



## **Newsletter**

### **Sunday 27th November 2016**

## **Hope Methodist Church**

**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 today**

10.30am      Rev Margaret Eales  
                  including Holy Communion

### **Service for Sunday 1st Sunday in Advent**

10.30am      Rev Michael Langstaff  
                  including Toy Service and Holy Communion

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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 DECEMBER**

God of hope, who brought love into this world,  
be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world,  
be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world,  
be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon,  
be the centre, the focus of our lives  
always, and particularly this Advent time.

Amen

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

Shirley Norris

Diana and Julian Munns and Diana's mother

David Sissons

Sue Moore now in Isebrooke

### **Pastoral Visiting**

If anyone is ill from our congregation please let Janet [tel:356 501](tel:356501) (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 December** - Please let Hazel Swailes (312319) know if anyone from the group needs a visit or a phone call.

# WEEKLY PROGRAMME



## **Monday 28th November**

7.30pm Bible Study at 146 St Margaret's Ave. Session 3 "Receiving Mary's response to the coming of Christ"

## **Tuesday 29th November**

1.00 - 2.30pm Mugs & Beakers in the RC Church Hall

## **Wednesday 30th November**

9.30am Keep Fit in the Church at Higham Ferrers.

11.00am Service at Rushden Park led by David Womersley

## **Thursday 1st December**

10am Coffee and Chat in the Bede House

1.30pm Short Mat Bowls in Wymington Memorial Hall

6.00pm Girls Brigade

6.00 - 7.15pm Explorers

7.00 - 8.00pm Juniors and Seniors

Girls Brigade meet in the Methodist Church at Higham Ferrers.

## **Friday 2nd December**

12.30pm **Friday Lunches at Our Church**, HF

3pm -5pm Afternoon of consultation with architect Paul Hutchings

## **Saturday 3rd December**

3pm Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving with Chair of District Rev Peter Hancock

## **Sunday 4th December**

10.30am Morning Service led by Rev Michael Langstaff

7.30 pm 'Freedom in Christ' at Park Road Baptist Church in Rushden for young people. For more information please ask Rachael Newman



### **Something to think about**

Seen on a Church notice board last week -

**"Prayer is to the Christian what training is to the athlete."**

How very true!

From Shirley

## NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

### MUST DO TODAY

Please study the plans of the main building on the wall of the vestry and **write any suggestions/comments**, in the book below.

### CIRCUIT SERVICE

3 pm at Thrapston Speaker from Action for children.

### THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for cribs, stalls donations and all your support on Saturday 19th November. £404.18 was raised for the redevelopment funds.


### EVENTS

Travels of the Holy Family - Posada

If you would like to host the Holy Family nativity figures during Advent in your home please see Tony on Sunday.

**Friday 2nd December** 3pm -5pm Afternoon of consultation with Paul Hutchings, architect, for suggestions and questions about the plans for the new building. Afternoon tea included.

**Friday 2nd December** 7.30pm A Starry Nordic Night An evening of music by Karl Jenkins, Sibelius, Gjeilo and Arvo Part. At All Saints Church, Earls Barton. Tickets are £10 adult £5 children  
Tickets need to be bought in advance as it is not a large venue.  
Please contact Rachel Smith for more information.



**Saturday 3rd December** 3pm Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving followed by tea. Preacher Rev Peter Hancock, Chair of District.

**Tuesday 6th December** 10.30am - Carol Singing at Rushden Park Nursing Home. The music group are carol singing at Rushden Park at 10.30am on Tuesday 6th December. If you would like to join us you will be most welcome. Please ask Tony or Barbara Packham for more details.

**Saturday 10th December** - Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10-12  
The December coffee morning will be for the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal. There will be a cake stall and any donations will be very welcome.

## **READINGS ROTA**

I will soon be printing the Readers Rota for 2017 and would appreciate it if you would let me know if you no longer wish to be included on the rota. Unfortunately several people have had to retire from reading this year and it would be wonderful if a few more of you would join the list of readers. The more people we have as readers, the fewer times we have to read during the year and there is no need to worry if you can't read on your appointed date as there are always people who are willing to change dates with you. Please consider this as part of your discipleship.

Thank you

Mary Hardy

## **CHRISMONS**

Please use the separate sheet as a guide only. If you need a template see Chris M.