



# LENT 2026

## Just Two Things

A Spiritual Practice / Escola Reom



PARISH OF  
ST MATTHEW &  
ST OSWALD RUGBY

## Church e-Bulletin 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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### DIARY

#### Upcoming Services:

LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sun 15 Mar: 10.30am **Morning Worship** "Living the Jesus Life" Col 3:12-17

Tue 17 Mar: 10.15am **Holy Communion** Col 3:12-17

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

#### Events:

Mon 16 Mar: 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Tue 17 Mar: 11.00am Connexions. St Patrick's Story  
1.30pm ESOL

Wed 18 Mar: 9.15am Coffeefreak Baby and Toddler Group  
5pm Building Team Meeting

Thu 19 Mar: 1.45pm Thursday Fellowship. Speaker: Sue Berridge

**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

Lawford Rd  
Rugby  
CV21 2HR  
[smsso.org.uk](http://smsso.org.uk)

### Cards available to invite people with.

#### GOD DEPENDENT, JESUS CENTRED

#### Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

If you have decided to be a follower of Jesus there is an opportunity on Easter Day to be baptised. If you were baptised in the past, but God has done something very new in your life, you can choose to renew your baptismal vows. Discuss it with Alan a.s.a.p. if you think this may be for you.

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

repeat **Children and Holy Communion:** We are permitted to admit children to receive Holy Communion if they are:

- baptised,
- seven years of age or older,
- parents & children have decided that it is the right time for them to receive,
- they attend two preparation classes
- they have learnt to say the Lord's Prayer.

Our next classes will take place on **Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>** and **Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm, at the Vicarage** (7 Vicarage Road). Children will be admitted to receiving Holy Communion on Easter Day - **April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

If your child/ren would like to be prepared to receive Holy Communion this year, please could you let Jane know as soon as possible Thanks. ([janehulme@smsso.org.uk](mailto:janehulme@smsso.org.uk))

### MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

**Don't Miss Yvonne's Famous Cake Sale:** Terry and Yvonne Seamer will be holding an Open House fundraising event for Toybox, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 3pm at 4 Boswell Road. They will be serving tea/coffee and cake alongside a cake sale.



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## THERE IS MORE GOOD NEWS ON THE ESCOLA REOM APPEAL – to be announced on Sunday.

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.

### MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

**Easter Invitations:** Are available on the foyer counter for you to give to people.

*repeat* **Open the Book:** is a ministry that acts out Bible stories in primary school assemblies, giving the children an opportunity to explore the Bible. The team would benefit from having another man! The commitment is every other Monday in term time, 8.20-10.30am. The ability to dress up and read out loud with a desire to share the Bible is all you need. It is a fun, supportive team. To find out more talk with David Long 01788 576541.

### CHURCH FAMILY

**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.

**Setting up your young person's first phone:** Warwickshire County council has compiled a helpful checklist to use when deciding to give your young person a phone. There is a poster on the 'This Week's' notice board or see it HERE <https://www.smso.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Setting-up-young-persons-first-phone.pdf>

**Men's WhatsApp Group:** There is an informal WhatsApp group for men who are part of the church. To join please send your name and phone number to Gordon Banks on 07771 511516.

**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 Bull, Clifton Jon Seaton 07518 163928

**Dear Church Family:** We would like to say a huge thank you for your love and support during these hard times. We were amazed at how many of our friends from St Oswalds came to Roy's service and stayed to tea. We are very grateful to all those who helped in any way to make the day run smoothly especially all those who made cakes. With every blessing to you all, Sheila, Debs Matt and Josh x.

This is what irony means. You buy an electric car to save the planet and a tree kills it!



### ECO CHURCH

**Date for your Diary – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May after the Service – “Beating the Bounds” Prayer Walk.** A walk around the

Parish boundary celebrating the natural world on our doorstep. Leaving church after the morning service, we'll take a picnic lunch which we'll eat in the green area behind the cement works early in the walk. Full walk is about 7.5 miles but shorter options are available. Full details nearer the time.



### CONTACTS

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