# St Oswald's Church, Norbury is 90 years old this year!



# Happy Birthday to ... US !

See inside for details of our special Anniversary Week

# Sunday 12 May — Sunday 19 May 2024,

giving thanks for the consecration in 1934 of our beautiful church on the corner of Green Lane and St Oswald's Road

You are warmly invited to join us!



## 10 am Sunday 12 May

Sung Eucharist

During the service we will give thanks for the past year of church life. To be followed by the Annual Church Meeting to look ahead and make plans for the future.

# Thursday 16 May, 7.30 pm Thanksgiving Service of Evening Prayer

Anniversary of Consecration Day The church will be open from 2pm for tours of the building, exhibition, floral displays and the Memory Wall. Visit the garden to see posters about the interesting trees designed by the Rainbows and Brownies

## Sunday 19 May, 10 am

# **Celebration Eucharist**

with Rt Rev'd Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Bishop of Croydon Our main celebration service coincides wonderfully with the Feast of Pentecost – often described as the birthday of the Christian Church

Our other regular services, at 8am on Sunday and 10:30am on Wednesday will take place as usual.



# Tuesday I4 May, 2pm A History of our Local Area

Well-known local historian John Brown will give a fascinating insight into the history of the area around St Oswald's. Followed by refreshments hosted by the Women's Fellowship, but open to all.

Free, all welcome – but please let us know you're coming!

#### Sunday 19 May, 3pm

#### Anniversary Celebration and Community Afternoon Tea

Join us in our beautiful garden for an afternoon of live, rousing, big band music, dance performance and activities for children. In the company of the Civic Mayor of Croydon and other special guests.

**Free, all welcome** – but please let us know you're coming!

**Throughout the week** the church will be open at times shown on our website and groups that meet in the Hall are joining in the celebrations with special activities including:

**Monday 7pm** Flexercise display **Thursday 2pm** Pop-in Club **5.30pm** Taekwondo display.

### Contact us

to tell us you're coming, and for more details of events. <u>www.stoswalds.org.uk</u> or call 07944 473 423



St Oswald's church was consecrated on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1934 and since then has been a visible sign and centre of Christian prayer, worship and ministry. Many people have come to celebrate life events: baptisms, weddings and funerals. Others have enjoyed walking in our beautiful garden or joining groups meeting in our parish hall.

We celebrate all of this on our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – and it is your celebration too!

#### Are you part of the St Oswald's story?

We would love to hear from you!

#### Would you like to visit the church?

- Come to our special services or events during Anniversary Week 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May;
- Visit us to see the St Oswald's Story exhibition, Memory Wall and floral displays;
- Come to our FREE Community Celebration at 3pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Scan the QR code to find out more about the St Oswald's@90 celebrations, including times when the church will be open and to download a template for you to create your own 'brick' for the memory wall.



# We look forward to welcoming you.