



# LENT 2026

## Just Two Things

A Spiritual Practice / Escola Reom



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ST OSWALD RUGBY

## Church e-Bulletin 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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### DIARY

#### Upcoming Services:

LENT 3

Sun 8 Mar: 10.30am **Holy Communion** "Jesus & the Samaritan woman" John 4:5-42  
7.00pm **Boiler Room** Parish Prayer Meeting

Tue 10 Mar: 10.15am **Morning Worship** John 4:5-42  
2.00pm **Knox Court Community Service**

LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

#### Events:

Mon 9 Mar: 9 & 10.10am 'Open the Book' in church schools  
1.00pm Mothers' Union

Tue 10 Mar: 11.00am Connexions. Quiz time with Ray  
1.30pm ESOL  
3.00pm Tuesday Afternoon Extra

Wed 11 Mar: 9.15am Coffeekick Baby and Toddler Group  
1.30pm Preaching Team Meeting - Vicarage

Sat 14 Mar: 10am Supporting those with additional needs training  
2.00pm: Litter pick in Brownsover

**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 Regent St Baptist  
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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ST OSWALD'S

**Easter Invitation Cards are available in the Foyer for you to give to friends.**

### GOD DEPENDENT, JESUS CENTRED

**Sermon Reference:** In this Sunday's sermon Alan references a sermon he delivered online during lockdown on using the gift of prophesy. You can view it at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9IGHnJCYhk&t=5s>

**Praying for Schools:** The Diocesan Board of Education invite you to a meeting to pray for schools and young people. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 6pm. The Woodlands Centre, 53 Cymbeline Way, Rugby, CV22 6JZ.

**Holy Week Catering:** To help the catering team judge numbers, please sign the sheets in the foyer if you are likely to attend Maundy Thursday service or the Easter Day breakfast.

Also, please could you also let Jane know if you are able to provide a simple fruit salad, ([janehulme@smsso.org.uk](mailto:janehulme@smsso.org.uk)). Thank you.

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

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

Our next preparation 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))

1. If you could share a simple testimony about how you are getting on with a new spiritual discipline this Lent, please talk with Alan.
2. You can help provide desks, fans and paint for Escola Reom in Mozambique. You can give electronically at <https://justgiving.com/campaign/school-desks> or by cash or cheque made payable to "Casa Reom Trust" in the normal collection box at the back of church. Please put your name on the envelope if you are a taxpayer.



**GREAT NEWS!** We have: - **All the desks, All the fans, Half the Paint**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Like a Blue Peter Appeal in the 1970s we are looking to expand the target again as we know that more people still want to give. Dave is contacting the school to see what their other needs are.

**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)

## SERVING GOD

**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.

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

**Alpha:** Many thanks from the members of our recent Alpha Course to all those who provided and served the lovely meals and refreshments. The mealtimes were very much part of what has been a spiritually fruitful time.

## CHURCH FAMILY

**Men's Breakfast:** In Wetherspoons at 9am on the following dates. All welcome.

21<sup>st</sup>March, 25<sup>th</sup>April, 16<sup>th</sup>May, 13<sup>th</sup>June, 11<sup>th</sup>July, 15<sup>th</sup>August, 19<sup>th</sup>September, 17<sup>th</sup>October, 21<sup>st</sup>November, 12<sup>th</sup>December.

**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.

08 Mar The Pytchley, West Haddon (**12.30pm**) Ann Seaton 07989 639853

22 Mar Hillmorton Manor Colin Coleman 812073, 07733 456312

**We are Pleased to Announce** that Marie Foulkes has taken on role church cleaner. She is in Monday & Friday - but if you use the lounge and kitchen in between, please remember it is your responsibility to leave them clean.

## ECO CHURCH

**Plastic recycling:** With the new recycling centre used by Rugby Borough Council, most washed and cleaned plastics can now be put in your blue recycle bin including carrier bags, crisp packets, plastic film, punnets, pots and tubs (leave lid on if possible so these can be recycled too). Generally, if you cannot squash it by hand it shouldn't go in the blue bin.

Our next litter pick will be in Brownsover on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. Details from Gordon Banks or Malcolm Wright.



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