

NEWS, DIARY DATES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The funeral for Charles Watts will take place on Tuesday 22nd May
2.30 pm at Kettering Crematorium Albert Munn Chapel

Girls Brigade are having a Coffee Evening on Thursday 24th May 6-7.30.

All are welcome for a coffee and chat and to see what the girls get up to on a week night/

Flower Festival - On the **9th June** we will be holding a flower festival jointly with the members of St Peter's Church, in their Church to join in the 'Celebrate Rushden Week'. This coincides with The Women's Cycle Tour of GB so the theme is bikes. Please put your thinking caps on as to how you can make a decoration. You may have a Cycle helmet that you could make an arrangement in or just a wheel that could be decorated, make a shape of a bike on paper with dried flowers. Maybe you know of a poem or song to do with bikes that you can depict in flowers. Have you embroidered or painted a cycle picture or have memories/photos of a special bike ride. We can help with the costs and any money made will be shared between the Churches so please get "**On Your Bike for Jesus**". More details nearer the time. See Chris M if you have any questions. **THERE WILL NOT BE A COFFEE MORNING AT CHURCH THAT SATURDAY BUT ENTRANCE INTO THE FLOWER FESTIVAL IS FREE SO PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AT THE R.C. HALL.**

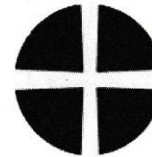
Irthlingborough would appreciate donations of cakes for the District celebration of Kim and Charity's testimony service this Thursday, 24th May. Tea and cakes from 6.30pm, service at 7.30pm.

'Fiver Activity'

To raise money for the "**Fiver Activity**" a quiz has been produced which is being sold for £1.00. The quiz sheets will be available from Friday 4th May from Margaret Haly. Money raised will go to the Redevelopment of the Church. There will be a prize of £5.00 for the correct entry drawn from the return entries. I hope you will support me in this. Margaret Hall

'Fiver'- Closing Date - A request was made at Church Council, by a member, that the date be extended to Sunday 23rd September, Hope's Harvest Festival, to enable people to organise events during the summer as part of this effort. This was agreed by the Council. You are free to hand in your **gold** or **silver** envelope on the collection plate whenever you wish during this period. I will collect them from the stewards and indicate the running total after Pentecost, 31st July and Harvest. Nothing is too small or too large. Nita

Thank you - I would like to thank everyone for all the love and support, cards, flowers and prayers that I have had over the weeks. My Church family are so important to me and I do appreciate the fellowship. Doreen



Hope Methodist Church

Newsletter

Sunday 20th May 2018 Pentecost

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 Deacon S Kempson
3.00 pm Pentecost Circuit Prayer and Praise service
at Wollaston

Sunday 27th May - Trinity Sunday

10.30 am Mrs V Anslow

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Prayer for MAY

Father God -You are Lord of Light and we thank you that you are a continuous presence in our lives. Today's world can be a dark place for so many people and yet your light shines in the darkest of places, such as Syria, Iraq and Pakistan and in places within our local communities. Your light can be found in times of flood, famine and armed conflict, domestic abuse and the homelessness of refugees and rough sleepers. Through your Holy Spirit, speak to Christians like us, that we may play our part in bringing your light into the darkest corners of this world. You are Lord of Life and we thank you for being at the centre of our lives. Encourage us to find the vision of bringing your way to the people of our local communities. We thank you, Lord, that weekly we make contributions to our local food bank, enabling recipients of food parcels to live beyond the breadline and in doing so, live rather than just exist. We thank you too Father God, that we are able to contribute to helping the homeless in the Whitechapel area of London. Such tiny actions yet they bring to the attention of others, what living in you can mean - life in all its fullness. You are Lord of Love, and we thank you that you provide opportunities for us as Christian Disciples to show that, through the example of Jesus Christ, all may have that love in their lives and in so doing live lives of great beauty and fulfilment. Empower us to show that love to the people we meet in our daily lives; at work, as we walk down the street, as we participate in the clubs and groups we belong to. We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus who is our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Please pray for the families who are mourning the death of a loved one, and those we know who are receiving treatment and recovering from operations.

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 Rev. Margaret. There is a vacancy for one or two people to join the pastoral team. If you are interested in distributing membership tickets and visiting a small group of people, please see Rev. Margaret or Janet Partridge.

Focus Group Sick Visitor for May - Please tell Rita Odell, 358379, if anyone from the Group needs a visit or a phone call.

Thank you, Barbara Packham, for providing the flowers today.

Circuit Outing will take place on Saturday 30th June to Stratford-Upon-Avon. It is planned to leave Skinners Hill, Rushden at 8.30am and Hope Church, Higham 8.40am. Cost £10 to be paid by **Friday 25th May**. More details are on the board in the vestibule or see Chris M. Please sign up on the sheet if you wish to go. A good day to be had.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Monday 21st May

(the next Bible Study will be on 11th June)

Tuesday 22nd May

2.30 pm funeral for Charles Watts -
Please see 'diary dates'

Wednesday 23rd May

9.30 am Keep Fit
11.00 am Service at R.P.N.H - Mr J Thompson

Thursday 24th May

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
7.00 pm Rev. Kim Shorley's Testimony Service at Irthlingborough

Friday 25th May

12.30 pm lunches - no need to book

Saturday 26th May

Sunday 27th May - Trinity Sunday

10.30 am - Mrs V Anslow

Please pass any notices to me by Wednesday pm -
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