

St Oswald's : Lower Peover

Parish Magazine



March and April 2023

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Dear Friends,

The end of February and the beginning of March this year coincides with the beginning of Lent.

The nights are drawing out now (*hurrah!*) and already the slightly lighter evenings seem to make one think of last year's warm barmy nights (*when it was so nice to sit in the garden with a cheeky gin and tonic into the early hours!*)

Even in February we were getting one or two days that felt positively spring-like – I have already noticed the snow drops, crocuses and daffs poking their heads through the fallen leaves, bringing a little joy; although we should not get too complacent, or we might find ourselves suddenly seeing a cold East or North wind strike again, *just to remind us that Winter has not quite finished with us yet!*

So, to Lent.

We had two lovely services on Ash Wednesday which focused our minds on the journey we will all be making over the next few weeks as we think about the long forty days and nights Jesus spent in a wilderness place (*I think we have all had times like that, when things have been very testing*), then we travel with him through his passion towards the cross, but ultimately rejoice because his death was not the end of the story rather an invitation to join with him in resurrection life.

Many people like to use the season of Lent to instil a bit of self-discipline; to give up something: Meat? Cakes? Alcohol (groan!); Chocolate (groan!); Haribo Jelly Sweets (*double groaning from the vicar!*). Or alternatively many Christians these days now prefer to do something proactive too. This might mean taking up a new hobby, learning something new, (do feel free to pop along to see our bell ringers in action at the church), helping out in the wider community for example; visiting a lonely neighbour, volunteering at the food bank, picking up litter, or coming up with fund raising ideas for the local church, or simply just stopping for a moment and realising when out walking in Peover with your beloved four legged friend the beauty of the place we have been called by God to live in. (*Pickles the vicarage pup likes that idea the best!*).

To be honest, I always feel that the best approach is to do a bit of both as a more positive and productive way of preparing ourselves for the joy of Easter – a bit of self-restraint never hurt anyone, and making a positive change or contribution to the community we live in can be transformative and lead to a kind of blessing we might never have imagined before.

But however you intend to mark Lent and then celebrate Easter over the rest of March and April, it is my hope and my prayer that it will be a positive time of reflection and ultimately an amazing time of positive change and relentless joy. After all that is what these seasons are all about, thinking about, and then celebrating with copious amounts of laughter and wonderment, the miraculous and immeasurable grace and love of God.

May God Bless you all, and please think of me in your prayers as I will really be struggling without my beloved jelly beans. *Easter, please come quick the vicar needs you!!!!*

Best wishes and prayers from me, FrMurray and lots of Licks from Pickles too. x

Services at St Oswald's

St Oswald's is now open every day for individual prayer

First Sunday of the month 11am - All Age Worship

Second, third and fourth Sundays of the month 11am – Morning service

Third Sunday of the month 9.30 am - Children's Church (except in August)

Fifth Sunday of the month 10.00 am - Benefice service
(alternately at St Oswald's and St Lawrence's)

A prayer for Lent

Dear Father in Heaven. In this month, when Lent begins, we remember Jesus' experience in the wilderness. The world today can seem like a wilderness. So many difficult, incomprehensible things going on. It is tempting to turn away in horror or denial, tempting to look out for ourselves, tempting to take the easy path, to pay attention to whatever the culture dangles before our eyes.

Lord, please help us. We need your word to guide us. We need your Holy Spirit to fill and strengthen us. Help us to give our attention and our worship only to you. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Thank you, Father, for Jesus, who by his death and resurrection, opens the way to you. Help us to renew our trust in him and through him, to walk with you every day.

