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To be Jesus centred,
God dependent,
missionary disciples



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Being church in a
variety of ways



Church e-Bulletin 19th April 2026

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DIARY

Upcoming Services:

Sun 19 Apr: **Alan & Jane's Final Service**
10.30am **Morning Worship** "Top tips!"
Tue 21 Apr: 10.150am **Holy Communion** Luke 24:13-35
Sun 26 Apr: 10.30am **Holy Communion** John 10:1-10
"The good shepherd and His sheep"
7pm **Boiler Room** Parish Prayer Meeting

Events:

Tue 21 Apr: 11am **Connexions** - Table games & chat
1.30pm **ESOL** English language class
3pm **Tuesday Afternoon Extra**
Wed 22 Apr: 9.15 **Coffeebreak** Baby & Toddler Group
7.30pm **Craft evening** for adults
Sat 25 Apr: 2.00pm **Litter pick** followed by refreshments

Bidding Farewell to Alan & Jane



Our 'normal' bulletin gives way to this special edition . .

A message from the Church Wardens

"The Church Wardens on behalf of the PCC, the whole congregation and everyone blessed by encounters with Alan and Jane, wish to express their heartfelt thanks for their support, teaching and service to God.



They have clearly and humbly shown us all how to be Jesus Centred, God Dependant, Missionary Disciples. We have all been personally enriched and grown by knowing them.

Their endeavours and hard work have helped us 'being church' in a variety of ways and having a wonderful environment to worship in. Because of them, more people have joined our increasingly diverse community. They are outstanding examples of serving God in His world.

These words cannot begin to express the appreciation and love we have for Alan and Jane. Praying for a blessed and restful start to their retirement."

and especially for Alan and Jane, some favourite jokes from members of Children's Church

Why did the chicken cross the road? To get his drumsticks! - Edward, 7

What's black and white and red all over? A newspaper! - Mimi, 8

Why is 6 afraid of 7? Because 7 8 9! (say it out loud) - Ambrose, 7

What do you call someone who likes Mondays? Retired! - Alisdair 60ish

Knock Knock. Who's there? Doctor. Doctor who? He's on the telly! - Alex, 11

Why did the banana go to hospital? Because he wasn't peeling well! - Eloise, 6

Why was the mushroom always invited to parties? **Because he was a fungi (fun guy) to be around!** - Mark, 59

What do you get if you cross an angry sheep with an angry cow? **Two animals in a baaaaaad moooooooood!** - Josh, 8

MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

Sponsored Cycle Ride for Casa Reom: will now be on Saturday 16th May at Draycote Water. Meet at 10.30am for the ride, followed by picnic lunch. Any questions? Email Laura Freeman-Powell laura90g@googlemail.com

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Make Lunch has got talent! to listen to the outcome of the rap workshop at Make Lunch go to <https://www.smsso.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Make-Lunch-rap-song.mp4> . Thanks to Sven from the School of Rap. The second voice on the track is that of John Slinger MP!

Craft Evening for Adults: Wednesday 22nd April, 7.30pm on the theme of 'New Life'. Places limited so if you are planning on coming along and bringing someone with you, please let Gill Duncan know via gill@smsso.org.uk

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.

26 Apr Hillmorton Manor - Colin Coleman: 07733 456312

03 May The Waterside, Hillmorton - Colin Coleman: 07733 456312

17 May The Barley Mow, Newbold - Ann Seaton: 07989 639853

CHURCH BUSINESS

Church Electoral Roll: Revision of the Roll will take place between Sunday 26th April and Sunday 10th May. The Roll will then close until after the APCM on Sunday 31st May. The revised roll will be available for inspection between Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 27th May.

We encourage all members who are 16 years or older to be on the Roll so that you can vote at the APCM. To join the Roll, please complete an application form available from the foyer in St Oswald's, then put your completed form in the Church Office post box (under the pigeonholes) or post it to the Church Centre, 1a New Street, Rugby, CV22 7BE. If you are unsure as to whether you are already on the Roll, please contact Dawn at the Church Office dawn@smsso.org.uk or 01788 330440.

ECO CHURCH

Thinking Thursdays. Many thanks for all those who helped with the 'Thinking Thursdays' event at St Oswald's last week. Hopefully it encouraged several churches in their eco-journeys! The next 'Thinking Thursday' event is on 14th May at 7.30pm on 'Food waste recycling in Rugby' by Alex Becker, Waste Services Development Office at Rugby Borough Council at the Eco-Hub (entrance on Bath Street, just off Clifton Road). For further details please go to smsso.org.uk/eco-church or see Malcolm Wright. A reminder that the next **litter pick** starts at St Oswald's on Saturday 25th April at 2.00pm. All welcome.



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