	O	L	O	F	F	U	D	G	E	O	R

WORDSEARCH

The unused letters when rearranged spell out
TOFFEE CRISP
DOUBLE DECKER

Solution to ODD ONE OUT PUZZLE No 6

- A = 22, 29; B = 1, 26; C = 5, 31; D = 4, 30; E = 2, 9;
 F = 14, 20; G = 7, 25; H = 21, 11; I = 12, 19; J = 3, 27;
 K = 17, 28; L = 6, 10; M = 23, 16; N = 13, 15; O = 24, 18;
 ODD ONE OUT = 8 - CHEMISTRY