In his name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

CALENDAR OF SERVICES AT St OSWALD'S and ST LAWRENCE'S
BCP-Book of Common Prayer CW-Common worship

Wednesday 1st March

10am **St Oswald's** Service of Holy Communion, (CW) followed by a service of prayer and anointing for healing and holiness

Sunday 5th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am **St Lawrence's** morning prayer (CW)

11am **St Oswald's** All age worship (CW) (*Interactive service with children in mind*)

Wednesday 8th March

10am **St Oswald's** Service of Holy Communion, (CW) followed by a service of prayer and anointing for healing and holiness

Sunday 12th March

8am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am **St Lawrence's** Holy Communion (CW)

11am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (CW) *Children's Church*

Wednesday 15th March

10am **St Oswald's** Service of Holy Communion, (CW) followed by a service of prayer and anointing for healing and holiness

Sunday 19th March – Mothering Sunday

8am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am **St Lawrence's** Holy Communion (CW)

11am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (CW) *Children's Church*

Wednesday 22nd March

10am **St Oswald's** Service of Holy Communion, (CW) followed by a service of prayer and anointing for healing and holiness

Sunday 26th March – The 5th Sunday of Lent – Beginning of Passion tide
Beginning of British summertime, clocks go forward 1 hour.

8am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am **St Lawrence's** Holy Communion (CW)

11am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (CW) *Children's Church*

Thursday 23rd March - Following the way of the cross – (Stations of the Cross)

6.30pm **St Oswald's** A special service of devotion and prayer not to be missed!

Wednesday 29th March

10am **St Oswald's** Service of Holy Communion, (CW) followed by a service of prayer and anointing for healing and holiness

Thursday 30th March - Following the way of the cross – (Stations of the Cross)

6.30pm **St Oswald's** A special service of devotion and prayer not to be missed!

Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday services to include the blessing and distribution of palms

8am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am **St Lawrence's** Morning prayer (CW)

11am **St Oswald's** All age worship (focusing on the passion reading according to St Matthew) (*Interactive service with the children in mind*)

Wednesday 5th April – Holy Week

10am **St Oswald's** Service of Holy Communion, (CW) followed by a service of prayer and anointing for healing and holiness

Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday

6.30pm **St Oswald's** - Holy Communion of the last supper with foot washing followed by the stripping of the altar. After which those who wish to stay, can remain for the 'watching with Christ', an hour-long silent vigil. (quiet prayer)

Friday 7th April – Good Friday

12 noon the Good Friday liturgy – the proclamation of the Cross.

Sunday 9th April – Easter day

7am **St Oswald's** first communion of Easter and the blessing and lighting of the Easter candle

9.30am **St Lawrence's** Holy Communion (CW)

11am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (CW)

Special Easter Children's Church – Easter egg hunt, songs and fun, not to be missed!

Wednesday 12th April – NO service

Sunday 16th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

8am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am **St Lawrence's** Holy Communion (CW)

11am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (CW) *Children's Church*

Wednesday 19th April

10am **St Oswald's** Service of Holy Communion, (CW) followed by a service of prayer and anointing for healing and holiness

Sunday 23rd April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

8am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am **St Lawrence's** Holy Communion (CW)

11am **St Oswald's** Holy Communion (CW) *Children's Church*

Wednesday 26th April

10am **St Oswald's** Service of Holy Communion, (CW) followed by a service of prayer and anointing for healing and holiness

Sunday 30th April

10am **St Lawrence's** United Benefice service (both churches joined together)

NO Children's Church

Please note that services may change so please check the website

Income and Expenditure for

January

Gift Aid	£2,457.95
General collection	£ 296.30
Card Reader	£ 61.93
RIP Donation	£ 300.00
Total income	£3,116.18
Expenditure	£4,329.35

In our prayers...

At all our services we ask God's blessing on those known to us who are ill or infirm, particularly those with whom we have close connections as members of the congregation. If you would like to be named in our prayers of intercessions because you are undergoing treatment or know of someone who has requested prayers please contact one of the churchwardens.

Life is made up of getting and giving, and forgetting and forgiving. – *Anon*

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Church Spring Cleaning - Saturday 1st April 10am.

Just before Easter we normally have a general Church spring clean. We are fortunate at present, we have a very loyal lady who cleans the main areas of the Church on a regular basis so it looks well for our Sunday services and other events. Our Spring clean is an opportunity for willing hands to get together to spruce up our beautiful Church for Easter and the Services ahead. Anyone willing to assist please join us. Cloths and dusters etc would be helpful, but please no silicone polish, wax will be provided. Tea and/or coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Please Note This is not an April fool!!

