

NEWS, DIARY DATES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

We are hoping to be able to set up an afternoon **Ladies Fellowship Group**, meeting initially once a month on a Thursday afternoon at Hope. It will be open to all Ladies from the Church and the Community. Everyone is welcome. There will be an inaugural meeting this Thursday, **13th September at 2.00 pm**, to discuss how, and if, we are to proceed. Please come to this meeting if you are able and interested and pass the word round. We need to know what support there might be for such a group. Any queries, please speak to Patricia.

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.

Music Group rehearsals for Harvest - 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, there will be the opportunity to take them forward during the first hymn. If you prefer to place them on the tables before the start of the service instead, it would be appreciated if you would take the items out of opaque plastic bags first, so that the resultant display is colourful. If you decide to offer money for Ghana, please put it in one of the small ivory envelopes marked Ghana gift. Thank you.



Hope Methodist Church Newsletter

Sunday 9th 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. K. Shorley
AAW with Holy Communion

Service for 16th September

10.30 am Deacon S. Kempson

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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.

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 Betty for providing the flowers this week.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Monday 10th September

7.30 Bible Study at 52 Wellingborough Road
- looking at Obadiah – the shortest O.T. book

Tuesday 11th September

Wednesday 12th September

9.30 am Keep Fit
11.00 am Service at R.P.N.H. Rev. C. Youngman

Thursday 13th September

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 W.M.H.
2.00 pm Ladies Fellowship Group –
also see 'Diary Events'
6.00 pm – 7.15 pm Girls' Brigade Explorers
7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Juniors and Seniors

Friday 14th September

12.30 pm lunches – no need to book
7.30 pm Music group at Hope church. All are welcome.

Saturday 15th September

Sunday 16th September

10.30 am – Deacon S. Kempson

Please pass any notices to me by Wednesday pm –
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