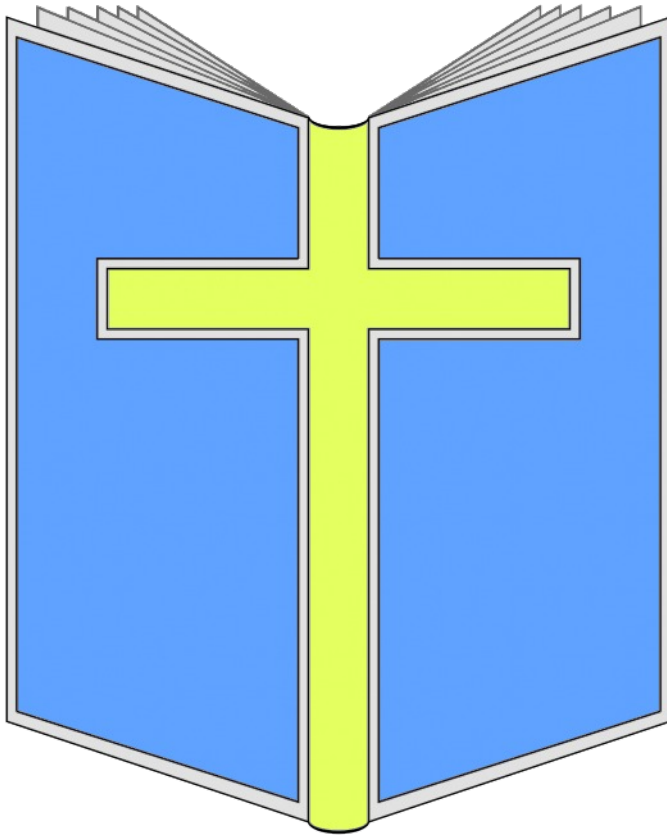


St. Oswald's Church Walkergate



Parish Magazine
May / June 2017

***Endure hardship with us
like a good soldier of Christ Jesus***

2 Timothy 2 v 3

The Battle of a Lifetime

The life of the Christian believer is like a battleground. Experience bears witness to that - and to the all-too-often story of defeat. The Bible takes the Devil and the forces of evil seriously. "Your enemy, the Devil, roams round like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8) Although he varies his method of attack, he always has the same objective: he's out to destroy our relationship with God. If he cannot keep a person from becoming a committed Christian, then he'll try to wreck our daily walk with Christ.

One of his cleverest bits of work is to persuade 21st century men and women that he no longer exists - and he's had a great measure of success.

Never Defeated

There are plenty of knocks and falls in the battle, but no soldier worth his salt gives up. As long as he's alive he fights on - endures! He asks for forgiveness; he learns from his fall; and he prays for renewed strength to fight on. He may be knocked down - but he's never knocked out.

On the Winning Side

At peace with God, at war with the Devil - that's the follower of Jesus. And he is on the winning side! In God's strength the Christian will win through. But that's no reason to be complacent. The battle is far from over. There is no let up until the Christian is called home to heaven - or our Leader returns to usher in the end of the world as we know it.

continued on next page ...

The Christian's manual of war (the Bible) gives us some straight speaking:

Keep awake!

We need to watch out for danger points - when we're tired or busy or under pressure. Those are the times when we are spiritually vulnerable. Our enemy chooses his moments carefully - when we've been specially blessed by God or used in God's work. He also looks for weaknesses in our armour, and concentrates his attack there. The Christian must therefore keep awake and pray. By keeping in contact with Headquarters he can spot the enemy's attack and call for support when he strikes. This prayer contact is crucial if we are to be on the winning side.

Keep Fit!

The battle against temptation is often decided long before it's actually fought. It's not what we do at the moment of temptation - it's what we are: whether we are spiritually fit.

The wise Christian takes time and trouble to strengthen his faith and keep fit - by reading the Bible daily and keeping the lifeline to God open in prayer. By doing this his faith will grow and he'll be ready to withstand the enemy's attack.

Keep Together!

We are not alone in the battle. Our experience of temptation is shared by all God's people.

Part of our strength lies in our coming together regularly with our fellow Christian soldiers. Christians who stay away from Sunday meetings and the other times when the church family meets are asking to be defeated. They have already weakened their defences.

Our life is a battleground - but with Christ in command we are on the winning side.

Ken.

Annual General Meeting

Our A.G.M was held on the 24th April 2017.

