

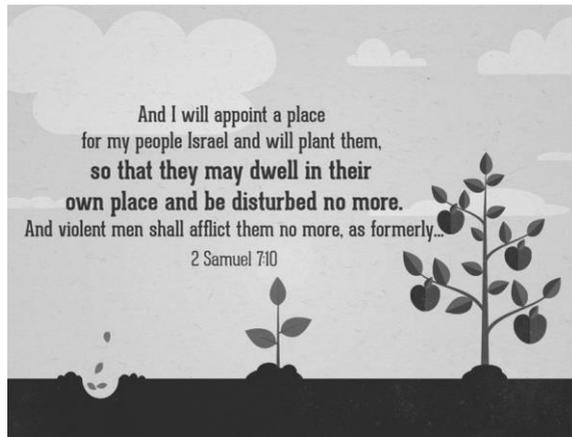
m2O Rugby

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 4 February – 2 Before Lent**

## Services across m2o



## ‘Promises of God’

- 10.30am **Morning Worship** – Overslade Church  
Title: Covenant with David  
Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-17  
Speaker: Mervyn Hill
- 10.30am **All Age Worship** – St Matthew & St Oswald's  
Title: Covenant with David  
Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-17 {page: 310 in pew bibles}  
Speaker: Anna Naish
- 4.30pm **Holy Communion** – St Matthew & St Oswald's  
Title: Covenant with David  
Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-17 {page: 310 in pew bibles}  
Speaker: Charles Higgins

## 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.



### **A Prayer during our time of vacancy.**

Heavenly Father, we pray to you during this time of vacancy in our parish. We ask that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others and welcome newcomers. Lord Jesus, guard and grow this church as we serve you together in this period without a vicar. Please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. **Amen.**

## Doing Lent Differently

### Confirmation

In the Anglican tradition confirmation is a way of publicly affirming your faith in Jesus, as well as the Church praying for the Holy Spirit to equip you as you live for God day-by-day. Bishops Christopher and John will be leading a number of confirmation services around Easter time. Please speak to Charles or Emma for more information.

### Ash Wednesday

You are invited to a service of Holy Communion at St Matthew & St Oswald's on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm to begin Lent together. During this service we will be marked with ashes, as a sign of repentance. If you are part of a Connect Group, why not come together instead of meeting that week?

### Lent Book Group

Lent Book Group is back and this year we will be reading 'Say it to God: In Search of Prayer' by Luigi Gioia. Luigi writes engagingly and accessibly about how we can make prayer something that permeates all of our lives. For 5 Wednesdays between 21<sup>st</sup> Feb and 21<sup>st</sup> March we'll read a section of the book and discuss it together, so you'll need to get hold of a copy (the Christian book shop in town will have it). We'll meet 7.30-9pm at the curates' house. Please speak to Emma or Charles if you'd like to come along.

**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

**Suppers for Six** next Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February. **Today** is the last day to sign-up if you would like to host a supper or be a guest. Lists are available at both Worship Centres or speak to Debbie Olnor or Emma Higgins.

## MISSION

**Mission partners of the month are**

**CPAS.** Pray for CPAS's Falcons camps for children and young people who face disadvantage in their day-to-day lives. Pray for their leaders as they seek practical ways to build relationships with the young people to ensure they feel safe and welcome. Thank God for the blossoming relationships CPAS have with an increasing number of other charities and organisations serving young people. Christians Against Poverty debt and refugee centres, Make Lunch, TLG and Spurgeons have all sent children to Falcons camps.

**Night Shelter.** "Two months down, two to go! We currently have a total of 53 helpers of which 55% are linked to m2o, 26% to other Churches and 19% with no specific church connection. To date we have provided 85 bed nights, over eight weeks, 80 of which were for male guests. On five occasions we have accommodated one female (the same person on each occasion).

In addition a total of 91 evening meals have been served to overnight and evening meal guests . . . all without any problems!" *Terry Seamer*

### News from Herrnhut, Germany.

Sue Williams invites you to join her for an update on her mission work at the House of Prayer in Herrnhut and in central/eastern Europe. There will be light refreshments at **Overslade Community Centre** in Buchanan Road, Overslade, from 6 pm to 8 pm on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February**. Please let David and Dorothy know, on 01788 578228, if you want to come along. All are welcome."

\*\* Sue will also be giving an update at the 10.30am service at St Matthew & St Oswald's next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

### Lent Lunches 2018.

Come and meet on Wednesdays 12 noon throughout Lent for a simple bread, cheese and soup lunch, followed by a short reflection, at various church halls.



- Feb 21: St Matthew & St Oswald's
- 28: Rugby Baptist Church
- Mar 7: Rugby Methodist Church Centre
- 14: St Marie's Church
- 21: United Reformed Church
- 28: St Andrew's Church

Suggested minimum donation £3 to support Christian aid & CAFOD.

**Rugby Youth for Christ in association with Rugby Revive** are hosting Mark Greenwood for our **Curry, Comedy and Christianity** event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Tickets are priced at £12.50 each and include a fully catered meal, comedy with Mark Greenwood and musical entertainment from Rugby's own 'Sound Effects'. You can get your tickets from the Rugby Youth for Christ office if you contact Ruth Burgess at [ruth@rugbyfc.com](mailto:ruth@rugbyfc.com). Once you email Ruth with how many tickets you would like and what church you are a part of she can organise ticket collection and payment for each booking. Tables of 10 can be booked with a discount; 10 tickets for the price of 9. If you need any further information, please get in touch with the Rugby Youth for Christ Office on **01788 567 475**.

**Crackerteria 2017**. "We would like to give a huge thank you to everyone for their support of Rugby Christmas Cracker. We are really grateful to everyone for volunteering, visiting the Crackerteria and attending evening meals. So far we have raised over £13,500! All of the money raised will help train women in the slum areas of Bangalore in tailoring skills so they can earn a living. We also provide computer and English lessons and help them attain more education so they can gain confidence and get better jobs to support their families." *Katie Thomas*.

## 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 6** 10.00am **Holy Communion** – *St Matthew & St Oswald's Church*  
10.45am *Pitstop drop-in coffee & chat – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*
- Wed 7** 9.15am *Coffeebreak – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*  
7.00pm *Youth Group – m2o Church Centre*
- Thu 8** 7.15am *Early Morning Prayer Meeting – m2o Church Centre*  
2.00pm *Thursday Fellowship ~ Speaker Marilyn Pratt Howard Room*  
5.30pm *Kids Club – Overslade Community Centre, Buchanan Road*
- Sat 10** 7.00pm *Suppers for Six – venues around town*
- Sun 11** 10.30am **Morning Worship** – *Overslade Church*  
10.30am **Holy Communion** – *St Matthew & St Oswald's Church*  
*Children's Groups – m2o Church Centre*  
4.30pm **Evening Prayer** – *St Matthew & St Oswald's Church*
- Mon 12** 2.00pm *Mothers' Union – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*
- Tues 13** 10.00am **Holy Communion** – *St Matthew & St Oswald's Church*  
10.45am *Pitstop with pancakes*  
*St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*
- Wed 14** **Ash Wednesday**  
9.15am *Coffeebreak – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*  
7.00pm *Youth Group – m2o Church Centre*  
7.30pm **Holy Communion** – *St Matthew & St Oswald's Church*
- Thu 15** 7.15am *Early Morning Prayer Meeting – m2o Church Centre*  
2.00pm *Thursday Fellowship ~ Speaker from Coventry City Mission Howard Room*  
5.30pm *Kids' Church – Overslade Community Centre, Buchanan Rd*

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