

Pastor's News – Prologue from Oly



Dear Church Family,

We have a fair amount going on in the life of the fellowship over the next few months between Oct to Dec and the start of 2026.

I have commented previously that part of my role as Pastor of the Rock Church includes ensuring that we get a 'balanced diet' (spiritually speaking) as a church. Hopefully we will have a rich season of teaching and encouragement.

It is always a joy to celebrate with our friends from Rock Church, Walsall, and we have opportunities for our men to join together at the Men's Teaching Day on October 25th (it would be great to take a few carloads down).

I would love you to join us at Intrepid Conference Nov 21/22 again in Walsall. It promises to be a great weekend with evangelist Luke Brendling from Soul Church, Norwich joining us. Do think about coming; even if it's just for the Saturday.

Over the oncoming months leading up to Christmas, we have a varied smorgasbord of good things to partake in, including a few specials as the Christmas Season approaches. Do commit to get involved and not miss out!

One of my thoughts over the summer at Focus camp was that we need to be in a season as a church where we do not strive or push, panic or be anxious. Let's learn increasingly to operate out of God's peace. I'm reminded of Jesus' words... "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not come against it."

The reality is that we are called to partner with the Holy Spirit, and as pastor I know that part of my unique calling...."is to equip the saints for works of service"

Question - How Can I Serve?

Thanks for all you do to serve our local fellowship!

I spoke recently on Jesus washing his disciples' feet. I pulled out 5 key points:

1. Stay humble in service.
2. Serve to build God's kingdom.
3. The joy of selfless service.
4. Resilience in Breath-Taking Disappointments
5. Persistence and Passion in Kingdom Service

How can you serve in the life of our fellowship? Remember - Teamwork makes the dream work!

Do come and chat with me if you have ideas for a new ministry or indeed if you want to get more involved.

Much love

Oliver & Lorraine x

SAFEGUARDING

David Wilford and Jen Earlington are our Safeguarding Leads as a church. We also have an external Safeguarding partner, Thirty One:Eight, who we go to for advice and we are led by the experts in every area.



For any volunteering in church life connected with Children or vulnerable adults, volunteers must be DBS verified. We follow the 7 golden rules of

safeguarding, however if you ever have any concerns or want to chat anything through, then do speak confidentially with David or Jennifer.

As a church, Rock takes the care of your family and children as a number 1 priority.

MEET WITH PASTOR OLY

On the first Friday of the month, if you need prayer or want to chat anything through about church life, then come and meet with Oly.

Where? Rock coffee house (upstairs lounge) - Time: 10.00-11.30

Dates as follows: October 3rd --- Nov 7th --- Dec 5th



OCTOBER



- The Send - Youth For Christ visit us on 10th /11th /12th October. The youth 11-16 age group were going to have a sleep over at church after the Youth night. We will be joined by Rock Walsall youth.
- YWAM - The Send will be leading and speaking at our service on October 12th , so do commit to come along on this Sunday.
- Men's Conference 25th October. Calling all men! We will be leaving church on Sat. morning early enough to arrive for 10am. Men- Please do sign up and we will aim to take a few cars down to Walsall.

NOVEMBER

Rock Walsall will be hosting Intrepid Conference starting on the evening of Friday 21st Nov finishing on Sat 22nd at 4pm.

We have international evangelist Luke Brendling ministering as our keynote speaker.



Luke is part of Soul Church, Norwich - one of the fastest growing churches in the UK and this promises to be a great weekend.

Do plan to join us in Walsall for a special weekend.



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On Wednesday 26th November 6pm-7:30pm, we will be decorating church ready for Christmas.

Please join us for hot chocolate, Rocky Road and cakes, as we prepare to beautify Church for the Christmas season. The more folks that come to serve the merrier.



DECEMBER

We have our Church Christmas Meal on Saturday 6th December at church. (Please note not the Victoria Hotel).

You can book for yourself and your family. We have a concession rate for children. Please do book in with Carol with a deposit. It was fantastic last year.

We can cater for approximately 80, so please do book early to avoid disappointment and feel free to invite family. We will have Gordon & Marjorie Tose as our guests of honour over the weekend of Dec 6th /7th.

We have various events going on throughout the month. Do sign up if you are interested in joining our Rock Church Christmas choir for Dec 21st. More details to follow from Fi, Memory, and Helena.



- Sat 6th - Church Family Christmas Meal, please do sign up. This year we will be hosting on our own church premises.
- Sun 7th - Gordon Tose preaching.
- Sat 13th Dec - (invite event) Christmas Carol Celebration and coffee and cake. Where? - Java Joes Coffee Shop...Who are you inviting? Do be praying for who to invite.
- Sun 14th - Service with HCF Christmas Choir and Band leading us.
- Sun 21st - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL @ 11am. Led by Rock Church's very own choir. Come join us for our Celebration Sunday.
- Sun 21st - EVENING - Gospel Choir led by Colin Williams 5:00-6:15pm Christmas by Candlelight service.



- Sun 28th - Christmas Carol service
- New Years Eve – Weds 31st -Crossing Over Service. Where?
- Rock Walsall. 10:30pm til early hours 01/01/26. All are welcome.



YOUTH



- Meet at Rock Centre. Friday nights. Please see Dan for dates and more details.
- Awaken Nov 21st. Dan will inform the youth group of timings closer to the date

◆ Bible Study Groups ◆

We will be continuing our exploration of Parables with the aim of concluding this series by the end of this year.

The Monday evening sessions start @ 6.30pm with food, the bible study starts @ 7.00pm.

The Tuesday morning sessions start @ 10.00am with the Bible Study and food is provided after the study.

There is no set time for the end of the sessions, people generally go home around 9.30 - 10pm on Mondays and by 1.00pm on Tuesdays.

The bible study sessions run up to Christmas this year: Dates as follows;

Mondays @ 6.30pm and Tuesdays @ 10.00am

October:

6th October & 7th October.

20th October & 21st October.

November

3rd. November & 4th November.

17th November & 18th November.

December

1st. December & 2nd December.

15th December & 16th December.



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