A teenager was always asking his father if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit, the father asked his son why he thought that God had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied, "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."

From the Registers

Funerals:

14 February – James Wilson

Due 28 February – Jeanette Ashley

Burial of Ashes

18 February – Margaret (Peggy) Hoey

Knutsford Floral Design Club

Knutsford Floral Design Club meets every third Wednesday in the month at 1.30pm for 2pm in Plumley Village Hall (except June - the second Wednesday, August – no meeting, and December when we hold our Christmas lunch)

We have a floral demonstration by qualified demonstrators, followed by tea and biscuits. Visitors are very welcome for a small fee of £8

For more information telephone Lynda on 01477 534291

Reflecting faith – what birds can remind us about our faith

There are many depictions of ‘creatures’ used in decorations in and on our church buildings. Some are beautifully carved in the highly decorated ends of choir stalls. Others can be found on the pew-ends. Sometimes there are carvings of birds, such as the pelican and peacock. The peacock is known for its magnificent tail feathers, which it displays to both impress and deter aggressors. From the early days of Christianity, the peacock has been used to symbolise eternal life, and so is often seen carved into memorial stones in the churchyard. This is because it renews itself each year, by shedding its old feathers and growing new ones. Of course, this also links to Christ’s resurrection, as the peacock is visually reborn and whole again.

The pelican is a less obvious Christian symbol, although quite common in all art forms. It is seen as a symbol of atonement because when observed by naturalists many centuries ago, they misinterpreted the red tip on its long bill. They saw the pelican start to prune its feathers, and it appeared to them to be ripping open its breast, so as to feed its young with its own blood. This story became symbolic for the Atonement, where Jesus allowed Himself to be pierced so that we may live. And although ornithologists view the red tip differently today, the pelican continues in its representation.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is going from strength to strength and is an important part of church life. We are continuing to meet in church at 11am and staying for the notices/first hymn/confession and then going to the Little House for our activities.

We have had lots of fun learning about Jesus and listened to his stories, singing, praying and doing crafts. We return to church for Holy Communion or a blessing. Father Murray has been giving the children a lovely blessing altogether. Before the last hymn, Father Murray asks the children and leaders to talk about what they have been doing and show any craft activity. Numbers have remained steady and the children and leaders are getting to know each other well.

At the All- age service the children and families have been involved in leading the family prayers and singing their own song with actions. In November the children were accompanied on the guitar by Rosie.

Advent and Christmas were special times for the children as they were involved in lighting the candles on the advent wreath and bringing presents to less well-off children and also receiving a gift themselves from Father Murray at the Gift service. They also participated in dressing the crib on the Sunday before Christmas. On Christmas Day many of the children, parents and leaders were involved in a dressed-up nativity and thoroughly enjoyed it.

At the Epiphany service on January 1st the children led the prayers and were involved in the talk.

Children's church restarted on January 8th where the baptism of the Lord was the theme and the children brought paper doves into church towards the end of the service. On 15th they sang "Give me joy in my heart" on their own as the last hymn with the congregation joining in after verse one and chorus which was really lovely and enjoyed by all.

This is following a session on the 3rd Sunday of the month which is focused on singing.

It is lovely to see these young families joining in our services and they need our welcome and encouragement.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Continued

WE DO NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US!!

A DBS check will be necessary but this is not difficult. Leaders and volunteers would work on a rota basis.

If you are interested in being a helper or just want to find out more information or if you want your child to join, please contact:

Rosie on 07916129153, Rebekah on 07879854335 or Felicity on 07980178455

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

There will be no flowers in church during Lent which is the whole of March.

9th April - Easter Sunday

16th April - Easter Flowers

23rd April - Ruth Hague

30th April - Wedding Flowers

6th May - Coronation

I have enjoyed doing the flower rota for many years and I am now stepping down. Rosemary Warnes who does beautiful arrangements for the festivals will be taking over. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me all this time and been willing to put flowers in church whenever I have asked. Please will you continue to give Rosemary your support.

