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Church e-Bulletin 19th July 2026

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DIARY

Upcoming Services:

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

Tue 21 July: 10.15am **Holy Communion** Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

Sun 26 July: 10.30am **Holy Communion** with **Summer Special** 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

Events:

School Summer Holidays

Our usual Outreach Community Projects take a break until September.

Mon 20 July : 7.30pm **PCC Meeting**

Tue 21 July : 11am **Connexions**. Beetle Drive with Sue

Thu 23 July: 7.30pm **Bereavement Journey Course**

GOD DEPENDENT, JESUS CENTRED

Summer Sundays arrangements for Children: During the summer holidays 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.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Thank you Hilary: After many years of service at Coffee Break both as helper and more lately as leader, Hilary ran her final session last Wednesday. We would like to thank her wholeheartedly for everything she has done to make the group such a warm, friendly and thriving place. Her kindness, encouragement and hard work have touched the lives of many families throughout our parish and the wider Rugby area over the years. We are deeply grateful for all the time, energy and love she has given to this ministry.

Gill will be taking over as Coffee Break leader in September on a temporary basis. We are still looking for people to help occasionally at the group and with set up on Tuesday evening/early Wednesday morning. If you can help please contact Gill asap gill@smsso.org.uk

Coffee Break Summer catch ups: Gill has put together a programme of get togethers in Caldecott Park during the school summer holidays. Whilst they are aimed primarily at those who attend Coffee Break, church members would be most welcome to come along with their young children/grandchildren. Please see the flier on the counter in the church foyer for dates and details.



CHURCH BUSINESS

PCC Meeting, 7.30pm Monday 20th July: We have received very encouraging and supportive feedback on the draft of the Parish Profile from Bishop Sophie. The final draft is now ready for formal approval at Monday's PCC meeting, where our Parish Reps will also be appointed. As soon as this has taken place, we will be able to start the process of formally advertising for candidates. The profile will be available on our website in due course for everyone to read. Please continue to pray for everyone involved in the process, particularly the prospective candidates.

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! Sign-up sheets available in the foyer. Any questions, contact Alisdair a.rusk@ntlworld.com

CHURCH FAMILY

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

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

Solar eclipse viewing – Wed 12 August 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Join us as we celebrate God's creation with the most dramatic eclipse visible from Rugby until 2090! Come and watch the moon gradually cover the sun over the course of about an hour until at 7.13pm only a very thin crescent sun remains. All equipment needed to safely view and photograph the eclipse will be provided. All welcome – under 16's must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please see Malcolm Wright for details.



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