

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 Imogen on 07960 243254.

CHURCH NEWS

Job vacancies at Whitefriars

We are looking to make two appointments: a Children and Families Minister starting in April and a Youth Minister starting in July. Both roles are scoped at 18 hours per week. See posters for more information. Please do mention this to anyone you know who might be suitable. For a full job description and application pack, please contact office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk.

Cleaners needed

We are in need of more volunteers to go on the rota for cleaning the Bridge once a month. Please speak to Sam Poulton if you can help.

Pastoral care team

Whitefriars now has a pastoral care team which acts as a prayer chain, makes contact with new members, coordinates home visits, supports home group leaders and those looking to join a home group, as well as generally providing a listening ear. For any of these services, please do not hesitate to contact Imogen on 07960 243254 or Sarah on 07765 123591.

Safeguarding is for all

The church has been reviewing safeguarding and has also updated much of the training. If you have not received the details by email, 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. Please email either Celia or Melvyn the confirmation emails that you receive.

Church AGM – 16th April

Our Annual Church Meetings will be held on 16th April, beginning at 7pm with refreshments for a 7:30pm start. This is when there are elections for two church wardens and three members of the PCC. We thank Sam Poulton and Sarah Thompson-Fitch for serving as wardens during the past year, and Emma Croxon, Val Cummins and Richard Holley for serving as PCC members. Melvyn has nomination forms.

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

Whitefriars Church, Rushden



11th March 2018

Stepping Out Mothering Sunday



Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined one of our Stepping Out communities today. We hope you enjoy the experience.

If you are a new to Whitefriars, we would love to get to know you better. Please make yourself known to one of the people leading your group, or make contact with our vicar, Chris Youngman.

THIS WEEK AT WHITEFRIARS

Today		
3–5pm	Open house	The Vicarage
5.30–7pm	Lego	The Bridge
Monday		
9–10.30am	Parent drop-in	The Bridge
Tuesday		
6.45–8pm	Fruit	Wesleyan Church Hall
Wednesday		
12 noon	Lent lunch	St Mary's Church
Thursday		
9.30am	Communion	The Bridge
7.30pm	Refugee Support meeting	Full Gospel Church
Sunday		
10.15am	Morning worship	Various
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.

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)

Easter Eggs

St Peter's have ordered lots of **The Real Easter Eggs**. Each egg is Fairtrade and comes with a colourful Easter story booklet. If anyone would like to purchase some for £3.99, contact Sue Bibby on 01933 357347.

COMING UP

Open house at the Vicarage today!

We would like to invite anyone from church to come to the vicarage for refreshments from 3–5pm today. This is an open invitation, but we know Mothering Sunday can be a difficult day for some – if so, this is particularly for you. Chris and Liz Youngman

Lent Lunches – Wednesdays

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.

Beating the Bounds Part 2 – 24th March

Walking around the boundary of the southern part of the Rushden Whitefriars Church of England parish. Meet at Whitefriars Primary School at 2pm on Saturday 24th March. More details to follow.

Prayer and worship – 28th March

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

Sanctuary Night Shelter anniversary

Two events are being held to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Rushden's night shelter, to which all are welcome:

- 12 noon to 2pm on Wednesday 28th March, at the Full Gospel Church
- 2 to 6pm on Saturday 31st March: Celebration Day, at the Full Gospel Church

Helen Allan has more details on 07871999020.

Good Friday craft afternoon – 30th March

As in previous years we are running an event for families in the church and community on Good Friday, 2–4pm, to help prepare for Easter. Please invite friends along. If you would like to help (run a craft table, serve refreshments, or chat to visitors) please speak to Imogen or Liz Youngman.

Job vacancy – East Northants Community Services is offering a six-month contract for someone who can implement a new data system, update its website and support its Night Shelter. Details at: www.enfg.org.uk

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)

GIVING

An offering plate is passed around during each service for church members to give money to the church. If you are visiting, please don't feel obliged to give anything. Church members who are tax payers are asked to give under the Gift Aid scheme. Contact Irene Alford (01933 350908, kandi-alford@sky.com).

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