Edwina Oldham

Following Edwina's resignation, I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of us all for the sterling work she has put into producing a rota and maintaining the beautiful floral displays for so many years. (Editor)

Daily Hope phone line

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line is free and available 24 hours a day on 0880 804 8044.

St Oswald's Church

Memorabilia goods for sale

There are various items including postcards, tea towels, aprons, mugs and greeting cards for sale at the back of the church

Memorabilia price list

Many thanks for supporting the upkeep of this beautiful old church.

Please put your money in the pot which is emptied daily. However, if you have spent a larger sum of money, and prefer to put it in the wall safe in the Bell Tower that is appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided. It is also possible to make contactless card payments using the device adjacent to the display of goods.

Greetings Cards: 'Millennium Window' design (blank inside):

Single Card - £1.25 each. Pack of 5 cards: - £5 per pack

Photographs of the church cards: Pack of 2 - £2.50

Postcards - three designs: 'Millennium Window', 'The Church by day' and 'St. Oswald's on a starry night' all 50p each

Aprons

'Church and Flowers' design - Green or Blue on white - £5 each

Tea Towels

'Celebration with Flowers' design - Black on Cream or Blue on White - £5 each

Mugs - Bone china, dishwasher and microwave proof

'Celebration with Flowers' design - Blue on White only - £7 each

Booklet – 'Beside the Bright Stream' - £2 each

Lower Peover Church Website

News and events can be found on our website www.peoverchurches.com



Smartphone users can access the site by scanning the QR code

You can also

find a full calendar of events on <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/lower-or-nether-peover-st-oswald/>

17th March: St Patrick, beloved apostle to Ireland

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you have ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you would think he was the patron saint of New York as well, the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It is all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde, but as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.



Help us to raise Funds for The Christie at Macclesfield

As part of their centenary celebrations, Over Peover WI has produced a very high quality cookbook containing 100 of their favourite recipes.

With a wipeable cover, the book is A5 size, spiral bound so it's easy to open and beautifully illustrated.

Available at £10/copy with all proceeds going to The Christie. Please help us to raise as much money as possible.

Contact Stevie,

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March Hares

The frosty sunlight glistens from the ice upon the grass;
But they who stop and listen know winter, soon, will pass.

The icy grass is rustling! Beneath the frozen dew
Someone is in there, bustling; we only wonder – who?

They burst into a clearing, dispelling winter cares!
A sight to set us cheering! Two zany, mad, March hares!

They're chasing, leaping, bounding as round and round they race;
Those winter blues confounding –Spring stares us in the face!

The cold and dark behind us we watch those lupines, mad;
Their frolics just remind us – it's time now to be glad!

By Nigel Beeton

The Rectory - St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

On the perils of moving from city to country

Those parishioners of yours who won millions on the Lottery and moved into this parish have created quite a stir. It was perhaps a little unwise of them to tell everyone the reason why they had become so wealthy. While most of our parishioners also do the Lottery, few would ever admit it in public. (Since your friends arrived, the entire PCC is buying ever more lottery tickets, but from the shop in the NEXT village, to try and keep it secret.)

However, your family still has much to learn about our country ways. Buying the old Dower House was impressive; and spending a small fortune re-stocking the gardens was certainly commendable. But someone should have told them about installing cattle grids. It must have been quite a shock for them to wake up one morning and find the thirty sheep from the neighbouring field had wandered in for breakfast.

Their brand-new purple Ferrari has certainly brightened up the country lanes around here. The noise it makes as it roars up behind you quite quickens the pulse. Mrs Beamish had been suffering with low blood pressure for months; she says she is quite cured now. The Colonel, who is all for the community supporting the church, then asked if the newcomers would drive the bishop around on the day he came to do his tour of the parish. The Colonel thought that an open-topped purple Ferrari would make a great bishop-mobile; and the newcomers were so kind to agree. What a shame that they decided to accomplish the several miles of parish lanes in record time; the bishop barely even saw the several farmers that they nearly ran down. His new nickname in this parish is: The Purple Peril.

