



**Hope Methodist Church
Newsletter**

Epiphany 1

Sunday 7th January 2018

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 Mrs V Anslow will lead
All Age Worship

Service for Sunday 14th January

10.30 am Revd. M. Eales
Leading the Covenant Service

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Prayer for January



May God the Maker who speaks words of wisdom, freedom and justice, bless us with hope; May Jesus the teacher who speaks of Good News for poor people, bless us with truth; May God the Holy Spirit who speaks in fire and stillness, bless us with joy. May we find rest in the business, stillness in the storm and light in the darkness, in Jesus' name we ask, Amen

Please pray for those who are ill, either at home or in hospital, in the church family and those who are caring for them; and all at Rushden Park Nursing Home. We are especially praying for Shirley Baker

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 January

- Please let Margaret Haly (387550) know if anyone from the Group needs a visit of a phone call.

Flowers today are provided by Anita Darnell, for which we thank her.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Monday 8th January

7.30 pm Bible Study at **Rob & Nita's home** -
52 Wellingborough Road

Tuesday 9th January

Wednesday 10th January

9.30 am Keep Fit
11.00 am Service at R.P.N.H. - Revd. C. Youngman
With Holy Communion
1.30 pm Funeral for Pam Nicholson

Thursday 11th January

8.45 am - 9.30 am Pause for Prayer
9.15 am - 10.30 am - Hope's Tots
10.00 am Coffee and Chat in the Bede House
1.30 pm Short Mat Bowls in Wymington Memorial Hall
6.00 pm - 7.15 pm Girls Brigade Explorers
7.00 pm - 8.00 pm Juniors and Seniors

Friday 12th January

12.30 pm lunches - no need to book

Saturday 13th January

10.00 am - 12.00 noon coffee morning
Please see **Diary Dates** section

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10.30 am - Revd. M. Eales leading
The Covenant Service

Please pass any notices to me by Wednesday pm -
Email address: evelyn.fitch@btinternet.com

NEWS, DIARY DATES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Pamela Nicolson - Funeral will be led by Rev. Margaret Eales at Hope Higham Ferrers Church at 1.30pm on Wednesday 10th January followed by burial in Higham Ferrers Cemetery.

Pegi Clark - Funeral will be led by Rev. Mike Langstaff, and will take place at the Kettering Crematorium at 11.30am on Tuesday 16th January

Coffee Morning, 13th January 10.00 am - 12.00.

Please bring along unwanted gifts that could be sold or given for raffle prizes at events all in aid of the redevelopment. If anyone can help to run this coffee morning, please see Chris M.

Saturday 20th January - Family Beetle Drive 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm.

Sausage and chips. Tickets are adults £3.50, children £2.50, family ticket £10.00. Please come and have fun. In aid of the Redevelopment. We are happy to arrange lifts, please speak to Chris and event co-ordination group. If you can take a poster to put in a prominent position that would be helpful.

Saturday 24th February - 4.00 pm

Afternoon tea and Sing-a-long with Rachel

'Where are the little brown Redevelopment Fund envelopes?' was the question. The answer - 'They have been replaced, by popular request, by the pastel ones.' Following our Gift Day, a desire was shared for there to be a way to be able to make small 'one-off' donations, at any point during the year, by people who felt awkward putting a note or notes into the transparent jar. Such money could be put in a pastel envelope and placed in the jar, on the offertory plate or handed straight to Trevor. 'One-offs' mentioned included a thank you for a kindness, a tenth of savings from sales or food bargains, a virtual birthday cake or bunch of flowers, and a note discovered tucked away. Thank you again for all your generosity, including time, care, prayers and love. Throughout, it is the person, not the purse, who is valued. **Another £160 has been given, making the total £13,137. Gift Aid minimum for Gift Day will be £2,000.**

Prayers for Newsletters - I would be very pleased to receive Prayers, for inclusion in the Newsletters, Thank you - Evelyn