



Church e-Bulletin 24th July 2022

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DIARY

Upcoming Services:	Events this Week:
Sun 24 July: 10.30am Holy Communion. 'Taught Communion Service', 1 Corinthians 11:17-34	Tue 26 July: 11.00am Connexions Activities and games followed by lunch 1.30pm English Language Class
Tues 26 July: 10.15am Holy Communion: Luke 11:1-13	Wed 27 July: 7.30pm Digital Strategy Review Meeting
Sun 10 July: 10.30am Holy Communion Phil 1:1-11	Sun 31 July: 12.30pm Picnic in the Vicarage Garden (weather permitting)

GOD DEPENDENT

Communion on July 24th: How we distribute bread and wine at communion was not controversial until the COVID19 pandemic, but attitudes to infection have changed and we need to find our way forward from here. It became clear when we discussed this in PCC that some teaching input on the communion service helped people to ponder the options. Therefore, on Sunday 24th July the service will be a little unusual. No sermon, but lots of little sections explaining the communion liturgy. You will then be able to receive communion in one of four ways so we can gauge people's opinions.

- Wafer with pre-dried wine (as now).
- Wafer wet dipped in wine (intinction).
- Bread with wine from a common cup.
- Bread with wine in individual glasses.

As this will be a one off opportunity we wanted to pre-warn you of what is going to happen so that you can be prepared.

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.**

SERVING GOD IN HIS WORLD



Make Lunch has won the "Health and Wellbeing" Award at Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action awards. This was given in recognition of the real contribution Make Lunch had made to the health and wellbeing of over 40 families when volunteers delivered recipes, food and activities throughout 2020 and 2021. Well done to everyone who contributes to this important ministry.

Creation Care: How is your household getting on with trying to care for the environment better? 19 church households are currently signed up to <https://creationcare.org.uk/> with 9 having Bronze awards. Can you be the first to get silver? Why not sign up and make it a summer project for the family? When you register your household, don't forget to link it with "St Oswald's Church, Rugby".

Serving our Ukrainian (and other) friends: the English class on Tuesday afternoons has appreciated refreshments, served about 2pm. If you could spare an hour or so on a Tuesday afternoon over the school summer holidays to prepare drinks (and clear up!) please speak to Ian or Susan Sydenham.

CHURCH BUSINESS

Side Hall Development: The carpet is fitted, noticeboards put up and the main speakers installed. The coffee bar comes this week as does fitting the display screen and store room racking - then it is complete! We will mark the occasion next Sunday with a proper opening!

Church Communication Survey: Thanks for all the replies to the survey. We are particularly keen to hear from more people who don't use email or have access to the internet. Please take a hard copy of the survey from the back of church and return it to the office - by Tuesday if possible.

CHURCH FAMILY

Summer Picnics at Vicarage: FIRST ONE NEXT SUNDAY! After the services on Sunday July 31st, August 7th, 21st and 28th, (weather permitting) 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

Equip Hub: Various Diocesan Courses can be accessed via the Equip Hub [HERE](#)

PRAYER POINTS FOR W/C MONDAY 25th JULY:

1. For the Lambeth Conference (a once per decade global gathering of Anglican Bishops) starting on Tuesday. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead them.
2. For our Vicarage Picnics (starting next Sunday) and other social events this summer, that our hospitality would bind us closer together.
3. For Make Lunch as preparations are made for this summer's ministry.
4. For new leaders needed in our TnT youth ministry and Coffee Break Toddler ministry.

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.

