



## **Hope Methodist Church Newsletter**

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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** Mr P Taylor

#### **Service for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.30 am** Revd. M Eales leading Holy Communion

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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 Hazel, Stephanie, Sue Moore, Shirley and Christine Druce, as they recover from operations and undergo treatment. We pray for their healing and restoration.

**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 or a phone call. (from March – please tell Susan Hustwaite on 356978)

**Saturday 10th March** the Girls Brigade will be holding a coffee morning.

**WEEKLY PROGRAMME**

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**Monday 26th February**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm Bible Study – please see 'Diary Events'

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

9.30 am Keep Fit

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

12.00 Lent Lunches at St Mary's Church, Rushden – please see 'Diary Events'

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

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 Group – Gloria & Peter Wright - 'David Livingstone'

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

12.30 pm lunches – no need to book

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

10.00 am - at Hope

2.00 pm - at Park Rd Baptist Church

Everyone (men, women children) are welcome to attend these services at which we pray for women around the world: followed by refreshments.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30 am – Revd. M Eales leading Holy Communion

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Please pass any notices to me by Wednesday pm –

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## **NEWS, DIARY EVENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Lent Bible study on Tuesday 27th February** is based on 1 Kings 19 v 3-15 and is entitled 'Cared for'. Bring your own packed lunch for 12.30pm if you would like to chat and eat before the study or come for the 1pm start.

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

**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.

**£2,643.24** Gift Aid is being added to Redevelopment funds.

**COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LENT LUNCHESES** – You are invited to join members of churches from Rushden and Higham, every Wednesday during Lent, 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Hope's Tots** - Just to let you know that **Hope's Tots** is going well. We now have an average attendance of 20 little Tots. There is a happy atmosphere and we've had lots of lovely comments. It is also having a knock on effect for other things for the Church. Thank you to everyone who donated toys or money to set it up. It has all been greatly appreciated.

### **Thank you –**

**to everyone** who donated to my recent sponsored 'sleep-out'. I'm still collecting money but think I may have raised about £150. for this worthy cause, Sue Warren.

**to everyone** who helped or attended the coffee morning on the 10th February. It was a good morning and raised £150 to add to the Redevelopment Funds. Please can we have bacon baps each time????

**to everyone** for the Sunday offerings received:  
December = £2422.34 and January = £3207.08

**To Joyce Usher** for providing the flowers today.