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St George's Church in the Community

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DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES

This is a difficult time for many people who are feeling the pinch because of redundancy and other pressures on their finances, and we wish to make you aware of some of the help that is out there.

Rugby Credit Union is a not-for-profit savings and loans co-operative, owned and controlled by its members. It exists primarily to help the financially disadvantaged by encouraging them to save and offer them low cost loans as a long-term alternative to doorstep lenders who charge extortionate rates of interest.

We are part of the voluntary sector, with a democratically elected board of directors and various committees. We have more than two dozen volunteers who are regularly involved with the operation, utilising their skills and experience from a variety of backgrounds. We employ one part-time administrator and operate on a low budget, relying heavily on grants to cover our running costs. All members have equal status, with key decisions and elections made at our AGM.

We have been operating since June 2004 when we obtained FSA accreditation. Since then we have expanded our activities to include School Banks, a Green Loan scheme and a Christmas savings scheme. We also have members who join through payroll deduction schemes at their place of work, with arrangements currently operating with Rugby Borough Council & Warwickshire County Council.

By the end of 2008 our adult membership had reached 400 of which more than one third were altruistic savers, wishing to support the credit union. Around 70% of our savings balance is generally on loan. In the short period of operation we have granted around 400 loans of total value close to a quarter of a million pounds. We have taken many people from the clutches of doorstep lenders and enabled them to gain control of their finances.

New members and volunteers are always welcome. We open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00am – 3.00pm. Our office is at WCAVA House (formerly CVS House), 19-20 North Street, Rugby, CV21 2AG. Telephone us on (01788) 577900 or email rugbycreditunion@btconnect.com For more information visit our website www.rugbycreditunion.co.uk

REDUNDANCY : A Prayer from the Church of England Website.

"Redundant" - the word says it all—"useless, unnecessary, without purpose, surplus to requirements." Thank you Heavenly Father, that in the middle of the sadness, the anger, the uncertainty, the pain, I can talk to you. Hear me as I cry out in confusion, help me to think clearly, and calm my soul. As life carries on, may I know your presence with me each and every day. And as I look to the future, help me to look for fresh opportunities, for new directions. Guide me by your Spirit, and show me your path, through Jesus, the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

AFFECTED BY REDUNDANCY?

- What kind of help is available? What kind of support is/would be helpful?
- Do you have any expertise, knowledge of groups, organisations or agencies which we could direct people to?
- Help us share this across our community.
- Please let us have your comments - you can leave them addressed to Carol Davies or Roger Wain in the grey post box by the entrance to the Church.

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FLOWERS ARRANGED IN MEMORIAM

If you would like to have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one contact Jean (Tel 577378) with details.

We will ask you for a donation to cover the cost of flowers you require.



EASTER at St. GEORGE'S

Sunday 22nd March - 10am Mothering Sunday

Thursday 9th April - Maundy Thursday

Enactment of the Passover with Seder Meal at 6.30pm
followed by Eucharist.

(Suitable for all the family—young and old!)

Friday 10th April - Good Friday 7.30pm

Sunday 12th April - Easter Day
Services at 8.45am, 10am and 6pm.

REGULAR WORSHIP at ST GEORGE'S

Sundays

- 8.45am - Holy Communion
10am - Family Eucharist - with Sunday School
- 3rd Sunday - Morning Worship (Baptisms where requested)
- (1st Sunday in month - Worship for All)
- 6pm - Evensong (Holy Communion 1st Sunday in the month)

First Wednesday in the Month WOW 7.30pm

Thursdays 9.30am Holy Communion
- church open for coffee and private prayer until 12noon.

