

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### This Sunday's groups are:

#### Jack in the Box – for reception and pre-school children

Come and join Jack (the puppet) and learn about his favourite Big Bible Heroes. Jack and his friends will be meeting in the staff room for Bible stories, singing, crafts and toys.

#### Energize – for school years 1 to 5

Energize meet their leaders in the year 3 wet area to walk over to the lower school hall, for a fun mix of games, crafts, Bible teaching, worship and prayer.

#### Refuel – for school years 6 to 8

Refuel meet in the Bridge for Bible teaching, discussion, games, prayer and worship.

#### Quenched – for school years 9 to 13

Quenched will meet in the conservatory to explore the Bible together through discussion, study and prayer.

### Sparklers

Our toddler group SPARKLERS meets on Fridays from 9am at the Bridge in term time. Please pray for our group, for our volunteers, parents and children. For more information contact Emma on 07957080074.

### Youth cafe drop-in (School years 7+)

Every Tuesday during term time from 3:30–4:30pm we are doing a youth cafe drop-in at the Catholic Church Hall on Hayway. Please pray for this and speak to Lizzie M, Rosie B or Rev Chris for more info.

### Notice for children and parents

Please ensure that you remain responsible for your children before and after the service. We must show respect for the building and ball games should not be played inside. After the service children can play outside as long as there are adults supervising them.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Advance notice: Easter Day service

As Easter day falls on the second Sunday in April this year (12.4.2020), so that we can celebrate Easter Day together, Stepping Out Sunday has been swapped to the third week in April (19.4.2020).

### Lent lunches

The Council of Churches Lent Lunches (soup and a roll) will be taking place in St Mary's Church Hall from 12 noon, followed from prayer at 1pm, each Wednesday from 4th March to 8th April.

### Pastoral care team

If you know of anyone in the community who needs some help with tips runs, decorating, befriending, help with gardening, DIY etc ,then the Pastoral Care Team might be able to help. Please let Sarah (PCT Team Leader) know on 07765 123591.

### STAFF

#### Vicar

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# Whitefriars Church, Rushden



15th March 2020

## Living water

John 4:5–42; Exodus 17:1–7



### Welcome to Whitefriars Church!

We are so pleased that you have joined us today. We pray that you will meet with God this morning.

If you are new to Whitefriars, we would love to get to know you better. Please make yourself known to one of the people who welcomed you today, or contact our vicar, Chris Youngman.

## THIS WEEK AT WHITEFRIARS

<b>Today</b> 7–9pm	Youth Alpha	The Bridge
7.30pm	Together in prayer and praise	Highfield Baptist Church
<b>Monday</b> 7.30pm	PCC meeting	The Bridge
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.30am	Bible study group	The Bridge
3.30–4.30pm	Youth café drop-in	Catholic Church Hall
7.30pm	Open to God	The Bridge
<b>Wednesday</b> 12pm	Lent lunch	St Mary's Church
<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am	Holy Communion	The Bridge
<b>Friday</b> 9am	Sparklers	The Bridge
<b>Saturday</b> 9.15am	Morning prayer	The Bridge
<b>Sunday</b> 10.15am	Morning worship with communion	Whitefriars Primary School
7–9pm	Youth Alpha	The Bridge

## HOME GROUPS

A number of home groups meet during the week. They are a great place to get to know people better as you study the Bible and pray together. Please talk to any of the group leaders if you want to know more.

Weekly: Tuesday morning at the Bridge (Emma S)

Weekly: Wednesday evening at Gill's (Simon K)

Weekly: Thursday evening at Pete and Amanda's

Alternate Weds evening at Alan and Glenda's (Celia)

Alternate Thurs evening at Ken and Sara's (Andrew P)

## COMING UP

### Easter egg hunt with crafts – 4th April

10.30am – 12.30pm at the Bridge.

### Good Friday – 10th April

Walk of witness (am) and reflections at the Bridge (pm).

### Ascension Day Service – 21st May

St. Peter's Church, Midland Road at 7.30pm.

### Big Church Day Out – 23rd to 24th May

Join with over 25,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together in the company of some of the best Christian artists in the world. We have a Whitefriars group and the more people book, the lower the price goes! You can camp or stay in a nearby hotel. This year several of us will be staying in the Premier Inn at Horsham. For more information see [bigchurchdayout.com](http://bigchurchdayout.com) or speak to Lynda King or Emma Smith.

### Big Pentecost – 31st May

An event at Peterborough Cathedral – details to follow.

### Council of Churches Pentecost service – 31st May

A joint service at St. Peter's Church, Midland Road at 6.00pm.

## GIVING

An offering plate is passed around during each service for church members to give money to the church. If you are visiting, please don't feel obliged to give anything. Church members who are tax payers are asked to give under the Gift Aid scheme. Contact Irene Alford (01933 350908, [kandi-alford@sky.com](mailto:kandi-alford@sky.com)).

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If you would like something to be included in the next notice sheet, please email Lizzie Evans by the previous Wednesday: [lizzie.evans79@gmail.com](mailto:lizzie.evans79@gmail.com)

## STEPPING OUT COMMUNITIES

On the second Sunday of every month, we don't have a Sunday service but instead we try to get out into the community. Our aim is to get out to serve people and to love them, rather than simply saying 'come to us'.

Our regular Stepping Out communities include:

### BOOKS AND MORE

### CAFE-CHURCH

### COUNTRYSIDE WALKS

### RETIRES' GROUP (first Friday of the month)

### SILVER SERVICE

## MISSION

Wycliffe Bible Translators work to translate the Bible so that everyone has the chance to engage with the message of Jesus in their own language

Brian and Val Hodgkin, who came from Rushden and Higham, have worked with Wycliffe for many years in Papua New Guinea. They are now UK based. Brian is producing fact sheets for people to use when praying for a sensitive region of the world. He has had various health issues in the past year, including successful cataract operations and has a lymphoma which is still in remission. Val supports him administratively and financially through tutoring. She needed an appendectomy mid-2019.

### Please pray:

> That they would both remain healthy this year.

> That God would continue to provide as they approach retirement from missionary work.

> That God protects the rest of their family.

> That people would continue to be transformed by being able to read the Bible in their own language.