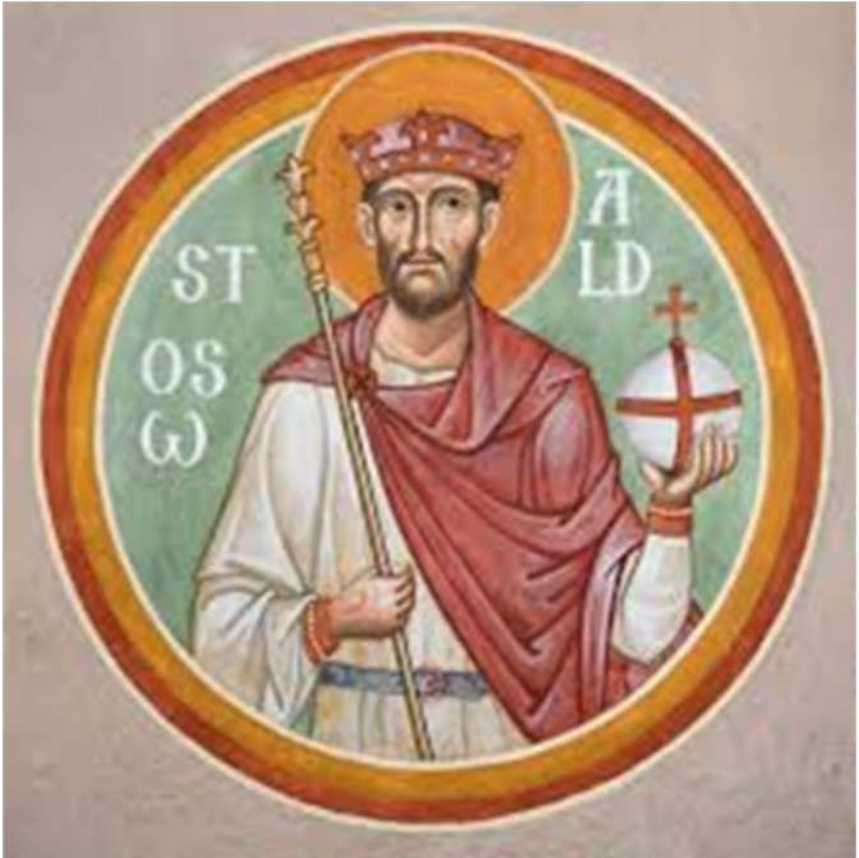




**ST OSWALD'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
GLEN IRIS
Sunday 2 August, 2026**



St. Oswald's Day

**Oswald of Northumbria
King and Martyr**

Welcome to our Service today celebrating

St. Oswald's Day

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* J.S. Bach BWV 656 (1685-1750)

Introit: *God is our hope and strength* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Acknowledgement of Country

Processional Hymn Together in Song 153

The Greeting: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Sentence for the Day:

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God
is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6: 23*

Please follow service in green Prayer Book starting page 119

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

Confession APBA page 120

Absolution APBA page 120

Kyrie

The Hymn of Praise APBA page 121 please refer to screen for music.

Gloria

Prayer of the Day:

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 the gospel;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

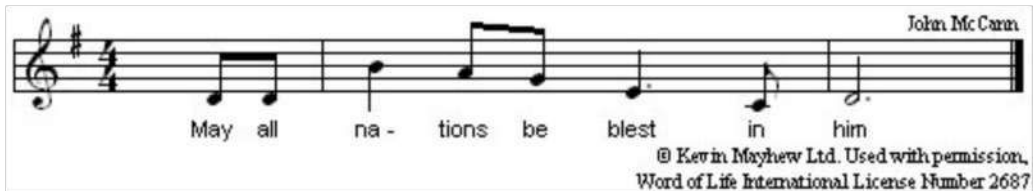
The Ministry of the Word

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

[Jeremiah 31: 1—7]

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.' For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.



May all nations be blest in him

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

[Romans 8: 1—8]

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.



Gospel Acclamation

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into this marvellous light .

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew

[Matthew 15: 21—28]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly. .

For the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

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Refer to APBA page 123 or screen

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — *please refer to the screen for the prayers.*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Offertory Hymn Hymn to St. Oswald - *Please refer to screen for Music.*

When Oswald, saint and king,
stood fast in ancient days
in distant England's north to bring
to Jesus Christ his praise.

His foes throughout the land
the word of Christ deny.
Embattled then on every hand
he holds a cross on high.

For Oswald raised his sword,
strong symbol of his vow,
to guide them to the Cross
and Word as we are guided now.

A saint he longed to dwell
but duty made him king,
and faith and love the legends tell
of Raven and the Ring.

Here in his name and sign
far from his place and days,
where stands the Cross secure in time
our prayer and song we raise.

