



Hope Methodist Church Newsletter

Sunday 21st 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. S. Prior –
Pulpit Exchange

Service for Sunday 28th January

10.30 am Mr P. Whitney

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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 all preachers as they lead services in different churches; for Shirley and those slowly recovering from operations and illness and for the homeless, the food bank assistants and those who need their help.

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, for March onwards - Thank you - Evelyn

Flowers today are provided by Kath Stockton, 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 22nd January

Tuesday 23rd January

Wednesday 24th January

9.30 am Keep Fit

11.00 am Service at R.P.N.H. – Chaplain Gillian

Thursday 25th 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 26th January

12.30 pm lunches – no need to book

Saturday 27th January

Sunday 28th January

10.30 am – Mr P. Whitney

Please pass any notices to me by Wednesday pm –

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NEWS, DIARY EVENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

A request from Sue Warren - On Friday 26th January I will be doing the BIG SLEEP OUT again. I can't believe it's been 2 years since I did the last one. This event is to raise funds and awareness for the Hope centre for the homeless in Northampton. I will be putting a sponsor form on the notice board, if any one feels they could donate, however small the amount, to help this worthy cause - I would be very grateful, thank you – Sue Warren

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the coffee morning last Saturday. It was a great time and people felt so welcome. £140 was raised for the Redevelopment funds.

Pause for Prayer – the opportunity to come and pray at our Church, between 8.45 and 9.30 am on Thursdays, is open to everyone. Come for five minutes or forty-five, at the beginning or pop in later. If anyone would like to start a regular prayer group at the Church or in someone's home please speak to a steward if you need help to organise it.

"For where two or three gather together in my name, there I am with them."
Matthew 18 v20

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

Saturday 24th February – 4.00 pm
Afternoon tea and Sing-a-long with Rachel

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."

We heard, recently, 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.