REGULAR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

Magic Dragons
Parent, Carer & Toddler Group
Wednesdays 1.30—3pm.
(term-time)

Kid's Alive
for children aged 5+
Thursday 5.15—6.30pm
(term-time)

Drop - in Stitches
Friendship and Fellowship
Bring your knitting, crochet etc. or
just yourself.
2- 4pm on last Tuesday in month

MOTHERING SUNDAY

22nd March 2009

*Why not bring your Mum, or Grandma
along to church at 10am - to thank God
for all she does or has done for you and
to pray for her well-being in the
future?*

ST GEORGE'S DAY AND PATRONAL FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 23rd APRIL
At 5.15pm

Fun, Feasting and
Celebration for all the
Family

Watch out for further details!
Toddlers to Betweenies bring
along your parents

CHURCH SERVICE at 6pm
SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

Guest Preacher:
Rev. PETER BERESFORD

Bun Feast afterwards.
All Welcome

FROM THE REGISTERS FUNERALS

4th December Thomas Eccles
5th January Paul Judd
9th February Annette Lane
and Jamie Folwell

Book of Remembrance

*There is a book of Remembrance in the
church, in which you can include the name of
a loved one. There is small charge to cover
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on the week of their entry in the book. Please
contact the Parish Office for details.*

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HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BAPTISM FOR YOUR CHILDREN?

There are many reasons why people think about having their child baptised – “wanting the best for them” - “family tradition” - “to make them a Christian”. Whatever your reasons we hope it would be because you want to recognise the importance of God in your lives; that you want your child to grow up knowing that God loves them. Through baptism we become members of God’s church family, where there is room for anyone and everyone. Baptism is not just something to remember; it is preparing your child for life. When children are baptised, parents and godparents speak on their behalf, and will promise to lay the foundations which will enable these children in their care to gradually come to make choices for themselves.



Baptism is a sacrament, a visible sign of God’s love for us. In baptism we thank God for his gift of life and publicly acknowledge his love. It marks a new start, a decision to follow Jesus Christ within the family of the church. You can be baptised at any age - it’s not unusual for a whole family of children to be baptised together— sometimes along with their parents. It’s never too late!

The baptism service includes three important symbols. The priest makes the sign of the cross on your child’s forehead, an invisible badge of the Christian faith. The second symbol is water, as a sign of being washed free from sin and beginning a new life with God. At the end of the service a candle is given to remind your child of the light of Christ in their life.

Baptism at St George’s normally takes place on the third Sunday morning of the month, a regular non-communion service when the whole congregation can welcome your child into the family of the church.



Big events in life need some preparations if they are to be really meaningful and special. Where possible you should plan at least 2 to 3 months ahead. During that time, you will be helped and encouraged to understand what baptism really signifies, so that you and the people you have chosen to be godparents will feel happy about making the promises that you will be asked in the service.

You can make your initial contact via the Parish Office at

St Andrew’s in person or by telephone 565609, or contact Carol Davies (Lay Reader) on Rugby 544630.

If you not sure that you can make the necessary promises of baptism, then you could ask for a Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing instead; we are always willing to offer thanksgiving for the birth/adoption of a child. Just contact us and we will discuss the possibilities with you.

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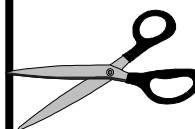
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Thank you to those people who left books and sweets; those received after the regiment left Iraq were sent to Afghanistan for other soldiers.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAGIC DRAGONS PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP



Just over fifteen years ago two of our church members were leaving what was the Home from Home bungalow next to the church when a young mum with a baby approached them and asked if the church had a toddler group.

We didn't - but we had thought about it and this was the impetus we needed to get started!

And so Magic Dragons came into being and will be FIFTEEN YEARS OLD this April;

helped by a grant of £200 from a fund held by the Family Life Project in the Coventry diocese to buy toys and equipment.

Over the years there must have been around 150 children and their families who have come along on Wednesday afternoons to play, do craft work, (we have witnessed some very creative parents!), to sing songs and make new friends. We hope that all those who came have happy memories, especially of our Christmas parties!!

We would love to see as many as possible of our past and present membership and leaders on either Wednesday 22nd April at our normal meeting time, or on Thursday 23rd April (St George's Day) at 5.15pm when we, along with Kid's Alive, will join the toddler groups celebrations with those for St George's Day. (See church notices on page two and look out for posters nearer the time)

Cresta Carpets ad—cut
and stick

DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE?

We have discovered that some people, especially those living in the new housing developments don't know where we are! The church is on St John's Avenue, off Fisher Avenue, near to the Paddox School. (Postcode CV22 5HF for "streetmap users")

PARISH OFFICE For general enquiries or more information please contact the parish administrator (telephone 565609)
Or go on to our Website:
www.rugbyteam.org.uk

