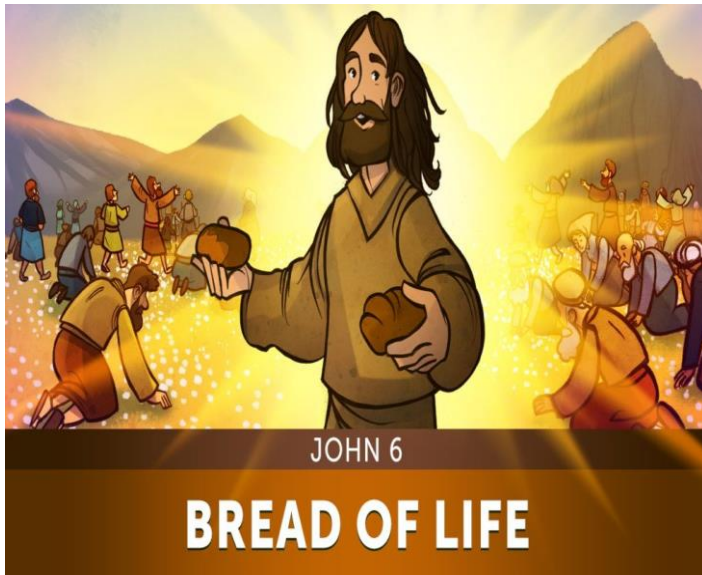


**Welcome to the Parish Church
of St Oswald Lower Peover**



**All Age Worship: Today we give thanks
for the witness of St Oswald and for his
faith in Jesus the bread of life.**

The 9th Sunday after Trinity

11am August 1st 2021

Today we remember Saint Oswald, the Christian King who our church is named after. We give thanks for his faithfulness to Jesus whom we are also called to love and serve here in the parish of Lower Peover.

Who was Oswald? Oswald was born about AD 605. He was a Christian Prince of Bernicia (which was part of Northumbria).

When he was a boy, his father was killed by another King called Edwin. And Oswald was made to live in exile (outside his country).

While he was in growing up in exile Oswald became a Christian and so, desperate to go home, and see his kingdom freed from Kings who didn't share Oswald's faith in Jesus. He and his friends gathered a big army.

Together they took back Oswald's Kingdom from its false pagan rulers and be openly faithful to Jesus again.

Oswald was a famous Christian and is famous for doing lots of good works. One of the things he did was to ask the church to send a Bishop to help his people learn about Jesus, in the end the church sent an Irishman man called Aiden to help Oswald share Jesus' good news. Because Aiden helped Oswald so much, he in return helped St. Aidan set up the monastery at Lindisfarne.

During Oswald's reign he witnessed to God's message of love setting the cross as the symbol of his kingdom, and did his best to make friends with other kings around him so that all the peoples of the north could live more peacefully.

When Oswald's life ended, the spot where he died came to be associated with miracles. Legend has it that after the battle when he died, part of Oswald's hand was taken by a bird (perhaps a raven) to an ash tree, which gave the tree ageless vigour and a spring emerged from the ground. Both the tree and the spring were then believed to also have been associated with healing miracles at that time.

What the actual facts are about that part of his story what we cannot be sure, but what we do know from history is that our patron saint, was a deeply faithful man. A Christian king who did his best to live his life faithfully and who had a big role in helping share the good news of God and of his Son Jesus *the bread of life* throughout Northern England and beyond. For this we give thanks.

His feast day is 5 August.

The Welcome:

The Lay Minister reads the Bann and brings the any parish notices.

The Greeting:

The Minister and congregation greet each other in God's name and ask Him to bless us.

The Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: and also, with you!

Today's worship begins as we remember Saint Oswald all those who have known and loved Jesus in the past with the great hymn of prayer and praise..

O when the Saints go marching in!

Hymn:

**O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in;
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When the saints go marching in!**

**O when they crown Him Lord of all,
O when they crown Him Lord of all;
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When they crown Him Lord of all.**

**O when all knees bow at His name,
O when all knees bow at His name,
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When all knees bow at His name.**

**O when they sing the Saviour's praise,
O when they sing the Saviour's praise,
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When they sing the Saviour's praise.**

**O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in;
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When the saints go marching in!**

Opening Prayers: *Please sit or Kneel for the collect
(today's special prayer):*

Lay Minister: Lord God almighty, who so kindled the faith of King Oswald with your Spirit that he set up the sign of the Cross in his kingdom and turned his people to the light of Christ.

Grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit, may always bear our cross before the world, and be found faithful servants of Jesus' gospel of love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, the very bread of life needed to live our lives of faith and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Confession:

The Minister invites everyone to say sorry to God for all the things we have done wrong.

Father God, we give you thanks that you have brought us together as one family to be fed by your word and by the presence of your Holy Spirit who always nourishes and guides us into ways that reflect your love to the world.

