

Church Bulletin 7th November 2021

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JESUS CENTRED, GOD DEPENDENT

Upcoming Services

Sun 7 Nov 10.30 All-Age Worship 1Cor 12: 4-11 Our S.H.A.P.E.

Sun 7 Nov 7pm **Evening Worship** - Gifts of the Holy Spirit part 2

Tues 9 Nov 10.15am Mark 1:14-20

Sun 14 Nov 10.30 Holy Communion Romans 13:8-14 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

S.H.A.P.E. Course: Four sessions spread over two Saturday mornings (5 and 12 February 2021 10am -1pm) or four Thursday Evenings (17 Feb to 10 Mar 7.30pm-9pm) to help you explore what kind of ministry God may be calling you into. Sign up via MY EVENTS in the ChurchSuite phone App, or via the NEWS page of the website or by phoning the church office.

Vimla Turnbull: Our dear friend Vimla died Tuesday and is now with The Lord. We will miss her company and her sense of fun, but rejoice that she is now enjoying the fruits of her faithful service. Please pray for her children, Kevin, Paul & Julie. We will let you know funeral details when we have them.

Essential 100 Bible Challenge: Just one week left to sign up for a copy of the book of 100 readings that accompanies next year's teaching themes on "The Big Story of God". Cost £5 – £8 depending on how many want it.

- **Sign the list at the back of church**
- **Or contact the office to put your name down.** Orders will be finalised on 14th November.

Carol Service Choir: Could you be part of a small 12 person choir for this year's carol service? Please contact Marion (tel 07788636406 or marion.maclellan@ntlworld.com) as soon as possible if you would like to sing - the ability to read music would be an advantage! First rehearsal this Tuesday evening, 9 Nov, 7pm in church.

TV Viewing Options: Looking for something more inspiring on the TV? Try:

- **Unbelievable: Confident Christianity Course.** 6 sessions to help you be able to make a case for Christian Belief. <https://www.premier.org.uk/confident-christianity-course/>
- **Chosen.** A free, crowd funded, story of Jesus on a phone app called "Chosen". Brilliantly done.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Operation Christmas Child: Please bring your shoeboxes to church tomorrow, Sunday 7th Nov. They will be shipped this week.



TEARFUND Big Quiz – GETTING CLOSE: Saturday 20 November 7pm in Church. Sign up online from the [NEWS](#) page of the website or using the My Events section of the ChurchSuite phone app or by signing the list at the back of church. Socially distanced teams of up to 4 people. Either come as a group or you can join a team when you arrive. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

All proceeds to TEARFUND. We are suggesting a minimum £5 donation per person to be given in cash on the night or through the JustGiving page [HERE](#).

SERVING GOD IN HIS WORLD

St Matthew's Welfare Trust. Applications for the annual distribution of gifts are invited from single people, widows and widowers of 65 years and over, living in the Parish of St Matthew & St Oswald's or on the Electoral Roll. Forms, which are now available from St Oswald's Church or the Church Centre, should be completed, signed by the applicant and returned to the Church Office, 1A New Street, by Sun 21 Nov.

CHURCH BUSINESS

Building Development Updates

- The sale of St Matthew's building has now been completed. We have submitted a detailed proposal to the church commissioners requesting that they release the monies to us for developing the St Oswald's site.
- A full proposal for refurbishing the Side Hall has been submitted for faculty approval (Faculty is like church planning permission).
- A full proposal for replacing the heating system has been submitted for faculty approval. Our chosen contractor is ready when the approval comes through.
- The statement of significance, which is a key part of getting permissions for the worship area re-ordering, has been updated and submitted to the diocesan authorities.
- The PCC has approved the purchase of a commercial dishwasher (2 minute cycle) to enable us to use crockery again safely.

Please pray: For release of funds from the church commissioners, for faculties to be granted and for the right selection of contractors for the side hall refurbishment.

EVENTS

RISING Global Peace Forum 2021 - Leadership for Peace: This year's RISING Global Peace Forum will take place at Coventry Cathedral from 10th-12th November. Archbishop Justin Welby will be speaking about reconciliation at 11am on Thursday 11th November. This is a free event which is open to all. For more information or to book your place, see the link in the e-Bulletin or ask the office.

PRAYER POINTS FOR W/C Mon 8 Nov

1. That the Lord would enable each one of us to discover the gifts that He has given us, and to use them in His service. Pray too for the launch of the SHAPE course in the New Year.
2. For the filled shoeboxes we have prepared to safely reach their destinations and to be a sign of God's love to the children and their families who receive them.
3. For the fruitfulness of the "Open the Book" team, going into St Matthew's and St Oswald's schools once a fortnight, sharing God's story with the children
4. For the Lord's favour upon the different permissions being applied for, for the church building project
5. For the delegates currently attending COP26 - that they would be led by the Holy Spirit to make right and courageous decisions.

REGULAR REMINDERS AND LINKS

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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Church Services: If you are having to self-isolate and cannot attend live services you can join in at 10.30 on Sundays from the worship and prayer page of our website [HERE](#) or directly on our YouTube channel [HERE](#).

Praying Together: Prayer meetings remain online at present.

Daily: Monday to Thursday at 9am for 15 minutes.

Zoom link [HERE](#) Meeting ID: 793 6404 4994 Password: Angels

Boiler Room: The Boiler Room Prayer Meeting 7.30pm fortnightly. Currently online, but we hope to be back live soon.

Zoom Link [HERE](#): Meeting ID:876 2496 9997 Password: boiler

The Emergency Prayer Chain: If you are facing an emergency of some kind, please do email the church prayer chain at: prayerchain@m2o.org.uk We have over 30 people who will stop what they are doing and pray for you. The prayer chain is not for general prayer, but for emergencies only.