



2nd August 2026.



For meditation: *Blessed be God, for the glory of a grace never ending, for the gift of a love never changing, for the depth of peace never failing.*
Isabella Wilson, Methodist class leader (1765 – 1807)

NEWS AND VIEWS

August 5th is St Oswald's Day. Oswald was a King of Northumbria from 634AD until his death in battle in 641AD. After defeating the Welsh Gwyneddian ruler at the battle of Heavenfield, Oswald brought the two Northumbrian Kingdoms of Bernicia and Deira once again under a single ruler and he promoted the spread of Christianity in Northumbria through the work of Aidan, an Irish bishop. It was Oswald who gave the island of Lindisfarne to Aidan as his episcopal see. He is the local patron saint of Grasmere Church in the Lake District. Rushbearing ceremonies are held and after a special service in the church participants indulge in pieces of Grasmere gingerbread (secret recipe!), each stamped with an image of St Oswald.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord we pray for people who have little or nothing, for those who are hungry, for parents who struggle to feed their children. We thank you for all who support Food Banks and Charities, and pray that they may have the resources to meet so many people's needs. We pray that we may appreciate our food, and pray for all who grow and distribute the produce. Teach us not to be wasteful but to preserve and share the goodness of your earth. Amen

We are remembering the congregation at Trinity, Radstock in our prayers this week.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 9th August

Genesis 37: 1- 4, 12 -28

Psalms 105: 1 -6, 16 -22, 45b

Romans 10: 5 -15

Matthew 14: 22 -33

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I call on you, O God, for you will answer me, and give ear to my prayer. Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings from the wicked who assail me, from my mortal enemies who surround me. Psalm 17: 6 – 9

DIARY

Thursday 6th August

Café + Soup 9.30 – 1.00pm
The meal will be served at around 12 noon. All welcome.

Sunday 9th August

Morning worship 11.00am
led by Rev John Carne – the service will include Holy Communion

Advance notice

Please note that the date for the next **Church Council meeting** has been changed. Instead of being on 20th October it will now be held a week later on the 27th at 1.45pm.

Consider

Consider
The lilies of the field whose bloom is brief-
We are as they;
Like them we fade away,
As doth a leaf.

Consider
The sparrows of the air of small account:
Our God doth view
Whether they fall or mount, -
He guards us too.

Consider
That lilies that do neither spin or toil,
Yet are most fair:-
What profits all this care
And all this toil?

Consider
The birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks;
God gives them food:-
Much more our Father seeks
To do us good.

Christina Rossetti

