25th May & 1st June 2025

NOC RUGBY BAPTIST CHURCH



Church members met on 13th May in the John Lees Hall.

Feedback received regarding previous events such as Easter were very positive with a few things ideas to add in for next year.

Russ delivered the Q4 finance report and reminded regular givers to please sign up for Gift Aid. The gift aid form is available from the JLH or church foyer, via our website or the link at the back of this newsletter. Signing up could make a real difference as for the last 3 years we have been over the GASDS unnamed giving threshold and unable to make claims on our donations, missing out on several hundred pounds.

Mark, Kemi, Kayode, Damien, Theresa, Augustine and Priscilla were all accepted into membership.

Message from David: Thank you to everyone for your kindness, understanding, prayers and support following my recent eye surgery. Although I am not quite out of the woods yet, my sight is steadily improving. I am so grateful to all those who stepped in to support the church while I was signed off, whether members of our own church or our wider christian family. Thank you, one and all.



Thank you to all those that contributed to Christian Aid week, raising funds to support farmers in their fight against hungar and climate change in Guatemala. A total of £910.30 was raised.



Boys' Brigade Awards Night took place last Friday with guests taking part in a paper aeroplane challenge. Congratulations to Cody on achieveing the highest award in Boys' Brigade the Kings' Badge, the equivalent to the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Zach, Elliott, Alex, Ethan and Ryan were awarded their President Badges. These boys have shown commitment to their faith journey, volunteering and being active members.



The Women's Meeting 1944 (Now known as Thursday Fellowship)

Thursday Fellowship celebrated their centenary last Saturday with a concert from Rob Colley. Stuart put together a lovely booklet about the groups history. These are available to collect from the church foyer. You can also watch the concert via youtube by clicking this link:



Saturday 7th June 10.30 – 12pm

Gardening Team Coffee Morning and Plant Sale

Join us for cakes, drinks and plants

In the John Lees Hall at Rugby Baptist Church Regent Place, CV21 2PJ

RUGBY BAPTIST CHURCH 1905 FOUNDATION STONE.

From the archives . . .



During the closing years of the 1800's, R.B.C. experienced a sad time of unrest. Many people left the Church. The remaining congregation worked loyally to maintain and develop the Church. They were successful and soon it became obvious that a new building was needed. A member of a Rugby family of bankers, Rev. James Butlin, heard about their difficulties and wished to help. He recommended the Rev. J.H.Lees as a possible new Minister and gave financial support generously. Rev. Butlin purchased land in Regent Street for R.B.C. Later in 1907 Rev. Butlin bought 2 plots of land by the Church. These are now the garden and J.L.Hall. In 1905 Rev Butlin was given the honour of laying the foundation stone.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH and SCHOOLS, RUGBY.

Memorial Stone Laying,

Wednesday, March 15th, 1905.

PROCESSION, headed by the Primitive Methodist Brass Band, from the Chapel in Castle St., at **2.30**. STONE LAYING CEREMONY at **3** o'clock. HIGH TEA at **5** o'clock, in Co-operative Hall. GREAT PUBLIC MEETING in the Evening.

Programme and Souvenir, Price 1d.&

Frost & Sons, Typ., Rugby,

A quiz.. Where is the stone? On what day and month was it laid? Call for Christmas Stall Holders at our Fair on Saturday 29th November. £12 Per table. christmasfair@rugbybaptist.org.uk **Sorry we cannot** accommodate food stalls.

JLH Piano has been tuned! If you would like to come and play the piano please do! Get in touch with Gill in the office to arrange when the JLH is available.

If you would like to volunteer with the Regent Tots and have fun playing every Monday morning, Rosemary Greer or Dee Hickey would love to hear from you.

Big thank you to Milton for putting our monthly prayer diary together. June's prayer diary is now available to collect from the church foyer and is emailed with this newsletter too. If you would like to donate flowers for a special person or occasion in our Sunday Morning Service, please see Fiona on a Sunday morning.



"Alongside our challenges in this past year I have continued to hear wonderful stories of mission; people finding faith and being baptised, of churches, chaplains and pioneers being and sharing Jesus in so many amazing and creative ways.

"God is good!" General Secretary Lynn Green shared reflections on the previous year at the Baptist Assembly.

She highlighted how we had pooled our resources to train more than 200 youth leaders through the Youthscape Essentials training program

She celebrated the ongoing development of young leaders aged 18-35, and the Everyone Everywhere initiative, launched at the 2024 Assembly. Everyone Everywhere is a collaborative effort that seeks to inspire confidence in sharing the gospel and celebrate the diverse ways Baptists are fulfilling the Great Commission in their unique contexts. With an increase in baptisms and reports charting an increase in churchgoing, outgoing President Steve Finamore told Baptist Assembly:

"Perhaps this is the change that we've longed to see and that we've prayed for. I had to retire for it to happen!"



"This was the first Baptist Assembly that I have attended. As well as the updates, worship and Bible Studies, it was great to meet people from all over the country and find out what is happening in their areas." Trudy McKnight.

Read more at www.baptist.org.uk or Click HERE

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Quiet Day

A reminder of the church quiet day and evening concert taking place on 28th June with Jimmy Orr and Chloe Rose. Further details to follow soon!



£10 per ticket Bring your own drinks. Tickets have limited availability and booked

on a first come first served basis. Apply for tickets via

www.rugbybaptist.org.uk

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Christians Against Poverty



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Our Regional Minister, Neil Le Tissier is retiring and you're invited to his valedictory service on Saturday 7th June. Details below.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE VALEDICTORY SERVICE OF



P. Tissier

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF NEIL'S RETIREMENT.

SATURDAY 7 JUNE 2025 3PM BUFFET | 4PM SERVICE

Shirley Baptist Church Stratford Rd, Shirley, Solihull B90 3BD

RSVP: https://valedictoryservice.eventbrite.co.uk Minister - David Fleming 07725 302765 - david@rugbybaptist.org.uk

Associate Minister - Trudy McKnight 07444 400652 - trudy@rugbybaptist.org.uk

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Find out more.



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