

# The Benefice of St Oswald's, St John's, and Holy Trinity



## Welcome to our new look monthly newsletter

Spring has arrived! The days are warmer, the nights are lighter, and the snow drops and daffodils dance in the gentle breeze. And so, as we celebrate new beginnings in the beauty of creation, it seems a good time to launch our new look monthly newsletter. We know you loved our old monthly Parish News but it became too expensive and we didn't want to charge or duplicate the Village News. We tried a bumper quarterly Parish News but you missed our monthly updates. So, we are back with a new look monthly Parish News. Enjoy!



Rev Janine

### Key events

#### March

Lent Bible Study: A series of 4 bible study sessions that will launch Small Groups.

Mothering Sunday  
30th March

#### April

Holy week begins with Palm Sunday on 13th April with Easter Sunday falling on 20th April. Keep an eye out for our special services

### Regular Sunday Services

#### St Oswald's, Malpas

8:00am BCP Holy Communion  
11:00am Parish Communion  
5:00pm Evening Prayer

#### Wednesday

10:00am BCP Holy Communion

#### St John's, Threapwood

9:30am Parish Communion  
(1st and 3rd Sunday of the month)

#### Holy Trinity, Bickerton

9:30am Parish Communion

Service may change during key seasons and festivals.  
Please check our website

### Key contacts

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# News from the pews.

## Renewing the Electoral Roll

St Oswald's and St John's and Holy Trinity  
**Renewal of the Electoral Roll**

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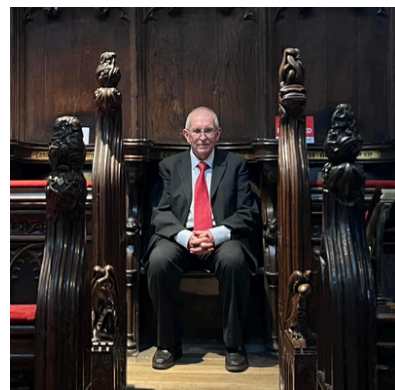
Belong ✓ Participate ✓ Contribute ✓

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Every six year, the Electoral Roll of the Church is renewed. This means it is wiped clean and we start again. Applications to be included in the new Electoral Roll have now closed, but don't worry if you have missed this. We need to close the Electoral Roll for a couple of weeks while we update names. After that time you can apply to join the roll.

## Congratulations to Charles

Congratulations to Charles Hobson from Bickerton who was recently made a Lay Canon of Chester Cathedral. The appointments of Lay Canons have been made in recognition of the contributions each individual makes to the life of the Diocese. Charles has supported churches and cathedrals in developing their vision and mission strategies and helped develop the vision and mission direction of Holy Trinity Church.



## Spotlight on... our welcome café

Our welcome café is open at St Oswald's Church every Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:00non for free hot drinks and biscuits. Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments and a friendly chat



## Did you know?..



We live stream **Morning Prayer** every Tuesday morning on our Facebook page

St Oswald's and Holy Trinity Churches are open between 10:00am and 4:00pm each day for reflection, prayer, or a still place to pause for a while



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# Coming up in the Benefice

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## LIVING HOPE

### Small Groups

*Share life and grow in faith together*

Small groups meet together and provide space for deep connections and community to form through shared prayer, worship, and bible study.

#### **Launch sessions**

**Tuesday 4th March**

**2:00pm St Oswald's**

**7:00pm Holy Trinity**

Lent Small Group taster sessions  
25th March, 1st April, 8th April and 15th April

**Lent theme:** This year, the Lent theme for the Church Of England is Living Hope. The resources explore how we can have hope in times of frustration or uncertainty; the hope found in joining with others; the invitation to notice signs of hope around us; the courage to face reality and pursue a hopeful future; and the ways God transforms death into life at Easter.

**Lent Study Groups:** As part of that journey, we will be running 4 Lent Bible Study sessions during Lent. Sessions run at St Oswald's at 2:00pm and at Holy Trinity at 7:00pm on the following dates: 25th March, 1st April, 8th April and the 15th April.

**Small Groups:** Leading on from our lent study groups we will be launching Small Groups; an opportunity to journey in faith with others through regular prayer, worship and bible study. You can find out more details on our website or contact Rev Janine.

## Mothering Sunday

Holy Week  
Palm Sunday 13th April  
Easter Sunday 20th April  
See our next Parish News or our website for details of Holy Week and Easter services and events

### Mothering Sunday

**Sunday 30th March**

Join us for our family services at

**Holy Trinity Church at 9:30am**

**St Oswald's Church at 11:00am**

**Everyone welcome**

Join us on mothering Sunday for one of our all age services for celebration and thanksgiving.  
Holy Trinity at 9:30am  
St Oswald's at 11:00am



### **The Lily by William Blake**

The modest Rose puts forth a thorn:  
The humble sheep, a threat'ning horn:  
While the Lily white, shall in Love delight,  
Nor a thorn nor a threat stain her beauty bright.

### **Easter Lily Appeal**

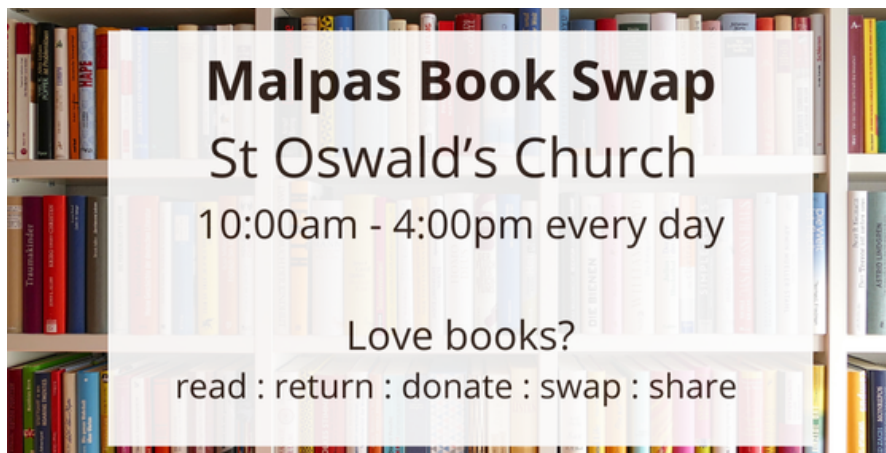
Lilies are a popular flower at Easter and this year our flower team will be decorating St Oswald's Church with flower and lilies for that special day. If you can help contribute to the cost of lilies, please do give a donation via the collection box at the back of church.

Thank you for your support.





# Coming up in the community



Malpas Book Swap is located in St Oswald's Church and is open every day between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Take a book, swap a book, share a book, or leave a book. Or, why not stay a while in the beautiful building and read your book. This is a community project open to everyone in Malpas

## There's lots happening in Bickerton



Opal Lunch with Bingo on  
Friday 28th March  
12:30pm at Bickerton  
Village Hall



The next BVH film night is on Monday 24th March, when we will be showing "Firebrand". This is a 2024 historical drama, depicting the later years of Henry VIII, focusing on his last wife, Katherine Parr. It features stand-out performances from its two main stars, Jude Law and Alicia Vikander.

