

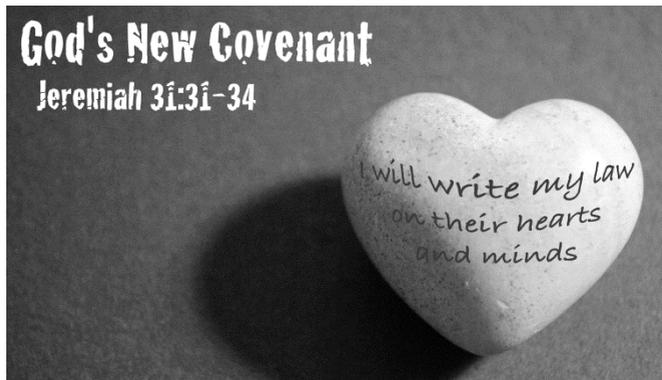
m20 Rugby

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 11 February – 1 Before Lent**

## Services across m2o



## ‘Promises of God’

- 10.30am **Morning Worship** – Overslade Church  
Title: A New Covenant  
Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Speaker: Mairi Mowbray
- 10.30am **Holy Communion** – St Matthew & St Oswald's  
Title: A New Covenant  
Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 {page: 794 in pew bibles}  
Speaker: Emma Higgins
- 4.30pm **Evening Prayer** – St Matthew & St Oswald's  
Title: A New Covenant  
Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 {page: 794 in pew bibles}  
Speaker: Mairi Mowbray

## 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.



**Welcome to** Sue Williams who joins us at the 10.30am service at St Matthew & St Oswald's today, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, to give us an update on her mission work at the House of Prayer in Herrnhut and in central/eastern Europe.

## 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 this 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)

### 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.**

## COMMUNITY

**Thank you** to the Brownies for the delicious pancakes they cooked and served at last week's Community Breakfast. The biscuits and cakes we enjoyed with our teas and coffees after the service were very much appreciated too! Congratulations to Amelia, Kaila, Katie, Orla, Megan and Romy on earning their well-deserved cooks badges.

thank  
you!

**The next Community Breakfast** on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March will be hosted by Nicola Tysall's Connect Group. Do come along!

**We are sorry to hear** of the recent death of Joyce Rickwood, Roger Evans' aunt and a member of both Thursday Fellowship and the 4.30pm congregation. Joyce passed away peacefully in her sleep. Please pray for Roger, Liz and all Joyce's family and friends at this time of loss.



# MISSION

**Mission partners of the month are CPAS.** Pray and give thanks for CPAS' Arrow Course, helping church leaders to 'be led more by Jesus, lead more like Jesus and lead more to Jesus', growing in their competence in leadership and evangelism and drawing closer to God.

**Rugby Make Lunch**, our m2o project to help feed families who need meals during the school holidays, is running again during February half term at Oakfield School. Volunteers are currently being recruited for the Easter holiday, spring half term and the 6 week summer holiday. The first **Rugby Make Lunch News Update**, which contains some very positive news about grant funding received for **Make Lunch**, has just been published. A copy can be found on the noticeboard in the vestibule at St Matthew & St Oswald's or on the Welcome Table at Overslade. If you would like a personal copy, or can volunteer to help in the future, please email [alisonfarnell30@gmail.com](mailto:alisonfarnell30@gmail.com) to ask for a News Update and a volunteer form.

**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*

## 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.

**Street Pastors** are currently recruiting. Please see posters in both Worship Centres giving details of criteria and training dates. If this is something you think you might be interested in getting involved in either contact Dawn Thurkettle via [dawnrsp@mail.com](mailto:dawnrsp@mail.com) or speak to Anne Love who has been a Street Pastor for a number of years now and would be only too happy to provide answers to any questions you might have.

## 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 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*
- Sun 18** 10.30am **Holy Communion** – *Overslade Church*  
10.30am **Morning Worship** – *St Matthew & St Oswald's Church*  
*Children's Groups – m2o Church Centre*  
4.30pm **Holy Communion** – *St Matthew & St Oswald's Church*

## Half Term Holidays

- Tues 20** 10.00am **Holy Communion** – *St Matthew & St Oswald's Church*  
10.45am *Pitstop drop in ~ Fred & Rachel Smyth: Shoe boxes*  
*St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*
- Wed 21** 12.00noon *Lent Lunch – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*
- Thu 22** 7.15am *Early Morning Prayer Meeting – m2o Church Centre*  
2.00pm *Thursday Fellowship ~ Speaker David Biddle – Howard Rm*

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