

Notices 17th April 2024

Dear All,



He is Risen!

I hope you enjoyed which ever Stepping Out group you went to last Sunday.

Next Sunday – Easter 4

Our reading for next Sunday will be 1 John 3 v 16-24 and Matt Croxon will be bringing God's word to us. Please pray for Matt as he prepares his talk.

Notices

Illuminate Live – This Friday 19th April

LZ7 are coming to Rushden as a follow up event to their successful Schools tour in March. The event is for under 18's and is happening on Friday 19th April at Park Road Baptist Church 7.30pm-9pm, tickets £4. Flyer attached with a QR code.

Stewards- needed

Due to the anticipated interest in Illuminate Live we need a team of Stewards outside the venue. No experience needed just an ability to talk to young people, to be a visual deterrent and to prevent excited teenagers from spilling into the road. Please let Matt know if you are available matt.croxon@gmail.com



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 is spirit led and we pray for whatever is on people's hearts, whether that be a person, the church, the country or the world. There is no fixed agenda. It is 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. Our first meeting went really well! **The next meeting is Saturday, 20th April in Higham Ferrers.** Do come!

APCM

Our APCM will be held on the 22nd April. Melvyn has nomination forms if you would like to be nominated for a place on the PCC or become a church warden. The agenda, minutes of last year's meeting and all the reports are now on the website. Please read these through prior to the meeting. All these documents can be downloaded and printed. If you want copies please bring them with you. Go to our website www.whitefriarschurch.org.uk click on "About us" and scroll down to "APCM". There will be light refreshments and tea and coffee. **Please bring your own cup to save those who are setting up a lot of washing up at the end.**

A message from Andrew Presland

As well as our own Annual Parochial Church Meeting taking place this coming Monday, we in Whitefriars Church will be hosting another church meeting in the Whitefriars Primary School Hall **from 7.30pm this coming Thursday (25th April): the AGM of the Peterborough Diocesan Fellowship, followed - at about 7.50 - by a talk from John Dunnett**, who is an expert on current matters within the Church of England, including the controversial **Prayers of Love and Faith**.

This will be an open meeting, so you are very welcome to come along to find out more. Although John will be speaking from the perspective of the Prayers of Love of Faith being an unwelcome development, he will - among other things - be talking through an information pack produced recently to help churches where people hold different views to engage with one another in a positive way.

Refreshments (tea/coffee etc) will be served from 7pm - and volunteers are needed to serve them, to welcome visitors and/or possibly to be on car park duty. **Please let Andrew Presland know as soon as possible if you can help in any way.**

[Peterborough DEF 2024 poster.docx](#)

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You are invited to the

Annual General Meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan
Evangelical Fellowship (DEF)

In the hall at
Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden,
NN10 9HX
(meanders.outreach.lighter on what3words)
at 7.30pm on Thursday 25th April 2024

To be followed at approximately 7.50pm by
a talk by Rev Canon John Dunnett, National Director of the
Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) talking on:

An update from the CEEC, including practical responses to
the Prayers of Love and Faith



To be followed by questions and discussion

This is an open meeting to which all are welcome – not only DEF
members

Refreshments to be served from 7pm.

Limited parking is available in the school car park, to the left of the school
building, also in adjacent streets and at the nearby Grangevay shops

More details – and AGM paperwork when ready – are available from Andrew
Presland (andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com)

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The Ascension Day Deanery Service, Thursday 9th May will be at St Peter's Rushden, Midland Road at 7.30pm and all members of our churches are invited. We have been asked to do the reading. Would anyone like to volunteer? Please let me know as soon as possible so that I can let St. Peter's know for the order of service.



Thy Kingdom Come Thursday 9th May to Sunday 19th May 2024

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Thy Kingdom Come Video - History of TKC

Over the past 8 years we have engaged with TKC in a number of ways from 24/7 prayer room, prayer gardens, Cheeky Panda hunt, youth led prayer evening, prayer walks to committing to pray for 5 people and much more.

How are we going to pray over the 11 days this year? Emma would like to gather a team to plan Whitefriars Thy Kingdom Come week of prayer. Chat to Emma for more details or help with planning.

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.

Job Opportunity

Hope for families are looking for a Partnership worker. This is a 12 month fixed term contract, 24hours per week, starting on the 24th June. For more details click the link below.

[Job advert - Hope for Families.pdf](#)

I hope you have a very good and peaceful week and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

With blessings,

Sara Owst
Ministry Resources Manager