

THIS WEEK AT WHITEFRIARS

Today		
3pm	Games afternoon	The Vicarage
5.30–7pm	Lego	The Bridge
Sunday		
10.15am	Morning worship	Whitefriars Junior School
5.30–7pm	Lego	The Bridge
7.30pm	Together in prayer and praise	Highfield Baptist Church

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.

Weekly: Tuesday morning at the Bridge (Imogen)
Weekly: Wednesday evening at Matt and Emma's
Weekly: Wednesday evening at Gill's (Simon K)
Weekly: Thursday evening at Pete and Amanda's
Alternate Weds evening at Alan and Glenda's (Celia)
Alternate Thurs evening at Ken and Sara's (Andrew P)

Pastoral care team

Whitefriars now has a pastoral care team which acts as a prayer chain, coordinates home visits and supports home group leaders and those looking to join a home group. The team is also there to organise and provide meals for members of the congregation at difficult or busy times, make initial contact with new church members, access extra care and generally provide a listening ear. For any of these services, please do not hesitate to contact Imogen on 07960 243254 or Sarah on 07765 123591.

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

COMING UP

Whitefriars Cookbook!

We need your recipes! Help us to raise funds for youth residentials by sharing your best recipe. We will be putting together our recipe book over February so don't hesitate to give them to Imogen at church or email them to imogeniallen@googlemail.com.

Leaders' lunch – 14th February

Cllr Colin Wright will be talking on the 'Beauty of the Nene Valley', with some related short talks: 11.30am for 12 noon, at Thrapston Baptist Church. All welcome. Admission is £5, payable on the day. Andrew Presland has more details.

Ash Wednesday service – 14th February

All are welcome at this joint service at 7.30pm at St Peter's Rushden to mark the start of Lent. We are looking for a volunteer to lead intercessions – speak to Melvyn.

Deanery Synod – 15th February

7 for 7.30pm: Deanery Synod open meeting at St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough, looking at opportunities for fostering. All are welcome.

Lent Lunches – starting 21st February

Please join Christians from the churches in Rushden for fresh homemade soup and bread, every Weds in Lent, 12–1 pm, followed by prayers 1–1.30pm at St Mary's. All welcome. Offerings to Christian Aid. Together with the Wes, Whitefriars are responsible for preparing and serving the soup and bread on 14th March. Please let the office know if you can help.

Worship and prayer night

Come and join us for an evening of prayer and worship every fourth Wednesday, from 7:45 to 9pm in the Bridge. Everyone welcome.

Prayer ministry training – 5th March

Training in the practice of Prayer Ministry at St Peter's Rushden on Monday 5th March at 7:30pm, led by Rob Bewley of Christ the King. This is a follow-up to the event held in September 2017.

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

The Mission Giving group will be meeting in the near future to discuss which organisations we will support with financial and prayer giving. We have been supporting CMS (Derek and Jane Waller), Vaslui Kindergarten, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Bibles for Children, Scripture Union, Manna House to name a few. If there is a charity that you would like us to consider, please give written or email details to Melvyn (info@csr-kenya.co.uk) before the end of February.

Safeguarding is for all

The church, along with most other organisations, has been reviewing safeguarding and has also updated much of the training. Many of you will receive an email copy of the details. If you have not received this, please pick up a paper copy. For all those who have a DBS with Whitefriars, you will be expected to complete the online training modules C0 and C1: this will count as your update training. Once you have completed these modules, please email either Celia or Melvyn the confirmation emails that you receive.

Keeping in touch!

- 'Like' our 'Whitefriars Church' page on Facebook
- 'Follow' us on Twitter @WF_Rushden
- Search for 'wf_youth' on Instagram

