

Parish website Have you been able to see it yet? Please do drop in and let me know what you think. Thanks again to Tony for his dedicated work in getting this up and running. I have recently been given some very interesting photographs of the church from the turn of the century. If *you* have any pictures of historical interest may we borrow them and scan them onto the website for many more to share? They could be of buildings, former clergy or parish celebrations of former times.

Church cleaning Thanks to the cheerful gang who have made the church sparkle again. There is always room for one more mop and duster. And cleaning is not gender-specific!

Christmas Cards! Many apologies. I was hoping that I could overprint a Christmas message onto last year's blank cards. However the card is too thick to go through the photocopier and the ink is too shiny to be able to fix the printing. So please be as creative as you were last year. Cards and envelopes will be available next week in packs of ten. We have cleared the printing costs and now we can make a small profit.

Advent & Christmas dates.



- 12th Dec. "School Carols by Candlelight"
- 13th Dec First Forgiveness for the children.
- 14th Dec Concert. Beck Sian
- 19th Dec Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
- 20th Dec Weston Rhyn Christmas Carol Concert
- 24th Dec Christmas Eve masses. 6pm & 8pm
- 25th Dec Christmas Day masses. 9am & 11am

Weston Rhyn will be leading us in a Carol Concert on 19th December starting at 7.30pm. Please come along and join in the music. There will be no admission charge but we will have a collection that will go to support the work of Homeless in Oswestry Action Partnership, the local charity that supports those without a roof over their heads.

Parish Diaries Next year's diaries have arrived and are available at the back of church. Please take one if you are able to use it. It contains the feasts of the church as well as a collection of prayers for private devotion.

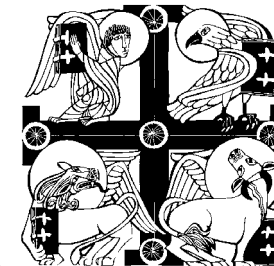
Traidcraft A last chance to stock up on fairly traded goods before Christmas. Next week after the Sunday masses in the hall. There will be a raffle for a fair-traded pudding as well as mince pies made from ethical goods. Don't forget your purses!

It's Official!!! Another not-so-good week! Only lost one pound! Must try harder!!

At Your Word Lord. Sr. Jo is leading this time of prayer and reflection in the convent every Friday starting at 7.30pm.

Biblical misspellings Sampson slayed the Philistines with the Axe of the Apostles. He was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Dellah.

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I rejoiced when I heard them say, "Let us go unto God's house" And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city, strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. There were set the thrones of the house of David. Ps.121



Kings are a very rare breed! There used to be plenty of them occupying thrones and making decisions that affect every one of their people. Most of these absolute monarchs have been replaced by other ways of governing.

When Luke tells the story of Jesus he is careful to present his kinship very much in terms of his particular people and their history. Gabriel says to Mary, "the Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David.; he will rule over the house of Jacob for ever".

Jesus exercised his authority, his kingship in his own unique way. His Kingdom is one that looks out for the needs of the poor, the broken and the wounded. We have seen this throughout the last year in all the Gospel readings. And on the cross Jesus is crucified between two of those with whom he has spent his ministry. It was to these people that he preached. It was to the outcast that he offered words of hope and love.

Throughout his ministry Jesus shared his forgiveness; he even died breathing words of love. He died as he lived, reaching out to those whom worldly kings had alienated. He died in agony yet still had the needs of the distressed first in his mind. His crown is of thorns. His banner is a bloody cloak. The currency and language of the kingdom are the words and deeds of love. His title is a quickly scribbled ironic message. The King of love died on a cross of hate. This is the Gospel image of royalty; the king and the criminal who go together into paradise. This is the king we come to celebrate today and it is this king whose values we are asked to share.

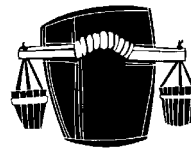
May His Kingdom come!