We thank all who came along to support the work of St. Oswald's and St. Mark's.

Full reports were given by one of our Wardens, the Electoral Roll Officer, and various points clarified by our Treasurer, Bob Winter.

The following people were elected to serve on the Council for the coming year:

Church Wardens :

Bob Winter & Steve Hogarth

Church Council :

• Elected :

Guy Letts, Julie Jude, Jackie Mitchell,
Matthew Keiller, Joanne Farrier, Pam Bell,
Dorothy Starforth, Sandra Solomon,
Margaret Lancaster, Marian Downs

• To be Co-opted :

Keith Solomon, Julia Sanders, Jennie Holmes
Margaret Simpson, Steve Mitchell

Do continue to pray for the work of the Church Council over the next few months. It looks like being an exciting and challenging time.

Yours sincerely *Ken.*

Baptisms

We welcome into the St.Oswald's church family :

Chase James Moore

P.C.C. Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.30pm

Wives Club

May 15th Wimbledon Experience Joan Durkin

June 19th War Baby to Daft as a Brush Brian Bernie

Cober Hill Cloughton

16th-18th June Return forms to Len Robson; or any member of staff

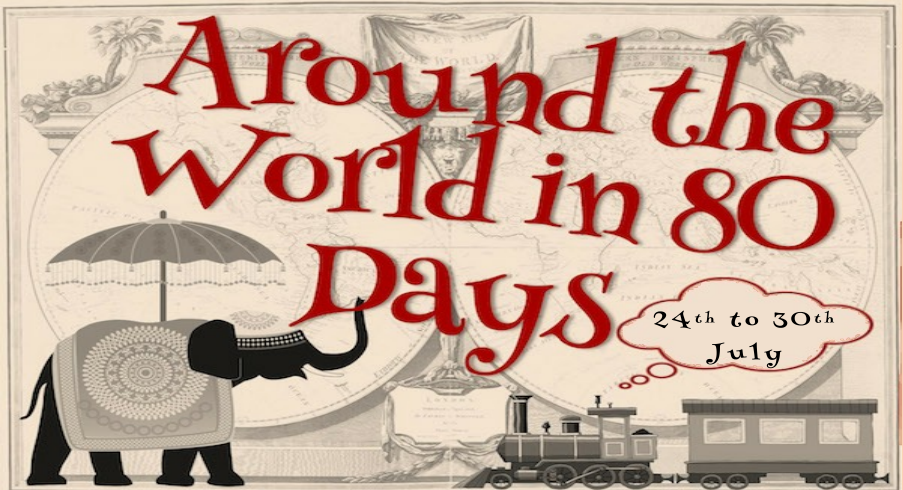
Our speaker this year is:

Jamie Read

*Crosslinks Partnership Promotion
Team Leader*



Holiday Club 2017



Training Dates : 15 May, 5 June, 26 June



Lert Sa Wat
Child Development Project
Giving Thai children the chance to escape poverty



Charity Auction

Saturday 13th May @ St. Oswald's - 5.45 for 6.00 pm .

Many thanks to everyone who has bought a ticket or kindly given a donation for the Lert Sa Wat Water Project. For those who are coming there are 60 great items to bid for as well as a lovely supper to enjoy. Please arrive on time as we will be starting promptly at 6.00 pm. The items will be on display at the front if anyone would like to come along a little earlier to look at them.

On arrival everyone will receive a catalogue and a number to use when bidding for items. We'll kick off with a fun fund-raising game to win a great prize. This is when you'll need your £1 coins or 50 pence pieces.

A supper will follow with an option of chicken, beef or vegetable Thai Curry, or shepherd's pie and a veggie version for non-meat eaters. During supper, Lert Sa Wat Chairman, Maureen Wallhead will give a brief presentation about the Project .

After supper, the bidding will begin with Auction part 1. Our auctioneer, armed with his gavel, will take us through the sale at a fairly rapid pace as there's lots to get through. Be ready to hold up your number for the things you want to bid for! Items will be on display and will also be shown on a big screen so everyone can see them. Lert Sa Wat Treasurer, Melvyn Wallhead will be taking payment during the auction.

We'll break after 30 items for some pudding and you can enjoy a selection of exotic ice creams and fresh fruit before we begin Auction part 2.

Tea and coffee will be available during the second part of the auction.

If you'd like to come and don't have a ticket, please see Julie or Marian.

