

Thank You for the Bunting! A file containing details relating to the many tasks / ministries undertaken / needed at St Oswald's so as to enable the church to be here '*as gift*' to our wider community can still be looked at in church. Also, the "Tell me More / I could do that" slips and boxes are still available for your response. *Please continue to think & pray about the messages we heard during October, and how your gift can be used!* Christ builds his church, will you join him?



Giving Week by Week to the Ministry of St Oswald's:

Our Offertory Plate is passed around during our Services for those who would like to contribute in this way, while others give regularly via Direct Debit, to aid budgeting / effective planning of ministry & mission in our village communities and this is invaluable to us. If you would like to know more about giving in this way, please ask. Presently our regular giving week by week and month by month does not cover the cost of running our church and sustaining our ministry. This continues to be a cause for concern. We also continue to encourage people please to use the Parish Giving Scheme system as a way of supporting us financially and enabling the processes to run smoothly and efficiently. This really is something which can make a big difference to our systems and to those who give freely of their time to administer them. Please speak to us about it or pick up one of the Parish Giving Leaflets on the pews for further information. **Thank You**

Getting / Keeping in Touch

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St Oswald's Church
Collingham with Harewood
Sunday 14th November 2025

ADVENT 3

Welcome!



Sunday 14th December : Today

8.30am Eucharist (*said*)
10.00am Eucharist (*sung*)



Tuesday 16th December

Morning - LEH, C of E, Primary School
Christmas Services

1.30pm - Funeral - *Patricia Anne Sissons*

7.30pm—'Making Time for Jesus'- Advent Study
41, Hollybush Green

Wednesday 17th December

9.30am - Eucharist

Thursday 18th December

11.45am - 12.15pm - Advent Prayer *in Church*

Friday 19th December

Carol -Singing in Collingham Village .

Meet, just inside Millbeck Green @ 6pm.

After some carol singing around that

development we will make our way to CALSA for a sing-along with the Collingham Band from 7.15pm. PLEASE SIGN UP so we know we have Voices!



Next Week - Sunday 21st December

8.30am Eucharist (*said*)
10.00am Eucharist (*sung*)
6.00pm **TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE**
Lessons, Poems, Carols & Candles - with Collingham Band too!

OTHER CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Christmas Eve (Wednesday 24th)

NO 9.30am Service

CRIB SERVICE @ 4pm

MIDNIGHT MASS @ 11.30pm.

Christmas Day (Thursday 25th)

10am - EUCHARIST & CAROLS FOR ALL



A BIG THANKYOU

to all who supported the Toy / Gift Service & transported gifts to where they needed to be, to those who prepared for Christingle and who oversaw the Celtic Carols!

TODAY'S COLLECTS & READINGS



Collect:-

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to
prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 35. 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the
majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. He will come with
vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous
beast come up on it; they shall not be found
there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 11. 2-11

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our
Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.



When John heard in prison what the Messiah
was doing, he sent word by his disciples and
said to him, Are you the one who is to come,
or are we to wait for another?'

Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what
you hear and see: the blind receive their sight,
the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf
hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have
good news brought to them. And blessed is
anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the
crowds about John: 'What did you go out into
the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the
wind? What then did you go out to see?

Someone dressed in soft robes?

Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal
palaces. What then did you go out to see?

A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a
prophet. This is the one about whom it is
written, "See, I am sending my messenger
ahead of you, who will prepare your way
before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women
no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist;
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven
is greater than he.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post-Communion Prayer:-

We give you thanks, O Lord,
for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of
your Spirit that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMNS / SONGS

280 Hail to the Lord's anointed... (omit v 4)

67 Beauty for brokenness... (omit v 4)

288 Hark the glad sound...

***Is the time right for you to be Confirmed,
or Received into the Church of England?***

A short series of classes will be available
after Christmas ready for a
Confirmation Service on 8th February.

Speak to Rev'd Carolyn