



Hope Methodist Church Newsletter

Sunday 11th February 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 Alderson leading
Holy Communion

Service for Sunday 18th February

10.30 am Deacon S. Kempson

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Prayer for February



O God our Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings we have from you; that you have given us hands to work, feet to walk, eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to love. May we, as we sing our hymns, listen to your word and hear the message of our speaker, be more able to help each other and the people we meet day by day. May the influence of the activities in the Church go forth as a stream of living water for the healing of the neighbourhood. Help us all to walk in your light, to act in your strength, to speak in your truth and to live in your love. In Jesus' name we ask, Amen

Please pray for Shirley and those slowly recovering from operations and illness, for the homeless, the food bank assistants and those who need their help and also the Hassan family in their daily struggles.

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 February

- Please let Dot Porter, on 395532, 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 **Chris M**, for which we thank her.

NEWS, DIARY EVENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Pause for Prayer - the opportunity to come and pray at our Church, between 8.45 and 9.30 am on Thursdays. We have a regular prayer group at the beginning of each month. Please contact the church office for more information.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Monday 12th February

Tuesday 13th February

Wednesday 14th February

9.30 am Keep Fit
11.00 am Service at R.P.N.H. - Revd. R. Hawkins with H.C.
7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Circuit Service at Hope

Thursday 15th February

8.45 am - 9.30 am Pause for Prayer
10.00 am Coffee and Chat in the Bede House
1.30 pm Short Mat Bowls in Wymington Memorial Hall
7.30 pm Focus Group - a presentation of classical music by Rob Gould.

Friday 16th February

12.30 pm lunches - no need to book

Saturday 17th February

Sunday 18th February

10.30 am - Deacon S Kempson

Please pass any notices to me by Wednesday pm -

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NEWS, DIARY EVENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Missionary boxes will be opened over the next 2 or 3 weeks. Please pass any money or boxes to Sally Hudson. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday 14th February at 7.00 pm – Circuit Service at Hope

Christian Aid – Lent Giving – again, this year, Christian Aid have provided a leaflet with some good ideas for Lent. We hope you might find these more useful than giving up chocolate! Taking part in these activities reminds us how fortunate we are even if we're living on a pension. Any money raised can be sent directly to Christian Aid or handed to Barbara and Tony at the end of Lent, so they can send it for you. Let's go for it together.

The next **Monday evening Bible Study** will be held on **19th February** at Nita and Rob's home – 52 Wellingborough Road at 7.30 pm.

It has been proposed that there be a lunchtime/early afternoon **Bible study** in church every Tuesday during Lent, starting on **20th February**. It will be from 1-2pm. For those who wish to sit, eat and chat with others beforehand, there will be the opportunity to bring our own packed lunch from 12.30pm. Come to any or to all.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LENT LUNCHESES – You are invited to join members of churches from Rushden and Higham every Wednesday during Lent, starting on **21st February** at St Mary's Church, Rushden. Soup will be served from 12 noon – 1.00 pm and prayers will follow, for those who wish to attend, in the church. A free will offering for the lunch will go to Christian Aid. It will be Hope's turn to prepare and serve the soup on 28th March. If you are able to help us on that day, either in the kitchen, making the soup or serving the customers please let Barbara or Tony know. Do come and join in fellowship with members from other churches.

On Saturday 24th February at 4.00 pm - Afternoon tea and Sing-a-long with Rachel. Tickets are now available priced £5.00 - please see Chris M, Margaret Haly and members of Events co-ordination group.

Also on Saturday 24th February from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm - a study day at Stamford Methodist Church headed 'Time to Talk about God'. Please see the Church notice board for full details.

Saturday 10th March the Girls Brigade will be holding a coffee morning and the girls/officers will be selling tickets this week.