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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 24<sup>th</sup> November – I before Advent

### Today's Services



10.30am **Holy Communion** – Overslade Church

Title: God's Love  
Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21  
Speaker: Rev Jane Hulme

10.30am **Morning Worship** - St Matthew and St Oswald's

Title: A Church For All  
Reading: Psalm 78:1-7 (p. 590 in pew bibles)  
Speaker: Rev Alan Hulme

4.30pm **Holy Communion** - St Matthew and St Oswald's

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**Today's Warden on duty is Laura Freeman-Powell**

# WORSHIP



## If you are 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).

**Today, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** at 2.15pm, the Service at St Cross Hospital Chapel will be led by members of St Matthew and St Oswald's with Overslade. Do come along if you are able - everyone is warmly welcome to join them at this service.

## ADVENT



### Multi-Sensory Prayer Evening. Advent

An evening to stop, be still and connect with the Lord as we prepare to meet Him afresh this Christmas. Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm-9pm in church. Please sign the list in the foyer to give me an idea of numbers so that I can provide enough resources. Jane



## "Joy and Peace" Celebrate this Christmas with us

### Services in St Matthew and St Oswald's

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, 4.00-4.45pm:  
Community Carols around the Christmas tree, with hot chocolate and gingerbread

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, 6.00pm:  
A candlelit service of readings and carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

**Christmas Eve**,  
4.00pm Crib Service – Especially for younger children  
11.30pm First Communion of Christmas

**Christmas Day**, 10.30am  
A Christmas Celebration with Communion for all the family

### Services at Overslade

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, 5.30pm  
Messy Christingle – activities and fun-filled worship for all the family

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, 10.30am  
A service of readings and carols

**Youth Bibles.** Our new youth group "Tea-n-Toast" launches this morning. We want to buy a dozen or more Good News Youth Bibles at £15 each to use there. If you would like to buy one (or more) to support this ministry, please get money or cheques (to m2o PCC) to the office. Thanks, Alan.

**Advent Book Group.** Our book group will be meeting again this advent and this year we will be reading the Archbishop of York's advent book, 'Wake up to Advent'. We will be meeting at Laura Freeman-Powell's house in Cawston at 7.30pm on the first three Wednesdays in December. If you'd like to join us then please speak to Laura or email [laura@stmatthews.org.uk](mailto:laura@stmatthews.org.uk).

**Christmas Services Leaflets.** Bundles of leaflets advertising our Christmas events and services are now available for delivery in the parish. Help us to get the message out by taking a bundle or two to deliver in good time **before 7<sup>th</sup> December** when **St Matthew and St Oswald's** has it's **Community Carols around the Christmas Tree** and **5<sup>th</sup> December** when **Overslade** has it's **Messy Christingle**. The area around Overslade is being covered by Overslade Church. Thank you so much for your help with this.

**Does anyone have cabinet making skills?**  
Please talk with Alan Hulme about a couple of pieces of church furniture we need making.

## COMMUNITY

**Potato Supper or Lunch at the Vicarage.**  
All dates are now full with the exception of one space on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm and 2 spaces on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm. Alan and Jane have added an additional date for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 at 7pm. If you still haven't signed up and can make any of these dates, do please fill in the sheets in the Church foyer.

**Community Breakfast** invites you along on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9.30-10.25am to celebrate the start of advent. Glyn, Bev and Chris will be hosting the breakfast of Pig in Blanket Baps, Panettone, Stollen, Fruit Salad, Cereals etc. It would be great if you can join us in fellowship and please extend the invitation to any friends, family or neighbours who may be new to St Matthew and St Oswald's.

We are delighted to wish a very happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday to **Lilian Cannon** who celebrates her birthday on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November and **Mary Reed** who celebrates her birthday two days after on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Sending love and congratulations from your church family.



**Toybox Prayer Topics for November**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** - Next week sees the start of Advent, when we start our Christmas preparations in earnest. If you haven't signed up for our **Advent Calendar** yet, or if you hadn't heard about it, it's not too late to get involved. If you want to know more, go to [www.toybox.org.uk/adventcalendar](http://www.toybox.org.uk/adventcalendar). It's a great way to count down the days to Jesus' birth – and use each activity as a reminder to **pray for the children whose lives will be touched through our work**.

**Do you have a significant birthday or special event coming up?** If so please let me know via [dawn@m2o.org.uk](mailto:dawn@m2o.org.uk) so I can let the church family know. It is great to be able to celebrate with each other!

**Contactless Donations.** As an alternative to cash collections, we can now accept contactless payments. Select the amount £3, £5 or £10 and then touch your contactless card to the reader. The reader is located at the double doors by the pigeon holes and we can reclaim 25p per pound on all donations made.

## MISSION

**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, which are now available at both St Matthew and St Oswald's and Overslade Churches, should be completed, signed by the applicant and returned to the Church Office, 1A New Street **today Sunday 24th November**.

**Contacting Alan & Jane.** Alan and Jane can be contacted via 01788 330442 or email them: [alanhulme@m2o.org.uk](mailto:alanhulme@m2o.org.uk) and [janehulme@m2o.org.uk](mailto:janehulme@m2o.org.uk). Their day off will be Fridays, during which they will not be available for work related matters.

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**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: **Casa Reom**.

**General Election Hustings** will be held at The Terrace Church, 54 Railway Terrace, at 7pm on 3 Dec. All welcome. All the main parties have agreed to attend.

**Rugby Christmas Cracker** café and evening restaurant now open to Christmas Eve in the old Thornton's shop in the precinct. To volunteer or book an evening meal for your group contact Katie Thomas on 07757562504 or email [katiethomas@ntlworld.com](mailto:katiethomas@ntlworld.com) or Log onto the website [www.rugbycracker.org](http://www.rugbycracker.org)

## 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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# W H A T ' S O N

- Mon 25** 7.45pm *Connect Group Leaders Meeting – Church Centre Lounge*  
**Tues 26** 10.45am *Pitstop Coffee & Chat – St Matthew and St Oswald's Church Hall*  
**Wed 27** 9.15am *Coffeebreak – St Matthew and St Oswald's Church Hall*  
**Thu 28** 2.00pm *Thursday Fellowship Advent Carol Service – Howard Room*



- Sun 1** 9.30am *Community Breakfast – St Matthew and St Oswald's Ch Hall*  
10.30am **All Age Worship - St Matthew and St Oswald's**  
10.30am **Morning Worship – Overslade Church**  
4.30pm **Holy Communion - St Matthew and St Oswald's**  
7.00pm *Carol Service Choir practice – St Matthew and St Oswald's*  
**Tues 3** 10.45am *Pitstop with 'Community Choir' ~ everyone welcome!*  
*St Matthew and St Oswald's Church Hall*  
**Wed 4** 9.15am *Coffeebreak – St Matthew and St Oswald's Church Hall*  
**Thu 5** 2.00pm *Thursday Fellowship with Holy Communion – Howard Room*  
5.30pm *Messy Church – Overslade Community Centre, Buchanan Rd*  
*Winter Night Shelter commences*  
**Sat 7** 9.30am *St Matthew & St Oswald's open for Christmas decoration*  
4.00pm *Community Carols around the Christmas Tree followed by hot chocolate and gingerbread*

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