



PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW &
ST OSWALD RUGBY

LENTEN CHALLENGES

God's Story
E100 Readings



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JESUS CENTRED, GOD DEPENDENT

Upcoming Services

Tuesday 5 Apr: 10.15 Holy Communion. John 12:1-8

Palm Sunday 10 Apr: 10.30 Holy Communion. "Hosanna!" Zec 9:9-10, Luke 19:28-40

"Encountering God" Morning: NEXT SATURDAY Do you 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 this **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. It is not too late to book for this one-off opportunity. Don't miss out!
Free of charge, but please sign up by phoning the church office on 01788 330440 or online via the worship page of the website.

Tonight's 7pm Service: Will focus on our identity as Children of God. Do you want to know how much God thinks of you? Come along and find out.

Holy Week Services: Short, 35 minutes services & events each evening of Holy Week.

Mon 11 th	7.30pm "The Anointing" Ignatian Reflection & Worship
Tues 12 th	5.00pm: Family Easter Film "Risen" (30 mins + popcorn) 7.00pm Easter Film for Adults "Two Thieves"
Wed 13 th	7.30pm: "Gethsemane" Creative Reflection
Maundy Thu	7.30pm: Holy Communion
Good Friday	10am Walk of Witness starting Baptist Church, Regent Street. 2.00pm: Hour at the Cross

Children's Easter Gardens: On Easter Sunday our Children's Church are going to make Easter gardens. Please could you let Jane know (janehulme@smsso.org.uk) if you could provide any of the following?

1. Moss - we need lots!
2. Small but strong leafy plants to insert into the compost
3. Small flowers

Thank you for your help with this.

Stories of Answered Prayer: are being collected for the Eternal Wall being built in Coleshill. To find out more and submit your answered prayer see <https://www.eternalwall.org.uk/testimony>

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Easter Invitations: If you attend church this week, you will be given an invitation card to two Holy Week events: the Films on Tuesday and the Easter Sunday service. Who can you give it to? Someone you are praying for, friends of your children (for the 5pm film), people in the street you prayed down for BLESS RUGBY? You can take as many extra cards as you like.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - 1950s style Fete: Don't forget to keep cutting 17cm-20cm squares of cardboard from your cereal packets and bringing them to church.

Home Communion Ministry: Do talk to Alan if you think the Lord might be calling you to take home communion to people who are housebound or in care homes. The aim would be to visit the same people each month so that you build up a relationship. Full training will be given and equipment provided for this role and you will need to be safely recruited and a DBS provided.

BLESS RUGBY: Have you checked if the roads near you have been prayed for? www.blessrugby.prayerwalk.app

Ukraine Appeal & Response: Current Total **£5360.97**. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Tesco & Make Lunch: Make Lunch, a project running out of St Oswald's that aims to tackle holiday hunger by providing meals and activities for families during school holidays, will be one of the charities you can 'vote' for in Tesco between April and June this year. The more tokens, the more Tesco will donate to the project.

CHURCH BUSINESS

Annual Meeting: Is **Sunday 8th May 10.30am** in your diary?

Have you talked with people about them standing as Church Warden, Deputy Church Warden or PCC Member? Nomination forms are available from the church office or from www.m2o.org.uk/apcm

Church Electoral Roll: Last call to join the Electoral Roll before the Annual Meeting. Application forms in the Church foyer.

SERVING GOD IN HIS WORLD

Refreshments after Sunday Services: Do you enjoy having refreshments after Sunday Services? We need some more people to join the team or you'll be going thirsty some weeks! Please contact the office and we will show you what to do.

EVENTS AND TRAINING

Ukraine: Bishop Christopher is calling on the people of Coventry and Warwickshire to gather in prayer for peace in Ukraine, on Wednesday April 6th at 6.30pm. The Bishop will lead the event in Broadgate, close to the Lady Godiva statue.

Street Pastors Commissioning Service: Sunday 8th May, 3.30pm at Rugby Baptist Church, Regent Place. All welcome. RSVP by Friday 29th April to rugby@streetpastors.org.uk including any dietary requirements.

Children & Youth Leader Retreat: Sat 28 May, 10am -2pm, May Blossom Farm, Barby Lane, Rugby. Cost £5. Especially for those involved in children & youth ministry. See <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-resources/children-leaders-retreat/> for details.

Easter Fayre: At Rugby Baptist Church. Saturday 9th April 10am to 2pm.

PRAYER POINTS for w/c Monday April 4th. Please pray:

1. That what Jesus did on the cross for us would cause our love for Him to grow.
2. For the children and staff of St Matthew's Bloxham school, that as they go around the ten "Holy Week" prayer stations, they would encounter Jesus.
3. For the children and staff of St Oswald's and St Matthew's schools attending the church Easter services on Thursday April 7th, that they would encounter Jesus.
4. For those attending the "Encounter" morning on Saturday April 9th, led by John and Gillian from the Christian Healing Mission, that they would powerfully encounter Jesus afresh.
5. That the Lord would show us how we as a community can welcome and support refugees arriving in Rugby.

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.

