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JESUS CENTRED, GOD DEPENDENT

### Upcoming Services

Tues 16 Nov 10.15 Morning Service Mark 13:1-8

Sun 21 Nov 10.30am Morning Service

**Vimla Turnbull:** Vimla's Funeral will be in St Oswald's, this Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm. The committal will be at Whinfield Cemetery after that. Her family invite you to join them at the Clifton Inn on Clifton Road afterwards. The service will also be livestreamed. The link is: <https://youtu.be/uJG66LHV8F0>

**Essential 100 Bible Challenge:** This Sunday is the last chance to sign up on the list at the back of church 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.

### MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



**TEARFUND Biq Quiz – NEXT 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 <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/smsobigquiz>

**Outdoor Carol Services:** We have been granted permission by the council to hold one of our outdoor carol services in Buchanan Park on Overslade on Saturday 11th December at 5pm. The full list of confirmed Christmas services is below. Invitations will be available soon so start thinking and praying about who you can invite. The outdoor services are particularly suitable for those who don't usually do church!

- Sat 11 Dec 5pm Outdoor Carol Service. Buchanan Park, Overslade
- Sun 12 Dec 5pm Outdoor Carol Service. St Oswald's Church Green.
- Sun 19 Dec 6.30pm Carol Service
- Fri 24 Dec 5pm Crib Service
- Fri 24 Dec 11pm First Communion of Christmas
- Sat 25 Dec 10.30am Christmas All-Age Communion

**Operation Christmas Child:** Thank you everyone for an amazing effort this year providing filled boxes filled and also gifts. We managed to send off 88 boxes to Operation Christmas child and they will bless 88 children.

### CHURCH BUSINESS

**Christmas Decorations:** On Saturday 4th December 2pm to 5pm we will be in church decorating it for Christmas. There are trees to decorate, windowsills to adorn and our wonderful nativity scene to put up. Please come and lend a hand as many hands make light work and we all can enjoy each other's company. There will be refreshments provided. Please call Debbie 07854674738 or email [Olnr.debbie@gmail.com](mailto:Olnr.debbie@gmail.com) if you can help.

**Alan & Jane:** will be on leave from Friday 19 November to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. For urgent issues please contact the church office.

**New(ish!) Curate!** Ian Sweeney has been with us on placement while he has been training for ordination. We were delighted to be able to announce last week that he will be joining us as curate when he is ordained in July. As well as the normal things a curate has to learn, a large part of Ian's brief will be to plant a New Worshipping Community in the Overslade end of the parish - building on the work of the past 25 years.

Please pray for Ian, Stacey, Erinn, Niamh and Quinn as they prepare for the transition, and specifically for us to find an appropriate house on or near the estate for them to be based. Ideally, we need 4 bedrooms and a study!

**Spider Busting:** We have a new long pole with a special wall duster to enable us to clean the walls of the Dixon Hall in preparation for decorating. If you have strong arms and are willing to have a go, please tell Alan Hulme. It's a bit like a free gym membership offer... "Shoulders Day".

## SERVING GOD IN HIS WORLD

**Christmas Cracker Café and Radio:** will be running this year. The café is between Iceland and Subway. Sitdown meal and takeaways offered. To offer to serve register via <http://wp.rugbycracker.org.uk> or phone 07757 562504. To book the cafe for a meal, email [katiethomas@ntlworld.com](mailto:katiethomas@ntlworld.com).

**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.

## PRAYER POINTS FOR W/C Mon 15 Nov

1. For the Lord to continue to deepen our roots in Him, that we might grow as God-dependent disciples.
2. For the granting of permissions for the new church heating system and for the side hall modifications.
3. For who you will invite to come to one of the outdoor half hour Carol Services on 11 & 12 December.
4. For Gail Long, currently undergoing daily radiotherapy and chemotherapy. Please pray for the efficacy of this treatment and that the Lord uses it to heal the brain tumour.

## 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.

### Contacts:

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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](mailto: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.