

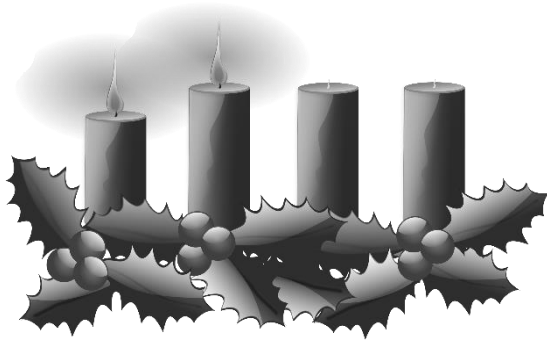


m2O Rugby

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 9 December – Advent 2



Services across m2o

- 10.30am **Morning Worship** - Overslade Church
Title: Jesus Foretold: Jesus the Priest
Reading: Hebrews 9:11-28
Speaker: Sue Berridge
- 10.30am **Holy Communion** - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church
Title: Jesus Foretold: Jesus the Priest
Reading: Hebrews 9:11-28 {page: 1207 in pew bibles}
Speaker: Mairi Mowbray
- 4.30pm **Evening Prayer** - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church
Title: Jesus Foretold: Jesus the Priest
Reading: Hebrews 9:11-28 {page: 1207 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).

Visiting Clergy. We are delighted to welcome **Rev Graham Hardwick** who will be taking our 10.30am Holy Communion Service at St Matthew & St Oswald's today, 9th December. **Rev Barbara Clutton** will be joining us at 10.30am on Sunday 23rd December to preach and lead us in Holy Communion.

"Life in its Fullest"

Celebrate this
Christmas at m2o



Upcoming Christmas Services in St Matthew & St Oswald's

Sunday 16th December, 6.00pm:
'Life in its Fullest' - A candlelit service of readings and carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve,
4.00pm Crib Service - A Children's Nativity for all ages
11.15pm Christmas Night Communion

Christmas Day, 10.30am
'A Christmas Celebration' - Festive worship for all the family

Services at Overslade

Thursday 13th December, 5.30pm
Messy Christmas – activities and fun-filled worship for all the family

Sunday 16th December, 10.30am
A service of readings and carols

A big 'thank you' from Charles and Emma to all who came to Charles' licensing service last week, and those who prayed from where they were. It was wonderful to see you all! Lots of love, Emma and Charles.

COMMUNITY

December's Community Breakfast. The Community Breakfast Team would like to thank everyone who attended last Sunday's breakfast. A wonderful £113.77 was raised in donations, which will go to help 'MOvember' continue to support a variety of men's health issues. Many thanks especially from Glyn and Jasper Spence.

Deck the halls . . .

'Thank you' to Debbie Olnor and her team who have made a wonderful job of decorating St Matthew & St Oswald's Church in readiness for our Christmas Services.



MISSION

Greetings Aid. Save trees and support a great cause this Christmas! Instead of sending lots of cards to each other, we are once again offering the Greetings Aid notice board. It's very easy to do. Sign a single card and pin it on the Greetings Aid notice board. Write a cheque to m2o PCC (or make a cash donation) in an envelope in the collection basket and mark it "Greetings Aid". Your money will be sent to our nominated charity: Toybox.



Used Postage Stamps. The time of the year, when we probably get most postage stamps, is approaching. Gail (Long) would welcome any you collect and will send them to Embrace (previously Biblelands) to help raise funds for the Helen Keller School in Jerusalem for children with visual impairment.

Please leave a margin of about ¼ inch (0.5 centimetres) when cutting/tearing them from envelopes.

REVIVE

PROJECT

Rugby foodbank is grateful for the support received during the Harvest Festival season with almost 7 tonnes of food donated by 68 churches, schools, nursery schools and nursing homes. Because the foodbank is still very busy and is giving out a tonne of food a week it is now running a **Reverse Advent Calendar campaign** collecting staples. Please see the poster in both worship centres giving details of items needed. Food donations can be dropped at the warehouse.

See www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk for opening times.

EVENT

Rugby's Carol Service 4pm, **TODAY** Sunday 9th December 2018 at Rugby Town Football Club, Butlin Road, Rugby, CV21 3SD. Bring your family and friends and come and sing the Christmas Story. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Church Office Christmas Arrangements

Opening Hours. The Church Office will close at 2pm Thursday 20th December and re-opens at 10.00am Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

Newsletter. There will be a double issue, covering Sundays 23rd & 30th December. If you would like a notice including the deadlines for receiving will be 2pm Tuesday 18th December. Send you notice via dawn@m2o.org.uk

Crossline Training - 4 Saturdays starting 26th Jan 2019. Can you help by giving 2 hours a week to listen, pray and give hope to people over the phone? Crossline (part of the National Christian Helpline) receives over 400 calls per day between 9am and Midnight. New listeners are needed to meet the demand (over 50% of calls are unanswered). The Training starts on 26th January 2019, 10am - 4pm at Coventry City Mission, Deedmore Road, Coventry, CV2 2AA. To attend, please contact 02476 615931 or john@covcitymission.org.uk before Tuesday 22nd January 2019.

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?

~ W H A T ' S O N ~

- Mon 10** 1.00pm *Mothers' Union Christmas Meal – St M & St O's Church Hall*
- Tues 11** 10.45am *Pitstop Coffee & Chat – St M & St O's Church Hall*
- Wed 12** 9.15am *Coffeebreak – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*
7.00pm *Youth Group – m2o Church Centre*
- Thu 13** 2.00pm *Thursday Fellowship, Christmas Afternoon Tea & Activities
Howard Room*
5.30pm *Messy Christmas – Overslade Community Centre,
Buchanan Rd*
- Sun 16** 10.30am **A Service of Carols & Readings – Overslade Church**
10.30am **Morning Worship – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church**
Last Children's groups of the term – m2o Church Centre
2.30pm *Carol Service rehearsal for all participants – St M & St O's*
6.00pm **Carol Service - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church**
- Tues 18** 10.45am *Pitstop Christmas Meal*
- Wed 19** 9.15am *Coffeebreak – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*
7.00pm *Youth Group – m2o Church Centre*
- Fri 21** 10.00am *Christingle Service for St Oswald's Primary School
St Matthew & St Oswald's Church*

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.

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