

Church e-Bulletin 8th May 2022

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GOD DEPENDENT

Upcoming Services:

Sun 8 May: 10.30am Holy Communion. "Paul to the Churches" Romans 3:21-31.

followed by Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM

Tues 10 May: 10.15am Morning Worship. John 10:22-30. Easter 4.

Sun 15 May: 10.30am Morning Worship. "Paul to the Leaders" 2 Timothy 1:6-14.

10.30am Overslade Community Centre. Prayer, Worship & Fellowship

Prayer Meeting: Our main church prayer meeting gathers fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. The next one is this week, 11 May. We call it the 'Boiler Room' after Charles Spurgeon's famous prayer meeting that met in the Boiler Room of his church.

S.H.A.P.E. SHAPE helps us discover how God is calling us, and what spiritual gifts he has given us. The course runs for the next two Saturdays, 14th May & 21st May from 10am – 1pm, at St Oswald's. 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, the news page of the website or through the office: 01788 330440. Any questions please contact ian@smso.org.uk.

Bookstall: It would be helpful to have a small bookstall available some/most weeks at the 10.30 service. Could you be responsible for that? Talk to Alan Hulme if this might be your ministry. 01788 330442 alanhulme@smso.org.uk

CHURCH BUSINESS

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Church Annual Meeting will be held today, Sunday 8th May after a shortened act of worship at 10.30am. **Children's Church** will run as usual. Children's church leaders have kindly offered to keep the children during the Annual Meeting to play games and give them a snack if you would like to leave them. There are still hard copies of the reports available in church. Electronic copies can be downloaded from www.m2o.org.uk/APCM.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Connexions: Launches this **Tuesday, May 10th** running between 11am – 1pm. The first session will feature '**Crafts with Fiona**' followed by a simple lunch. 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!

Platinum Jubilee Fete:

Publicity: It's time to let everyone know that it is happening. You can:

- Deliver invitation cards to friends, family, colleagues or through letterboxes of streets in the parish. **Please mark the streets you intend to leaflet using the map on the church noticeboard.**
- Ask shops and other places to put up a poster - they are available in church.
- If you have a visible front window, put up a poster yourself.

Cakes: Thank you to all who have signed up to bake cakes / biscuits. 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 for allergen information. Please could you deliver your cake(s) to church on Saturday morning June 4th from 9am in a labelled tin. Many thanks.

Church Working Party: Sat 28th May, 9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm. The purposes of the day are to prepare the building for welcoming visitors to the Jubilee Event and to do preparatory works for the side hall refurbishment starting on 6th June. Currently 13 people have signed up which is enough to do about a third of the things we are hoping to do. If you can spare half a day or the whole day, please sign up using the sheets in the foyer or phone the office. It is primarily painting, cleaning, moving furniture and gardening.

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.

BUILDING

Side Hall Refurbishment: is the next phase of our building redevelopment. It will begin on 6th June and take about a month. Hall activities will use the church with pews pushed back over that period. We are creating new storage and boiler rooms at the east end, new lighting, carpet, LCD screen, lighter weight chairs and a permanent coffee bar for the safe serving of refreshments. There will obviously be some disruption, but we will end up with a lovely church lounge area.

Heating Replacement: The DAC's response to our latest faculty application is to ask us to consider using air sourced heat pumps. Two years ago, they said we should not do that but use gas boilers with the aim of changing in a decade or so – which is why the system is designed the way it is. So – please pray for wisdom as we seek the right way forward.

EVENTS AND TRAINING

Threads through Creation: This exhibition has just opened at Worcester Cathedral and will be there until 5th June as part of a nationwide tour of cathedrals. It consists of twelve HUGE silk panels re-imagining the creation story from Genesis, the work of Christian textile artist Jacqui Parkinson who spent 3 years, used miles of thread and eight million stitches. Admission is free.

PRAYER POINTS for w/c Monday May 9th

Pray:

- For the launch of Connexions on Tuesday.
- For the clergy & wardens meeting on Monday and next Monday's PCC.
- For the fruitful delivery of many Platinum Jubilee invitations.
- For sufficient workforce at the church working party on 28 May so we can prepare the church for the building works and Fete.

JUST FOR FUN



REGULAR INFORMATION

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.