



# LENT 2026

## Just Two Things

A Spiritual Practice / Escola Reom



PARISH OF  
ST MATTHEW &  
ST OSWALD RUGBY

## Church e-Bulletin 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

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### DIARY

#### Upcoming Services:

##### LENT 5

Sun 22 Mar: 10.30am **Holy Communion** "The death and resurrection of Lazarus" John 11:1-45  
7.00pm **Boiler Room** Parish Prayer Meeting  
Tue 24 Mar: 10.15am **Morning Worship** John 11:1-45  
Thu 26 Mar: 9.30am St Oswald's School Easter Service  
10.45am St Matthew's School Easter Service

##### LENT 6 PALM SUNDAY

Sun 29 Mar: 10.30am **Morning Worship** "Jesus comes to Jerusalem as king" Matthew 21:1-11

#### Events:

Mon 23 Mar: 7.30pm Vacancy Leadership Team meet with Alan & Jane  
Tue 24 Mar: 11.00am Connexions. Beetle Drive with Sue  
**NO ESOL**  
7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting Church Lounge  
Wed 25 Mar: 9.15am Coffeekbreak Baby and Toddler Group  
7.30pm Craft evening for Adults

### GOD DEPENDENT, JESUS CENTRED

**Holy Week at St. Oswald's**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion

**Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
10am Walk of Witness *starting at St Andrews*  
2pm Good Friday Hour at the Cross

**EASTER DAY 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
9.15am Easter Breakfast - *all welcome*  
10.30am He is Risen! Holy Communion  
*with children's Easter activities*

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repeat **Good Friday:** Please note a change to the Good Friday walk of witness . . . it is now starting at St Andrew's Church, not Regent Street Baptist Church. The printed cards are therefore now incorrect.

**Daily Prayer Room:** There will be no daily Prayer Room on Bank Holiday Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>.



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### THE LATEST NEWS ON THE ESCOLA REOM APPEAL WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON SUNDAY

We are now saving to refurbish the toilet blocks, having raised enough for the desks and fans and decorating the classrooms.

Give at <https://justgiving.com/campaign/school-desks> or by cash or cheque made payable to "Casa Reom Trust" in an envelope marked *Escola Reom* in the collection box at the back of church.

Please put your name on the envelope if you are a taxpayer so we can claim Gift Aid. Thank you.

## MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

**Children's Sponsored Cycle for Escola Reom:** We will be meeting at the play park at Draycote after church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March for a picnic lunch around 12.30pm. We will then aim for a 1.30pm bike ride. The youngest children will just be going as far as they can, the oldest and adults will aim to go as far as you currently can around Draycote and back again, distance to be confirmed. If the weather is bad, we will arrange a re-run after Easter but will encourage sponsorship to be in by 29<sup>th</sup> March anyway. Any questions, ask Laura Freeman-Powell [laura90g@googlemail.com](mailto:laura90g@googlemail.com)

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



**Easter Invitations:** Are available on the foyer counter. Who can you invite on Easter Day to hear the good news of the resurrection?

**Craft For Grownups:** Places available for this Wednesday's evening of Craft, Cakes, Chat and Spirituality. Who can you bring along for some fun? Contact [gill@smso.org.uk](mailto:gill@smso.org.uk) to book your place.

## DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

**Diocesan Independent Safeguarding Survey:** Please help the whole diocese shape a safer church by completing the safeguarding survey to celebrate what we are doing well and where we can do better. Go to <https://coventry.anglican.org/info-for-parishes/safeguarding/ineqe2026.php> to take the survey. If you want to complete the survey but can't use the computer link, please talk with Laura Seago and she will help you.

## CHURCH FAMILY

**Sunday Lunch Club:** are meeting as shown below at 12.45pm unless advertised otherwise. If you would like to join in, please let the organiser know **by the Wednesday before the meeting**. Lifts are available from the church after the service. If you are new to the church, the first time you come the cost is on us.

22 Mar Hillmorton Manor Colin Coleman 812073, 07733 456312

5 Apr The Friendly Inn, Frankton Jon Seaton 07518 163928

## TRAINING & EVENTS

**The Strongmen 2026 conference:** Book in and join us as we gather as friends, brothers, sons, and fathers and discover together what it means to live life as a Faith Adventure. Guest Speaker Simon Guillebaud. Check him out at [www.simonguillebaud.com](http://www.simonguillebaud.com). Sat, 09-May-2026 9:30am - 1:30pm **All Saint Church** (High Street, Bedworth CV12 8NH). £10.00 – includes lunch. <https://bedworthparish.churchsuite.com/events/z7ym3dem>  
Tell others on the men's WhatsApp group you are going to sort lifts out together. To join the WhatsApp Group txt Gordon on 0 7771 511516.

**Equip Hub:** Diocesan Courses can be accessed via the Equip Hub <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/>

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(See John 11:1-45) 08-07-2000

EXCUSE ME SIR, YOU HAVE A MR. LAZARUS  
AND HIS FAMILY HERE TO SEE YOU ABOUT  
A PROBLEM THAT THEY HAVE WITH YOUR  
INVOICE

## ECO CHURCH

**Household audit:** Is your household living an eco-friendly lifestyle? Why not take the Creation Care household audit at <https://creationcare.org.uk/> to get ideas on living greener and maybe save some money at the same time.



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