



Notices 23rd October 2024

Dear All

Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

³ For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care

What an amazing service we had last Sunday. Our reading from Luke 24 talked about Jesus on the road to Emmaus speaking to the disciples about himself starting with Moses and all the prophets. Keith spoken about Moses pointing the way to Jesus. It was interesting to see the parallels between Moses' life and of Jesus. Keith said there were about 20 parallels. Here are a few:-

Moses

Jesus

Hidden from the King in a basket

hidden from King Herod for his safety.

A baby set aside to save his people

A baby set aside to save the world

Adopted by the King

Adopted by Joseph

Spent 40 years in the wilderness

Spent 40 days in the wilderness

The people sacrificed a lamb

Jesus was the sacrificial lamb

It is worth reading the whole of Moses' story and seeing the parallels in the story

Thank you to everyone who served before, during and after the service. So much hard work went into every part of our time together.

Next Sunday 27th October

We will be continuing our theme of Jesus in the Old Testament with David. Our readings will be from 1 Samuel 16 v 6-13 and John 10 v 11-18. Rev Philip Evans will be preaching and presiding over holy communion. Please pray for Philip as he prepares to bring God's word to us.

Matt and Celia will be serving on prayer ministry at the end of the service.

Notices

Hot Water for Coffee – Parents please read this

Having looked at how we serve coffee it has become clear that it is not always easy for some of us to access the flasks. We would like to try something a little different next Sunday but we are very mindful of all our little people in the church. The hot water flasks are not always easy to push the water out due to the flask lids being stiff and also the height of the serving hatch. We would like to put a small table under the hatch where only one flask will be placed. This should make it easier for some of us to serve the hot water. The other two flasks will stay on the hatch. Parents please be mindful of this and watch your children as we do not want to have any accidents. If this is helpful to those of us who have

struggled to use the flasks, please let us have feedback. If it is not helpful we will revert back to just using the hatch as the safety of everyone is important. Thank you.

A message from Emma Croxon



Turn darkness into light this Halloween and gift "trick or treaters" visiting your home with a Bag of Hope. John 8:12 "I Am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of Life" This October half term share God's hope with friends and neighbours by gifting them a Bag of hope containing the super book gospel message aimed at primary aged children, you can add other treats like sweets or glow sticks. If you would like some bags please collect on Sunday from Emma.

Emma Croxon
Children and Families Minister

Simon mentioned in last week's service about a podcast he has been listening to about heroes of faith. Here are the links if you would like to listen.

[Preview YouTube video Generous Living in Preparing to Die | Richard Garnett](#)



[Preview YouTube video Running Hard and Finishing Strong! | Steve Legg & Carl Beech](#)



[Preview YouTube video The Entertainer | Gary Grant](#)



A message from Pete Bisgrove

Hi all,

FnR has come to the end for this year. Maybe to start again next year (watch this space).

Organisers of FnR would like to thank all those who have taken part. We've had a fun, muddy, energetic time.

God bless. (FnR team)

We would like to thank Pete for all his hard work with FnR over the last year.

Songs of Praise

Do you watch Songs of Praise? Last Sunday Songs of Praise came from Nottingham and the theme of the programme was all about Youth Church. If you did not have a chance to see the programme, please look on the BBC iplayer it was very good.

Thank you for your prayers

Last Saturday we had our morning of prayer and praise. It was a lovely morning of quiet prayer and at lunchtime prayer and praise. Although not many were able to attend it was still a very precious time. Thank you to all those who were not able to come but were praying at home.

Save the Date

Our next time of prayer together will be on Thursday 28th November from 4pm-9pm in the Bridge. I know that a few home groups meet on a Thursday evening so perhaps you might consider changing locations for the evening? Full details of the programme will follow. Please put this date in your diaries so we can join together and seek God's will for our church.

Save the Dates

Last year a group of us had a very enjoyable evening carol singing. We would like to do this again this year and there are two dates to come and sing in the community. The dates are Saturday 14th December and Thursday 19th December. Details to follow.

A Message from Andrew Presland

Please see the invitation below about the men's conference. For more information, please click on the link below.

Thank you
Andrew



<https://www.mgpnorthampton.org.uk/event-details-registration/mens-conference-2024>

A Message from Matt Croxon

The Rushden and Higham Council of Churches are organising an event with Christian Vision for Men (CVM) called Unschooled Ordinary Men. CVM has a vision to reach 1 million men with the good news of Jesus and have organised the Unschooled Ordinary Men events as a rally for Christian men to help this mission. Why is it called Unschooled ordinary men?

"When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they marvelled and took note that these men had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13

Details; Park Road Baptist Church, Saturday 23rd November @7,30pm. Tickets £5 More information and tickets on the link below

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/christianvisionformen/1321152>

Care for the Family – Autumn tour

Care for the Family is one of our mission charities this year. An Evening with Rob Parsons, "Reflections on the Journey" is coming to Kettering on 28th November at Christ the King, Kettering, NN15 7AA. If you would like tickets - Early Bird tickets are £6 until 29th October. Group Tickets £8 each and standard tickets £11.

QR code in the top left corner.

Reading 12 November	Maidstone 26 November
Oxford 13 November	Guildford 27 November
Worcester 14 November	Kettering 28 November

All events 7.30 pm

An Evening with
ROB PARSONS
Reflections on the Journey

cff.org.uk/robparsons

Care for the Family logo

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.



Nisha spoke about biblical fasting. She interviewed Pete Squires and Matt Bundock. Pete pointed out that Jesus said "when you Fast" not "if you fast" Matt 6 v 17. It is a discipline to fast but our relationship with God grows deeper. It is about sacrifice and it is between you and God. Pete made the distinction that it is only about food and nothing else. If people say they are fasting from using their

phones or tv then it is idolatry because we value the object we are giving up. When we give up food it is about God because he feeds us.

Nisha said about fasting:-

- It is good, whole and proper as it carries God's blessing. Biblical fasting is refraining from eating with prayer.
- How should it be done? Discreetly unlike the Pharisees in Matt 6 v 16-18. It is a private thing between you and God but Jesus spoke about it to the disciples so that we would know about it today.
- Daniel fasted from rich food only and ate vegetables to honour God. Daniel 1 v 8-14
- Fasting could be public/corporate/community – at a time of great trouble or for a specific reason. Esther 4 v 16 or Jonah 3 v 5. We could fast and pray for our new vicar.

- The spiritual disciplines are Prayer, fasting, meditation and study
- Nisha quoted from Richard Foster's book "Fasting is Feasting". "We are not so much abstaining from food as we are feasting on the Word of God."

Nisha asked Matt Bundock as a doctor about fasting. Matt said that you need to think carefully about fasting if you have mental health issues relating to food and other health conditions. Fasting is not about making ourselves ill.

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

"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

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

One kind person has offered to join the letter delivery rota. Thank you. If one more person could offer it would mean you would only have to be a postman once a month. Is this something that you could do?

Refreshment and SUPA 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? Could you help Set up and Put away the chairs. Two people are coming off these rotas soon and we do need to replace them.

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 an enjoyable week and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

With blessings,

Sara Owst
Ministry Resources Manager

