



m2O Rugby

St Matthew & St Oswald's Church  
and Overslade Church

Our vision is to be truly Jesus' disciples.  
Growing deeper in **Worship**. Growing closer in **Community**.  
Growing further in **Mission**.

**Sunday 26 November – 1 Before Advent**

# Services across m2o



- 10.30am **Morning Worship** - Overslade Church  
Title: **Make disciples of all nations**  
Readings: 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Matthew 28:16-end  
Speaker: John Martin-Jones
- 10.30am **Holy Communion** - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church  
Title: **Christ the King**  
Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 {page: 995 in pew bibles}  
Speaker: Charles Higgins
- 4.30pm **Evening Prayer** - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church  
Title: **Make disciples of all nations**  
Readings: 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Matthew 28:16-end  
{pages: 330 & 1000 in pew bibles}  
Speaker: John Martin-Jones

## WORSHIP

**Visiting for the first time today?** We are delighted to have you join us. Please make yourself known to a member of the Welcome Team (who will be wearing a badge). They will be able to answer any questions you might have.

### “Hope is Born”

#### Celebrate this Christmas at m2o

##### Services in St Matthew & St Oswald’s

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30-5.30pm:**

Community Carols around the Christmas tree, with hot chocolate and gingerbread

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00pm:**

‘Hope is Born’ - A candlelit service of readings and carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

##### Christmas Eve,

5.00pm Crib Service - A Children’s Nativity for all ages

11.00pm Christmas Night Communion

**Christmas Day, 10.30am**

‘A Christmas Celebration’ - Festive worship for all the family

##### Services at Overslade

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30pm**

Messy Christmas – activities and fun-filled worship for all the family

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am**

A service of readings and carols

**Christmas Services Leaflets.** Bundles of leaflets advertising our Christmas events and services are now available for delivery in various parts of the parish. Thank you to those who have already taken a bundle. Please can you help us to get the message out by taking the last few bundles to deliver in good time **before 7<sup>th</sup> December** when Overslade has it’s **Messy Christmas** and **9<sup>th</sup> December** when **St Matthew & St Oswald’s** has it’s **Community Carols around the Christmas Tree**. The area around Overslade is being covered by Overslade Church. Thank you so much for your help.

## Advent Book Group.

This advent would you like to slow things down in the run up to Christmas? Our advent book group is back and this year we will be reading Paula Gooder's book 'Journey to the Manger: Exploring the Birth of Jesus'. We will be meeting on 4 Wednesday evenings (7:30-9pm) between 29<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> December at the Curates' house. Please contact Charles via [charles@m2o.org.uk](mailto:charles@m2o.org.uk) or 01788 560168 for more information.



**Meeting of Parishioners** to elect a Churchwarden and Deputy, 7pm tomorrow, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at m2o Church Centre, 1a New Street, before the PCC Meeting at 7.30pm. Nomination forms are on the noticeboard in St Matthew & St Oswald’s and at Overslade Church.

**m2o Prayer Chain.** For urgent prayer requests email [prayerchain@m2o.org.uk](mailto:prayerchain@m2o.org.uk) If you would like to join the group of people who receive the prayer requests and pray for people contact [theoffice@m2o.org.uk](mailto:theoffice@m2o.org.uk)

## COMMUNITY

**Deck the halls!** St Matthew & St Oswald’s Church will be open for Christmas decorating between 9.00am and 12noon on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to get involved by helping out, do let Jo Parker know.



## MISSION

**Prayer for Onley Prison.** Please pray for Nicola Tysall’s Connect Group as some of them will be leading the Sunday worship at Onley Prison today, 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please pray that people will connect with what is said and hear from God. Pray also for the Alpha Course which is running on Thursday afternoons at the moment.

