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God's Story

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Upcoming Services

Sunday 9 Jan: 10.30 Holy Communion. COVENANT Gen 15 & Mark 14:22-26

Tues 11 Jan: 10.15 Morning Service. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday 16 Jan: 10.30 Morning Service. LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JOSEPH. Gen 39

Sunday 16 Jan: 10.30 Overslade Community Centre. Worship & Fellowship.

Service Booking: Remember, the Sunday 10.30 service is open as are Children's Church and TnT - but you need to book so that we can ensure good social distancing. As we go to press there are 2 places left! Use the ChurchSuite App, the Worship page of the website or phone the office during the week. We are not serving refreshments while infection rates are so high.

God's Story: If you ordered copies of the E100 book please collect from church and pay £5 each. If you didn't order one, we have a few spare copies which you can pick up from the Foyer.

You can pay by cash (envelope marked E100 with your name in the collection) or electronically via the card reader or by Text (Text **CHURCHGIVE 5** to 70450).

If you just want a list of the daily readings, collect a leaflet from church.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: is 18-25 January. We are marking it this year by church leaders swapping pulpits. Alan will preach at BEC on Sunday 16th and Paul Rogers will be here on Sunday 23rd.

SERVING GOD IN HIS WORLD

CAP Rugby: (Christians Against Poverty) would like to thank everyone who contributed to the CAP Christmas hampers. We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity shown to our clients in this way, and the hampers have been much appreciated by them. Thank you all very much!

Hope Together: are looking to appoint a PA for Roy Crowne. 20 hours per week, based in Rugby. See [HERE](#) for details.

BUILDINGS

Side Hall: The DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) has approved our refurbishment plans. We can now apply to the chancellor (judge) for a Faculty to commence the works. That process takes about 5 weeks.

Heating: The extra information the DAC required is being submitted this week for our proposed heating system.

EVENTS & TRAINING

S.H.A.P.E. Course: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to SHAPE so far. As things stand, the courses will still take place live, but using the side hall so that we can have good social distancing. Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding any concerns (ian@smsso.org.uk). We're really excited for this and trusting that God will help us each understand our calling better. You can still sign up for the Saturday sessions, 5th & 12th February 10am-1pm, and Thursday sessions 17th February to 10th March 7pm -9pm, through the Churchsuite app, NEWS page of website or by ringing the office.

Living in Love and Faith: is the Church of England's new initiative to help us all come to a better understanding of Christian teaching about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Rugby Deanery we are holding a course starting THIS WEEK. One online session on Thursday 13th January from 7 to 9pm, followed by a live day on Saturday 15th January from 9.30am to 5pm at St Mark's, Bilton. All are welcome and you can sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/231456862707>

PRAYER POINTS

Prayer Points for w/c Monday January 10th Please pray:

1. That each one of us would discover what "partnering with God" looks like in our own lives.
2. That, as a church family, we would engage with the "God's Story" initiative of readings and sermons and gain a better understanding of how the whole bible fits together.
3. That the faculty for the Side Hall modifications would be approved by the Chancellor (Judge), as it has now been approved by the D.A.C (Diocesan Advisory Committee)
4. That the children of St Matthew's and St Oswald's schools will engage with the prayer stations set up there and encounter Jesus.

REGULAR REMINDERS AND LINKS

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 (www.smso.org.uk) or directly on our YouTube channel.

Praying Together: Prayer meetings remain online at present.

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

Zoom 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. Next one is Wed 19th January.

Zoom 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@smso.org.uk.

It is for urgent situations only. 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. For other serious issues pray yourself and with friends, take them to Connect Groups and to Church Prayer Meetings.

God in my Everything - Study Questions: Remember to check out the study questions that go with each week's sermon. You can download this week's sheet from the [Worship-and-Prayer](#) page of the website.

Church Office: 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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Missed Something?: We try not to repeat too much in the e-bulletins, so if you missed a week, catch up [HERE](#)

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