



Are you in the Church Directory?

WE are in the process of updating the *Church Directory*. If you weren't in the 2021 edition or you have recently joined us please send your name, address, phone and email details and a photo of yourself to the Church Office at office@oww.church. Thank you. Its a really helpful way of getting to know all our church family.

Bell ringers required!

WE are looking for new people to train to become bellringers. This is a great hobby, saves on gym membership and could potentially earn a little pocket money amongst the younger church members! The current team would be happy to run taster sessions for anyone interested in having a go, no strings attached (hahaha!) Please contact the Church office for more info.

Missed last week's service?

WE hit a problem last Sunday when the transmission dipped out after just 30 mins. As services are always saved to disc, we were still able upload this later to Youtube, something to remember just in case perhaps?

Get In Touch

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David Goucher

DAVID GOUCHER'S service of thanksgiving will take place at **2.30pm** on **Wednesday 22 June** at Wootton St Lawrence, followed by refreshments at the Malshanger Club house. Everyone is welcome.

Baptism Service

ON Sunday 26 June, we will be having a baptism service at Malshanger. Immediately after the 10.00am service, everyone is invited to come up to Malshanger to celebrate this special moment with members of our church family from about 12noon. If the weather is with us, we will then enjoy a summer picnic lunch together on the green. If you have been considering whether baptism or confirmation is something you would like to explore for yourself, please do have a chat with Ben.

On message

TO keep up to date with what's on in the parish, why not sign up office@oww.church to our weekly newsletter containing the Welcome Sheet, and all the information about what's going on!

Giving

IF you would like to support the Parish financially, please contact the office for information about the Parish Giving Scheme.



Please pray for

- ~ Political situation around Northern Ireland
- ~ Refugees and Migrants of all nationalities
- ~ Those preparing for Confirmation.

Thought for the week

Drinking beer is easy. Trashing your hotel room is easy. But being a Christian, that's a tough call. That's real rebellion – *Alice Cooper*.

A friend of mine is known for sweeping girls off their feet. He's an extremely aggressive janitor.



Sunday 19 June 2022

Welcome

Services for Sunday 19 June 2022

9.00am Morning Service at St Lawrence's, Wootton

Life in the Spirit 2: Born Again & Adopted through the Spirit

10.00am Morning Service at St Leonard's, Oakley

Life in the Spirit 2: Born Again & Adopted through the Spirit
John 3:1-17. Romans 8:14-17

Discovering Confirmation Starts this Sunday

CONFIRMATION marks the point in the Christian journey where those who have been baptised make a firm commitment to live and work as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop, the Church asks God to fill each candidate with the power of the Holy Spirit to live the life of a disciple. Whether you're young or old, new to church or feel like part of the furniture ... it doesn't matter! If God has been at work in your life and you would like to confirm your faith you are welcome!

If you've never had the opportunity to be baptised or christened but would like to take that step, Ben would love to speak with you.

Join us for a short three-week baptism/confirmation course.

We will meet at **10.00am** in the Centre during the main Sunday service on **19 June, 26 June** and **3 July**. Contact office@oww.church to sign up.

Midweek services

ARE you caring for loved ones or clinically vulnerable yourself?

Perhaps you have some anxiety about returning to church since Covid.

We will be running a monthly midweek communion service, with full social distancing, masks etc, for anyone who can't face a busy Sunday morning.

The first of these will be on **Wednesday 29 June** at **10.00am**. Please let the office know if you would like to come along, or if you need further information.

Masks

WE have replenished the supply of single use masks in church for anyone who would prefer to wear one for all or part of the service. There is no longer a mandatory requirement to wear one, but we encourage everyone to do whatever they feel most comfortable with.



St Lawrence 'For Our Time' Project

THE best way to protect our ancient church buildings as places of worship, sites of historical significance and assets of local community life is to ensure that they remain living spaces that are used, loved and creatively adapted to meet the challenges of a new generation.

St Lawrence is a beautiful and historic church, but lacking in the very basic essential amenities of a water supply and toilet, making the church impractical for many events.

To ensure our church is maintained for future generations and thrives as a centre for the community, we are forming a Friends of St Lawrence group.

This is for anyone who cares for our beautiful church, its history and our local community.

We need people with enthusiasm to join us. If you have a love for, or connection with, St Lawrence Church or our community and would like to be involved in any way, please do contact us.

Our first remit will be to push an improvement project forward. Aiming to provide a water supply, toilet, kitchen area and flexible space for gatherings.

We are in the process of asking architects to provide a feasibility study and a historical society to prepare a statement of significance, these are just the first steps.

If you have experience with similar projects, have a love of historical buildings or have experience of applying for grants, we would also be keen to hear from you and would welcome your advice.

Contacts: Shoffy, Serena, Teresa
email: friends@oww.church

Children and Youth

It was wonderful to all be together for last week's All Age service.

Sunday Fun Day

Next month will be a little different and instead of an All-Age service we will be having a Sunday Funday on **Sunday 3 July** from

3.30-5.00pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to bring other friends and families along for an informal short service followed by a party! There will be food, ice creams, games, craft and more. If you would like to know more, please just email.