The newcomers have installed security lighting, which is understandable. But now I wonder how much sleep they are getting, as the rabbits, foxes, and badgers who live in their grounds keep it flood-lit for much of the night. Meanwhile, the Colonel is grumbling about the effect of light pollution on his young pheasants in the woods nearby.

But these little inconveniences apart, I am sure they will soon feel at home. I feel confident that by the third generation, they will be properly settled in.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Food Basket for Hope Central

As a church we appreciate that a lot of people are struggling at this time. So, what can we do practically to help?

From Sunday 6th November, a basket will be placed in Church on a weekly basis for non-perishable food donations. This will be taken each Monday for distribution by Hope Central, a local Christian Charity.

Hope Central is an Ecumenical project based in St John's Church Knutsford and covers North East Cheshire, so our donations will be distributed locally. It is a Christian charity committed to bringing hope and relieving poverty in Cheshire East.

At Hope Central we recognise that everyone needs a helping hand at some point and we want to provide support to anyone in need. We do this because we believe in a heavenly Father who loves everyone unconditionally, and we want to express that love in practical ways by supplying food to people in difficult circumstances and helping people address underlying reasons that contribute to their distress.

As well as the usual staple tins and packet foods which are so necessary, why not put a few extra goodies in for Christmas. We all need treats.

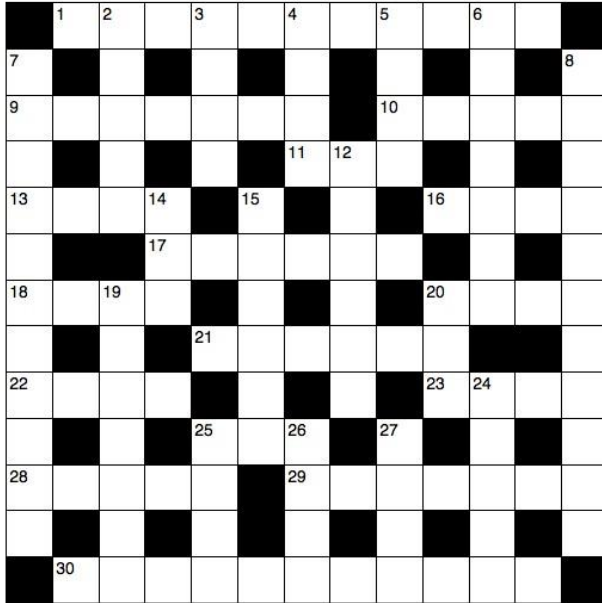
Hope Central was established in 2019, supported by three churches: Vine Life Wilmslow, St Chad's Handforth and St John's Knutsford.

As well as meeting people's immediate need for food, we also want to support people to get back on their feet, so as well as providing a Foodbank we offer a Job Club, Money Course, Life Skills Course, Fresh Start Course, Debt Centre, Hope Centres and Refugee support.

All the staff and volunteers working with Hope Central are passionate about seeing lives changed for the better. As Christians we believe in a Heavenly Father who loves everyone unconditionally and we want to express that love in practical ways, especially to people who find themselves in difficult circumstances. Everyone needs a helping hand at times. So please donate.

Thank you. A link for further information is attached below.

hopecentral.org.uk



Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law'
(Romans 3:31) (7)
7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the
hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great
numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them'
(Genesis 1:27) (4)
27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)
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**Lower Peover WI – meets on the first Wednesday in the month
In Lower Peover School at 7.30pm
For information contact Sally Geake LP 722489**

**Plumley WI meets on the first Thursday of the month
at 7.30pm in Plumley Village Hall**

**Over Peover WI meets on the last Thursday of each month
at 7.30pm in Over Peover Village Hall.
Contact June Leach – 07500 250969**

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

One Hundred Club Winners for January were:

