



## **Newsletter**

### **Sunday 21st August 2016**

## **Hope Methodist Church**

(Meeting in St Peter's Catholic Church Hall, Rushden)

Welcome to Hope Methodist Church! The Church seeks to serve the towns of Rushden, Higham Ferrers and surrounding villages. If you are here for the first time or just visiting the area you are 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 coffee after the service.

### **Service for Sunday**

10.45 am    Rev Shirley Baker  
                 including Holy Communion

### **Service for next Sunday**

10.45 am    Rev Margaret Eales  
                 including a baptism

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**Please pray** for those who are ill, either at home or in hospital, in the church family and those of our members who are in Residential or Nursing Homes.

## **PRAYER FOR AUGUST**

As we prepare to move to our new temporary home, we pray: -

God who sets us on a journey  
To discover, dream and grow  
Lead us, as you led your people,  
In the desert long ago.

End our longing for the old days  
Grant the vision that we lack  
Once we've started on this journey  
There can be no turning back.

Keep us travelling in the knowledge  
You are always at our side  
Give us courage for the journey  
Christ our goal and Christ our Guide

Amen

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### **Particularly today we remember:**

Patricia and David as we give thanks.

John Gadsby

Elsie and Tony Boddington and their daughter Alison

Gladys Rich

The Hassan family

### **Pastoral Visiting**

If anyone is ill from our congregation please let Janet tel:356 501 (our Pastoral Secretary) know so that their pastoral visitor can be informed.

If anyone is in hospital, bereaved or would like to see a minister please let Rev Margaret know.

**Focus Group Sick Visitor for August** - Please let Hazel Swailes (312319) know if anyone from the group needs a visit or a phone call.

## WEEKLY PROGRAMME



### **Monday 22nd August**

### **Tuesday 23rd August**

7.30pm Church Council Meeting in the RC Hall

### **Wednesday 24th August**

9.30am Keep Fit in the Roman Catholic Church Hall

11.00am Service at Rushden Park

### **Thursday 25th August**

10am Coffee and Chat in the Bede House

1.30pm Short Mat Bowls in Wymington Memorial Hall

### **Friday 26th August**

12.30pm Friday Lunches at the Bede House, HF

### **Saturday, 27th August**

### **Sunday 28th August**

10.45 am Morning Worship in the Roman Catholic Church Hall.

Please ask the stewards if you need more details.

### **Advance Meetings**

**Tuesday 30th August** Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Kingsway for representatives.

**Wednesday 31st August** Service to Welcome Rev Kim Shorley

7.00pm at Raunds. Teas/ Coffees or cold drinks available from 6:15pm. Parking is limited at the church so please leave space in the church car park for those with mobility problems and use the roads surrounding the Church or on the Market Square.



### **SAD NEWS**

Nan du Feu/Cooper died on the 30th July age 101. Many in Higham will remember Alfred and Nan. Alfred came for one year as our minister, Nan was a Local Preacher. They retired to Spalding. The funeral service at Spalding is on Monday 22nd August at the Broad Street Methodist Church at 11-30am.

## NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

### THANK YOU

Thank you to **everyone** who gave items and spent their money and helped to run 'Patricia's special coffee morning'. The bacon baps were great. It was a lovely to hear the chatter and enjoy the atmosphere. £310.70 was raised for the redevelopment fund.

Thank you from Stephanie and Granville for the 'Love Gifts' contributed at our wedding. The Sanctuary now has a table and six folding chairs and Stepping Stones has a freezer for the guests who move on to independent living. Thank you.

### REFUGEES

Please see separate sheet.

### ENVELOPES

The offertory envelopes for next year are available. If anyone else would like to have envelopes (beginning September) please talk to Terry. Many of us who pay tax gift-aid our donations and if you would like to do this also, talk to Terry (or ring 01933-318901). This scheme costs you nothing, does not involve having to deal with the Inland Revenue; just complete a form with your name and address. But it means that we can claim an extra 25% of your donations from the tax man.

### MOVING ON

As preparations are being made to move to our new premises, you may be concerned about getting there, please speak to a steward. Cars will be going from Rushden and there is a bus service that fits in with the **10.30pm** new timing of our morning service.

### FUTURE DIARY DATES.

**16th September** at 7-30 pm Corby Male Voice Choir will be performing at Irchester Village Hall in aid of the local branch of Parkinson's UK. Tickets are £5 each and can be obtained from Carol Hudson.

**Saturday 8th October** -Dinner Talk - Harvest in the Tudor Period in Aid of Redevelopment.

**Saturday 6th May 2017** Model Railway Exhibition.

### JULY OFFERINGS

Sunday Offerings	£1753.64
Standing Orders	£1170.00
Total	£2923.64
Expenditure	£650.00