

Church e-Bulletin 22nd May 2022

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DIARY

Upcoming Services:

Tue 24 May: 10.15am Morning Worship. John 5:1-9.

Sun 29 May: 10.30am Holy Communion. "Eden restored" 21:1-8, 22:1-5.

Events this week:

Tues 24 May 11.00am Connexions in church: Try Boccia!

Wed 25 May 9.15am Coffee Break Baby & Toddler group

Sat 28 May 9am – 5pm Working Party in church



FETE: JUNE 4th 2pm

Publicity: There is still time to let everyone know that the Platinum Jubilee Fete is happening! Most of the parish has been delivered to - THANK YOU! Can you help with the roads that are left? Just **mark the street/s you intend to leaflet using the map** and get some exercise! We have loads of invitations so take more than you need. Who else could you give invitations to?

Letters: If you have volunteered to help with the Fete, please collect a letter from the foyer explaining what we are asking you to do on that day.

We need you! A couple of people have dropped out, so we still need a few more to make this event work well. If you are able to spare a few hours on Saturday afternoon June 4th, please could you sign up on the list in the foyer. This is a great opportunity to help make a big impact in our local community.

Cake Bakers: If you are baking for the Fete, please pick up an ingredients card from the church foyer. You need to fill in a card for everything you bake and include it in the labelled tin that you bring your cake/biscuits in. We will be receiving your cakes/biscuits from 9am on June 4th at church.

CHURCH BUSINESS

PCC Membership: We had 2 'casual' vacancies after the APCM. The PCC has therefore used its option under the Church Representation Rules to co-opt Owen Dutton and Colin Coleman onto the PCC for 6 months. They will be elected for the remainder of the 3-year term when they have been on the Electoral Roll for six months. Thank you to both for being willing to serve in this way.

Coffee after Services: If we have coffee outside, please be aware of our children and help keep them safe. The Hall is always available if parents have any concerns.

GOD DEPENDENT

Thy Kingdom Come: Is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost, for more people to come to know Jesus. There will be a handout available from church on 22nd May on which you can write the names of 5 people that you will pray for during this time. It also provides prayer points to prepare us for our Platinum Jubilee 1952 style Fete on Saturday 4th June, 2-4pm.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Make Lunch are running a pilot project in June to work with families at risk of food insecurity to develop resources which support eating well on a budget. This will involve placement students from Coventry University.

English Classes: We are in touch with some Ukrainians being hosted in Rugby who would like English lessons, and there are other language groups around who may appreciate some classes, so we are setting up a class on Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.00. Ian Sydenham will head this up and would be pleased to have some helpers to sit at tables with our guests or help with refreshments. If you need to go before three o'clock because of a school run, that's not a problem, nor is necessarily a commitment to be there every week. No training required! Let Alan, Ian or the office know if you would be interested in helping. Start date is Tuesday June 7th.

Rugby Food Bank: use is up 30% but donations are down 18%. Can you help? Especially needed this week: *Instant mash potato, Tinned custard, Washing powder, Supermarket bags.* Use the Foodbank app to see what needed each time you shop.

BUILDING

Church Working Party: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help next Saturday. We will be allocating tasks this week and will try to let you know before you turn up. Sandwiches will be provided at lunchtime. If you want to join in, sign up using ChurchSuite or phone the office.

Side Hall Refurbishment: While the side hall is out of action in June, arrangements will be as follows:

- The marquee will be erected in the church centre garden for Coffee Break to continue.
- After church on Sunday, we will move the pews as far back as possible to enable Connexions to run in the church.
- **NEEDED.** On the following Friday evenings, Chris Haistead is leading a small team to move the pews ready for Sunday worship. June 10, 17, 24, July 1st. Please contact Chris if you can help - he can't do it on his own! cshaistead2@gmail.com or phone the office.

SCHOOLS

Congratulations to Jayne Geran who has been appointed as head of St Oswald's Primary School - she was previously its deputy head. We look forward to a continuing good relationship with the school.

PRAYER POINTS for Mon 23rd to Wed 25 May

- That we will grow in our understanding and receiving of God's love for us, and grow in our love for one another.
- For the Church clean up on Saturday May 28th - for strength, safety and fun as we work together to spruce up our entrustment.
- For the last "Jubilee Fete" planning meeting on Monday evening, that the Lord would guide us clearly in our decision making.

From Thurs May 26th - Sun June 5th, please use the "Thy Kingdom Prayer points" - published separately.

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.

JUST FOR FUN

CLEANING SUNDAY

ON THIS SPECIAL SUNDAY WE RECOGNISE THOSE WHO CLEAN, AND BLESS THEIR IMPLEMENTS

