



Notices 6th November 2024

Dear All,

Karen began our service with a poem from Charles Wesley

One family, we dwell in Him,
One church above, beneath though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death

The 1st of November was All Souls Day when we remember those loved ones who have died. Next Sunday it is Remembrance Sunday when we remember those who have perished in war



Remembrance Day Parade & Service

The parade will assemble at 10:15am outside Rushden Hall, Hall Park, and proceed to the War Memorial. A commemorative service will follow, including the laying of wreaths and a two-minute silence at 11:00am. The ceremony will then continue at St Mary's Church at 11:15am. All members of the public are invited to join in this traditional event, which unites the community in honouring the sacrifices of the Armed Forces.

We had a lovely service on Sunday as we explored further our theme of Jesus in the Old Testament. Jeremy linked Daniel's prophesy about Jesus in Daniel 7 v 13 ...and there before me was one like a Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven, Luke talking about Jesus' return in Luke 21 v 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory and John spoke about Jesus in Revelation 14 v 14 ...and there before me was a white cloud and seated on the cloud was one "like a Son of Man" with a crown of gold and a sickle in his hand...

Thank you to everyone who served before, during and after the service.

Next Sunday - 3th Sunday before Advent

Stepping Out Sunday



Who will you invite?

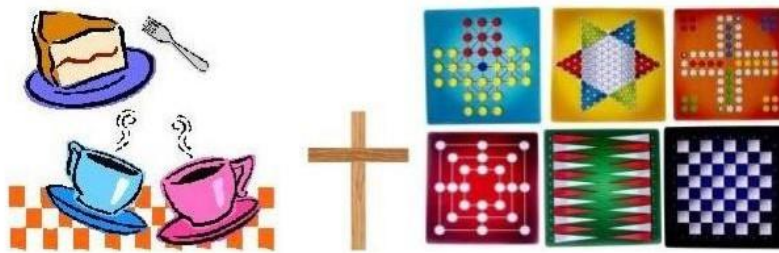
Books and More



10:30 - Coffee Barne, Higham Ferrers
Contact Nisha or Karen for more details

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Coffee and Encounters



Café with optional board games at the Salvation Army Café (Sally Ann's) on Church Street at 10.15am. 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. For more information please contact Simon King on king.simon@live.co.uk, or 07887 390022

Countryside Walks



Sunday 10th NOVEMBER, WALKING WILDLY WEST OF WELLY – a three mile walk on footpaths in wooded and parkland areas on the edge of Wellingborough near the Park Farm Industrial estate. Meet at 10.30am in Medway Drive, just off Sywell Road, Wellingborough, NN8 5WW.

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, 9th November, please - to give an idea of numbers, and so we know who to wait for before we start.

Please also contact Andrew if you need a lift to and from the walk.
e-mail: andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com

Silver Service



10:30am in The Bridge
A more reflective service of worship, teaching and prayer
Contact Melvyn for more details info@csr-kenya.co.uk

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A Message from Pete Squires - Eden Wellbeing Shed Opening

After much prayer and the favour of God, the Eden Shed is to open on Saturday 9th November at 9am. It will go on until 1pm. A real blessing and something to be truly thankful for. The shed is a place to meet with likeminded people who want to create things from wood, metal, material, in reality almost anything. It is extensively equipped to create what you want to. The hope is that as a community we can create and sell on the things we make and donate the money to local community causes.

We want it to be a safe place so there are some inevitable rules but other than that you are free to come and spend some time doing something or just chilling. Come and take a look, get involved or ask questions. Feel free to encourage others to get involved.

Just a few of the things we have planned, pallet tables, Christmas decorations. Cable reel tables. Dining chair recovering, Tool refurbishing. The limits of what you can do depend on the imagination you can bring.

We Meet thanks to the Phoenix Resource Centre at their premises along Portland Road Rushden. Turn left off Rectory Road, half way along on the left is the old shoe factory. Drive into the car park and we are at the bottom of the car park behind the roller shutter doors.

If you want to know more feel free to contact us. petersquires@sky.com or call Pete on 07887 854021

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



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

Refreshment and SUPA Rota

We really do need one more person to offer to help with refreshments on a Sunday morning and one more person to join the SUPA team as we now do not have enough people on these rotas. Both jobs would only be once a month plus one fifth Sunday a year. Could you offer to fill one of these two jobs please?

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 and your guest enjoys whichever stepping out group you choose to go to.

With blessings,

Sara Owst
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