We are sorry for the things we have said, done, or left undone that have hurt you, hurt others or damaged your creation.

Trusting in your grace, mercy and love, we pray that you will forgive us, and ask that you will help us to live lives that honour you and show your truth and love to all those we meet.

We ask these things through your Son Christ our Saviour, our Lord and our Friend. Amen

The Minister proclaims God's forgiveness.

The Absolution

+ Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Thanking God (The Gloria)

The Minister invites the congregation to say thank you to God for his forgiveness and blessings by singing the Peruvian Gloria.

The Minister: Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.

**All: Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father!**

The Minister: To him be glory forever.

All: To him be glory forever!

The Minister: Alleluia, amen.

All: Alleluia, amen!

The Minister: Alleluia, amen.

All: Alleluia, amen!!

The Minister: Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.

**All: Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father!**

The Minister: To him be glory forever.

All: To him be glory forever!

The Minister: Alleluia, amen.

All: Alleluia, amen!

The Minister: Alleluia, amen.

All: Alleluia, amen!!

The Minister: Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit.

**All: Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!**

The Minister: To him be glory forever.

All: To him be glory forever!

The Minister: Alleluia, amen.

All: Alleluia, amen!

The Minister: Alleluia, amen.

All: Alleluia, amen!!

The First Reading (Please be seated)

The First Reading is taken from Ephesians 4: 1b-7, 11-13b, 16

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gifts. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, from whom the whole body, is joined and knit together and equipped, so, when each part is working properly, the body grows and builds itself up in love.

*This is the word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God.***

Hymn: *(The Gradual) Please Stand.*

**I Am the bread of life, you who come to me
shall not hunger, you who believe in me,
shall not thirst. No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.**

***And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up, on the last day!***

**The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
world. And If You Who Eat Of This Bread
You shall live forever, You shall live forever.**

***And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up, on the last day!***

**Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man,
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood
you shall not have life within you.**

***And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up, on the last day!***

**I Am the resurrection, I am the life,
If you believe in me, even though you die,
You shall live forever, You shall live forever.**

***And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up, on the last day!!***

**Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
The Son of God, who has come into the world.**

***And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up, on the last day!!***

***And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up, on the last day!!***

The Gospel Reading (Please Stand)

The Lay Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Hear the good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

6:24-35

All: *Glory to you, O Lord!*

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and looked for him.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

So, they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the good news of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus!

The Talk *(Please be seated)*

Telling others what we believe. *(Please stand)*

All: We believe that God is Our Father in heaven; that He made the world, gives us life and helps us to grow. We believe that Jesus is the Son of Mary and the Son of God.

We believe he came to live with us to show us that God is love by dying and coming back to life for us all.

We believe Jesus is here now, alive in us and in our neighbours too.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who helps us love others, helps us know God better and helps us to be more like Jesus.

We believe in God's family the Church and we believe in God's promise that we will live with him forever in Heaven. Amen

The Family Prayers *(Please sit or kneel).*

The Lay Minister and our Young People lead us in praying for each other and the world.

Jesus made this special promise to his followers, 'Where two or three have met together in my name, I am there among them.' We give thanks that he is with us today as we bring our prayers to God.

Lord God, we pray for our families and friends. We thank you for people who mean so much to us. Bless them and look after them.

In the name of Jesus *All: Hear our prayer*

Lord God, we pray for our Queen and for all important leaders. Help them to carry out your wishes in everything they do.

In the name of Jesus *All: Hear our prayer*

Lord God, we pray for our church and for Christians everywhere. Help us to serve you and to tell others of your love.

In the name of Jesus *All: Hear our prayer*

Lord God, we pray for people who are ill, sad or lonely. Help us to be kind and caring to everyone we meet.

In the name of Jesus *All: Hear our prayer*

Lord God, we thank you for all the saints especially for Saint Oswald. Help us to follow their example in our own lives.

In the name of Jesus *All: Hear our prayer*

The Lord's Prayer:

The Lay Minister: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
forever and ever Amen.**

*The Lay Minister: Thank you loving God for being with us
as we have prayed:*

**All: And thank you Father God for always hearing our
prayers through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

Final Hymn: (Please Stand)

**Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me**

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me *Refrain:***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me *Refrain:***

The Blessing:

The Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you!

The Minister: The Lord bless you, and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine on you,

and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance on you,

and bring you His peace.'

+ And may the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be amongst you, remain with you and all those you love, this day and forever more. **All: Amen.**

The Sending out:

As the service ends the Lay Minister encourages the church family having now been nourished by Prayer and Word to take what they have learnt about Gods good news and his never ending love back out into the world.

Lay Minister: Nourished by streams of living water and in the knowledge that we are fed by the bread of life who is Jesus Christ our Lord, let us go in his peace and bear the fruits of his love in our lives, in our homes and in the world!

All: In the name of Christ, Amen!

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