

NEWS, DIARY DATES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee morning/Garage sale on Saturday. £247.00 was raised towards redevelopment funds.

FIVER ACTIVITY

As decided by Church Council, the 'Fiver activity' officially ends on Harvest Sunday, 23rd September. Please put any fiver money in the gold or silver envelopes or in your own plain envelope marked with the word 'fiver'. Thank you for all your efforts. (Trevor will not turn away any money handed in after that date!)

Can you help, please? Would you like to learn or act on your knowledge of putting together power points for Sunday services on a rota basis. (This does not mean that you have to sit at the front on a Sunday.) If you wish to learn more, please speak to Chris M.

Events Co-ordinators

Numbers are dwindling due to illness. We meet roughly once a month to plan events but everyone is welcome to attend, put ideas or organise an event of their own. We are grateful for the people who help on the day. If anyone knows of a Father Christmas who could be available please let Chris M know.

As from September, more readers are urgently required. Please give this serious thought, and get in touch with Anita on 359535 for more information. A rota is in place and usually you'll only be asked approx. every 6 weeks. Thank you.

After our August break **Pause for Prayer** will restart on Thursday 6th September at 8.45am in the Meeting Room. There's a lot to pray about so all will be welcome to come along.

Rachel Lawrence, our **Circuit Youth and Family worker**, has asked about how she can best help Hope and the community. What ideas do you have? Please pass on any suggestions to Nita. Thank you.

Music Group rehearsals for Harvest, Sunday 23rd September at 10.30 am, will be held on Friday 14th and Friday 21st September, 7.30 pm at Hope Church. For more information please see Rachel Smith.

Harvest 23rd September 2018. This year, you can choose from three opportunities for practical thanksgiving:

- 1 - Fresh produce to go to Rushden Park Nursing home.
- 2 - Tinned and packaged food to go to the Food bank.
- 3 - Money to go to Lynn's husband's church in Ghana. If you decide to offer food items and prefer to place them on the tables before the start of the service, it would be appreciated if you would take the items out of opaque plastic bags first so that the resultant display is colourful. Thank you.



Hope Methodist Church Newsletter

Sunday 2nd September 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 Rev. M. Alderson
6.00 pm service at Irchester - **'All We Can'** -
Methodist Relief and Development

Service for 9th September

10.30 am Rev. K. Shorley
AAW with Holy Communion

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WEEKLY PROGRAMME

PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

Lord God, we thank you for all things bright and beautiful; for you bless us with such an amazing world. You bless us with friends and family; a wonderful variety of people. Help us to appreciate the wonder and beauty to enjoy each precious moment and to live fully, not harking back on what was or rushing forward to an unknown future. Help us to forgive others and ourselves, for if we are ready to change, you will forgive us. Give us courage and keep us loving to stand by those who need our help and may we always walk in the light of your love in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Please pray for those we know who are awaiting operations and undergoing treatment. We also remember those in residential and nursing homes, those in their own homes and their carers.

I would like to say a huge **thank you** to all my church family who have supported me since discovering my cancer in April 2016, through my tumour removals and Sepsis. I know that you will continue to support me over the coming months as I hope to continue with my new treatment at Oxford, which is giving me great strength. God bless you all. Sue Moore.

Tony and Barbara would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the last eight months, it has been very much appreciated during this challenging time. Tony hopes the chemo effects will wear off soon so that he can get back to playing a part in Church life again.

Thank you.

I'd like to thank everyone for the flowers and cards received in sympathy with the death of my Mum. I cannot express the strength I have felt through all the prayers and thoughts from the Church family. You have been tremendous and it will help me through the days to come. Chris M

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. Michael Alderson.

Focus Group - if anyone needs a visit or a phone call please tell Dorothy Wagstaff - 778356

We thank Carol for providing the flowers this week.

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September

Wednesday 5th September

9.30 am Keep Fit

11.00 am Service at R.P.N.H Rev. G. Chisnall

Thursday 6th September

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 W.M.H.

7.30 pm Focus – Stephanie's Adventures in Canada

+ B & B for the MacMillan charity

Friday 7th September

12.30 pm lunches – no need to book

Saturday 8th September

9.30 am – 12.30 – **Jason's car wash** in the car park -

Price £3.00 -in aid of the Redevelopment – Jason

10.00 am – 12 noon - **Nearly New Sale and Coffee Morning**

Donations of **nearly new or very good** clothing will be gratefully appreciated. Please hand to Pat Hill, Margaret Haly, Christine Druce, or Chris M by Friday, 7th September. Coffee will be served as usual.

Sunday 9th September

10.30 am – Rev. K. Shorley

AAW with Holy Communion

Please pass any notices to me by Wednesday pm –

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