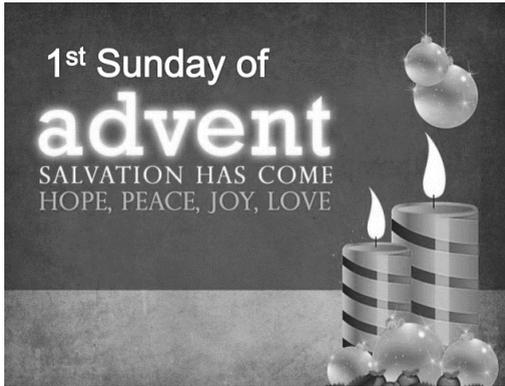


m2O Rugby

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 2 December – Advent 1



Services across m2o

- 10.30am **Morning Worship** - Overslade Church
Title: Jesus Foretold
Reading: Mark 1:1-8
Speaker: David Long
- 10.30am **All Age Worship** - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church
Title: Jesus Foretold
Reading: Mark 1:1-8 {page: 1002 in pew bibles}
Speaker: Mairi Mowbray
- 4.30pm **Holy Communion** - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church
Title: Jesus Foretold
Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 {page: 697 in pew bibles}
Speaker: Rev Margaret Simmonds

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 Margaret Simmonds** to St Matthew & St Oswald's Church today as she takes our 4.30pm Holy Communion Service. Next Sunday, 9th December, **Rev Graham Hardwick** will be taking our 10.30am Holy Communion Service.



“Life in its Fullest” Celebrate this Christmas at m2o

**Services in St Matthew
& St Oswald's**

Saturday 8th December, 4.00-5.00pm:
Community Carols around the Christmas tree, with hot chocolate and gingerbread

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

Christmas Services Leaflets. Thank you so much to everyone who took bundles of leaflets advertising our Christmas events and services for delivering in the Parish. We are delighted to say that there are no bundles left.

Advent Book Group.

Our book group has now started and continues meeting on Wednesday evenings for the next three weeks (7.30-9pm) at Laura Freeman-Powell's house in Cawston. For more information or if you'd like to join us this year, please contact Laura: laura90g@gmail.com



COMMUNITY

Today's Community Breakfast is a fund raiser for 'MOvember'. MOvember is a global men's health charity and its work supports both male cancer and mental health conditions. Jasper Spence has taken part in a month long 60km walking challenge; to reflect the sad fact that globally 60 men commit suicide each hour, every hour, all year. You can sponsor him directly via <https://mobro.co/glynsence> We hope you enjoy the pigs in blanket baps, pastries, stollen, fruit, cereals and yogurts.

Pitstop warmly invite you to come along this Tuesday, 4th December, at 10.45am when the Community Choir will be joining them to sing Christmas Carols. Audience participation most welcome!

Deck the halls . . .

St Matthew & St Oswald's Church will be open for Christmas decorating from 9.30am this Saturday 8th December. If you would like to get involved, do let Debbie Olnor know. All help will be appreciated and tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided.



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.

Toybox. With our help, **Luca** could be just a fingertip away from a **new life**, a fingertip away from going to **school**, a fingertip away from **medical help**, a fingertip away from being able to **get married** (later!). A **birth certificate** and a **fingerprint** could change everything for Luca. Toybox is working with and for Street Children all year round in Guatemala, El Salvador, Bolivia, Peru, India, Kenya and, now, Nepal to help to restore their lives and build a new future. If you can help, contact David Williams on 578228.

Thank you to all who took part in the **Big Tearfund Quiz** on Saturday 17th November - we were thrilled to be able to raise £400 which has now been sent to Tearfund. The total raised across the nation is £66,496 so far, with some money yet to be paid in. This means that over 1000 conflict affected children will be able to be helped by Tearfund and

its partners. Thanks to all who contributed and helped on the night. For more information on the focus of this initiative, please go to the Tearfund website.

Mothers’ Union Coffee Morning. Thank you to everyone who supported the recent coffee morning. A wonderful £120 was raised which will go to the Mothers’ Union Charity.

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, 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.

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 ~

- Tues 4** 10.45am *Pitstop ~ Community Choir, Christmas Music*
St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall
- Wed 5** 9.15am *Coffeebreak – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church Hall*
7.00pm *Youth Group – m2o Church Centre*
- Thu 6** 2.00pm *Thursday Fellowship Holy Communion with Rev Pam Gould*
Howard Room
- Sat 8** 9.30am *St Matthew & St Oswald's open for Christmas decoration*
4.00pm *Community Carols around the Christmas tree*
- Sun 9** 10.30am **Morning Worship – Overslade Church**
10.30am **Holy Communion – St Matthew & St Oswald's Church**
Children's groups – m2o Church Centre
4.30pm **Evening Prayer - St Matthew & St Oswald's Church**
- Mon 10** 1.00pm *Mothers' Union Christmas Meal – St Matthew & St Oswald's*
Church Hall
- Tues 11** 10.45am *Pitstop Coffee & Chat – St Matthew & St Oswald's Ch 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

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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