

## NEWS, DIARY DATES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

### \*FIVER ACTIVITY\*

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As decided by the Church Council, the Fiver activity officially ends today. 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!)

**Harvest** - 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 have decided 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 decided to offer money for Ghana, please put it in one of the small ivory envelopes marked Ghana gift. Thank you.

Please pass monies for **the Methodist logos** and **'We're all God's family'** stickers to Sue Warren. Thank you

**Thank you** to everyone who donated clothes and/or supported the Clothing Sale £116.05 has been added to the redevelopment fund. The left over clothing will be going to Whitechapel where many people are in need.



*celebrating harvest*



## Hope Methodist Church Newsletter

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Mrs C. Jennings  
Celebrating Harvest Festival

### **Service for 30<sup>th</sup> September**

10.30 am Mrs N. Gould

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## WEEKLY PROGRAMME

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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 recovering from operations and those undergoing treatment. We also remember those in residential and nursing homes, those in their own homes and their carers.

**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 Joyce U. for providing the flowers this week.

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September

7.30 pm Bible Study @ 52 Wellingborough Road  
Looking at Psalms

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

9.30 am Keep Fit  
11.00 am Service at R.P.N.H. led by Rev. K. Shorley

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.  
6.00 pm – 7.15 pm Girls' Brigade Explorers  
7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Juniors and Seniors

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

12.30 pm lunches – no need to book

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 am – Mrs N. Gould

Please pass any notices to me by Wednesday pm –  
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