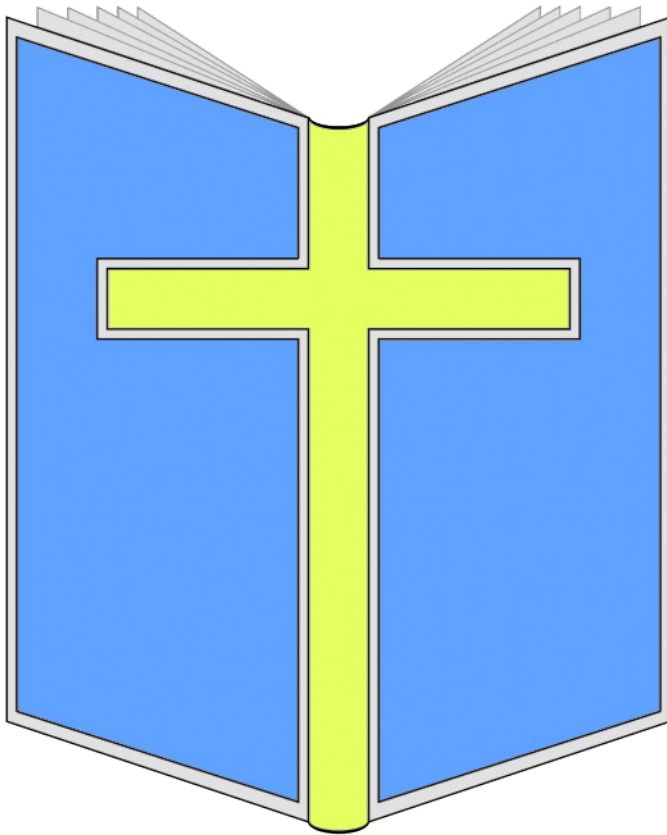


# St. Oswald's Church Walkergate



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Dear Friends,

## The Cost of Christmas

**Did you know that Christmastime can seriously damage your health?**

One American psychologist claims that for very many people the 'Christmas experience' has 'an adverse life effect'. The cost of the celebrations at this time of year, and all that goes with them is very high.

- There is of course the financial cost, as our flexible friends work overtime.
- There is the physical cost to our bodies and our health as over-indulgence kicks in big time.
- There is the emotional cost of general anxiety and strained relationships, as we rush to complete an impossibly burdening programme of pre-Christmas preparation.

**The cost of Christmas is very high!**

And amidst all this another cost, a massively significant cost, is almost lost without trace. The bible tells us that '... when the time was right, God sent his Son ... so we could become God's children' (Galatians 4v4-5). The event which ought rightly to occupy our thinking at this time of year is the stunning fact that God, out of his love for mankind at great cost, sent into the world his one and only Son. He, at great cost, lived among us in humble circumstances and after a relatively short life, at great cost, gave his life on the cross as a ransom for many - to bear the punishment which we deserve because of our neglect of the God who made us for Himself .

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The Lord Jesus came at great cost to be our rescuer.

This is *the* reason He came.

**The cost of Christmas is very high!**

A young person in one of our Youth Groups said to me on one occasion: *'My Dad hates Christmas. The reason for it has got completely lost.'* Jesus is the reason and the cost he was prepared to bear for us was extraordinarily great. So let's seek to make sure that our response to Him is marked by praise, gratitude and adoration as we approach Christmas day once more ...

**Remember the cost of Christmas!**

*Ken.*

## Remembrance Sunday

Important change to our Sunday pattern of meetings  
for **Remembrance Sunday - 12<sup>th</sup> November**

In order that we may share together as a church family in our Act of Remembrance on this day there will be no 9:30 a.m. service and we shall meet jointly at 11:00 a.m.

Please aim to arrive in good time on that day so that we may proceed at 11:00 a.m. sharp.



Thanks

*Ken.*

### Enquiries *BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & BANNS*

Those with enquiries are invited to come to the **Vicar's Vestry** in **St.Oswald's Church, MONDAY EVENING's** between **6.30 and 7.30pm**. **KEN** is always glad to see anyone needing spiritual help and advice.

He may at times appear busy, but this should never deter any enquiries.

### Funerals

We extend our sympathies to the friends and family of :

**George Lawrence Campbell**

### Baptisms

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

**William George Dove**

### Wives Club

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - Songs & Stories of Christmas

Dec - Christmas Lunch

### Flower Rota

November	5	Marion
	12	Alison
	19	Mavis
	26	Vera
December	3	Ann
	10	Marion
	17	Alison
	24	Mavis
	31	Vera

### Dust Busters

*Alternate Saturdays*

November	4	Team 1
	18	Team 2
December	2	Team 3
	16	Team 4
	30	Team 1
January 2018	13	Team 2

# Christmas Crafts Morning

For children aged 5-11

Saturday 2<sup>ND</sup> December 10.00 a.m.- 12.00 p.m.

St Oswald's Church, Woodhead Road

We are running another Christmas Crafts Morning for children.

This event is always very popular and includes plenty of time to make a whole variety of beautiful festive things to take home..

Just before the end of the morning there will be a short children's talk about Christmas.



Drinks and cakes will be provided during the morning.

Any child of primary school age is very welcome to come along, but you'll need to "book in", so that we have an idea of numbers.

Pre-school age children are also very welcome, but we ask that an adult stays with them for the morning.

