



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 3 December – Advent 1

Learning to Hope: The Coming King

- 10.30am **Holy Communion** - Overslade Church
Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9
Speaker: Charles Higgins
- 10.30am **All Age Worship** - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church
Title: Remembering the past, looking forward to the future
Reading: Mark 13:24-end {page: 1019 in pew bibles}
Speaker: David Long
- 4.30pm **Holy Communion** - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church
Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 {pages: 752 in pew bibles}
Speaker: Charles Higgins

Sunday 10 December – Advent 2

Learning to Hope: The Prophet's Hope

- 10.30am **Morning Worship** - Overslade Church
Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11
Speaker: Mairi Mowbray
- 10.30am **Holy Communion** - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church
Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 {page: 724 in pew bibles}
Speaker: Jo Parker
- 4.30pm **Evening Prayer** - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church
Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 {page: 724 in pew bibles}
Speaker: David Long

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.

Thank you to Simon Timms. Simon will be stepping down as Churchwarden on 10th December and we will be giving him an official 'Thank You' for all the hard work, dedication and commitment he has given to this role, on the day. We would like to present him with a gift to show our appreciation. If you would like to contribute towards a gift or sign the Thank You card please see either Jo Parker or Anna Naish.



“Hope is Born” Celebrate this Christmas at m2o

Services in St Matthew & St Oswald’s

Saturday 9th December, 4.30-5.30pm:
Community Carols around the Christmas tree, with hot chocolate and gingerbread

Sunday 17th 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 7th December, 5.30pm
Messy Christmas – activities and fun-filled worship for all the family

Sunday 17th December, 10.30am
A service of readings and carols

m2o Prayer Chain. For urgent prayer requests email 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

‘A Service for the Longest Night’ Thursday 21st December, 6pm at Coventry Cathedral. This service is for those who find Christmas hard and for those feeling sad. Entry is free and no tickets are needed.

COMMUNITY

Deck the halls!

St Matthew & St Oswald’s Church will be open for Christmas decorating between 9.00am and 12noon on Saturday 16th December.

If you would like to get involved by helping out, do let Jo Parker know.



Curates' Christmas Celebration.



You're invited to join Emma and Charles for a mulled drink and some festive nibbles to celebrate Christmas! Drop in anytime between 3 and 6pm to

77 Mellish Rd, CV22 6BB on Saturday, 16th December.

MISSION

The mission Partner of the Month is

Hope4. Please pray for the guests: for their protection, well-being, and freedom from addictions. That they will find homes and jobs and will be encouraged. The **support workers, volunteers and directors:** for wisdom, strength, love and encouragement.

* Come along to the **Hope4 Prayer Meetings** on the third Thursday of each month, 6.45-7.30pm at the Hope Centre, 8 Newbold Road, Rugby. You can also sign up to receive the prayer requests. Email Lilian Francis via prayer@hope4.org.uk



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 tel: 07473 121142.

Messy Church, Make Lunch and Kids Club have teamed up to run a disco on Friday 15th December 5.30 – 7.30pm 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.



Mothers' Union Coffee Morning. Thank you to everyone who supported the recent coffee morning. A wonderful £106.04 was raised which will go to the Mothers' Union Charity.



will distribute over 200 hampers in the weeks leading up to Christmas to individuals and families. A full list of suggested items to donate can be found on the noticeboard in the lobby area of Church. Please note that they cannot accept alcohol or fresh produce. Donations can be delivered to the foodbank warehouse on Charlotte Street every Wednesday morning 9.30-1.00pm and Friday 11-1pm. Details of permanent collection points can be found on www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk but include Asda, Sainsbury and Tesco. Please donate Christmassy items preferably before 11th December.

Rugby Christmas Cracker is once again raising money to support women from the slum areas of Bangalore by opening a town centre café in the Rugby Central Shopping Centre, between Subway and Iceland - 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 Bookings are now being taken for the A la Carte Restaurant. Book early to avoid disappointment!

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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- 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
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- Sat 9** 4.30pm *Community Carols round the Christmas tree, with hot
chocolate and gingerbread – St Matthew & St Oswald's*
- Mon 11** 1.00pm *Mothers' Union Christmas Meal – St Matthew & St Oswald's
Church Hall*
- Tues 12** 10.00am **Holy Communion - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church**
10.45am *Pitstop with Carols & mince pies*
St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall
- Wed 13** 9.15am *Coffeebreak – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*
7.00pm *Youth Group – m2o Church Centre*
- Thu 14** 7.15am *Early Morning Prayer Meeting – m2o Church Centre*
Thursday Fellowship Christmas Meal – Howard Room
5.30pm *Kids' Club – Overslade Community Centre, Buchanan Rd*
- Fri 15** 5.30-7.30pm *Disco – Overslade Community Centre, Buchanan Rd
(help needed, see within)*
- Sat 16** 9am-12noon *St Matthew & St Oswald's Church open for decorating
for Christmas*
3-6pm *Curates Christmas Celebration (see inside for details)*

PASTORAL STAFF

Curates: Rev Charles Higgins – Tel: 01788 560168 Email: charles@m2o.org.uk

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