Teen Dinner

The teens will be meeting for dinner on Monday 20th June for an evening together. If you know anyone who is secondary school age or above who might like to come, please don't hesitate to email at youth@oww.church.

Great Gap Time

90 young people joined us last Friday for The Gap! We all enjoyed a BBQ and games together. The next Gap will be a summer themed evening with silent disco and sweet treats as well as all the usual activities. Look out for the sign up coming soon.....

This Sunday

The children will be meeting over at the centre this Sunday for their groups with their leaders and friends.

Prayer Space returns

The prayer space is back in Oakley Junior School! It will be up and running the week beginning **Monday 11 July**. If you can help by coming into the school for 1-2 hours during that week, please contact Thelma Rich at btrich@talktalk.net.

Please keep all our young people in your prayers at the start of what will be a very busy term.

We are always looking for people to get involved with our children and family work. If you would like to know more, please email. Helen@oww.church



FREE GAMES & CRAFTS

SUMMER FAYRE FUN DAY

SATURDAY 2ND JULY

12.30PM-4.30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

FREE ENTRY FOR UNDER 18'S

BBQ & BAR plus so much more!

OAKLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL FIELD & PLAYGROUND

TICKETS TO BE PURCHASED ON THE GATE - £1 PER ADULT (OVER 18) - CARD PAYMENT ENCOURAGED

Summer Fayre Fun Day Helpers needed

Helpers needed to run the refreshments stall at the schools summer fayre. **Saturday 2 July. 12-4.30**. If you can do an hour this would be so appreciated. Serving tea, coffee, squash and cakes. Also we'd love some yummy home baked cakes. Please contact Jeni Saunders. Jeni@saundersweb.co.uk 07837252419

Having a meeting in the Centre or in the Church?

PLEASE make sure you check the dates and times of any meetings in any of our buildings prior to booking as we have had a few near misses lately. We have maintenance, cleaning, inspections, visits etc to juggle, so just because you expect somewhere to be empty and usable, doesn't mean it will be.

Festivals

HAVE you been to a Christian Festival that you thoroughly enjoyed and think that others would benefit from? We would really like you to share those details in this Festivals feature. Please send details - and testimonies - to the Church Office at office@oww.church



Thinking of Spring Harvest 2023?

IF you're interested in joining the growing group from St Len's going to the **2023 Spring Harvest** at Minehead contact Tiff Wise asap. tiffanywise@live.co.uk

15-17 July 2022

LIONHEART FESTIVAL

IOW County Showground, PO31 8QU

Lionheart Festival is an opportunity to join in fellowship, have fun and meet God outdoors! Join with others of all ages on the picturesque Isle of Wight, home of festivals, for a new Christian Family Festival of music, great speakers and worship leaders, prayer, camping, relaxing, laughter and worship.

We have great guests lined up for all to enjoy and more to follow:

 Graham Kendrick	Noel Robinson 
 Danny Oates	Roger Samuels 
 Ricardo Erasmus	Daniel Harman 
 Steve Tebb	Zac Carpenter 
 Ishmael	Orphan No More 

Refresh | Restore | Reach Out | Revival

Focus.

Newark Showground 28-31 July 2022

SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY HAPPENS WHEN WE GET TOGETHER

At Newark Showground, Lincoln Rd, Coddington, Newark, NG24 2NY. Jamie and Sue Colman are going camping at **Focus**, 28 – 31 July, at the festival hosted by HTB, the home of Alpha. Come and join us as we spend 4 days in the company of our neighbours, the new Basingstoke resource church, listening to great teaching, sharing meals, praying, worshipping and more! Fantastic and faith building for children, youth and grown ups. Do chat with us if interested. We'd love to be with a group of OWW folk. More details here - <https://www.htb.org/focus>

SUNDAY 3 JULY 2022

3:30PM @ ST LEONARD'S

COME & JOIN US

FOR A FUN-FILLED

FAMILY SERVICE

& SUMMER PARTY!

HELEN@OWW.CHURCH

FOOD

MUSIC

CRAFTS

PLAY

GAMES



Sunday Fun Day!

ICE CREAM

BOUNCY CASTLE



Quiet

OPEN 10am to 12noon & 4pm to 6pm

DATES **Saturday 9 July**
Weds 13 July

WHERE Lower Farmhouse
Ibworth RG26 5TJ

Garden

Come and sit in our garden. Give yourself time & space to be with God in a peaceful setting.

After a brief intro & prayer, we invite you to enjoy a quiet, contemplative atmosphere.

Some study & art materials will be available, but you can bring your own.

Tea & coffee available.

Retreats

Maximum 10 visitors per session, so please let us know when you are planning to come by emailing constantine.jo@gmail.com

OAKLEY W⁺ WOOTTON

Vergers needed

WE are looking for some additional people to be trained to act as Vergers for weddings and funerals. This is really acting as steward on these occasions- being a welcoming presence, and setting up and clearing away. You don't need to be techy, though if you are that would be a bonus, as we sometimes need some basic skills – like hitting the button to play music tracks. Please contact the office asap so we can get you trained and ready ahead of the wedding season!