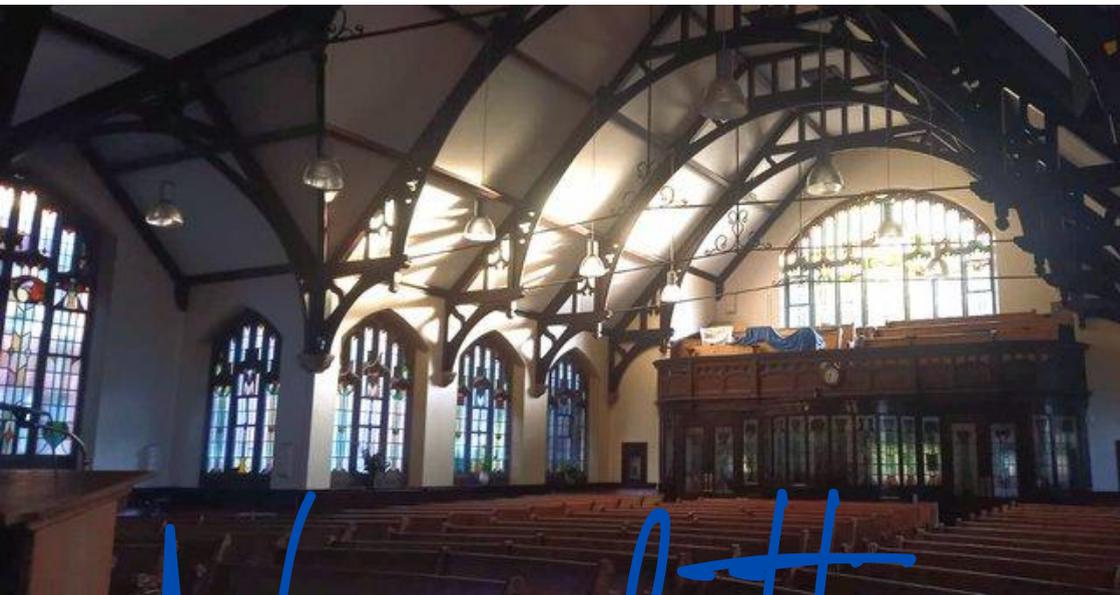




RUGBY BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIPPING · SERVING · GROWING · REACHING OUT · BELONGING



# Newsletter

2nd & 9th March 2025

“Come and See”



Many of the children at Holiday Club had no other church connection.



On Friday 21st February, 18 children and 10 adult helpers joined together in the Upper Hall for a one-day holiday Club.

In just two and a half hours we explored the Bible story of Ruth using games, craft, video, and learned a memory verse: "Your God will be my God" (Ruth 1:16) along with a new song ....

It was fun; it was hectic; it was exhausting. One little girl left disappointed that she could not come back the next day – which is possibly the best review we could have received.

I want to thank the team who made the day possible, especially Fiona Meacham who did sterling work preparing a lot of the craft and baking biscuits to be decorated.

We are now looking forward to our next Holiday Club – three days from August 20-22nd when we will be setting sail for the Spanish Maine in the hunt for buried treasure.



# THE BOYS' BRIGADE

> the adventure begins here



"A massive thank you to everyone in church who has supported the Anchors & Juniors in their "End Polio Now 1240 challenge" Our initial target of 1240 coins, to match the miles along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border was soon passed and in the end we managed to collect 3720 coins which enabled us to complete 3 trips along the border.



The total collected from the coins, the cake sale and donations amounts to £285.00 which will be presented to Pauline Kimber for the Rotary End Polio Now campaign, at the next Parade service on Church Anniversary Sunday 9th. March. With the enhancement to the donation from the Bill Gates Foundation this will enable over 1600 children to be vaccinated against Polio"

Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the life of **Carol Clayton**

**Friday 21st March, 11.30am**

Rugby Baptist Church followed by light refreshments in the Regent Rooms. All welcome.

## CAFE OPEN

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
JOHN LEES HALL 10AM - 12:30PM

**Come and see the designs for our new kitchen during our next coffee morning.**

**Saturday 1st March  
10:00 - 12:30**



# Upcoming Services

## Sunday 2nd March 2025

10:30 Sunday Morning Communion Service

TRANSFIGURATION: THE MOUNTAIN TOP FOR THE VALLEY  
MARK 9:2-13

[Live Links Here](#)



6:30 Evening Service

LED BY THE CENTRAL HOUSE GROUP

**Flowers given today by the Clayton and Spraget Families  
In Memory of Loved Ones**

## Sunday 9th March 2025 Anniversary Weekend

10:30 Sunday Morning Service

GUEST PREACHER: STEVE WOOD  
PHILLIPPIANS 1:3-6, 9-11

[Live Links Here](#)



6:30 Evening Cluster Service

GUEST PREACHER: STEVE WOOD

**Flowers given today by Margaret Gibbs  
Birthday memories for Mum, Dad and Gran**

# Anniversary Guest Preacher

Steve Wood joins us from Ashburnham Christian Trust for our Anniversary Services on Sunday 9th March.

