

Notices 18th September 2024

Dear All

"Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior, they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick; Forget the former things' do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."
Isaiah 43 v 16-19

It was a wonderful service last Sunday. Pete Squires opened the service with Isaiah 43, asking us to continue praying into this scripture. This was followed by Richard giving us an update on the progress of finding a new vicar. The advert is out and the closing date is the 29th September. He also quoted Isaiah 43.

It was the annual Commissioning Service for all our children and youth leaders. Please continue to pray for these leaders as they teach and guide our young church members.



We also began our new sermon series where we are looking at Jesus through the First (Old) Testament. Nisha posed the question Why should we read the Old Testament? Followed by if Jesus thought the Old Testament was important then why don't we? It was suggested that we should consider the Old Testament as the First Testament and the New as the Second. Scroll down to see why Where's Wally got a mention in the sermon!

Thank you to everyone who made last Sunday's service so special, especially those who work behind the scenes. It is very much appreciated.

Next week

We shall be looking at Jesus in the Old Testament through Abraham and Isaac. Our readings will be from Genesis 22 v 1-18 and Hebrews 11 v 17-19. Matt Croxon will be bringing God's word to us. Please pray for Matt as he prepares his talk.

Matt and Celia **will be** serving on **the prayer ministry team this week.**

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A Message from Andrew Presland

You are invited to take part in the forthcoming Volunteering event at Midshires Covert, on **Saturday 21st September**, from 10am: - and followed by optional food cooked on the campfire. Details are given in the **attached poster.**

Best wishes

Andrew

**You are invited to the Autumn Volunteering event
at Midshires Covert:
any time from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 21st September 2024**

at 'Midshires Covert', Kelmarsh Road, Harrington, NN6 9ND
– north of the A14 beyond Rothwell, just off the road between Kelmarsh
and Harrington (almost opposite the lane to Arthingworth),

As in past events, we will be carrying out a range of tasks, such as

- pruning bushes
- mulching fruit trees
- weeding the gravelled area
- clearing the ditch around the camp fire area

It would help if you can bring a spade, but it's not essential



Mid-morning refreshments provided. After the morning, there'll be bonfire-cooked food (free) and some drinks or a chance to simply relax..

It would be good to know in advance if you will be going (to give a rough idea of numbers to cater for), but it's not essential.

Please also get in touch if you'd need a lift.
Midshires Covert is also on Facebook, at
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2315820568743332/>
mirror.hockey.sizzled on What3Words

Andrew Presland (01933 316927 or 07943 307873)

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 rachimurphy@yahoo.co.uk. The next meeting is Saturday, **21st September at 10am in Higham Ferrers**. Following that we will meet on 19th October and 16th November. Do come!

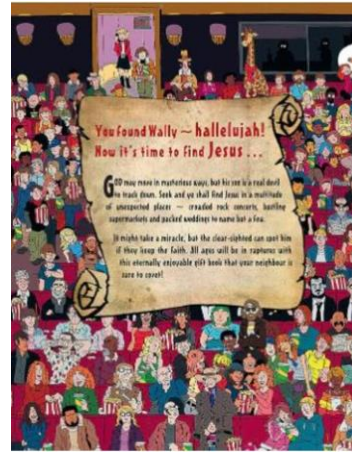
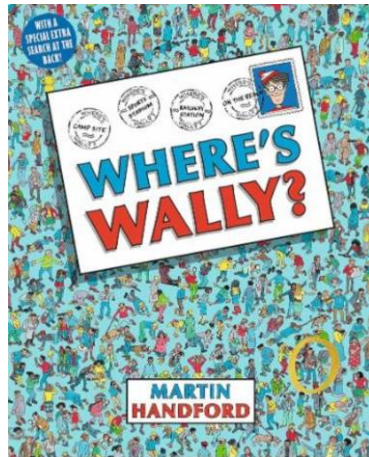
Save the Date

Harvest Lunch 6th October

We shall be having a Harvest Lunch this year on the 6th October following our morning service. Our shared lunch will be soup and roll followed by cake. Please can we have 9 volunteers to make soup (enough for at least 10 people) and 9 volunteers to make cakes (enough to serve 10 people) If the soup could come in slow cookers then keeping it warm would make things a lot

easier, although soup in pans can be heated up on the Bridge. If you are able to help please contact me on office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk. Thank you.

Home Groups



All our home groups are following the sermon series of Jesus in the Old Testament. This will begin with Noah. Nisha quoted Martin Hengel "if you only know the New Testament you don't know the New testament." This will be a very interested and exciting few weeks as we look at the character of the OT. **If you do not belong to a home group and would like to join one the details can be found on our website. Go to "Our faith" and click on "Discipleship Groups". You will find who is leading and the days that they meet. Why not join one of these groups in September.** Let's go on the journey of discovery together. Isaiah 43 v 19 ...See I am doing a new thing!

Prayers and Fasting 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. Some members of the congregation are intentionally praying and fasting for the church and 'inter-regnum' once a week. Please feel free to do the same if you think you are being called to.

If you would like to know more about biblical fasting please speak to Nisha Slater, Pete Squires and Matt Bundock

Ask not what your church and God can do for you, but what you can do for your church and God. Here are some opportunities for you to serve God and His church

Letter Rota – We have some members who do not have computers so cannot receive the notices by email, so our notice sheet is printed each week and delivered to them. Could you join the letter delivery rota? At the moment there are two kind people who deliver the letters every other week. Could you share the load and with them?

Refreshment Rota

Could you help set up or put away the refreshments? Ideally, we need one person to set up and one person to put away each service. Could you join this rota?

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.

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

With blessings,

Sara Owst
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