



PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW &
ST OSWALD RUGBY

God's Story

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GOD DEPENDENT

Upcoming Services: Sun 1 May: 10.30am All Age Worship. "The travels of Paul" Acts 16:16-34.
7.00pm Praise, Word and Prayer. Evangelism lessons from Jesus.
Tues 3 May: 10.15am Holy Communion. John 21:1-19.
Sun 8 May: 10.30am Holy Communion. "Paul to the Churches" Romans 3:21-31.

S.H.A.P.E. We are really excited to be running the SHAPE course again this coming May. SHAPE helps us discover how God is calling us, and what spiritual gifts he has given us. The course will be held over two Saturdays, 14th May & 21st May from 10am – 1pm, at St Oswald's Church. If you are wondering what God is calling you to and in what ways he has shaped you for that purpose, we would love to welcome you. Sign up through ChurchSuite or contact the office: 01788 330440. Any questions please contact ian@smso.org.uk.

Daily Prayer Room: There will be no Zoom Daily Prayer Room on Bank holiday Monday May 2nd. We will continue as usual on Tuesday May 3rd.

Home Communion Ministry: Talk with Alan if you think the Lord might be calling you to take home communion to people who are housebound or in care homes. Full training will be given and equipment provided for this role, and you will need to be safely recruited and a DBS provided.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Platinum Jubilee Fete: Now only a few weeks away. June 4th 2pm – 4pm.

Cakes: Thank you to all who have signed up to bake cakes / biscuits. We are going to need a mountain of cakes as we are inviting the whole parish! If you haven't yet signed up and are able to bake a cake / small cakes, please could you sign up on the list in the foyer. There are *ingredient cards* for all bakers to pick up from the table in the foyer. When you bake, please complete the ingredients card and put it in the tin with your cake(s) so that it can be displayed easily. Please could you deliver your cake(s) to church on Saturday morning June 4th from 9am in a labelled tin. Many thanks.

Church Spring Working Day: Saturday 28 May 9am to 1pm and 1pm to 5pm. We have lots of painting, cleaning, and gardening work to do to make the church look at its best for the Platinum Jubilee Event. Sign up on ChurchSuite or use the sheet at the back of church. For those who stay all day we will provide a sandwich lunch. Jobs for all abilities so come along and muck in. Bring family and friends if you want!

Mission Partnerships, Toybox: Terry & Yvonne thank everyone who supported their recent Open House event in aid of Toybox. The generosity was truly amazing and the proceeds currently stand at £750! - with more money promised for cakes ordered. On behalf of Toybox, a very sincere thank you.

The Case for Easter: On Easter Day Alan recommended some books about the evidence for the resurrection. The ones we ordered have finally arrived - and are available at the back of church for £4 each.

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 to the Launch Day of this exciting new group on Tuesday May 10th at 11am.

Connexions Grant: We have been awarded £2,000 by Warwickshire County Council's COVID recovery fund to help towards the new furniture, equipment and set up costs for Connexions.

SERVING GOD IN HIS WORLD

Refreshments after Sunday Services: Do you enjoy having refreshments after Sunday Services? After having drafted the next rota, we have the following dates uncovered: 5th June, 31st July and 28th August. Can you help? It is not too late to put your name down to join the wonderful team of people who bless us each week with refreshments. Please contact the office and we will show you what to do.

Make Lunch: met twice during the Easter holidays. Our venue was Rugby Lions Football club which had lots of outdoor play space. Nine families joined in, enjoying lunch and Easter craft activities the first week and learning circus skills with The Flying Seagulls entertainers at the second session. We were pleased to welcome some new volunteers.

Rugby Foodbank: Food donations to the Foodbank are down at the moment, but demand is rising. You can donate at most supermarkets or in the box in the church foyer. Urgently needed items include: Fruit Juice (long life), Quality Carrier Bags (bags for life), Milk (UHT), Sponge Puddings.

CHURCH BUSINESS

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Church Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday 8th May at 10.30am. The meetings will follow a shortened act of worship. Hard copies of the reports are available in church now. Current nominations are shown opposite:

ChurchSuite is our church database and communication system. It makes signing up to events, receiving mailings, seeing rotas, joining small groups etc much easier. If you own a computer or a smart phone and haven't got a ChurchSuite login yet, ask Dawn in the office. dawn@smso.org.uk

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED	PROPOSED	SECONDED
CHURCHWARDEN (2 PLACES)		
Alisdair Rusk	Sue Sanders	Dave Cartwright
Anna Naish	Dave Cartwright	David Long
DEPUTY CHURCHWARDEN (2 PLACES)		
Debbie Olnor	Dawn Austin	Di Doyle
Laura Freeman-Powell	Debbie Daniel	Thomas Daniel
PCC REPRESENTATIVE (3 PLACES)		

PRAYER POINTS for w/c Monday May 2nd

- For our APCM on Sunday May 8th, that we would be encouraged and inspired by what God is doing among us
- For the Lord to call the people He has prepared onto the PCC
- That the Lord would guide all the preparations being made for the Platinum Jubilee event
- For Oswald's school that the Lord would lead the right person to become their new headteacher.

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.