No. 22 – Pamela Fletcher - £70

No. 55- Katy Griffiths - £30

Changes to the Lower Peover 100 Club. Dear Members - (and hopefully new members), I have been asked to hand over the running and administration of the Lower Peover 100 Club to the new team at St. Oswald's church. It has been an absolute privilege to have administered the club since inception in August 2008. I am proud to sign off my time running the club by confirming that together we have quietly raised just over £44,400 of funds dedicated to the running and upkeep of our beautiful church. I would like to thank each one of you for your loyal support and hope you will be able to continue supporting this very important venture. I am sure you will be contacted by the new team in due course, but if you have any urgent questions, I am sure Fr Murray or Norman Withenshaw will be able to help. With very best wishes and sincere thanks, Keith Phillips.

1st March: St David's Day, time for daffodils

1st March is St David's Day, and it is time for the Welsh to wear daffodils or leeks. Shakespeare called this custom 'an honourable tradition begun upon an honourable request' - but nobody knows the reason.

We do know that David of Pembrokeshire was a monk and bishop of the 6th century. In the 12th century he was made patron of Wales, and he has the honour of being the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culted in the Western Church. He was much loved.

If you cannot sleep, don't count sheep: talk to the Shepherd. – *Anon*



As the servers's strike entered its third week, the Army was called in.

What's a perfect gift for a person who has everything? Storage space.

Safeguarding

St Oswald's and St Lawrence's take their duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Oswald's is Tracey Wallace. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues concerning a safeguarding matter within the parish please contact Tracey in confidence on 07724 840753 or by email at ktwallace@hotmail.co.uk

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Father, I wait thy daily will;
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Grant me on earth what seems thee best,
Till death and heaven reveal the rest.

By Isaac Watts

Please join the ‘St Oswald’s Lower Peover 100 Club’

Dating from 1269, St Oswald’s church has been central to the village of Lower Peover for centuries. Throughout that time, it has been the spiritual home of many people, and not just those living in the village itself. It still fulfils that role today, a peaceful haven in an ever busier and complicated world. As a Grade 1 listed building, it enjoys a setting of particular importance, and the assumption is that it always will be. But escalating costs mean that we can no longer take that for granted. Buildings such as St Oswald’s are hugely expensive to maintain and ever-increasing running costs need to be found.

It is a sobering thought that our Parish Share (the money we pay to Chester Diocese for our church and a vicar) is £51,395. That is £988 each week. That is before any lighting, heating, maintenance etc. is taken into consideration, and, contrary to what many people still think, the State does **not** pay towards a church’s upkeep.

We launched the 100 Club in May 2008 and membership currently stands at 71, although it has been as high as 106. The club currently raises about £2,500 each year (after prizes) and really does make a huge difference to our resources. So far it has raised over £25,000 for the running costs of our church. **And all for the minimal cost of £1 per week to members!**

The 100 Club works in this way:

We collect £1 a week from each member per number held, which can be paid either as an annual fee of £52, or £13 per quarter, by standing order. Members are allocated individual numbers and each month two numbers are drawn. The first receives a prize of £70, the second receives £30. The remainder of the proceeds go to the church. You may individually hold more than one number and indeed, past winners have often had multiple holdings. It really is as simple as that! The 100 Club is designed to appeal to regular churchgoers and those people who may not be able to worship regularly with us, but who also think it is important that the church remains open as an important part of village life. We really would like to get our membership back up to at least 100 and hope that if you are reading this you may feel able to help – all for £1 per week! Please do join the 100 Club by completing the membership form at the back of this magazine or online at our website, and simply post it back to me. Many congratulations to all our winners – and our thanks to all members who are currently supporting the 100 Club. Stay safe and thank you.

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I wish to join the 'St Oswald's Lower Peover 100 Club'

Name

Address

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.....Post codeTel

No.....

I would like to buy number(s) at a cost of £1 per week.

*I enclose a cheque, made payable to 'St Oswald's Church Lottery Fund' for £52 per number for a full year, or * I have completed that attached Standing Order and will pay at the rate of £13 per number each quarter.

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