



FUN, FABULOUS & FASCINATING DAYS IN MARCH

World Wildlife Day 3rd: World Wildlife Day is an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora & to raise awareness

British Pie Week 3rd to 9th: Celebrate the humble pie in all its glory! 

Pancake Day 4th: Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins, when people would traditionally use up all their fat and eggs by making pancakes.

 **World Book Day 6th:** Annual celebration of books and reading celebrated by reading, book related activities and dressing up as characters from books.

British Science Week 7th Mar to 16th Mar : British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths.

International Women's Day 8th: A worldwide celebration of women's rights and celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

St. Patrick's Day 17th: Ireland's national day celebrates the Irish patron saint, Patrick. 


Food Waste Action Week 17th Mar to 23rd: A whole week of action to raising awareness of the environmental consequences of wasting food, and promoting activities that help to reduce the amount of food we waste.

Global Recycling Day 18th: A day to recognize, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet. It is a day for the world to come together and put the planet first.

World Sleep Day 14th: A celebration of sleep and a call to action on important issues related to sleep, including medicine, education, social aspects and driving.

Spring Equinox (Northern Hemisphere) 20th: Today is the first day of astronomical spring in the northern hemisphere (Spring or Vernal Equinox). From today the days will get longer.

World Frog Day 20th: A celebration of frogs which are an important indicator of an ecosystem's health and help to keep the ecosystem balanced.

 **Red Nose Day 21st:** The day when people across the land join forces to raise money for brilliant causes in the UK and around the world, by having a good laugh!

World Poetry Day 21st:


International Day of Forests 21st : A day to celebrate the importance of all types of forests.

Earth Hour 22nd: Organised by the World Wildlife Fund, individuals, organisations and businesses are asked to turn off non-essential electric lights for one hour.

World Water Day 22nd: This day is about promoting the importance of water to our survival, and highlighting the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water in the world.

Wear A Hat Day 28th: This fundraising day is in aid of Brain Tumour Research. Wear A Hat Day arrives as the culmination of weeks of awareness and campaigning as part of Brain Tumour Awareness Month.

Mother's Day (UK) 30th: Also known as Mothering Sunday, this is the day where we show Mum just how much we love her in the UK. Mothering Sunday was traditionally the day when you returned to the "Mother Church" where you were baptised. 

 **British Summer Time Begins 30th:** Daylight saving begins today, so remember that the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am in the morning.

Eid al-Fitr 30th Mar to 31st: A religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan. It is celebrated with prayer and different festivities and foods in different countries.

HAVE FUN!



Burnside Church & Community Newsletter

March 2025

Dear Friends,

You may already know, that at the end of January I was privileged to be invited to attend a Clergy Consultation at St. George's House, Windsor. It entailed living, worshipping, working with other clergy and studying all within the grounds of Windsor Castle as a guest at St. George's House. I was one of twenty four serving ministers from across this country, Scotland, Ireland and America who were invited to attend. Our consultation was entitled "Nurturing Wisdom; Nurturing our Growth as ministers". The conversations we shared remain private to our group, but I can certainly say for myself that although it was a very demanding week on every level, it was transformative and has encouraged me as I continue to serve as a Mission Community Leader here in the Beacon Team Ministry.

The history behind the set up at St. George's House is very interesting, and more can be found on the website, if that sort of thing appeals to you.

www.stgeorghouse.org

Their overall vision is:

"To effect change for the better in our society by nurturing wisdom through dialogue."

They go on to say this... "The values of the House are openness, honesty, trust and respect. People from all areas of society, holding diverse views, opinions and beliefs come here to debate freely. The art of consultation seeks to nurture Wisdom and open up the possibility of a different and better world."

The Wisdom we seek to nurture affirms and encourages, questions and surprises. It searches out new possibilities and desires the best for all our people and our planet. It is forward-looking and free from contemporary idols. It fosters personal and community transformation. The practical result of such Wisdom is trust, equality and peace.

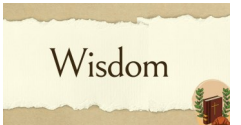
It is Wisdom based on knowledge, understanding, good judgement and far-sighted decision making. It is Wisdom for our time."

I found my time there to be a real oasis. In a time when The Church of England is facing many challenges and trials on many different levels, it was encouraging to meet serving ministers who felt able to be so open and honest about their own challenges and who were willing to share wisdom, sometimes hard won, and embrace questions that helped us all consider how we might continue to lead as steady, faithful ministers, sharing the gospel and Good News of Jesus in an increasingly troubled and turbulent landscape.

In the book of Proverbs, there is a Proverb that says:

"Know also that wisdom is like honey for you: If you find it, there is a future hope for you and your hope will not be cut off." (Proverbs 24:14)

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It can feel difficult to find hope at times like this, but during the consultation I was reminded again of the commandment to

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" and to "Love your neighbour as yourself." Mark 12:30-31

There is wisdom in holding on to these simple, but complex truths as we journey through increasingly challenging times. How are we showing love to our neighbour? What simple ways can we help the places we inhabit become places where wisdom is nurtured and love and kindness have chance to grow and flourish? What part does God have in all of this?

By wrestling with these, and other questions, we begin to take steps along the road to wisdom. Please pray for me as I continue to seek God's wisdom in all that lies ahead, and be assured of my prayers for you.

Blessings
Michelle

SATURDAY SOUP LUNCHES
St. Oswald's Church

~~JANUARY 11th~~
FEBRUARY 1st
MARCH 1st
APRIL 5th

£5 per person
soup & roll
Tea/ coffee &
biscuits

from 12 noon

MARCH SERVICES for St. OSWALD'S CHURCH

- 2nd 4pm Evening worship
- 9th 11am Holy communion
- 16th 11am Morning worship
- 23rd 11am Holy communion
- 30th 4pm Mothering Sunday family service



Weekly Evening Prayer at St. Oswald's Church

Every Tuesday @ 5.30pm
in the Chapel

Book of Common Prayer
Communion in the Lady Chapel
every Wednesday 9.30am

If you have anything you would like putting in the newsletter please email
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The public are welcomed to all meetings of the Parish Council which start at 7pm and are held at St Oswald's Church Meeting Room, Burneside.

Early in the agenda there is a public participation item during which members of the public are invited to speak at the discretion of the Chairman. Following this item the public are welcome to stay and listen or may leave as they choose.

Every year each parish is required to hold an assembly for local electors. Members of the public attend and may raise any matters relevant to the parish, local electors may vote on any issues.

The Parish Council and other local organisations give annual reports. The Chairman of the Parish Council hosts and arranges this meeting but it is not a Council meeting.

A list of meeting dates for 2025 can be found below:

- 18th February
- 6th May Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Council Meeting
- 3rd June
- 29th July
- 2nd September
- 7th October
- 2nd December Precept Meeting



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