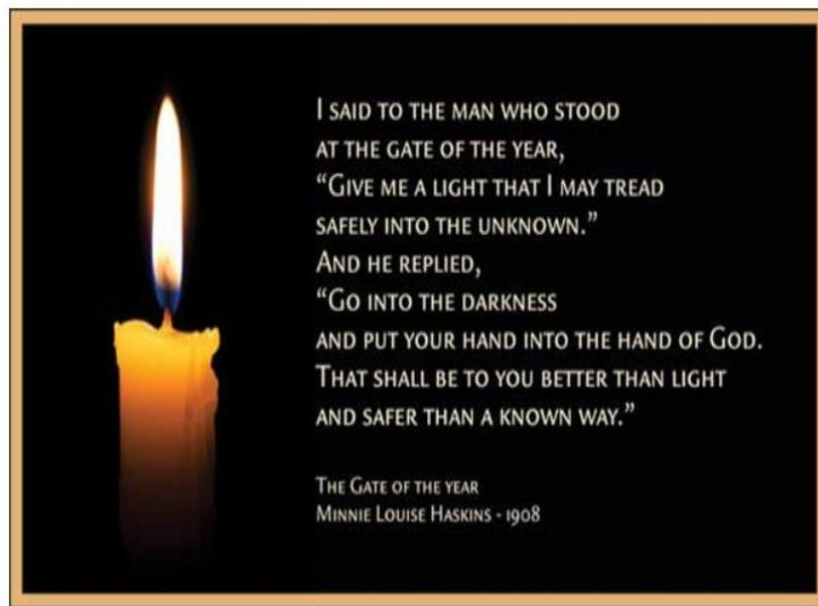


Nisha began our worship beautifully with this poem.



God speaks to us in many different ways. For me it is through pictures and images. It helps me to make sense of the world around me. I found last Sunday's service really helpful through the pictures and images that were used. Emma used two toys (transformers) to illustrate the transforming power of God.



Saul, determined to kill Christians, met with Jesus on the Damascus road but it was only when Ananias (a man filled with the Holy Spirit) spoke to him that he was transformed from a murderer into the man (the apostle Paul) who spent the rest of his life talking to others about Jesus.

Keith in his talk spoke about how we are filled with the Holy Spirit when we accept Jesus into our lives. He used the picture of a dam to show us filled with the Holy Spirit. He asked us whether we keep the spirit within us or do we let it spill out to allow God to transform the lives of others?



Do you have a friend or neighbour who's life you would like to see transformed? Next Sunday it is Stepping out. An ideal opportunity to talk to our friends and neighbours and invite them to one of our activities. Please pray and ask God who you should invite.

Thank you to everyone who served before, during and after the service to allow us to worship and rest in God's presence.

Next Sunday it is Stepping Out. Here are the details for each of the groups.



Books 'n' More

10:30 - Coffee Barne, Higham Ferrers

Contact Nisha or Karen for more details

nishaslater71@gmail.com / karen.woolley@outlook.com

Coffee N Encounters



Our café with optional board games theme is continuing, but at the new venue of the Salvation Army Café (Sally Ann's) on Church Street at 10.15am The Salvation Army aren't using the café and have kindly given it over to us for this time. We'll be serving hot and cold drinks and cakes, there will be a short faith-based talk and lots of time to chill and chat. Feel free to bring mates, and if you can please bring something sweet to share with others. Unlike the previous venue, we need to provide the drinks ourselves and do the set-up/clear away, so it would be great if you can help. For more information please contact Simon King on king.simon@live.co.uk, or 07887 390022, or just turn up.

Countryside Walks

Our next Countryside Walk, will be taking place this coming Sunday 14th January, Strawberry Hill Forever, - a four mile walk in the countryside near the hamlets of Knotting and Knotting Green, just over the Bedfordshire border, including going through the wilds of Strawberry Hill, a farm acquired last year by the Wildlife Trust lake, in the meadow by the River Great Ouse and in nearby countryside.

We will meet at 10.30am, opposite the Church of St Margaret of Antioch, Melchbourne Road, Knotting, MK44 1AF.

Although it's not necessary to book in advance, it would be helpful if anyone intending to come could let me know by 10pm on Saturday, 13th January, to give an idea of numbers, and so we know who to wait for before we start.



There are no stiles on the walk, but a few areas that may be muddy, and so suitable footwear will be needed.

Contact Andrew Presland
andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com



Meeting at Irchester Country Park
at 10.15

For a health questionnaire or more information please contact Pete or Matt directly
pc-bisgrove@tiscali.co.uk or matt.croxon@gmail.com

Silver Service

10:30 - The Bridge

A more reflective service of worship, teaching and prayer

Contact Melvyn for more details

info@csr-kenya.co.uk

And in the Evening

Stepping In

On Sunday Evening in the school Staff Room

Worship and prayer

7pm till 8pm ish

Contact Richard Holley

reholley@ntlworld.com

Notices

Easter is quite early this year. Ash Wednesday is on the 14th February and Rev. Rachel from St. Peters church is hosting the annual Ash Wednesday service. She has asked if someone from Whitefriars could lead the prayers. Is this something you would like to do? If so, please let me know and I can confirm this with Rev Rachel.

Also during Lent St, Marys will be hosting the Lent lunches. Would you be willing to help serve or make some soup? I don't yet know the date that we will be asked to serve but knowing we have a team ready would be very helpful.

LZ7 Illuminate Tour

Illuminate Teams - We are looking for people to join the teams.

- Stewards for concerts on Friday 8th March and Saturday March 9th and for AAA on 15th/22nd March (two weeks)
- Set up and take down team on Friday 8th March and Saturday 9th March
- Prayer team for concerts on Friday 8th March and Saturday 9th March
- AAA leaders for a youth group/discipleship group starting Friday 15th March 7,30pm for 12 weeks. A training session for AAA will be held at Park Road Baptist Church on Saturday 20th January 10-12pm.

"Sign up" now - how is God going to use **you**? register on the Rushden Illuminate Tour Sign-up page using the following link [Sign up](#) . Please sign up in advance to allow time for DBS processes. *Please note that we will ask for a copy of a DBS and a reference from a Church Leader (with your permission)*

More information available from Matt Croxon matt.croxon@gmail.com or Simon King king.simon@live.co.uk

Prayer for the new vicar

The advert for the new vicar has been published. Please do continue to pray for our next vicar.

I hope you enjoy whichever Stepping Out group you join with on Sunday.

With blessings,
Sara Owst
Ministry Resources Manager