

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 16th February

Prayer 2020
Deepening our Prayer Life



Today's Services

- 10.30am **Morning Worship** – Overslade Church
Title: Prayer: Learning from King David –
Confession
Reading: Psalm 51
Speaker: Mervyn Hill
- 10.30am **Morning Worship** – St Matthew & St Oswald's
Title: Prayer: Learning from King David –
Confession
Reading: Psalm 51 {page: 573 in pew bibles}
Speaker: David Long
- 4.30pm **Holy Communion** – St Matthew & St Oswald's
Title: Prayer: Learning from King David –
Confession
Reading: Psalm 51 {page: 573 in pew bibles}
Speaker: Rev Alan Hulme



New in Church?

We are delighted to have you join us. Please fill in a yellow welcome card (they are in the pews) and give it to a minister or

one of the welcome team (who are wearing badges) so that we can send you some welcome information.

→ is a new notice

CHURCH PRIORITIES

→ 40 Day Fast – Places left!

From Ash Wednesday (26 Feb) to Easter Day (12 April) we will have a “Pass the Baton” church fast, with different people taking 24 hours from midnight to midnight so that as a church we are continuously fasting through Lent. Sundays are not fast days, so that adds up to 40 days.

You can sign up in the Foyer at Lawford Road or by phoning the church office during the week: 01788 330440.

→ **Our Lent Prayer Material**, which is to help prepare us for the healing service on March 29th, will be available from Sunday 23rd Feb and at the Ash Wednesday Communion on 26th. Lenten Family Prayer bags which tackle the same themes will also be available.

Prayer Appointments. As we prepare for the Healing service on March 29th 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 and she will offer you a confidential prayer appointment with either herself or with Alan at the Vicarage.

→ **Ash Wednesday Communion** with prayer and ashing will replace the Boiler Room Prayer on 26th February. 7.30pm.

→ Building Development

We are having a **working party** on Sat March 21st to tidy up the church grounds, and if we have enough people, to do some spring cleaning inside. To enable us to plan the work, please could you sign up on the sheet in the foyer (or phone the office) to let us know you are coming for morning, afternoon or both.

→ If you didn’t get one two weeks ago, please pick up a **“Developing and Enhancing our Buildings”** leaflet from the foyer noticeboard. It explains how we intend to progress one of this year’s four key goals.

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 for more people to get to. There will be a film showing for children during the meeting. The date will be **Sunday 26th April** after 10.30am united worship at Lawford Road.

This united service replaces Easter Day, when Overslade will have its own service.

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! Commitment is about two assemblies per month. 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/>)

REVIVE – Churches Together

→ **Revive Lent Lunches 2020.**

Wednesdays 12noon to 1pm.

These simple lunches will consist of soup, bread and cheese followed by a cup of tea or coffee. There will then be a short address by the Minister or representative of the church. A donation of £3 is requested which will be distributed between Christian Aid and Cafod.

Feb 26th St Andrews Church

Mar 4th Methodist Church

Mar 11th St Matthew & St Oswald's

Mar 18th St Marie's RC Church

Mar 25th Baptist Church

Apr 1st United Reformed Church

→ **Hope4 Rugby** who work with homeless, badly housed and hungry people are looking to employ a new Service Delivery Manager. Full time, £30-34K. See www.hope4.org.uk for details.

→ **Two fundraising events coming up in support of Hope4 –**

Male Voice Choir concert at Hillmorton Paddox Methodist Church, 7th March at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £6 including refreshments via 01788 813162, seniorsteward@paddoxmethodist.org.uk or on the door.

Ladies Fashion Show at the Hope Centre, Thursday 2nd April from 7.30pm. Tickets priced £6 available from Hope Centre Rugby or contact administration@hope4.org.uk High Street brands on sale at bargain prices!

See posters on noticeboard for full information.

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This Week's Prayer Points:

1. For humility and an openness to the voice of the Holy Spirit for each one of us, as we prepare through Lent for the service of healing on 29th March.
2. For the volunteer team and families who come to Make Lunch at Oakfield school on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th at noon - that holiday hunger needs are met, for safety and fun, and for everyone to be aware of the presence of Jesus.
3. For the birth of an "Open the book team," that can go into our church schools and present Bible stories to the children.

COMMUNITY

→ **Peter Davies Funeral** is to be held on Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 12.30pm at St Matthews & St Oswald's Church, Lawford Road, Rugby, CV21 2HR.

→ **"Terry and Yvonne Seamer** would like to thank all friends at St. Matthew & St Oswald's and Overslade who have offered prayers and sent cards of sympathy and support following the death of Terry's father, Fred."

~ W H A T ' S O N ~

Half Term

- Tues 18 10.45am **Pitstop drop in** Coffee & Chat - St M & St O Church Hall
Make Lunch – Oakfield Primary School
- Wed 19 12.30pm **Funeral** of Peter Davies – St Matthew & St Oswald's
- Thurs 20 2.00pm **Thursday Fellowship** Speaker Rev Alan Hulme
Howard Room, Vicarage Road
Make Lunch – Oakfield Primary School
- Sun 23 10.30am Holy Communion** – Overslade Church
10.30am Holy Communion – St Matthew & St Oswald's
Children's groups – Church Centre
4.30pm Evening Prayer – St Matthew & St Oswald's
- Mon 24 7.30pm **Prayer Ministry Team Meeting** - Church Centre
- Tues 25 10.45am **Pitstop drop in with pancakes**
St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall
- Wed 26 **Ash Wednesday**
9.15am **Coffeebreak** – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall
7.30pm **Holy Communion** – St Matthew & St Oswald's
- Thurs 27 2.00pm **Thursday Fellowship** Speaker Rev Sheila Bridge
Howard Room, Vicarage Road

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