



PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW &
ST OSWALD RUGBY

LENTEN CHALLENGES

God's Story
E100 Readings



Church e-Bulletin 20th March 2022 LENT 2

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Upcoming Services:

Sunday	20 Mar:	10.30 Morning Worship. "The teachings of Jesus" Matthew 5:1-12
Sunday	20 Mar	10.30 Overslade Community Centre. Prayer, Worship & Fellowship
Tues	22 Mar:	10.15 Morning Worship. Luke 13:1-9
Sunday	27 Mar:	10.30 Holy Communion. "The Miracles of Jesus" John 12:1-1 MOTHERING SUNDAY

"Encountering God" Morning: We have invited Revd John & Gillian Ryeland, of the Christian Healing Mission (CHM), to come and lead an "Encountering God" morning on **Saturday April 9th** from 10am-12.30pm. They will speak about 'Encounter Prayer' and demonstrate how it can be used for groups as well as individuals. For anyone who wants to either encounter God in fresh ways themselves or be part of the prayer ministry team praying for others. Free of charge, but please sign up by phoning the church office on 01788 330440 or using the ChurchSuite phone app.

Lent Challenges: Continuing with the E100 readings, Prayer Walking with BLESS RUGBY, and the three Eco-Challenges on lightbulbs, ditching the car and household products. How are you doing? See all the details [HERE](#).

New Connect Group: A new connect group is starting in Bilton. Wednesday 7.30pm fortnightly. Led by Owen & Lynda Dutton. Contact them on 01788 461083 if you would like to join.

Queen's Jubilee Platinum Event:

Helpers: Saturday June 4th, 2-4pm. Please put the date in your diary. We need all the help we can get to make this event, a 1950's style fete, a success. If you are able to make a home-made cake or cakes, please sign the list in the church foyer or ring the office (330440). We will probably be feeding around 500 people. We will also need people manning simple games, erecting marquees, gazebos etc. If you are able to help, please sign the list in the church foyer. This is a wonderful opportunity to put ourselves at the heart of our local community.

Cardboard Needed: Linda Lindley is going to have a stall making "bangers" at the fete. She needs around 300 pieces of cardboard that are cut 20cm (8") square. Backs of cereal packets are ideal, but no corrugated cardboard thank you. Please bring your cardboard pieces to church and give them to either Linda or Jane.

BLESS RUGBY: Rugby is turning green! As of 19 March, 243 people have signed up to be part of BLESS RUGBY and 308 km of roads have already been prayer walked. Have you joined in yet? www.blessrugby.prayerwalk.app

UKRAINE: CHURCH RESPONSE

At this point we continue to respond through GIVING and PRAYER. Alan has spoken with the Polish Catholic Chaplain and he says that financial gifts are the best way to help.

Ukraine Giving: Throughout Lent we are continuing to send aid to Ukraine through Christian Aid.

As of Thursday 17 March we have collected an amazing **£4114.65!** That's enough for blankets and one month's food for 66 families. Thank you for your generosity. Give through the front page of the website or via yellow envelopes in church and mark them "Ukraine".

SAVE THE DATE - Open House for Toybox: Terry and Yvonne Seamer will be holding an Open House at 4 Boswell Road, Rugby, for tea/coffee and cake on **Tuesday 19th April from 10am-5pm**. There will also be a Bring and Buy stall for cakes and craft items with all proceeds going to Toy Box, a charity supporting children living on the streets of Latin America, Africa and India. All are welcome.

Church Electoral Roll: Revision of the Roll is now in progress until Sunday 10 April. You need to be on it to vote at the annual meeting. To join, please pick up an application form from the foyer in St Oswald's Church and then return the completed form to the Church Office. If you are unsure if you are already on the Roll please contact Dawn at the Church Office dawn@smsso.org.uk 01788 330440.

ChurchSuite: With new people joining church all the time, it will help us build community if we add photos to our ChurchSuite membership list entries. You can do that yourself using the MyChurchSuite app (*just open MyChurchSuite, tap the edit 'pen next to your name on the front page, touch the circle, and select your photo*); but to make it even easier, **Ray will have his camera at the church door on exit.** If you are over 18 and happy to have your photo added, please smile at Ray! If you haven't got a ChurchSuite login yet, ask Dawn in the office. dawn@smsso.org.uk

First Aid Qualified?: We need a list of those people in the church family who have an up to date First Aid qualification. Please tell the office if you have one. theoffice@smsso.org.uk

Safeguarding Training for All: If you have completed the Basic Safeguarding Course (formerly known as C0) following our encouragement a few weeks ago, please forward your certificate to the Safeguarding Officers (safeguarding@stmatthews.org.uk) so we can add it to our records - Thanks so much

PRAYER POINTS for w/c Monday March 21st. Please pray:

1. For wisdom for all the decisions taken by our PCC, as they meet on Monday March 21st.
2. For the planning of the Queen's Jubilee event on June 4th and that everyone who can, will play a part.
3. For the ending of the war in Ukraine and for peace for that land.
4. For our Lent projects:
 - That we would continue to BLESS RUGBY as we walk and pray for the people and businesses here.
 - That we would keep going with GOD'S STORY as we read through 100 Bible readings.
 - That we would engage with the ECO-CHALLENGES that our "Tea n Toast" group have set us.

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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.smsso.org.uk) or directly on our YouTube channel.

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, pick up last week's sheet too.