



PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW &
ST OSWALD RUGBY

ARE YOU READY?



ADVENT SUNDAY

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JESUS CENTRED, GOD DEPENDENT

Upcoming Services

- Sun 28 Nov 10.30am Holy Communion. Luke 21:25-36. ADVENT SUNDAY
Tues 30 Nov 10.15am Morning Prayer. Luke 21:25-36
Sun 5 Dec 10.30am All Age Worship. Luke 3:1-6 ADVENT 2.
7.00pm Praise, Word and Prayer. 1 Corinthians 12-14

Join the Advent-ure of Christmas. To use Advent well, why not watch an episode of “The Chosen” each day? Download the app onto your phone.

Families with Children: We have Advent Prayer Posters to give you in church tomorrow – make sure to get yours.

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.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



Christmas Services: Put these dates in your diary. Invitations will be available next Sunday. Who are you going to give one to? The short outdoor services are particularly suitable for those who don't usually do church or those who are vulnerable to coronavirus.

- **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 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas
- Sat 25 Dec 10.30am Christmas All-Age Communion

CHURCH BUSINESS

HELP NEEDED! 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 if you can help.

SERVING GOD IN HIS WORLD

Used Postage Stamps: Hundreds of pounds get raised for the Helen Keller School for the Partially Sighted in East Jerusalem, by selling used postage stamps. Pass any stamps to Gail Long and she will send them off. Please leave 5 mm around each stamp when they are cut out.

Volunteer with Operation Christmas Child in the West Midlands: Each year Operation Christmas Child relies on thousands of volunteers to inspect, pray over, and ready each gift for international shipping. Is this something that you could do? The West Midlands Operation Christmas Child warehouse is located at: Unit 1 Junction 2

Industrial Estate, Demuth Way, Oldbury, B69 4LT. Volunteering slots are available from now until to 18 December. To sign up for a slot register here:
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/447005244279608083/false#/invitation>

EVENTS AND TRAINING

Diocesan Training Courses next term:

Jesus and the Gospels: *Explore the four gospels and find fresh ways of talking about what Jesus means to you.* at St James, Fletchamstead, Coventry on a Monday evening from 19.00 – 21.30 from 10th January to 07 February. This will be delivered by Jon Taylor.

The Book of Revelation: *Get to grips with how to understand this incredible, visionary book.* on Zoom. This will take place on a Tuesday afternoon from 14.00 – 16.00 from 11th January to 8th February. This will be delivered by Katherine Walakira.

Creation Care: *Look at God's creation, our place in it and the hope that we have for the future.* at All Saints in Emscote. This will take place on a Thursday evening from 19.00 – 21.30 from 13th January to 10th February. This will be delivered by Charlotte Jackson.

The link to enroll in any of the above courses is - <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/category/bcdm/>

PRAYER POINTS FOR W/C Mon 29 Nov

1. That we would take time out during Advent to prepare for the Lord's coming; both at Christmas and when He returns again.
2. For the Lord to guide all of the preparations being made to celebrate Christmas around the Parish.
3. That the Lord would go ahead of us and prepare people as we invite them to 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.

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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](#).

