



**Hope Methodist
Church
Newsletter**



Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday 24th December 2017

Welcome to Hope Methodist Church! The Church seeks to serve the towns of Rushden, Higham Ferrers and the surrounding villages. If you are here for the first time, or just visiting the area, you are very welcome. Please feel at home and if you would like to know more about the work of the Church, please ask. The service begins with a greeting from a steward. Do join us for coffee after the service.

Service for today

10.30 am Revd. M Eales
Leading a carol service with Holy Communion

Service for 25th December

10.00 am Revd. M. Eales
Please bring a present you have received, to show others.

Sunday 31st December -

10.30 am - a joint service at Irchester led by Mr B Draper

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NEWS, DIARY DATES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Gift Envelopes – The amount has gone up by **£2,000**. Making the total received **£12,977**. (Before gift aid) Nita

Pause for Prayer will resume on 4th January, at 8.45 am.

All welcome. Tony Packham

Focus Group will resume on 4th January at 7.30 pm 'Food & Faith' + B & B.

Short Mat Bowls will resume on 4th January.

Sunday 7th January at 10.30 am - Mrs V Anslow will lead an A.A.W. service.

Bible Study will resume on 8th January at 7.30 pm.

Keep Fit will resume on 10th January at 9.30 am.

Girls Brigade will resume on 11th January.

Hope's Tots will resume on 11th January.



FOR DECEMBER

God of wisdom and integrity, You call your people to live together in joy and justice, to celebrate the good news of your saving love. We pray for our needs and the needs of the world, for those whose faces we see and stories in the news, who live in places of fear and war, all who are homeless and those whose decisions affect the lives of nations. Covenant God, whose mission is to reconcile and whose gift is peace, bless us as we seek to fulfil your will and desire to draw all things into unity with you our Maker, Saviour and Comforter, now and for ever, in Jesus' name, Amen.

This week we especially pray for Sue Moore, Julian Munns, Hazel Swailes, Stephanie Hardwick-Jenkins, and those known to members of our church family who are struggling with health problems.

Please especially remember the family of Pamela Nicholson who died earlier this week and

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Pastoral Visiting – if anyone is ill from our congregation please let our Pastoral Secretary, Janet know (tel: 356501), so that their pastoral visitor may be informed. If anyone is in hospital, bereaved or would like to see the Minister, please contact Revd. Margaret.

Focus Group Sick Visitor for December – please tell Roseanne Rance (313647) and for **January** – please tell Margaret Haley (387550).

Flowers today are provided by John Watts, for which we thank him.

Prayers for Newsletters – I would be very pleased to receive Prayers, for inclusion in the Newsletters, for next year. Thank you. These will be the last notices for this year – I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas. The next printed notices will be for Sunday 7th January – Please pass any notices to me by Wednesday 3rd January pm –Email address: evelyn.fitch@btinternet.com