There is no charge for the day

To give us an idea of numbers, please book a free place, either by completing an online booking form at ([www.walkergatechurch.org /events/christmas](http://www.walkergatechurch.org/events/christmas)), or by contacting Julia Sanders (0191-266-8155 or email [christmascrafts@walkergatechurch.org](mailto:christmascrafts@walkergatechurch.org))

It is possible for children to register on the day itself, but please note that an adult will need to be with them so that we can collect relevant contact and medical details.

# Christmas Programme

## **SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER**

10.00 - 12.00 Children's Christmas Crafts Morning

## **SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

10.00a.m. Family Service with Short Communion & YPG's  
6.30 p.m. Bible Study at the vicarage

## **WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

9.30 a.m. Lord's Supper

## **SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER**

No Communion Service  
10.00 a.m. Christingle Family Service  
6.30 p.m. Bible Study at the vicarage

## **WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

9.30 a.m. Lord's Supper

## **THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

7.00 p.m. Carols and Mince Pies

## **SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER**

9.30 a.m. Lord's Supper  
11.00 a.m. Family Service & YPG's  
6.30 p.m. Carols and Lessons by Candlelight

## **WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER**

9.30 a.m. Lord's Supper

## **SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE**

No Services

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.00 a.m. Family Service

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**WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER**

No Service

**SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER - NEW YEAR'S EVE**

9.30 a.m. Lord's Supper

11.00 a.m. Family Service (No YPG's)

**2018****WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY**

9.30 a.m. Lord's Supper

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**10.00 a.m. Family Service, Short Communion, YPG's  
and Refreshments

6.30 p.m. Bible Study at St.Oswald's

**Simon & Radia Allchin**Marseille St Louis  
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† Last month I spoke about setting up French language courses in the church for the refugees who have come into Europe. We had our first such course last week and we were extremely encouraged by the attendance of about nine students. These were all from a Muslim background who came from countries such as Afghanistan and Somalia, and we were able to split them into three groups thanks to the support of a small team of Christians who came from Aix en Provence to help us with the teaching. In this part of Marseille it is very difficult, if not impossible, to find Christian French teachers!

† Please continue to pray for this work, that the young people who come will meet Christ through the quality of the teaching given and also through the love and interest shown to them by the members of the team who give the lessons.

# Eurasian Ministries

"A charitable trust supporting church-planting by local Christians in Russian and Central Asia"

Dear Family and Friends

I am writing with our news and plans for 2017-2018 and to thank you for your tremendous support. Since 2003 I have been travelling and teaching in Eastern Europe and Central Asia and I have decided that 2018 will be my last year. The mission work has been intense, mostly enjoyable, sometimes daunting but always worthwhile.



As I consider the 14 years, there have been two distinct phases:

**2003-2010** Years of learning the ropes, developing ways of teaching a Biblical theology to those with no Biblical upbringing and working out the best way to train CA workers for a life-time of gospel ministry.

**2011-2017** Years of added responsibility and pressure but also significant opportunities for gospel progress. I was asked to direct Eurasian Ministries with the task of placing the Kazan Mission College (*Eurasian Mission College - EMC*) on a sound financial footing, re-establishing Biblical priorities and ensuring the best possible gospel outcomes for a college financed by UK donations.

The college had to be viable, of good repute and value for money. Some of these objectives were achieved. I have been glad to serve the college for many years and I have considered it a very great privilege to teach the Bible to students from many CA regions. I do, however, have reservations about the effectiveness of this training method for gospel workers in Central Asia and considerable concerns about the cost-effectiveness of EMC. The College has now come under the umbrella of People International for future operations and development.

It had always been a stated purpose of the Kazan Mission

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College that graduates, having returned to their home regions, would plant churches which would then become the base for 'satellite colleges'. This was not happening, so in 2015 I switched all my efforts to enabling this and supporting it where it had begun but was hardly off the ground. Seeing a superb opportunity I teamed up with a key gospel man in Almaty, Kazakhstan. A non-residential Bible School, far more focused and cost-effective than EMC, is now in full flow and entering its third year. I will be teaching at the School during 2018 and I am grateful to have sufficient funds to enable this.

The School teaches an applied 'mission directed' Biblical theology - it gives no space or time to methodologies, techniques and 'how to' courses which seem to have dampened gospel boldness and initiatives in CA with western teachers largely to blame. Good teams are being built for this work to continue and spread. Some of the team members are associated with People International.

Throughout my 40 years of Bible training & ministry (I trained at Wycliffe 1978-81 and was ordained in September 1981) I have known the support of university friends with help and encouragement at every point - thank you. Along the way many others have come alongside as faithful partners in gospel ministry which has been a great strength to us. With friends old and new we will try to stay in touch.

Churches have partnered with me and enabled my teaching trips to Central Asia with their gifts and prayed with sustained concern and passion. I sincerely hope that news of gospel progress brought back from my mission trips has in some way spurred on local churches in the UK. It is with affection and a deep sense of gratitude that I remember my relationship with supporting churches.

Please pray for wisdom as I consider how best to use the next phase in life. I am sure that it will be an adventure and I look forward to it.

***With sincere Christian greetings, Graham & Juliet***

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*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

## WEDNESDAY

- 9.30am Holy Communion  
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 :*

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



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