



PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW &
ST OSWALD RUGBY

LENTEN CHALLENGES

God's Story
E100 Readings



Church e-Bulletin 27th March 2022 MOTHERING SUNDAY

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JESUS CENTRED, GOD DEPENDENT

Upcoming Services

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday 27 Mar: 10.30 Holy Communion. "The Miracles of Jesus" John 12:1-12

Tues 29 Mar: 10.15 Morning Worship. Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sunday 3 Apr: 10.30 All Age Worship. "The Cross" LENT 5

Sunday 3 Apr: 7pm Praise, Word and Prayer.

"Encountering God" Morning: Need a post-pandemic fresh touch from The Lord or want to know how to pray more powerfully for others? 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. This is a one-off opportunity, so don't miss out. Free of charge, but please sign up by phoning the church office on 01788 330440.

Boiler Room Prayer Meeting: 7.30pm This Wednesday for one hour in church.

Good Friday Walk of Witness: Rugby Baptist Church and St Andrew's will be hosting an ecumenical Walk of Witness this Good Friday. Beginning at Rugby Baptist Church at 10am before walking along Regent Street to St Andrew's for brief prayers and hot cross buns.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 1950s style Fete:

- Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help on 4th June. The sheets are still in the Foyer if you can add yours – we are still a bit short of the army we need! You will all be contacted nearer the time with your roles.
- The homemade cake baking list needs more names too if this is to be a proper 1950s fete!
- Don't forget to keep cutting 20cm squares of cardboard from your cereal packets and bringing them to church.

Got Something Interesting to Say? We are making plans to launch **Connexions**, a new version of the long running and successful weekly session **Pitstop**. One of the regular features will be a talk or activity lasting 30-40 minutes. These have proved popular in the past and have included talks such as *A trip to the Holy Land*, group singalong and making a personalised silk bookmark. We are seeking help from church members regarding short, illustrated talks about interesting trips or easy craft activities which members could experience. There is a small budget available for craft materials and help will be available re projecting photos or film. If you cannot get involved yourself but know a friend who may be interested and willing, please let Owen or Lynda Dutton know via a conversation at church or via email to owen.dutton@live.co.uk Thanks!

Home Communion Ministry: Is taking home communion to people who are housebound or in care homes something The Lord may be asking you to do? Full training given and equipment provided. You will need to be safely recruited into the role and a DBS provided. Talk with Alan if you want to explore this. The aim would be to visit the same people each month so that you build up a relationship.

BLESS RUGBY: This is getting exciting – not many roads left and we are only half way through Lent. Search the map and see if you can prayer walk one of the roads left. www.blessrugby.prayerwalk.app

Ukraine Appeal & Response: As of Thursday 24th March, we have collected **£5133** which has been sent to Christian Aid to use with their front-line partners. Thank you for your generosity. Give through the front page of the website or via yellow envelopes in church and mark them "Ukraine".

We have engaged with the local and county council in working out how we can add to the community response to refugees arriving. Possibilities include a "learn English" café in church. Could you help with that?

Tesco & Make Lunch: Make Lunch is a project running out of St Oswald's that aims to tackle holiday hunger by providing meals and activities for families during school holidays when free school meals are not available. It will be one of the charities you can 'vote' for in Tesco between April and June this year. The more tokens that get put against it, the more Tesco donate to the project. Please help if you can.

Annual Meeting:

Put 8th May in your diary – 10.30am.

Start talking to who you think should stand for 2 Church Wardens and 2 Deputy Church Wardens to serve for one year and 3 PCC members who serve for 3 years. Nomination forms are available from the church office.

Church Electoral Roll: Revision of the Roll is now in ongoing until 10 April. Pick an application form from the foyer in Church. If you are unsure if you are already on the Roll please contact the Office. 01788 330440.

Smile Please! Have you added a photo to your ChurchSuite account yet? If not, Ray will be in church for one more week with his camera – so comb your hair before you come!

Good at Meccano? We have a large, metal TV stand that needs assembling in church. If you were good at Meccano as a child, this is for you! Ask Alan for the details. 01788 330442.

House Equipping Needs: We are in contact with a man who needs to totally equip a home for himself and his 5 year old son. He is in particular need of Curtains (any) a Fridge Freezer and a Washing Machine. If anyone can help, please contact Alan Hulme 01788 330442.

Refreshments after Sunday Services: We are very grateful for a small team of people who serve refreshments after the Sunday morning service. We need some more people to join the team. Is this something that you could help with? If so, please contact the office and we will show you what to do. Thank you.

Walking Children to Swimming - Help Needed: St Matthew's Bloxam school needs someone to walk with children from the school to Rugby School swimming pool. Mondays 9.45-11.45 throughout the summer term. Volunteers will be DBS checked by the school. If you can help, please contact the school office manager, Jo Byard, on 01788 542610

PRAYER POINTS for w/c Monday March 28th. Please pray:

1. For the Lord's hand on our Worship teams that they would be led by the Spirit as they lead worship each Sunday.
2. That the Lord would show us how we as a community can welcome and support Ukrainian refugees arriving in Rugby.
3. For the provision of the right builder for our hall modifications.
4. For the ending of the war in Ukraine and for peace for that land.
5. For our Lent projects: BLESS RUGBY, GOD'S STORY and the ECO-CHALLENGES.

REGULAR REMINDERS AND LINKS

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.