



Church e-Bulletin 26th June 2022

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DIARY

<p>Upcoming Services:</p> <p>Tue 28 June: 10.15am Morning Worship: Luke 9:51-62</p> <p>Sun 3 July: 10.30am All Age Worship. 'Guide me in your truth'.</p>	<p>Events this Week:</p> <p>Mon 27 June: 7.30pm Connect Group Leaders meeting: Church Centre</p> <p>Tue 28 June: 11.00am Connexions – Sound of Music sing-a-long part 2 & lunch</p> <p>1.30pm English Language Class</p> <p>Wed 29 June: 9.15am Coffeebreak</p>
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GOD DEPENDENT

September 2022 Pop-Up Groups: You have until next Sunday to get in your offers to lead a pop-up 6-week group in the September half term. See previous bulletins for full information. If you have an idea please join in - we could do with another 3 or 4. Current offers include:

- Encounter Prayer
- Mini Alpha - exploring the Christian Faith
- Living in Love and Faith - exploring sexuality
- The Difference Course - following Jesus in a conflicted world
- Creation Matters - Christians and sustainability
- The Sanctuary Course - exploring mental health
- Digging Deeper - being a living temple.

Please use the forms at the back of church. If you have an idea you would like to discuss before submitting it, phone Alan Hulme. 01788330442.

Tea n Toast: are taking a group of young people to a youth camp held by Rugby Youth For Christ on 8th-10th July. We are in need of some help with camping kit for the weekend. Please contact Laura Freeman-Powell laura@stmatthews.org.uk if you would be able to lend any of the following:

- tents (ideally 2 man or 4 man)
- camping chairs
- airbeds or roll mats
- torches

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Being Church in a Variety of Ways: This Autumn we will be exploring how to create New Worshipping Communities so that we can fulfil our vision of Being Church in a Variety of Ways. Sunday sermons will do some general teaching, but for those of you who want to explore this further and understand how you can be part of making something happen, there will be two Saturday Morning sessions. Put them in your diary now: 9.30 - 1pm Saturday 15 & 29 October.

Toybox Charity: I think my kitchen is now closed following our Open House fundraising event and we're thrilled to report that the proceeds for Toybox totaled an amazing £1,000! Our heartfelt thanks go to the many people who supported us with such generosity and Toybox have also asked that we thank the many friends and Church family who came on the day or ordered cakes direct. It's a joy to know this money can make a real difference to the children living on the streets in various continents. Blessings and thanks, Yvonne and Terry Seamer.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

Side Hall Development: The electrics and building work are now 99% complete and the final phases are decorating (starting on Monday), Audio Visual installation, carpet fitting & coffee bar installation. Our continued thanks to those who are getting church ready every Friday evening. Contact Chris on cshaistead2@gmail.com to offer help.

SERVING GOD IN HIS WORLD

English lessons on Tuesdays: these have got off to a great start. We've had over thirty learners the last couple of weeks, and a good team of volunteers supporting. It's not too late to join the team of helpers - we will be missing some of our regular team in the next couple of weeks so a good chance for you to come along and see what goes on. Please speak to Ian Sydenham first (or email isydenham@talktalk.net). If you don't fancy helping at the class but could help with refreshments or clearing up at the end (3.00 pm), it would also be good to hear from you!

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in Rugby currently has appointments available to help people in the local area who are struggling with debt. Information leaflets about CAP can be found in the church foyer or visit www.capdebthelp.org or call free on 0800 328 0006.

Hope4 is looking for a new Honorary Treasurer: Hope4 believes that everyone should have a place to call home - somewhere safe, secure and sustainable, and targeted support and enough food whilst homeless or in food poverty. You can find more information about the role and application form at <https://www.hope4.org.uk/vacancies/>.

Clothing for Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Hope4's work in providing clothing for Dunchurch Park residents has come to an end, but we are now partnering with a new local charity, Community Welcome. We have given them use of part of the Howard Room rent free so that they can sort and distribute clothing.

CHURCH FAMILY

Summer Picnics at Vicarage: Weather permitting, after the services on Sunday July 31st, August 7th, 21st and 28th, you are invited to come and picnic in the Vicarage Garden. Bring your own picnic lunch. Drinks and ice-creams will be provided, as will outdoor games and football. We would love to give you the opportunity to get to know a few more people in the church a bit better. The garden is enclosed and so safe for children. Disabled parking in the vicarage drive. Street parking is usually available on Ploughman Street.

COURSES AND EVENTS

Money Advice Market: event at the Benn Hall, Newbold Road, Rugby, on Saturday 16 July from 10am to 2pm will feature a range of organisations offering help with finances and debt, food poverty, energy and fuel, support for families including childcare costs and school holiday support, mental health and wellbeing, local job vacancies and much more. Open to everyone.

PRAYER POINTS FOR W/C MONDAY 20th JUNE:

1. That the "Spirit of truth" would continue to guide us as we move forward as a church.
2. For the decorators working this week, continuing to make the side hall into a beautiful lounge.
3. That the Lord would help us open up our homes this summer as we grow in hospitality.
4. For Alisdair and Anna, our Churchwardens as they attend Archdeacon's Visitation services where they are formally admitted to be our church wardens for the coming year.

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.