

Church Bulletin 24th October 2021

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JESUS CENTRED, GOD DEPENDENT

Upcoming Services: Tues 26th Oct 10.15 St Oswald's: Morning Service. Mark 10:46-52
Sun 31st Oct 10.30 St Oswald's Morning Worship. Col 2:6-7
Sun 31st Oct 4pm Memorial Service

Boiler Room

Meets this Wednesday online at 7.30pm for 30 minutes. If we are to be 'God Dependent', this is where the power comes from! Zoom Meeting ID: 876 2496 9997 Passcode: boiler

God in my Everything - Sexuality

If you want to explore the issues raised in this Sunday's sermon about sexuality further, we can recommend three books:

- Sexual Ethics, Stanley J Greutz. A detailed academic, biblical exploration.
- Navigating by the Son, Stephen Cox. Explores how to live with deep disagreements.
- Living in Love and Faith, the CofE. The CofE's new book on sexuality, relationships, identity and marriage.

Essential 100 Bible Challenge

From January to Easter 2022 we are going to preach through the Bible using some key passages from Genesis to Revelation to help us get the "Big Picture" of God's story. Connect Group notes will be provided by preachers to help you engage with the previous Sunday's Sermon, but there will also be 100 readings (the essential 100), 5 per week, for you to explore at home. Those 100 readings are designed to put Jesus' ministry in context.

We will give you a list of the readings, but more useful would be for as many people as possible to have the E100 Bible Challenge book which contains the readings with background notes etc. This is not available in the UK but we have obtained permission from Scripture Union USA to print some books from a soft copy they have provided. Depending on how many people order, the cost will be between £5 and £8. We will order on request only and the order goes in mid-November. **So, if you would like a copy of the book, please either:**

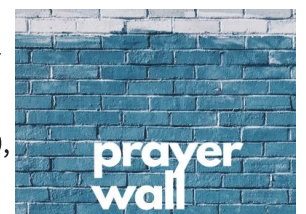
- **Sign the list at the back of church**
- **Or contact the office to put your name down**

Orders will be finalised on 14th November.

October 31st "Wall of Prayer"

Thank you to all those who have signed up to be part of our "Wall of Prayer" to bless our community on October 31st. There are still a few 30 minutes slots not filled. Can you take 30 minutes to stand with us on that day? Times currently available are: 15.30, 16.00, 17.30, 20.30, 23.00, 00.30.

To sign up phone the church office. Please try and pick a slot that no one else has taken.



MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



Memorial Service: 31 Oct 4pm

Next Sunday! Come yourself and invite others you know who may want to remember a loved one.

We still need offers from people willing to: a) Provide a cake, b) Help serve refreshments. Ring 01788 330442 or email janehulme@smso.org.uk if you can help.

Operation Christmas Child

Please bring your filled shoeboxes back to church by Sunday November 7th when we will pray for them to arrive at their destinations safely.

We will also be using the gifts donated to pack shoeboxes on Tuesday November 2nd at 2.30pm in church. Please contact Jane if you are able to help with this. Email janehulme@smsso.org.uk or telephone 01788 330442.

Outdoor Carol Services – HELP NEEDED

We are hoping to have two outside carol services aimed at the community as well as the normal church one this year.

- Sat 11th Dec 5pm Outdoor Carols on Overslade. Venue TBC
- Sun 12th Dec 5pm Outdoor Carols in front of St Oswald's
- Sun 19th Dec 6.30pm Carol Service in Church

We can't advertise these services until we know that we have teams for Erecting Marquees, Sound system and Catering (mulled wine, hotdogs). This is a significant missional opportunity, so please contact the church office to offer to be part of one of the three teams. Last week's request produced three offers, so as of now we cannot run these events.

CAP Hampers

CAP Rugby are hoping to provide a Christmas food hamper for all their clients again this year. Donations of items or complete hampers would be most welcome from individuals or Connect groups. If you can help, please contact Hilary Hunt (01788 550261) as soon as possible for more information. Thank you!

SERVING GOD IN HIS WORLD

Climate Crisis COP 26

Tearfund: Day of Action Sat Nov 6th

Tearfund are encouraging people to join one of their rallies around the UK. Anne Love and Gail Long are planning to go to the Birmingham rally. Do contact Anne 01788 522067 or Gail 01788 676668, if you would like to join them.

Prayer Event

This Saturday between 10am and 12noon at St Andrews. Just drop in. All Welcome. See last week for full details.

Faith at Work

Monday 29th November, 7.30pm How do we live out God's call for us in our workplace? A course run by the central diocesan teams. For info and sign up see the Diocesan Equip Hub www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-resources/everyday-faith-at-work/

PRAYER POINTS FOR W/C Mon 25 Oct

- For the Memorial service on Oct 31st at 4pm, that people would come and find comfort in their grief.
- For the Lord to bless our 12 hour "prayer wall" beginning on October 31st, with blessing upon our community and protection from the enemies schemes and attacks.
- For the delegates attending COP26 beginning on October 31st - that they would be led by the Holy Spirit to make right and courageous decisions.
- For deepening of our relationships with one another as a fellowship.

Office Opening

The church office at 1a New Street is open from 9.30am - 1.30pm Mon - Thursday. To keep office staff safe, we are still asking visitors to remain in the foyer and not enter the offices.

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