

# ST MATTHEW & ST OSWALD'S & WITH OVERSLADE

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

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

**Prayer 2020**  
Deepening our Prayer Life



## **Today's Service**

10.30am **United Holy Communion** – St Matthew & St Oswald's  
Title: Prayer: Learning from John –  
Repentance and healing from the past  
Reading: Revelation 2:1-7 {page: 1234 in pew bibles}  
Speaker: Rev Alan Hulme



## 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) or fill in a welcome slip (they are in the pews) and give it to a minister.

→ is a new notice

## CHURCH PRIORITIES

The PCC have agreed **4 key development priorities** for 2020.

1. Deepening our church prayer life.
2. Developing & enhancing our buildings.
3. Addressing sins & hurts from the past.
4. Reviewing our communications.

During Lent we aim to address **sins & hurts from the past** so that we can walk free from them into the wonderful future God has for us as a parish. Key dates are:

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** – United service. Sermon laying out the issues and the spiritual work we can do to be free of them.

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>** – Ash Wednesday. Start of a 40 day “Pass the Baton” fast.

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** – United **Healing Service** & Agape Lunch.

We believe this process is spiritually vital for our fruitfulness as a church, so please try and make the Sunday dates.

## 40 Day Fast!

From Ash Wednesday (26 Feb) to Easter Day (12 April) we will have a “Pass the Baton” church fast. Sundays are not fast days, so that adds up to 40 days.

We will be asking you to sign up for a midnight to midnight 24 hour fast, with every day covered by one or more people.

Sign-up sheets now available.

**Prayer Appointments.** As we pray through Lent, in preparation for the Healing service on March 29<sup>th</sup> some of us might find it helpful to “offload hurts / wounds / anger” to the Lord in a one to one prayer session. Alan and Jane are making some one-hour prayer ministry sessions available. Simply email Jane at [janehulme@m2o.org.uk](mailto:janehulme@m2o.org.uk) and she will offer you a confidential prayer appointment with either herself or with Alan at the Vicarage.

**Church Working Party** on 21<sup>st</sup> March to tidy up the outside of the building and grounds. Details to follow, but please put the date in your diary.

## → Annual Church Meeting.

We have decided to hold the Annual Church Meeting on a Sunday, after a shortened united act of worship. The aim is to make it easier to get to for older people and young families. There will be a film showing for children during the meeting. The date will be **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** after 10.30am worship at Lawford Road. This united service replaces Easter Day, when Overslade will have its own service.

## REVIVE – Churches Together

**CAP Rugby** (Christians Against Poverty) invite you to join them tomorrow, Monday 10th February, for the sharing and prayer meeting at St. Matthew’s & St Oswald’s starting with refreshments at 7pm. Come along to find out about the work of CAP which is one of the local charities supported by our church.

→ Thank you to those who supported **Cracker** again this December. £11,000 was raised to support vocational training projects for women in India.

→ Sadly, **Leamington Christian Bookshop** is closing on 29<sup>th</sup> February. Big discounts available. 2 Radford Road, Leamington Spa, CV31 1LX.

→ The **Faraday Institute Summer Course** is an opportunity to explore in more depth the ways in which Faith and Science speak to each other in contemporary society and to explore the theological and ethical issues which this dialogue raises. For more information, please see

[www.faraday.institute/summercourse2020](http://www.faraday.institute/summercourse2020)

→ The **Bishop's Missional Business Community** (BMBC) has recently launched a group for Christian men and women business leaders in the Coventry area. Meets on the third Monday of every month at 7pm for dinner at St Mark's Coventry (CV1 5FX) to share the successes and struggles of following Jesus in the workplace. Interested? Contact [Tamsin.martle@gmail.com](mailto:Tamsin.martle@gmail.com)

## MISSION

**Open the Book** is a great initiative to take dramatized Bible stories into primary schools. We need 4 or 5 people to form a team. Our church schools want to welcome us in – can you be part of it? You need to be able to read out loud and dress up – that's all! To find out more, talk with David Long 01788 576541.

See a video explanation at

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>

**Mission partners of the month** for February are CPAS (<https://www.cpas.org.uk/>) Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers this month.

## Prayer 2020



### This Week's Prayer Points:

1. For guidance, creativity and wisdom for the All Age Worship Team meeting on Monday evening.
2. For the "Boiler Room" prayer meeting on Wednesday evening; for the Holy Spirit to guide and anoint our praying together.
3. For relationships to continue to grow and deepen at Messy Church on Thursday (5.30pm)



### The Boiler Room

Our fortnightly parish prayer meeting this Wednesday. 12<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 – 8.30pm in church. Come and change the world!

## COMMUNITY

→ **We are sorry** to hear of the death of **Peter Davies** late last Sunday. Peter was a much loved member of our church family and will be greatly missed. Please remember Marjorie, Grace, Simon and all the family in your prayers.

