

Notices 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear All,

It was such a lovely service last Sunday. The children really enjoyed Revd. George Rogers leading the children's spot with Tommy to Torch. Jamie shared his testimony which was very moving. Don't miss the invitation later on. Revd George spoke to us about Palm Sunday and asked us the question, who is this Jesus who gives us the bread and wine? Tokens that remind us that we are forgiven. Tokens that we are heirs with him. He challenged us to "watch with me (Jesus) day by day through Holy week and not to jump from the sadness of Good Friday straight to the celebration of Easter day. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane said "watch with me". Matt 26 v 40-45.

It was good to see two of our young children help in the preparation for communion. Thank you Keziah and Samuel for your help. Thank you to everyone who served before, during and after the service.



### **Next Sunday – Easter Day**

Emma Croxon will be leading our All Age Easter Celebration. Please pray for her as she prepares to lead us. Our reading will be Luke 24 v 13-35.

Following the service there will be a short holy communion in the Bridge which will be led by Melvyn.

### **Notices**

#### **Good Friday – 29<sup>th</sup> March**



Come and join all the churches from the town for the Good Friday service outside St. Mary's church.



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

Sunday afternoon – 31<sup>st</sup> March



**You are all invited** to come to Park Rd Baptist Church (PRBC) to see Jamie and Nathan baptised on Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm. Keaghan is also reaffirming her baptism vows! Although Mark Duggan, the pastor of PRBC will be immersing them, it is solely a service for Whitefriars led by Simon and with music by Josh. There will be refreshments afterwards, so if you want to bring cakes that would be great. Let's welcome them into the Whitefriars bit of the family of God.

### Retireds Group

The next Retired's Group will be held on Friday April 5th, in The Bridge at 1.30pm and we're having an afternoon of easy listening songs with Alan and Chris Goodger. We have one man who is willing to be on standby to give lifts to Retired's Group members if needed, but it would be great if one more person would be willing to be on standby for the 1st Friday of every month. Please phone or message Celia on 07929567268 if this is something you could help with.

Thank you  
Blessings Celia

### Calling all 18 to 30 year olds

Please watch the video for details of a weekend away –

[ORIGIN promo video.mp4](#)

[ORIGIN 2024 flyer.pdf](#)



**ORIGIN**

**18 - 30s**  
**WEEKEND AWAY**  
**7 - 9 JUNE 2024**

 Chellington Centre (Bedfordshire)

**Early bird tickets:** £40 (book by 6 April 2024)  
**General tickets:** £50  
**Students:** 30% discount (code STUDENT2024)

Booking: scan the QR code above or go to [bit.ly/3x8akz5](https://bit.ly/3x8akz5)

 The Diocese of  
Peterborough

The **Methodist** Church  
Northampton District



## Churches Together in Rushden

Please see the poster below inviting anyone who is interested in mission and outreach to a meeting at Highfield Baptist Church on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

**What next?**  
**An open consultation  
on possible  
mission in the future**

A time for our local churches to come together to openly discuss opportunities for mission in our area.  
Joining us will be a team from the Luis Palau Association to help facilitate discussion

**Tuesday April 16th  
7:30pm  
at Highfield Community  
Baptist Church  
NN109QD**

**LUIS PALAU ASSOCIATION**

### APCM

Save the Date - our APCM will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Please read the email with a message from Melvyn that was sent out last week on 20.3.24.

### 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.

### 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).

### 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 Kelmarsh 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.



supporting this event

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Mobile: 07870495967

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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



- 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

Also, Midshires Covert is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/250829575354>  
Andrew Presland, [andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com)  
01933 316927 and 07943 307873

There won't be a notice email next Wednesday as I am on annual leave for a few days. I hope you have a very good week and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday for our Easter day celebration and later in the day Jamie and Nathan's baptism.

With blessings,

Sara Owst  
Ministry Resources Manager