**Mission partners of the month are Toybox.** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December is **World Aids Day**. Our partner in Nairobi provides a space for women in slum areas living with HIV and AIDS to come together and support one another. There is a stigma to having AIDS in Kenya and many women are shunned by their families. These support groups are a vital lifeline for women with AIDS and help them to live positively. *Please pray for the women who attend these groups and for their continued strength in the difficult circumstances of their lives.*

**St Matthew's Welfare Trust.** Applications for the annual distribution of gifts are invited from single people, widows and widowers of 65 years and over, living in the historic parish of St Matthew's or on the Electoral Roll. Forms, available from both Worship Centres, should be completed and signed by the applicant and returned to the Church Office, 1A New Street, **TODAY Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Messy Church, Make Lunch and Kids Club** have teamed up to run a disco on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 17:30 - 19:30 at Overslade Community Centre. We are looking for volunteers to help supervise, mingle with parents and cook. If you can help please speak to Gail Heslop, Mairi Mowbray or Laura Freeman-Powell or email Gail Heslop via gmheslop@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

**Visit to Casa Reom 2018.** There will be a visit to Casa Reom, our Mission Project in Mozambique next year during July. Dave MacLellan will be going and can take up to 5 people with him. The visit will be for 2 weeks during the middle of July. Please contact Dave if you are interested in travelling or need more information. Email: [d.maclellan@ntlworld.com](mailto:d.maclellan@ntlworld.com) tel: 07473 121142.

**Practical Help Leaflet.** This m2o leaflet has been updated. It gives details of non-statutory providers of help and advice in Rugby e.g. Age UK, CAP, Rugby Bareboards Trust, HOPE4 and others.

**Rugby Christmas Cracker** is once again raising money to support women from the slum areas of Bangalore by opening a town centre café (venue to be confirmed) and putting on a radio station. If you are interested in helping by serving in the Crackerteria, presenting a show on the radio or serving in the evening restaurant contact [katiethomas@ntlworld.com](mailto:katiethomas@ntlworld.com) Bookings are now being taken for the A la Carte Restaurant. Book early to avoid disappointment!

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/ \ **Please note.** Owing to staff holidays, the next issue of the newsletter will be a double issue covering Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like anything including please email your notice to [dawn@m2o.org.uk](mailto:dawn@m2o.org.uk) by 10am Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. Thank you.  
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## SUNDAY TAKEAWAY

Thoughts you might like to consider:

- What is God saying through this Bible passage?
- How does it apply to your life?
- What do you need to do about it?

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- Mon 27** 7.00pm *Meeting of Parishioners – m2o Church Centre Lounge*  
7.30pm *PCC Meeting – m2o Church Centre Lounge*
- Tues 28** 10.00am **Holy Communion - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church**  
10.45am *Pitstop Coffee & Chat – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*
- Wed 29** 9.15am *Coffeebreak – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*  
7.00pm *Youth Group – m2o Church Centre*
- Thu 30** 7.15am *Early Morning Prayer Meeting – m2o Church Centre*  
2.00pm *Thursday Fellowship ~ Speaker: David Price – Howard Room*  
5.30pm *Kids' Club – Overslade Community Centre, Buchanan Rd*



- Sun 3** 9.30am *Community Breakfast – St Matthew & St Oswald's Ch Hall*  
10.30am **All Age Worship – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church**  
10.30am **Holy Communion – Overslade Church**  
4.30pm **Holy Communion - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church**
- Tues 5** 10.00am **Holy Communion - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church**  
*Pitstop Christmas Lunch*
- Wed 6** 9.15am *Coffeebreak – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*  
7.00pm *Youth Group – m2o Church Centre*
- Thu 7** 7.15am *Early Morning Prayer Meeting – m2o Church Centre*  
2.00pm *Thursday Fellowship with Holy Communion – Howard Room*  
5.30pm *Messy Christmas. Activities and fun-filled worship for all the family – Overslade Community Centre, Buchanan Rd*
- Sat 9** 4.30pm *Community Carols round the Christmas tree, with hot chocolate and gingerbread – St Matthew & St Oswald's*

## PASTORAL STAFF

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