

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Part-way through our regular services there is usually a chance for children to go out to age-specific groups:

### Jack-in-the-box – pre-school & reception

This group for our youngest children meets in the staff room and includes fun activities with Jack (a puppet) and a Bible story. There are also some toys and a space where you can take your pre-school child/baby if you or they need a break.

### Energize – School years 1 to 5

This group meets in the Infant School hall and includes a fun mixture of activities including Bible teaching, games and crafts.

### Refuel – School years 6 to 8

This group meets in the Bridge and includes teaching and study as well as games and discussions.

### Quenched – School years 9+

This group meets in the ICT suite on the first and fourth Sundays of the month and provides a space for our teenagers to explore the Bible together through discussions and study.

### Notice for parents – after the service

Children can play outside on the playground and grass (not on the trim-trail) as long as there are adults supervising them. Please could all parents ensure that they know where their children are after the service and take turns in supervising them.

### Parent drop-in

The parent drop-in runs at the Bridge every Monday during term-time from 9 until 10.30am. Come and meet with other parents for a chat over tea or coffee and have discussions on school or parenting issues. Pre-schoolers are welcome. For further information contact Sarah Thompson-Fitch on 07511 572534.

### Fruit (School years 6+)

Fruit runs weekly during term-time on a Tuesday evening from 6.45–8pm at the Wesleyan Church Hall, and is for school years 6 to 11. £1 subs. With pool, table tennis, sports and crafts and a chance to learn about faith. Contact Nicola on 07738 596776.

## CHURCH NEWS

### The Missional Community

... which remains very much a part of Whitefriars Church, can best be described as families together on mission in the northern part of the parish. Please pray for them as they establish a Sunday pattern of: a shared meal twice a month; an outreach project once a month; and gathering back at Whitefriars for communion together. They are encouraging one another in daily discipleship and meeting monthly for a midweek worship evening to encounter God.

### Keeping in touch!

As a church we have a presence on social media and we want to encourage you to engage with this.



- You can 'Like' our 'Whitefriars Church' page on Facebook
- You can 'Follow' us on Twitter @WF\_Rushden
- And search for 'wf\_youth' on Instagram to follow our new account there!

If you would like something to be included in the notice sheet, please email Lizzie Evans by the previous Wednesday lunchtime – [lizzie.evans79@googlemail.com](mailto:lizzie.evans79@googlemail.com)

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# Whitefriars Church, Rushden



22nd October

Abiding in the vine

John 15:1–17



### Welcome to Whitefriars Church!

We are delighted that you have joined us today. We hope and pray that you would meet God this morning.

If you are a newcomer, we would love to get to know you better. Please make yourself known to one of the people who welcomed you today, or make contact with our vicar, Chris Youngman.

## THIS WEEK AT WHITEFRIARS

<b>Today</b> 5.30–7pm	Lego	The Bridge
2–3pm	Sunday Salon	The Bridge
<b>Wednesday</b> 11.30am	Leaders' lunch	Frontier Centre
<b>Friday</b> 6pm	Family film night	Whitefriars Junior School
<b>Sunday</b> 10.15am	Morning worship	Whitefriars Junior School
5.30–7pm	Lego	The Bridge

## HOME GROUPS

A number of home groups meet during the week. They are a great place to get to know people better as you study the Bible and pray together. They are the best place for the church to provide pastoral care. There is a photoboard of the various group leaders. Please talk to any of them if you want to know more.

## SPIRITUAL SURVEY

Our vision as a church is to see lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the likeness of Christ. A key part of the plan to achieve this is growing the depth of discipleship of our members as relationships are transformed with God, one another and the wider community. So that we can assess where we are at and work out what things would help the church to grow, we would like everyone who is part of Whitefriars (wherever you usually meet) to complete a Spiritual Survey.

There will be an opportunity to do this during or after the service on 22nd October. If you cannot be there on that Sunday, then please access the survey on our website, or by emailing the office. I would stress that the survey is anonymous, so please be honest in your answers, as we want to get a true picture of where we are at as a whole community.

Thanks in anticipation, Rev Chris

## COMING UP

### Leaders' Lunch – 25th October

11.30am for 12 noon: East Northants Community Leaders' Lunch at the Frontier Centre – looking at mental health issues, with speakers Dr David Smart and Rev Philip Evans. All welcome. £5 admission – payable on the door. Details from Andrew Presland (01933 316927).

### Standing for Christ in the Public Square

The Christian Institute are holding several public meetings to explore current issues of interest and concern, including relationships education in primary schools, transsexualism and the freedom to preach the gospel. The next one will be at Little Hill Church, Wigston (contact Josh Harrison on 07743 760756) on Thursday 26th October, 7.30 to 9pm.

### Family Film Evening – 27th October

We will be holding a free family film night in the school hall with drinks, popcorn and sweets to enjoy! Starting from 6pm, we will be showing *Ramona and Beezus*. A great opportunity to invite friends and family along. For more information speak to Nicola.

### Soul Survivor Celebration – 28th October

We will be taking some of our youth to this event at Kingsgate, Peterborough. Chad is helping to run it and is asking for people to pray and/or come along to help on the team. For more information contact Chad. Young people will be receiving consent forms from Nicola and Imogen soon.

### SHORT & SWEET – starting 5th November

Starting on Sunday 5th November, 2 to 3pm. A short worship service at St Mary's Church, followed by tea and cake, for anyone with additional needs.

**Derek and Jane Waller** (late of St Peter's, Rushden and South Sudan) are still waiting to go to Madagascar: Jane has yet to receive the necessary paperwork. Derek's main work will be centred on discipling Christians in that country. They are learning the language at present – not an easy task. Please let Melvyn know if you would like to receive updates, or if you would be willing to email Derek.

## STEPPING OUT COMMUNITIES

On the second Sunday of every month, we don't have a Sunday service but instead we try to get out into the community. Our aim is to get out to serve people and to love them, rather than simply saying 'come to us'.

There are flyers for all our regular Stepping Out communities which include:

### BOOKS AND MORE

### CAFE-CHURCH

### COUNTRYSIDE WALKS

### RETIRES' GROUP (first Friday of the month)

### SILVER SERVICE

### SUNDAY SALON (first and third Sundays)

## MISSION

In the coming months Janet Croxon (Matt's mum) hopes to arrange a collection of items for the Samara's Aid appeal – a charity set up by Samara Levy, a former A&E nurse, in 2015 – which sends clothing, blankets, care packs and medical supplies to war torn Syria, and has also opened a hospital in an area where the local hospital was destroyed.

If you want to help there are things you can do:

- Collect banana boxes with lids from local supermarkets. These are needed to send the items. (Waitrose are already saving their boxes).
- Pray for Samara and her team (all volunteers) as the work continues to grow.
- Pray for those receiving the aid and care packages.
- Pray for the medical staff at the hospital, and all those involved in the work in Syria.
- Pray for those in the UK organising collections for the appeal.
- Visit the charity's website ([www.samarasaidappeal.org](http://www.samarasaidappeal.org)) to find out more about the work.

Contact Janet Croxon for more information, in church or on 01933 624506.