



Church e-Bulletin EASTER DAY & 24th April 2022

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GOD DEPENDENT

Upcoming Services:

Easter Day: 17 Apr: 10.30 Holy Communion. He is Risen! John 20:1-18, 1 Cor 15:19-26

Tues 19 April: No Service

Sun 24 April: 10.30am Morning Service. The Church is Born. Acts 2:1-21

Tues 26 April: 10.15am Morning Worship. John 20:19-31

Did the Resurrection Happen? If it did, then it is the supreme fact of history, and to fail to adjust one's life to it means irreparable loss. But if it didn't, then the whole of Christianity is a fraud, foisted on the world by a company of consummate liars, or, at best, deluded simpletons. But how can we sift the evidence? Here are some ways to check it out:

To Watch: - Go to the Worship page of the website and scroll down to videos by Lee Strobel

To Read: - "Who moved the Stone" by Frank Morrison. ISBN-10: 1850786747

- "The Evidence for Easter" by Lee Strobel. ISBN-10: 0310355982

Daily Prayer Room: The daily prayer room is taking a week break after Easter.

On Monday April 25th please use this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82095971611> Meeting ID: 820 9597 1611.

From Tuesday April 26th and for the rest of the week, please use the normal Zoom link (email Jane Hulme for this if you don't have it janehulme@smsso.org.uk).

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Connexions Invitations: Who do you know who might like to "*meet old friends and make new ones?*" Give them a Connexions invitation – or better still bring them along on Tuesday May 10th at 11am.

BLESS RUGBY: As we approach the final few days of the BLESS RUGBY prayer initiative, we want to say a huge thank you for your participation. Almost all the roads in the town have been prayed down - over 550 km - calling on The Lord for Blessing, Salvation and Recovery and Renewal after the pandemic. Let's now trust The Holy Spirit to work in the lives of those we have prayed for. The app will shut down around the 24th of April at the end of Easter week so *make sure you have prayed down your earmarked roads by then*. That will be the end of BLESS RUGBY as an initiative, but hopefully it's just the next step in our ongoing adventure of praying God's blessing upon our town.

Ukraine Appeal: Our Ukraine Appeal Total is a wonderful **£5777.97** which has been sent to Christian Aid to use with their partners in Eastern Europe. Thank you for your generosity.

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 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 and foyer noticeboard.

Church Electoral Roll: Is available on the Church Foyer noticeboard for inspection (names only).

Defibrillator: Access to a defibrillator within 3-5 minutes of a cardiac arrest raises the chance of survival from 6% to 74%. We have had an offer from a charity to install one inside church for £845 including training. £500 has already been given specifically towards this, but if anyone would like to contribute to its cost, please contact Di in the office to ensure that your donation goes to the right place.

Alan & Jane are on leave from Easter until Tues 26th April. Please contact the office with any queries.

After Service Refreshments: As things stand, there will only be refreshments for half the Sunday services after Easter as there are not enough people willing to serve them. To offer to help about once per month, please contact Dawn in the office.

SERVING GOD IN HIS WORLD

Hope4 Fundraiser #40for40: Thanks to donations received, Hope4 have nearly hit their Lent fundraising target. Could you help them succeed by Easter Sunday? Please like and share their latest fundraiser <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/lent-40for40>

EVENTS AND TRAINING

Equip Hub: Various courses run by diocesan teams next term are advertised <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/>

PRAYER POINTS for w/c Monday April 17th & 24th.

Please Pray:

- Ongoing blessing and salvation for people who attend our Easter Services.
- Continued spiritual growth for our young people in TnT who have just completed a really fruitful Alpha Course.
- For the Launch of Connexions on 10th May, that it may be "*a place to meet old friends and make new ones*".
- That the faculty application for our new heating system gets approved.
- For the right people to stand for warden & PCC posts.

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.