Ashburnham Christian Trust is a retreat centre with an international community of about 90 people, made up of a paid team and their families as well as young trainees who join for up to 1 year.

Based in Battle in Sussex, they host retreats, conferences and training courses throughout the year and steward 220 acres of land and lakes.



# Anniversary Weekend Gift Day

**Our Anniversary Weekend will also feature our annual Gift Day. A gift day is an opportunity to give a special gift in gratitude to God for the church and his love to us. Sometimes our Gift day is for a special project within the church, but at other times, such as this year, we seek to bless God's work beyond our church.**

**2025 is proving to be a very turbulent year. There is the sense that the danger of a widespread war is increasing, and many people are already caught up in the violence of conflict.**

**So this year the Deacons have decided that our Gift Day appeal will be split between Christian Aid's Middle East Crisis Appeal, and the Coventry-Based Community of the Cross of Nails.**

Through our Gift Day appeal we will both be seeking to relieve the suffering caused by war, and in a small way to challenge and change the attitudes that lead to war.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this appeal. We recognise that everyone's circumstances are different; some will be able to respond financially, and others will be able to respond in other ways. In all things, let God be glorified and his Kingdom blessed.

Every blessing, *David*

You can contribute to the Gift Day Appeals online via the link below, (please use payment reference GIFT DAY) or give cash via the offering on Sunday 9th March.



P.S. A church Anniversary is also a good time to consider your regular giving and—if you pay income tax—to set up Gift Aid so that for every pound you give Rugby Baptist Church can claim an additional 25p from HMRC at no cost to you.

The most efficient way to give to church is by regular bank transfer (Standing Order or BACS).



# christian aid

## Middle East

### Humanitarian Appeal

With support and prayers, we can and will reach more people with the humanitarian aid they need. Donate today if you can.



Christian Aid's Middle East Crisis Appeal, which seeks to help those suffering or displaced as a result of conflict in Gaza. Christian Aid is working to provide food, shelter, sanitation, mobile bathrooms, counselling and medical aid for the traumatised.

The conflict in the Middle East has taken a devastating toll on innocent lives. Before the ceasefire was agreed, civilians endured unimaginable suffering as violence escalated.

While the death, destruction, and displacement in the region are overwhelming, there's still hope. With your support, our partners can provide lifesaving supplies to civilians caught up in this conflict.

More than 46,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, many of those children. With homes and infrastructure flattened, nearly 2 million people have been displaced, forced to face extreme hunger and disease in overcrowded shelters. We've seen the same trend of death, destruction and displacement in Lebanon too.

World leaders need to immediately support a locally led reconstruction plan for Gaza to provide hope for the future.



# Community of the Cross of Nails

Growing together in hope, a worldwide network of some 260 churches, charities, chaplaincies, peace-building and retreat centres, schools and other educational and training organisations, all inspired by the Coventry story of destruction, rebuilding and renewal, and active in reconciliation in our own ways.

Coventry Cathedral is most famously known for being bombed during WW2, which left Coventry Cathedral and much of the city in ruins.

From this comes the story of Coventry Cathedral's reconciliation, which begins the day after the destruction of the Old Cathedral on the 14th November 1940, Provost Dick Howard (who led the Cathedral during WW2) made a commitment to not seek revenge, but to strive for forgiveness and, ultimately, reconciliation with those responsible.

After the Blitz, two symbols emerged from the rubble: two charred roof-beams which had fallen in the shape of a cross were bound and placed at the site of the ruined altar, and three medieval roof nails were also formed into a cross, which became the original Cross of Nails (now located at the High Altar in the new Cathedral).



The Cross of Nails quickly became a potent sign of friendship and hope in the post-war years, and continues to work around the world to heal the wounds of history and promote peace, celebrate our diversity and bring about reconciliation.



