



Church e-Bulletin 12th July 2026

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DIARY

Upcoming Services:

Sun 12 July: 10.30am **Holy Communion** Matt 13:1-9,
18-23 "The Parable of the Sower"
7.00pm **Boiler Room** Parish Prayer Meeting

Tue 14 July: 10.15am **Morning Worship** Matt 13:1-9, 18-23
2.00pm **Knox Court** Worship Service

Sun 19 July: 10.30am **Morning Worship** Matt 13:24-30,
36-43 "Why doesn't God do something"

Events:

Mon 13 July : 1.00pm **Mothers' Union**

Tue 14 July : 11am **Connexions**. Table Games & chat cards
1.30pm **ESOL** English Language Class
3.00pm **Tuesday Afternoon Extra**

Wed 15 July: 9.15am **Coffeebreak** Baby and Toddler Group
7.30pm **Craft Evening** for grown-ups

Thu 16 July: Thursday Fellowship Outing
7.30pm **Bereavement Journey Course**

GOD DEPENDENT, JESUS CENTRED

Boiler Room Parish Prayer Meeting: This Sunday 12th July, 7pm for one hour. Come along and pray for all the various activities over the coming summer months.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

CHURCH IN THE PARK: A huge 'thank you' to everyone who gave their time and helped man our craft stations last Sunday. There were some great conversations, and you helped to bless all the children and their parents who participated in the different crafts. A special shout-out goes to Gill who did an amazing job in organising the crafts and putting everything together. Her hard work and dedication was greatly appreciated.

Coffee Break: As you know, Hilary is stepping down as leader after many years of service. As no new leaders have come forward and in order to keep the group running, Gill has agreed to look after Coffee Break temporarily until the new vicar arrives (on a voluntary basis, in addition to her current role). We need 2/3 volunteers to help set up on a Tuesday evening – without this help the group will sadly have to close. We offer a massive thank you and well done to Hilary for all her work and pray for Gill and the team going forward. If you can offer 30mins on a Tuesday evening to set up, please contact Gill.

Craft Evening for grown-ups: The final session before we take a summer break is on Wednesday 15th July at 7.30pm where we shall be focusing on 'Rest and Receive'. The craft will be mosaic coasters and Diamond Art. The cost is £3 which includes all resources and refreshments. Limited places available, book your place with the office 01788 330440 theoffice@smsso.org.uk



Make Lunch Summer Holidays 2026

Plans are well advanced for the 8 sessions and families are now booking in. **The team** is coming together too with a few new recruits, a new Junior Helper and a new role for one of the mums. **The theme** for the summer is "Around the World" and both activities and menus are being planned to follow the theme. There will be visits from Alpaca Pals and Rugby Library and a day trip to Wicksteed Park. It is going to be a brilliant summer!

To read the latest Make Lunch news update, please see the printed copies in the foyer or go to the news page of our website <https://www.smsso.org.uk/news/>.

MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

Mission Partner for July is TWAM: Malcolm Hunt, the Mission Champion for TWAM, will be highlighting their work at the 10.30am service on Sunday 19th July. Do take the opportunity to look at the display on the Missions Noticeboard in the foyer.

CHURCH BUSINESS

repeat **Haggai Mornings: Saturdays 1st and 8th August** Haggai 1:8 says, “ “Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honoured,” says the Lord.” Please put the dates in your diary (mornings only) – there will be jobs suitable for all ages and skills. No prior experience necessary, just a willingness to get stuck in! Any questions, contact Alisdair a.rusk@ntlworld.com

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.

12 July The Waterside, Hillmorton – Jon Seaton: 07518 163928

26 July Hillmorton Manor – Ann Seaton: 07989 639853

EVENTS

ADVANCE NOTICE Diocesan Vision Consultations: Work on the Diocesan

vision and strategy is continuing and Bishop Sophie would love you to have your say. There will be opportunities to engage at six consultation events, happening at three venues across the diocese. You are welcome to any of the following six events, just sign up via Equip Hub <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/autumn-consultation-2026/>

- St Edmund's, Shipston on **Monday 7th September** (3-5pm or 7-9pm)
- St Nicholas, Radford Semele on **Wednesday 9th September** (3-5pm or 7-9pm)
- St John's, Westwood on **Monday 21st September** (3-5pm or 7-9pm)



ECO CHURCH

New waste food collection. Rugby Borough Council is now collecting food waste weekly in the green caddies that should have been sent to every home. For full details, please pick up a leaflet or visit <https://www.rugby.gov.uk/w/new-food-waste-collection-service>. If you haven't received your caddies (a small one for inside and a larger one to go outside), please go to <https://www.rugby.gov.uk/w/request-a-replacement-or-additional-bin> or call 01788 533533 to request one.

You can line both caddies with a liner or plastic bag to stop liquid and mush getting stuck in the corners. Tie the bags up once full. Plastic bags will be removed from the food waste at the processing centre and recycled. Keep the caddies out of direct sunlight with the lids closed to keep smells in and insects out. Let hot things (eg tea bags, warm scraps) cool down first as steam adds moisture, encouraging the food to decompose quicker and attracting flies. You can clean the caddies with boiling water and salt with a splash of lemon juice.



Work Experience. This week we have had Elisabeth a Yr 10 student from Ashlawn join us for Work Experience. She says “I’ve enjoyed being able to do a variety of things to help out. At Connexions I enjoyed meeting new people and at Coffeebreak I made myself useful by helping to clear up and engage in conversations. I’ve helped Gill with labelling the boxes in the Resources room and have helped in the church office with admin tasks. Thank you for the opportunity.”

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