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Church e-Bulletin August 2026

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DIARY

Upcoming Services:

Sun 2 Aug: 10.30am **Morning Worship & Summer Special 2**
for children "Jesus feeds the 5000"
Matt 14:13-21

Tue 4 Aug: 10.15am **Holy Communion** Matt 14:13-21

Sun 9 Aug: 10.30am **Holy Communion & Summer Special 3**
for children "Jesus walks on the water"
Matt 14:22-33

Tue 11 Aug: 10.15am **Morning Worship** Matt 14:22-33
2.00pm **Knox Court** Worshipping Community Service

Sun 16 Aug: 10.30am **Morning Worship & Summer Special 4**
for children "The faith of a Canaanite woman"
Matt 15:21-28

Tue 18 Aug: 10.15am **Holy Communion** Matt 15:21-28

Sun 23 Aug: 10.30am **Holy Communion & Summer Special 5**
for children "Peter declares that Jesus is the
Messiah" Matt 16:13-20

Tue 25 Aug: 10.15am **Morning Worship** Matt 16:13-20

Sun 30 Aug: 10.30am **Morning Worship & Summer Special 6**
for children "Jesus predicts His death"
Matt 16:21-end

Events:

School Summer Holidays

Our usual Outreach Community Projects take a break until September.

Sat 1 Aug: 9am-12noon **Haggai Day 1**

Tue 4 Aug: **Make Lunch** trip to Wicksteed Park

Thu 6 Aug: 12-2.00pm **Make Lunch** Summer Session

Sat 8 Aug: 9am-12noon **Haggai Day 2**

Mon 10 Aug: 1pm **Mothers' Union Cream Tea**

Tue 11 Aug: 12-2.00pm **Make Lunch** Summer Session

Wed 12 Aug: 6-7.30pm **Eclipse** Viewing at church

Thu 13 Aug: 12-2.00pm **Make Lunch** Summer Session

Sat 15 Aug: 9.00am **Men's Breakfast** at Wetherspoons

Tue 18 Aug: 12-2.00pm **Make Lunch** Summer Session

Thu 20 Aug: 12-2.00pm **Make Lunch** Summer Session

Sat 22 Aug: 2.00pm **Litter Pick** followed by refreshments

The next bulletin will be sent out on Saturday 29th August

The deadline for any notices will be midday Wednesday 26th August

GOD DEPENDENT, JESUS CENTRED

Summer Sundays arrangements for Children: Throughout August there will be activities suitable for **Primary school aged children** in the marquee with two leaders on each week. Parents will need to come out into the foyer with their children when the children go out and if there are more than 10 children, some parents will need to stay to help. **Tea and Toast members** are welcome to help with the activities or stay in church and **pre-school children** can stay in church with their parents and make use of the Nest or they are welcome to play with the toys in the marquee with a parent, but this will not be supervised by children's church leaders.

This is so that children's church leaders get a bit of a break during the holidays. Thank you for your support!

Morning Prayers: continue during August, Monday to Thursday 9.00am for 20 minutes. Margaret will lead prayers weeks beginning 3rd & 10th of August with Zoom link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71557861013?pwd=bHaci0uAR92JxGTZgHjgWqKGSEE9ha.1>

and Gordon will resume leading prayers from week beginning 17th August with Zoom link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84360956204#success> Meeting ID: 843 6095 6204 Password: prayer.

Boiler Room Parish Prayer Meeting: takes a break during August and resumes on Sunday 13th September at 7pm for one hour.

CHURCH BUSINESS

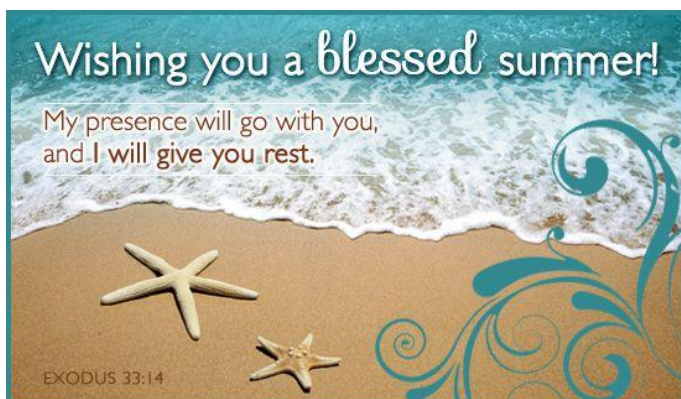
Listen out for any church business: that the wardens will be sharing in the notices section of the services. They will let you know when the Parish Profile will be available to read on the website and any other updates as they arise. Please continue to pray for our new incumbent, for our Parish Reps and for all involved in the process.

ECO CHURCH

Eclipse viewing and nature trail. Wednesday 12th August, 6.00pm-7.30pm at church. All equipment required to view the eclipse safely in various ways will be provided. See Malcolm Wright malcolmwright11@gmail.com for details.

Litter pick. Our next litter pick will be on Saturday 22nd August at 2.00pm starting from St Oswald's. See Gordon Banks gordonbanks51@gmail.com for details.

All welcome to both events. Under 18's must be accompanied by a parent / guardian. Further information at <https://www.smso.org.uk/eco-church>



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Are you tired? Worn out?
Burned out on religion?
Come to me.

Get away with me and
you'll recover your life.

I'll show you how
to take a real rest.
Walk with me and
work with me—
watch how I do it.

*Learn the unforced
rhythms of grace.*

I won't lay anything heavy
or ill-fitting on you.

Keep company with me
and you'll learn to live
freely and lightly.

Matthew 11:28-30