**Newsletter for Sunday 25th November 2007
Feast of Christ the Universal King!**

Mass Times and Intentions of Holy Mass

Sundays Year C: Psalter Week Two

Sat	24th	6.30pm	Bernice & Tom Sadler	
Sun	25th	9am	Parishioners	Christ the King
		11am	Tom Davies	
Mon	26th	9.30am	Word & Communion	
Tue	27th	7pm	Word & Communion	
Wed	28th	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Thu	29th	9.30am	Sylvia McIntyre	
Fri	30th	12noon	Winefride Mahew	St. Andrew
Sat	31st	6.30pm	Jack Conde	
Sun	1st	9am	Anna Lumby	1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)
		11am	Parishioners	



Justice & Peace Next week I would like to start our collection for our Advent Project. There are many things that we could do with the collection and I would still like some parish feedback as to where we think our target amount could go. I have had a request to support an orphanage in Uganda and the possibility of helping other such charities. There is still the scope to send money to CAFOD where they will direct it to Africa, supporting some of the many projects they have out there. As I said in last week's newsletter, there are 250 regular members and if we all give £1 each week we could reach our £1000 target before Christmas. There will be a collecting box on the table at the back of church after all masses.

Advent Shoe boxes Another collection we will be starting next week is presents for children who will have little or nothing to open on Christmas Day. Last year we sent presents off to the Children's Society who distribute gifts throughout the year to families in need. This year they have asked us to collect shoe-box sized parcels specifically designed for the under-5's. Little presents, soaps, toys etc that will be given out before Christmas. If we collect these during the four weeks of Advent, one of the Society members will come and collect them. I suggest we try to get as many boxes into church by the 3rd week of Advent, 16th December. This will leave time to have them delivered ready for Christmas Day.

Concert What a great success! Thanks to all of you who were able to come along and enjoy the resounding sounds of the Ifton Bras Band. They were delighted with the audiences as well as the beauty of the church. One of the highlights (apart from me conducting!) was to hear three of the pupils from school playing solo for the first time. And one of them has only been playing for 7 weeks! John Proctor, the conductor and solo trumpet player, kept the audience entertained with stories as well as music and was a delightful host for the band.

The party mood spilled over after the concert and the wine and cheese in school brought many parishioners together. I look forward to many other such concerts. If you know of a choir, music group or soloist who is looking for a new venue then please let me know.

Beck Sian I have been approached by a local promoter Tim Quinn, to invite a singer to give a Christmas Concert in church on Friday 14th Dec. Tim as involved in the recent 600th celebrations at Oswestry School. While he was in town he took time to visit our church and thought it would be a perfect place for Beck to sing a selection of Christmas music. She is from Australia and has just released her second album. One of her claims to fame is that she is a cousin of Kate Bush. Tickets will be on sale on the door and the concert will be at 7.30pm. The parish will earn a percentage of the ticket sales. Watch out over the next few weeks for posters and adverts for the concerts and please encourage those who like gentle Celtic folk music to come along and prepare for the Christmas Season. If you want to hear a sample of Beck's music then go on line to beckisian.net or look on the parish webpage.



My Day by Day Thanks to those who bought/took copies of this publication last week. I realise many are not able to come to mass during the week but having this in your pocket, and making time to read the Scriptures, will help you to become part of the riches of the Church's Liturgy. There are still a few copies left at the back of church for those who are still interested.

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading 2 Sam. 5:1-3
Psalm Psalm 121
2nd Reading Col. 1:1-11
Gospel Lk.23; 35-43

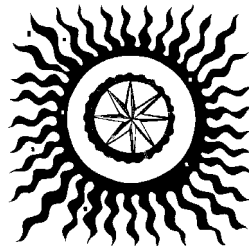
Next Week

Isaiah 2:1-5
 Psalm 121
 Romans 13:11-14
 Matthew 24:37-44

Sacrament of reconciliation By appointment. Please contact Fr. Philip.

Those who are sick: George Lee, Evelyn Lloyd-Williams, Barbara McDougal, Matthew Walton, Irene Cranage, Fr. Adrian Tate, Fr. Frank McManus, Sr. Patricia, David Jones, Joyce Williams, Liam Lynch, Annie Bough, Hughie Crawford, Bob Davies, James Tomley, James McDougall, Richard Burman, Gerald Jones, Joanna Gidge, Kathleen Bebb, Rev John Warnock,

Anniversaries in November William Roberts, William Graham, John Wovenden, Kathleen Thomas, Julian Ormsby-Gore, Mieczylaw Lewandowski, Francis McMahon, James McCracken, David Gabb, John Casey, Volodymi Grychuk, A O'Hagan, Joan Pryce, Michael Williams, Edmund Christopher, Stephen Fryer, Aemelia Wilson, Ernest Ford, Mary Moore, Ernest Jones, Mary Williams, Marjorie Morris, James Spiers, Doris Dwyer, Mary Smith, Josephine White, John Roche, Lillian Brown, Anthony Hutchinson, Joseph Roche, Michael Manser, William Fieldhouse, Margaret Quinn.



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