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
RUGBY BAPTIST CHURCH'S

# Anniversary Breakfast

MARCH 8TH - 8AM - 9:45AM  
JOHN LEES HALL

FULL ENGLISH - CEREAL - ORANGE JUICE  
£5 DONATION RECOMMENDED

THERE WILL BE GUEST SPEAKERS FROM REVIVE RUGBY  
**Jonathan Skelton and Diana Mansell**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME, PLEASE LET MICK DAULMAN KNOW ASAP.  
(07799881252 OR MICKDAULMAN@SKY.COM)

**BOOK NOW**

Call Mick to  
book your  
breakfast on  
**07359 428108**

**BOOK NOW**

Call Kathryn to  
book your quiz  
team in on  
**07914 763221**

Church Anniversary

# QUIZ

Rugby Baptist Church  
Regent Place

Saturday 8th March  
6.30pm for 7pm start

**Hosted by quizmaster  
Dave Twynholm**

Light refreshments will be  
available to purchase before the  
start and during the interval

£5 per person, up to 6 per team

booking and payment in advance is essential  
contact Kathryn Morley on 07914 763221

# What is Lent?

The word “Lent” comes from the Old English word “lengten,” which simply means “Spring” – when the days grow longer and bright with new life. It is a time to anticipate the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death. It is (to borrow a phrase from C.S. Lewis) a season of “happiness and wonder that makes you serious.”

**This Lent I would encourage you to do two things:**

- 1. focus on God daily, either by joining our Zoom prayer meeting at 9am each day ([Click here for the link](#)) or by using the thought for the day produced as part of the 40 Acts.**
- 2. focus on others using the “40 Acts” initiative we are supporting this year.**

My prayer for you this Lent is that as days grow brighter you would experience more and more the reality of God’s love and grace. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, so Lent will make our hearts ready for Easter, when we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection.



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**40 Acts  
Sign Up Here**



**Do Lent  
generously**

in partnership with



**Join in**





As we enter the season of Lent, a time of reflection and giving, we invite our church community to support those in need. Rugby Foodbank will be providing emergency food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship. With the soaring cost of living, many people are turning to food banks for support.

### How You Can Help:

The food bank is calling on our local community to come together in generosity and compassion during this Lenten season. To guide your giving, see the 40-Day Give in Lent Calendar, offering daily opportunities to contribute and make a difference.

If you are able to donate, please drop off food items at Rugby Foodbank Newbold Road, Rugby CV21 2LN.

Let us come together as a faith community to support those in need. Your generosity can truly make an impact.

Thank you for your kindness and support!  
Rugby Foodbank



# Give in Lent Calendar



Donate food for the 40 days of Lent. You can find our foodbank details here: [www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk)

5 March

|                                 |                                 |                               |                                   |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tinned fruit <b>1</b>           | UHT milk <b>2</b>               | Squash <b>3</b>               | Long life sponge pudding <b>4</b> |
| Jam <b>5</b>                    | Biscuits <b>6</b>               | Soup <b>7</b>                 | Tinned fish <b>8</b>              |
| Rice <b>9</b>                   | Coffee (instant) <b>10</b>      | Cooking sauce <b>11</b>       | Cereal <b>12</b>                  |
| Dried milk <b>13</b>            | Tinned tomatoes <b>14</b>       | Toilet roll <b>15</b>         | Tinned vegetables <b>16</b>       |
| Custard <b>17</b>               | Long life fruit juice <b>18</b> | Deodorant <b>19</b>           | Tinned meat <b>20</b>             |
| Cuppa soup <b>21</b>            | Cream crackers <b>22</b>        | Shower gel <b>23</b>          | Dried red lentils <b>24</b>       |
| Instant mashed potato <b>25</b> | Snack meals <b>26</b>           | Nappies size 6 or 7 <b>27</b> | Custard <b>28</b>                 |
| Crisps <b>29</b>                | Washing up liquid <b>30</b>     | Laundry detergent <b>31</b>   | Individual jelly pots <b>32</b>   |
| Toothpaste <b>33</b>            | Peanut butter <b>34</b>         | Cooking oil <b>35</b>         | Shampoo <b>36</b>                 |
| Tinned vegetables <b>37</b>     | Tinned potatoes <b>38</b>       | Hot chocolate <b>39</b>       | Tinned meat pie <b>40</b>         |

17 April

07557 680019  
[rugby.foodbank.org.uk](http://rugby.foodbank.org.uk)

Please deliver food donations to:  
 Rugby Foodbank, Lawn & Retreat,  
 Newbold Road, Rugby, CV21 2LN.  
 Monday - Friday 9.30am – 12 noon

Registered Charity Number: 1126487 | Registered in England & Wales



## Monthly Prayer Diary

Our monthly prayer diary includes daily prayers that reflect on both events around the world and here at Rugby Baptist Church. Each day is allocated to a church family member(s) so that we can hold those people in our prayers and thoughts throughout the day. If you would like your name to be included in the prayer diary we need your permission. You can give this directly by using your MyChurchSuite log in to change your preferences or you can contact one of our pastoral friends or the church office.