Please help to make these children's lives better.

Thank you.





Simon & Radia Allchin

Marseille St Louis
eglise.pr.st.louis@sfr.fr



† THANK YOU for praying with us about the need for more people to come and help here in St Louis. God has answered our prayers and another France Mission couple, Thierry and Laurence Steux, will be taking over responsibility for the St Louis Church from this September. Thierry and Laurence currently pastor the Marseille St Just church so they are well aware of the challenges this area presents. As for us, we will continue to work with Thierry and Laurence but concentrate more on direct evangelisation than the running of the Church.

† WE ARE currently thinking of a name for this enlarged team and will probably call it 'Espoir Pour Les Quartiers Nord' (Hope for the Northern Neighbourhoods) as the term 'North Marseille' has a very negative connotation in the French media!

† As I often point out there are many challenges for the Gospel in this part of Marseille, and even this enlarged team will not be enough to be an effective Gospel witness, which of course is and always has been our aim. So please continue to pray for this new team and that the message of the Gospel will continue to be proclaimed in a dynamic and relevant way in this very needy area.

Preaching to Summer 2017

1 Corinthians 15 / Malachi / Gospel Sundays

May	7	The Resurrection Body 1 Corinthians 15:35-38
	14	Malachi 1:1-5
	21	Malachi 1:6 - 2:9
	28	'All-In'
June	4	Malachi 2:10-16
	11	Malachi 2:17 - 3:12
	18	Cober Hill [No Services]
	25	Malachi 3:13 - 4:6 [YPG's]
July	2	Graham and Juliet Herbert visit. <i>Working in Central Asia</i>
	9	Gospel
	16	Gospel
	23	Gospel
	30	Holiday Club Family Service

Home Bible Groups

1 Corinthians / Malachi

Week beginning:

May	1	1 Corinthians 15:1-20
	8	1 Corinthians 15:35-38
	15	Malachi 1:1-5
	22	Malachi 1:6 - 2:9
	29	Half-Term
June	5	Review and Prayer
	12	Malachi 2:10-16
	19	Malachi 2:17 - 3:12
	26	Holiday Club Training (3) & Prayer [Monday 26 th]
July	3	Malachi 3:13 - 4:6
	10	Final Group meeting and recap if desired

Flower Rota

May	7	Ann
	14	Marion
	21	Alison
	28	Mavis
June	4	Vera
	11	Ann
	18	Marion
	25	Alison

Dust Busters

Alternate Saturdays

May	6	Team 4
	20	Team 1
June	3	Team 2
	17	Team 3
July	1	Team 4

St. Oswald's & St. Mark's Officials

MINISTER **Ken Moulder** 263 6249

WARDENS **Bob Winter**
225 Fossway 265 0162

Steve Hogarth
30 Greenlee Drive 259 9773

PCC SEC' **Julie Jude**
1 Laburnum Ave 263 0865

TREASURER **Bob Winter**
225 Fossway 265 0162

MAGAZINE **Len Fallick**
43 Julian Avenue

For details of daily events, please see the inside back cover.

St. Oswald's & St. Mark's Daily Events

SUNDAY

- 9.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Family Service &
Young People's Groups
Except 1st Sunday of each month
10.00am *Family Service & Short Communion*
(NO 9.30 or 11.00am services)
6.30pm Bible Study at St.Oswald's

MONDAY

- 6.30pm Enquiry Hour (Vicar's Vestry)
7.30pm P.C.C. Meeting (2nd Monday)
1.45pm Wives Club (3rd Monday)

TUESDAY

- 9.30-11.00am Toddlers Group
7.30pm Youth Club at St.Oswald's (years 6+)

WEDNESDAY

- 9.30am Holy Communion
1.30pm Women on Wednesday
7.30pm Bible Study at 1039 Shields Road
7.45pm Bible Study at 225 Fossway

THURSDAY

- 3.30pm J.A.M. at Walkergate School
7.45pm Bible Study at 4 Firtree Avenue

Please ask for details of :

- | | | |
|----------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Monday | 5.00pm | Beavers |
| | 6.00pm | Rainbows |
| | 6.15pm | Cub Scouts |
| Tuesday | 6.00pm | Brownies |
| Friday | 7.00pm | Scouts & Venture Scouts |



St.Oswald's Church
Woodhead Road
Walkergate
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE6 4RX

0191 263 6249

www.walkergatechurch.org

