

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

For those at café church today, welcome! Please help yourselves to refreshments from the hatch.

Toys, activities, crafts and games will be available for the children throughout the morning.

For details on children's Sunday morning groups please speak to Rev Chris or Emma Croxon (Children and Families Minister).

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.

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+)

To replace Fruit, 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 new initiative. If you feel that God may be calling you to volunteer please speak to Lizzie Moesbauer, Rosie Benn or Rev Chris.

CHURCH NEWS

Planned Giving Scheme (PGS)

Thank you so much to everyone who has returned their form to Irene Alford enabling us to make the change in how we receive your regular giving. Your generosity has been overwhelming and regular giving has increased by a massive 15%. This means that we are confident that our present staff funding is secure. Thank you and thanks be to God.

If you would like something to be included in the next notice sheet, please email Lizzie Evans by the previous Wednesday: lizzie.evans79@googlemail.com

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Whitefriars Church, Rushden

8th September 2019

Stepping Out



Welcome to Whitefriars Church!

We are so pleased that you have joined one of our Stepping Out communities today. We pray that you will enjoy the experience.

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

Today 6–7.30pm	Lego Boys	The Bridge
7.30–9pm	The Way	5 Victoria Rd
Monday 7.30pm	Youth and children's The Bridge Committee meeting	
Tuesday 3.30–4.30pm	Youth café drop-in	Catholic Church Hall
Thursday 9.30am	Communion	The Bridge
4.30–6pm	Lego Girls	The Bridge
Friday 9–11am	Sparklers	The Bridge
Saturday 9.15am	Morning prayer	The Bridge
Sunday 10.15am	Morning worship	Whitefriars Junior School
6–7.30pm	Lego Boys	The Bridge
7.30–9pm	The Way	5 Victoria Rd
7.30pm	Together in prayer and praise	Highfield Baptist Church

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).

COMING UP

Ride & Stride – 14th September

An opportunity to do a sponsored walk or ride (by bike or horse) between churches in Northamptonshire and beyond. Proceeds are split equally between the Historic Churches Trust and a church of your choice, which can include the Bridge. Andrew Presland will be taking part and has sponsor forms and more details (01933 316927).

Open to God – 17th September

We meet every other week on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Bridge for prayer, worship, encouraging one another to go deeper with God and equipping us to serve God's kingdom purposes. Join us as we seek to encounter God together.

Christianity Explored – 25th September

A new course will be starting on 25th September, running for seven weeks, with a day away on 9th November. Please be asking your friends and praying for others who might be interested. Speak to Simon King on 07887 390 022 for more details.

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 (Lynda)
 Weekly: Wednesday evening at Matt and 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)

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

The Middle East is regularly in the news. But what is it like for those who live there? Open Doors supports individual Christians and churches through training programmes, relief projects and loans.

George was an electrician with a good job. When the recent conflicts in that land reached his town of Aleppo, his job went and he was left wondering how to support his wife and three children.

Following prayer, an Open Doors partner church in the area was able to make George a loan sufficient to help him open a shop from which he can work again. 'The people started to come. They know that my prices and my work are good. I thank God for this project. I needed to work and be successful, and it really succeeded.'

Please pray, giving thanks for the many small businesses that Open Doors partner churches have been able to support, bringing hope and life to so many communities in Syria that had been all but destroyed in the conflict.