



Hope Methodist Church Newsletter

Sunday 14th 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 refreshments after the service.

Service for today

10.30 am Revd. M Eales leading the
Covenant Service

Service for Sunday 21st January

10.30 am Revd. S. Prior –
Pulpit Exchange

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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.

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

Flowers today are provided by Christine Druce, for which we thank her.

Pip & Chris ask that Church key holders, when locking up premises ensure that all lights are switched off and both front doors are locked
Thank you.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Monday 15th January

Tuesday 16th January

11.30 am Funeral for Pegi Clark at the Kettering Crematorium

Wednesday 17th January

9.30 am Keep Fit

11.00 am Service at R.P.N.H. – Revd. G. Chisnall

Thursday 18th 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

7.30 pm – Focus – speaker Mike Neville

"Trust me – I was an Estate Agent"

Friday 19th January

12.30 pm lunches – no need to book

Saturday 20th January

3.00 pm – 6.00 pm Family Beetle Drive –
please see Special Events section

Sunday 21st January

10.30 am – Revd. S. Prior –
Pulpit Exchange

Please pass any notices to me by Wednesday pm –

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NEWS, DIARY EVENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Bible Study will next meet on **29th January** at Rob & Nita's home.

'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.**

Grateful **THANKS** to all who contributed to the Christian Aid collection this Christmas. The sum of £424.00 has been sent off this week towards their Christmas Appeal which, with the government's doubling policy, makes our contribution up to a creditable £848.00. Many thanks to everyone, for their generosity.

A message from **Hazel Swailes** – "to thank all my Hope friends for the cards, visits, phone calls and good wishes, which have been so appreciated. Thank you very much and a Very Happy and Peaceful New Year to you all."

POSITION AVAILABLE - WANTED –

A Specialist to work with Young People and Families. This is a Full-Time position with a salary to be negotiated according to age and experience. Please see the Church Notice Board for full details.

We have heard this week, that **Revd. Gordon Capstack** died on the 23rd December, after eight months in and out of hospital in Devon. We received a note from his wife. He was aged 85 and was a Minister in the Higham Ferrers Circuit in the 1970's, and lived in the Wharf Road Manse. I'm sure some of you will remember him and his family.