## Advance Prayer Walks on the Streets

On the first Thursday of each month we gather to prayer walk the streets of our town to praise God and pray for our community. Join us as we walk our streets, asking God to revive businesses, revive broken relationships, revive families and revive hope in our town.

March Prayer Walk - meet in the leisure centre car park and head to St. Cross Hospital where we will pray about health. Meeting at 7.30pm-9pm

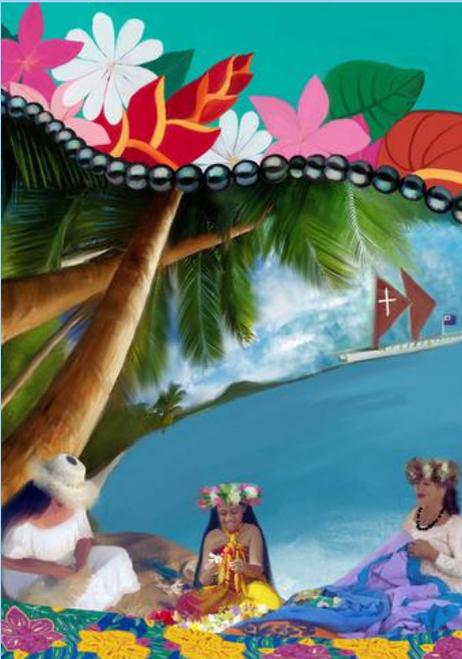


# World day of Prayer 2025

A service for everyone  
Friday 7th March

Sacred Heart Church, 17 Lime  
Tree Avenue, Bilton CV227QT,  
10.30-11.30

Refreshments afterwards, all  
welcome.



The Gift  
of Years

Rugby

## Exploration Evening

Thursday 13 March  
Paddox Methodist Church  
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Perhaps you feel that God may  
be calling you to serve in some  
way. Perhaps it's a ministry to  
those within care homes in  
Rugby.

We aim to share what it means  
to be a Chaplain or volunteer.

Everyone is welcome.

Share in this annual, world wide and  
beautiful occasion, prepared by  
women of the Cook Islands in the  
Pacific Ocean, inspired by Psalm  
139 " I praise you for I am  
wonderfully made".

Picture designed by Tarani Napa and  
Tevairangi Napa, mother and  
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Islands.

# CHURCH YOUTH

**CY** **+**  
**SUNDAYS**

**6.30 - 8PM**

**RUGBY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**YOU ARE WELCOME**

**IT'S FUN & FREE**

**COME AND SEE**

**SCHOOL YEARS 7-13**

[RUGBYBAPTIST.ORG.UK](http://RUGBYBAPTIST.ORG.UK)



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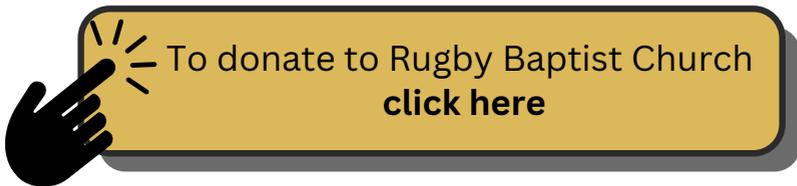
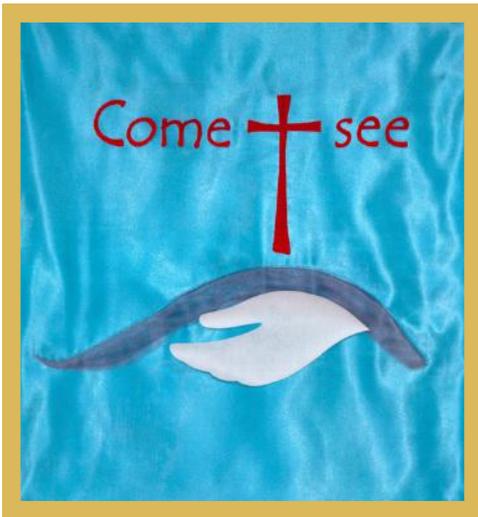


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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 9am to 1pm



**Charity Number 1126606**