

Notices 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear All,

Thank you for your prayers for last Friday evening when 109 young people from across the town, Raunds, Sharnbrook and one or two other villages met in Park Road Baptist Church for the first of 12 weeks of the AAA course. Please keep praying for these young people as they learn more about Jesus.

Last Sunday Nisha spoke to us from Hebrews 5 v 5-10. It was Passion Sunday and she spoke to us about Jesus our high priest after the order of Melchizedek. Melchizedek was a high priest and can be found Genesis 14 v 18 -20 where he brought out **bread** and **wine** to Abram.

Thank you to everyone who served, before, during and after the service.



### **Next Sunday is Palm Sunday – Holy Communion**

Our readings will be Phil 2 v 5-11 and Mark 15 v 1-39 and Revd. George Rogers will be joining us again to bring God's word and to preside over Holy communion. Please pray for him as he prepares for this service.

### **Notices**

#### **Lent Lunches**

Today will be the final of the Lent lunches from 12 noon to 1.00pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. Everyone welcome. Last week there were 8 of us from Whitefriars making soup or serving. Emma led the prayers. Thank you to everyone who helped.

#### **A Message from Matt Croxon**



Basket ball this Sunday, all ages and abilities welcome @The Wez 2pm on Sunday 24th March.£3 per person (to help pay for Hall hire). Families welcome, tea, coffee and a viewing area available.

## Good Friday

Please read the poster below for the gathering outside St. Mary's church on Friday at 10am



You are invited to join with  
the churches of Rushden & Higham  
to share in reflections  
and songs on

**Good  
Friday**  
March 29th  
**11:00am**  
outside St Mary's, High Street  
Tea/coffee served in the Hall from 10:00

Rushden  
COUNCIL  
OF CHURCHES  
Higham Ferrers

## APCM

Our APCM will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Melvyn has sent me the details about this which I will send out later today in a separate email as there is a lot of important information and I don't want it to get lost in these notices.

## Prayer Ministry

Nisha has mentioned in church that she is looking for a few volunteers for the after service prayer ministry. Three people have offered to join her but ideally we need a few more to share the honour to talking to God. Would you like to be part of the prayer team? If so, please chat to Nisha and let her know your availability.

## Prayers for the New Vicar

We are still praying each Sunday at 9.45am for our new vicar. Please join us in the library before the service.

## Message from Rachel Murphy: Women Who Pray

Are you a woman? Do you like to pray? Do you enjoy cake? I am running a prayer group for women, once a month on the weekend over coffee and cake. This will be spirit led and we will pray for whatever is on people's hearts, whether that be a person, the church, the country or the world. There will be no fixed agenda. It will be a completely safe space where women can learn from each other about prayer, scripture, prophecy, words of knowledge and pictures. Each woman brings their own faith, gifts and knowledge. If you'd like to come along or just receive further details (no regular commitment needed) please do get in touch with Rachel [rachjmurphy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rachjmurphy@yahoo.co.uk). Our first meeting went really well. The next ones will be Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April and then Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 10am, in Higham Ferrers.

## Refreshments

In an attempt to try and preserve the condition of the new carpets in the school the cake/biscuit table will be at the opposite side of the room to the hatch. Hopefully any crumbs that get dropped on the hall floor will not reach the new carpets. This should also make it safer and less of a bottle neck where the scalding hot water is. Parents please supervise your children when they choose their cakes. Thank you.

## Refreshments setting up rota

One very kind person has volunteered to join the refreshments setting up rota. We really do need two more people to join that rota. Is this something you could do?

## Cleaning Rota

We now only have three people on the cleaning rota. Could you share the load? If five more people could offer to clean you would only be asked to clean the Bridge once every two months!!! Could you give a couple of hours once every two months? Thank you.

If you would like more details about the different rotas and what each job entails, please chat to me on Sunday or email [office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk).

## A message from Matt Croxon

Kings Arms Project a Christian Charity in Bedford, is recruiting. If you would like more information about these vacancies contact [HR@Kingsarmsproject.org](mailto:HR@Kingsarmsproject.org) or chat to Matt on 07592 590 212 or [matt.croxon@kingsarmsproject.org](mailto:matt.croxon@kingsarmsproject.org)  
<https://kingsarmsproject.org/vacancies/>

## And finally two messages from Andrew Presland

"After five years. Jo Burns, the **Chief Executive Officer of the Rushden-based charity, Encompass**, is soon to be moving on. Her job is now being advertised at: <https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs?keywords=encompass&location=northamptonshire&radius=20&jobId=958235>, with applications invited by **5pm on 10th April**. Encompass was previously East Northants Community Services and oversees homeless provision in Rushden and Corby, the Recovery House, four food banks and a recently-relaunched day centre in Church Street, Rushden. The charity has a Christian ethos, welcoming people of all faiths or none. Andrew Presland (07943 307873 or [andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com)) has more details. "

Thanks

Andrew

In case it's of interest, the following events will be taking place at my land, Midshires Covert (between Kelmars and Harrington), in the coming weeks:

- Saturday 30th March, 10am onwards: **volunteering day, together with forest school activities from Fox's Den Forest School** . Details below.
- Saturday 4th May, 2pm: the annual **bluebell event**, walking through nearby countryside at Johnson's Covert to hopefully admire the bluebells, followed by free food cooked on the campfire at Midshires Covert.
- Please let me know if you have any queries or if you'd like to camp at Midshires Covert at any time. It's a registered 'Nearly Wild Camping' website.



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**FOX'S DEN FOREST SCHOOL**

**PROVIDING FOREST SCHOOL  
SESSIONS DURING THE DAY:**

**OUTDOOR GAMES**

**BOW AND ARROWS**

**DEN BUILDING**

**OUTDOOR ARTWORK**

**WILDLIFE SPOTTING**



**VOLUNTEERING DAY  
AT MIDSHIRES COVERT  
SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 2024**

Join us for a morning dedicated to  
volunteering and conservation  
10 am to 1 pm.

We will be pruning, planting, and staking.  
All are welcome and bring a spade!

At 1 pm, share food cooked over the fire -  
burgers and sausages will be served for all.  
Plus - forest school cooking activities for all  
children.

"Midshires Covert (also known as Andy P's  
land)" on Facebook

Located at Kelmarsh Road, Harrington,  
NN6 9ND,

Can be found at "mirror.hockey.sizzled" on  
What3Words



Also, Midshires Covert is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/250829575354>  
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I hope you have a very good week and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

With blessings,

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