

Notices 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear All,



He is Risen!

It was a lovely service on Sunday when Matt spoke to on 1 John 3 v 16-18 about "love". He spoke about agape – selfless love and a little further in the passage it says in v 22...and this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he has loved us. Not a bad thing to hold in the forefront of our minds.

Thank you Matt for preaching and for everyone else who served before, during and after the service.

The APCM was very well attended. At the beginning of the meeting Melvyn told us that we have been given notice by the school that the school is expanding and the area where the Bridge is, is now needed for extended car parking. This means the Bridge will be demolished and we need a new building somewhere. Ephesians 3 v 20 says...Now to **Him** who is able to do **far more abundantly** than all that we **ask** or **think**, according to the power at work within us..... With this scripture in mind, please start praying and asking God where our church office needs to be so that we can be at our most effective serving this community. Ask and think big, God won't be shocked by our requests or our imaginations, he has it in hand. Any ideas you may have big or small, please email Melvyn and let him know your thoughts. At the moment we don't have an exact timescale but it will be within the next 18-24 months. Pray, pray, pray and if all else fails, pray again.

### **Next Sunday is Easter 5**

Our readings will be 1 John 4 v 7-21 and John 15 v 1-8. Rev. Steve Benoy will be bringing God's word to us. Please pray for Rev. Steve as he prepares his talk.

### **Notices**

#### **A message from Andrew Presland**

As well as our own Annual Parochial Church Meeting having taken place last 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 Dunnnett**, 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.**

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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 Grangeway shops

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

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## **Here's What's Happening between Ascension and Pentecost**

**The Ascension Day joint Anglican Service**, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **A message from Higham and Kettering Deanery**

Dear friends,

We are now almost halfway through Easter season, which means it isn't long until the Thy Kingdom Come prayer walk around the diocese. More details can be found here

<https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/tkc2024.php>.

Archdeacon Alison will be walking through Higham Deanery on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May, and will be joining us for a service at Hargrave Church (Church Road, Hargrave, Wellingborough, NN9 6BW) at 5.15pm on Saturday 11th. It will be a Forest Church inspired outdoor service, so please come prepared for whatever weather we are expecting! It will be suitable for all ages, so please do encourage everyone in your churches, including children and families, to come along. Bishop John will also be joining us and sharing something of his story of faith.

Every blessing,  
*Laura Connolly*  
Church Administrator

On behalf of:  
 Revd Nicki Hobbs  
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 Rural Dean of Kettering and Higham  
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**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.

**A message from Emma Croxon**

## Exam Season 2024

This year we have the following students completing exams.

Oliver and Kekeli taking GCSE's.

Josh taking A Levels

Please pray for them over the following few weeks as they take their exams and preparation for the next steps of their education and careers.

Monday April	Tuesday April	Wednesday April	Thursday April	Friday April
22 Oliver 9:00am – Spanish				

Monday May	Tuesday May	Wednesday May	Thursday May	Friday May
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9 Oliver 9:00am - RS	10 Oliver 9:00am – Biology
13 Oliver 9:00am Eng Lit	14 Kekeli 9:00am – French 11:05am – History  Josh A level Business	15 Oliver 13:15pm Computer science	16 Oliver 9:00am -Maths 13:15pm-R.S  Kekeli 9:00am – Maths  Bethany 9:00am – Business 13:15pm – Health and Social  Josh - Philosophy	17 Oliver 9:00am – Chem 13:15pm – Geog  Kekeli 9:00am Science 13:30am - Geog
20 Oliver 9:00am - Eng lit	21 Oliver 13:15am- Computer science  Josh A Level - Business	22 Oliver 9:00am -Physics  Kekeli 9:00am – Science 13:30pm – PE Josh - philosophy	23 Oliver 9:00am - Eng Lang  Kekeli 9:00am – Eng Lang	24 Kekeli 9:00am – French

Monday June	Tuesday June	Wednesday June	Thursday June	Friday June
3 Oliver 9:00am – Maths  Kekeli 9:00am – Maths 13:30 – PE	4 Oliver 9:00am – Spanish	5 Oliver 9:00am – Geog  Kekeli 9:00am – Geog	6 Oliver 9:00am – Eng Lang  Josh – A Level Business	7 Oliver 13:15pm – Biology  Kekeli 13:30 – Comb Sci
10 Oliver 9:00am – Maths 13:15pm – Spanish	11 Oliver 9:00am – Chemistry  Kekeli 9:00am – Comb Sci	12	13	14 Oliver 9:00am – Geog 13:15pm – physics Kekeli 9:00am – Geog 13:30pm – Comb Sci
17	18 Oliver 9:00am – Design Tech	19	20	21

### Prayer Exam Timetable May 2024.pdf

### 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).

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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