



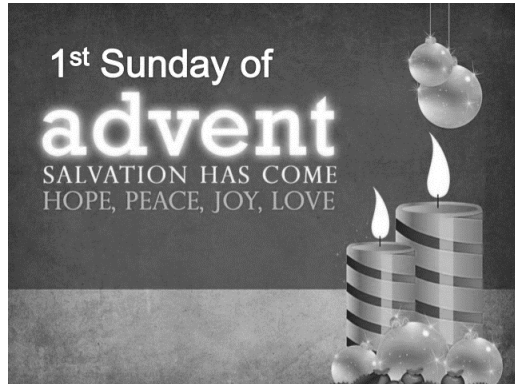
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St Matthew & St Oswald's Church  
and Overslade Church

Our vision is to be truly Jesus' disciples.  
Growing deeper in **Worship**. Growing closer in **Community**.  
Growing further in **Mission**.

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Advent I

### Today's Services



- 10.30am **Morning Worship** – Overslade Church  
Title: Advent Hope  
Readings: Matthew 24:36-44  
Romans 13:11-14  
Speaker: Sue Berridge
- 10.30am **All Age Worship** - St Matthew and St Oswald's  
Title: Looking to the future  
Reading: Revelation 21:1-4 (p. 1249 in pew bibles)  
Speaker: Anna Naish
- 4.30pm **Holy Communion** - St Matthew and St Oswald's  
Title: Advent Hope  
Readings: Matthew 24:36-44 (p. 994 in pew bibles)  
Romans 13:11-14 (p. 1140 in pew bibles)  
Speaker: David Long

**Today's Warden on duty is Alisdair Rusk**

# 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).



### Multi-Sensory Advent Prayer Evening.

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



### Advent Bags for Families

We have special Advent Bags to give to children & parents today to help you prepare spiritually for Christmas together. They contain simple activities to do as a family.



## Celebrate this Christmas

### 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

**Christmas Services Leaflets.** Thank you so much to everyone who took bundles of leaflets advertising our Christmas services for delivering in the Parish. There are a few bundles left. This is an important part of our evangelism, so any help in getting these delivered would be most appreciated.

**Youth Bibles.** We have received enough money for more than the dozen Bibles we hoped for. Thank you so much. We have faith that we will need them all!

### 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).



## COMMUNITY

### Simon Whately

The leadership of Rugby Elim has sent us this message concerning Pastor, Simon:

*"It is with deep sadness that we write to inform you that our beloved Pastor and Friend went home to be with Jesus at 2.30am Wednesday morning. Pastor Simon fought an incredible battle and our Heavenly Father has now chosen to take him Home."*

Please do remember Simon's family (Lisa, Myles, Edith, Mick, Jeanette, Adam) and Elim Church in your prayers. Alan has written to the Elders & family on all our behalf.

*We grieve, but we do not grieve as those who have no hope (1 Tess 4:13).*

### Community Breakfast.

Thank you to Glyn, Bev and Chris for hosting this morning's breakfast. We hope you have enjoyed today's breakfast of Pig in Blanket Baps, Panettone, Stollen, Fruit Salad and Cereals as we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent.

### Pitstop warmly invite you

to come along this Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at 10.45am when the Community Choir will be joining them to sing Christmas Carols. Audience participation most welcome!

**Deck the halls . . .** Just as we decorate our homes in readiness for Christmas, we are inviting you to join us to decorate our church on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am. All welcome. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits will be provided. If you have any greenery we could use – please bring it along, otherwise all decorations will be provided.



We will then be back in church at 4pm to sing carols round our Christmas tree. This 45minute service will be suitable for all ages. Come along for singing and music-making followed by gingerbread, ginger cake and hot chocolate. Tea and coffee also available.

**Potato Supper or Lunch at the Vicarage.**

There are a couple of spaces left on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm. Alan and Jane have additional dates in the new year for Thursdays 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm. If you still haven't signed up and can make any of these dates, do please fill in the sheets in the Church foyer or ring the church office 330440.

**MISSION**

**Mission partners of the month** for December are Hope 4

(<https://www.hope4.org.uk/>) Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers this month – particularly the need for a new home for the foodbank

**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 m20 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.**



**Used Postage Stamps.** At Christmas most of us still get envelopes with postage stamps on them. Please would you pass these used postage stamps to Gail Long? The charity, Embrace the Middle East (formerly known as Bible Lands) raises funds to support the Helen Keller School for the Visually Impaired from selling these stamps. Please, leave a margin of 0.5cm/ ¼ around the stamps. First Day covers and albums can also be sent. Thank you.

**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.

**General Election Hustings** will be held at The Terrace Church, 54 Railway Terrace, at 7pm this Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. All welcome. All the main parties have agreed to attend.

**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

- 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 Christingle - Overslade Community Centre*  
*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 (see inside for details)*
- Sun 8** 10.30am **United Holy Communion - St Matthew and St Oswald's  
Children's Groups - Church Centre**  
**There will be no other services today**  
7.00pm *Carol Service Choir practice - St Matthew and St Oswald's*
- Mon 9** 1.00pm *Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch -  
St Matthew and St Oswald's Church Hall*  
7.30pm *Multi-sensory Advent Prayer Evening  
St Matthew and St Oswald's Church*
- Tues 10** 10.45am *Pitstop Coffee & Chat - St Matthew and St Oswald's Ch Hall*
- Wed 11** 9.15am *Coffeebreak - St Matthew and St Oswald's Church Hall*
- Thu 12** 2.00pm *Thursday Fellowship Christmas Tea - Howard Room*  
*Winter Night Shelter commences*

## Coming Soon . . .

- Sun 15** 6.00pm **Carols by Candlelight** *followed by mulled wine and mince  
pies - St Matthew and St Oswald's Church*

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