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 Parish of Okewood and Forest Green

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Okewood Church is open every day.
Holy Trinity Forest Green is open every day.

Discipleship Training Available

Sarum College www.sarum.ac.uk

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Parish office opening hours Weds, Thurs, Friday 9.30 to 1.00pm



Welcome to The Parish of Okewood and Forest Green

22 February 2026
Lent 1

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Old Testament Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7
 New Testament Romans 5: 12-19
 The Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11



Monthly Service Schedule

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
OKWOOD	10.30am All Age service	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	
FOREST GREEN		6pm Evening Service		6pm Evening Service	10.30am Joint Holy Comm.

Prayer for Lent

Lord of mercy and light,
In this season of quiet turning,
strip away the noise that clouds my heart.
Teach me to walk humbly,
to fast from selfishness, and to feast on Your truth.
When I am tempted to wander,
draw me back to the path of grace.
When I am weary,
breathe Your Spirit into my soul.
May my hands serve, my words heal,
and my life reflect the love that led You to the cross.
Amen.

Prayers

Please include these people in your prayers,
Bishop Andrew and his family.

Okewood Church Prayer Meeting – all welcome, Sundays 9.45-10.15am in the Ark. If you can't make it until 10am that's fine!

We have a 'Listeners' What's App group which we use for sharing prayer points and church information. If you would like to be added to this group, please tell Liz Coleman.

On Monday mornings at 9.30am we gather, remotely, to pray for the people and needs of our Parish. If you would like to be a part of this prayer group, please speak to Liz Coleman. Everyone is welcome to pray with us.

Punchbowl Quiz – Thursday 5 March at 8pm. Hoping to improve even further on last month's efforts! Please come and help us.

Our Thursday Home group has started, 12-1.30pm at Phippen Manor. Please email or speak to Tom or Sarah Murphy if you would like to come along. Bring a packed lunch.

Prayer Triplets. If you would like to be part of a prayer triplet, please speak to Revd Sarah Murphy.

Diary Dates:

Sunday 15 March – Mothering Sunday service at Oke, 10.30am

Thursday 2 April – Maundy Thursday supper in the Ark, 7pm

Friday 3 April – Good Friday service at Okewood, 11am

Notices

Our services on Sunday 22 February will be a 10.30am Morning Worship service at Okewood, led by Revd John Marsh, and a 6pm Evening service at Forest Green led by Revd Sarah Murphy, with the talk given by John White.

Sidesmen – 10.30am) Ru & Clare Harding (6pm) Libby Daghorn

Reader – (10.30am) Seb Dew (6pm) Matthew Sparkes

Intercessor – (10.30am) Eileen Bennett (6pm) Sarah Murphy

Our service on Sunday 1 March will be a 10.30am All Age service at Okewood, led by Jan Moir, with the baptism of Cerys Ann Pollen by Revd John Marsh.

Resources for Lent

[Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent | The Church of England](#)

[40acts: Do Lent generously](#)

[Bible Society | Our mission is to make the Word of God known to all people by making it available through the work of translation & publishing, accessible through distribution & literacy programmes, and credible through engagement & advocacy.](#)

New Initiative! Church Breakfasts! Starting on Sunday 8 March we will be offering a breakfast of pastries with tea or coffee at Okewood church from 9.30am, before the morning service at 10.30am. We intend to have this social occasion several times during the year. This year's dates are 8 March, 28 June and 27 September. See you there!

Breakfast Together at Oakwood Village Hall – Saturday 16 May at 8.30am. Our guest speaker will be Simon Pinchbeck – copper, criminal, Christian. Tickets: from Liz Thorne 01306 628227 or email lizthorne2053@hotmail.co.uk This is a donation-only event (suggested donation of £10 per person for those who are able) **Tickets are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment!**

Revd Sarah Murphy is available to carry out pastoral visits in our parish, so if you know of anyone who would appreciate a prayerful home visit please speak to Sarah.

Revd Dr Peter Nevins, our Priest in Charge, will be preaching at Guildford Cathedral on Mothering Sunday (15 March) at 4pm. All welcome.