



Church e-Bulletin 26th July 2026

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DIARY

Upcoming Services:

Sun 26 July: 10.30am **Holy Communion & Summer Special 1** for children "The parables of the mustard seed, yeast, hidden treasure and pearl"
Matt 13:31-33, 44-52
7.00pm **Boiler Room** Parish Prayer Meeting

Tue 28 July: 10.15am **Morning Worship** Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Events:

School Summer Holidays

Our usual Outreach Community Projects take a break until September.

Tue 28 July : 11am **Connexions**. Summer Singalong with Owen & Lynda
12-2.00pm **Make Lunch** Summer Session

Thu 30 July: 12-2.00pm **Make Lunch** Summer Session

GOD DEPENDENT, JESUS CENTRED

Summer Sundays arrangements for Children: Starting this week 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!

Boiler Room Parish Prayer Meeting: Sunday 26th July, 7pm for one hour. Come along as we focus on the process of finding our new vicar, summer holidays, our mission partners and the persecuted church.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Thank you: "Dear Church Family, thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, card and gift presented to me last Sunday on my retirement from leading Coffee Break baby and toddler group. The lovely, framed text of 'The Lord Bless you and keep you' will be a very special reminder of the occasion. I honestly couldn't have led Coffee Break without the faithful help and support of all the team, both past and present, together with others who have helped when needed (including serving refreshments - and mending toys!). I am so very grateful to them all, and also to Gill for taking on the leadership temporarily. I do sincerely pray that more help will be forthcoming to support Gill, and to enable this vital outreach ministry to young families to continue.
Every blessing, Hilary Hunt."

Foodbank Needs: Please remember the foodbank when you are shopping, that extra tin you buy will help a needy person who comes to the foodbank. At the moment the foodbank is short of tinned tomatoes, tinned carrots, tinned sweet corn and pasta sauce. Can you help?

CHURCH BUSINESS

PCC Meeting, 7.30pm Monday 20th July: The PCC approved the Parish Profile and appointed Eleanor Jackson and Joel Rawlinson as Parish Reps. The formal paperwork has been returned to the Diocese, who will now start pulling together the advert and preparing for interviews. The profile will be available for you to read on our website shortly. Please continue to pray for our new incumbent and for Eleanor, Joel and all those involved.

Haggai Mornings: Saturdays 1st and 8th August Thank you to those of you who have already signed up to help at one or both of the work mornings – it is not too late to sign up. There will be jobs suitable for all ages and skills, no prior experience necessary, just a willingness to get stuck in! Let's build on the momentum already started to ensure the place is looking great for the new Vicar!

CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to John & Val Burgon: who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 23rd July. There will be an act of Thanksgiving in the 10.30am Service this Sunday, to mark this special occasion.

Sunday Lunch Club: are meeting as shown below at 12:30pm (*please note time change*) then will take a break during August and resume in September.

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 church, the first time you come, the cost is on us.

26 July Hillmorton Manor – Ann Seaton: 07989 639853

EVENTS



Non-stop prayer in every nation on earth

24/7 PRAYER said "Last year the first-ever Global Week of 24-7 Prayer saw 140 nations host day-and-night, non-stop prayer for a week. As we exalted Jesus's name to the highest place,

we saw churches filled with fresh passion to pray for the world, physical pain miraculously disappearing, and strangers knocking on the door of prayer rooms, asking about Jesus."

From 6-13 September 2026, the global Church is invited to pray non-stop in every nation on earth in the Global Week of Prayer. We sense God's invitation to unite together to lift up the name of Jesus here in Rugby. Will you and your community join us?

Revive Rugby's plan for Rugby and surrounding villages:

- to gather and start the week in prayer on Sunday 6th September from 7-8pm, then
- 8pm-8am zoom prayer room for 7 nights
- Monday to Saturday specific venues open for prayer 8am-8pm
- Sunday 13th prayer in local church services and a specific venue and then
- gather to end the week in prayer on Sunday 13th September from 7-8pm

ECO CHURCH

Big Butterfly Count. This year's Big Butterfly Count is now active. Butterflies and moths are vital parts of the ecosystem as both pollinators and part of the food chain. They are, however, under threat with numbers in the UK decreasing significantly since the 1970s. Taking part simply involves counting how many butterflies of each species you spot in a 15 minute period. Details and an identification chart are available at <https://www.smso.org.uk/eco-church/>



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