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Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING with special preface— *please refer to the screen*

Music during Communion
Ave Verum W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Please refer to or Screen.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Notices

The Blessing and Dismissal

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit
that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and
proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Together in Song 456 verses 1, 2 and 4.

Postlude: *Toccata in d minor BWV 565* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Intercessions

For the church:

The World: Rep. Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé
The Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Uganda;
The Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Adelaide; St Peter's Cathedral,
The Diocese of Melbourne: Our Archdeacons; Archdeacon of Essendon;
Archdeacon of Maroondah; Archdeacon of Williamstown;
Archdeacon of Dandenong; Archdeacon of La Trobe;
Archdeacon of The Yarra; Anglican Schools and Agencies;
Brighton Grammar School; St James' Dandenong;
Ringwood/Mullum Mullum; St Thomas' Burwood.

Departed

Alma Smyrk, Frank Cheal, John 'Rob' Peart, Frederick Adams, Lynette Curtis.

Feast Day: 5 August

Every year the Church gives thanks for the life and witness of **St. Oswald**, King of Northumbria, whose name our beloved parish proudly bears. His story is one of courage, faith, generosity and unwavering commitment to Christ.

Born around **AD 604**, Oswald was forced into exile as a young prince after his father was killed. During his years on the holy island of **Iona**, he encountered the Christian faith through the monks of St. Columba. There he was baptised and nurtured in a deep love for Jesus Christ.

When Oswald returned to reclaim his kingdom, he faced a much larger army. Before the Battle of Heavenfield, he ordered a large wooden cross to be raised. Holding it firmly while his soldiers secured it in the ground, he knelt and prayed that God would grant victory—not for personal glory, but so that peace and the Gospel might flourish in his land. His army joined him in prayer, and against all expectations they were victorious.

Rather than using his power for himself, King Oswald dedicated his reign to Christ. He invited **St. Aidan** from Iona to bring the Gospel to Northumbria and gave him the island of Lindisfarne as the centre of his missionary work. Since Aidan initially spoke little English, Oswald himself translated the bishop's sermons for his people—a remarkable example of a king becoming a servant for the sake of the Gospel.

One of the most beautiful stories about St. Oswald tells of an Easter feast. As he sat down to dine, he learned that hungry people

were waiting outside. Without hesitation, he ordered the food to be given to them and even had the silver serving dishes broken into pieces and distributed to the poor. His generosity reflected the love and compassion of Christ.

In **AD 642**, Oswald was killed in battle while defending his people. Tradition remembers that his final prayer was for those who fought beside him. He was honoured as a martyr and saint, and his witness inspired Christians throughout Britain for centuries.



St. Oswald's Day

A King, a Saint, and a Servant of Christ

What St. Oswald Teaches Us Today

As the parish that bears his name, we are called to continue his legacy by:

- Placing Christ at the centre of our lives.
- Caring for those in need with generosity.
- Sharing the Gospel through word and action.
- Living lives of prayer, courage and humble service.
- Welcoming all people into God's family.

St. Oswald reminds us that true leadership is not about power, but about serving others in the name of Christ.

Prayer

Almighty God,
who inspired your servant **St. Oswald** to rule
with justice, generosity and faith,
grant that we, the people of St. Oswald's Church,
may faithfully bear the Cross of Christ,
serve our neighbours with love,
and proclaim the Good News with courage;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Live Stream on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdnHN5MUx64bjdC7MuCwJmw>

Wednesday 5 August

10 am **Holy Communion**

Sunday 9 August

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings

Genesis 37: 1—4, 12—28

Psalms 105: 1—6, 16—32

Romans 10: 4—15

Matthew 14: 22—36

Today's Ministries

10 am

Cantor

P. Johnson

Communion Assistant

J. Haigh

Reader

H. Rehn

Intercessor

K. Ennis

Welcome /

H. Rehn

Offertory

Morning Tea

J. Haigh

P. Dalrymple

Flowers today

are given by **Cheryl Adams**

in loving memory of

FAMILY MEMBERS.

Today is St. Oswald's Day and we will be using the **Red Chalice and Paten** given to celebrate our Church Centenary. A beautiful treasure for the parish to hold.

Strategic Meeting

Sunday 23th August after the 10 am Church Service

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Come with your ideas for the future of St Oswald's.

Anglicare Winter Grocery Drive

During the months of July and August, St Oswald's will be having a grocery drive for Anglicare in Clayton. Please bring small groceries to church on these Sundays, July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Suitable items would be tins of fruit, vegetables and fish, tea and coffee, long life milk, tooth brush and tooth paste, shampoo and conditioner.

On St. Oswald's Day, 2nd August, let us make a special effort to bring a BAG of groceries

We can help those struggling with the cost of living by giving what we can.

Thank you for your effort.

Barbara Olney

