

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

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.

What is church all about?

This term we will be exploring this question as we look at Acts 2:42–47.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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Whitefriars Church, Rushden



15th April 2018

Church is about... cheerful givers

Acts 2:42–47; 2 Corinthians 9:6–11



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 new to Whitefriars, 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

Today		
2–4pm	Sunday Salon	The Bridge
5.30–7pm	LEGO	The Bridge
Monday		
7pm	Church AGM	Whitefriars Primary School
Tuesday		
6.45–8pm	Fruit	Wesleyan Church Hall
Thursday		
9.30am	Communion	The Bridge
Sunday		
10.30am	Morning worship with communion	Whitefriars Primary 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.

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)

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).

COMING UP

Church AGM – 16th April

Our Annual Church Meetings will be held in the Junior Hall on 16th April, beginning at 7pm with refreshments for a 7:30pm start. Rev Chris will look back at the past year and cast a vision for the year to come. There are elections for two church wardens and four members of the PCC. We thank those who have served on PCC for the past year. Melvyn has nomination forms.

Bishop's Bible Day – 21st April

A day of studying the Bible with Bishop Donald. Open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the Bible. This event is free (donations welcome). There will be two addresses from Bishop Donald, a variety of workshops, worship and fellowship. Just bring a Bible and a packed lunch. 9.30am to 4pm at Northampton High School. Email: Bookings@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Curry night – 27th April

Men's curry night, Friday 27th April, 8pm at the Spice Lounge, Higham Ferrers. Please let Chris Mizon, Simon King or Sam Poulton know if you are coming so they can confirm numbers with the restaurant.

Job opportunity

Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough have an opportunity for a Sales and Customer Service Administrator, 37 hours per week. More details available: <https://rockuk.org/career/general-jobs/> or call 01933 654100.

2018: The year of Northamptonshire Churches

The life, death, and resurrection of Christ has inspired the creation of many beautiful buildings over the last 2,000 years. This campaign aims to promote the beautiful and historic churches of our county with the local community and beyond. Please visit www.northamptonshiresurprise.com and share what you find and enjoy.

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

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

Whitefriars Church gives away 10% of its general income to support charities and projects at home and overseas. In 2017 our Mission Giving was distributed as follows:

Tearfund	£2,250
Vaslui Kindergarten	£1,200
CMS	£1,000
Wycliffe Bible Translators	£1,000
Medical training in Ghana	£1,000
Samara's Aid	£500
ENFG	£1,000
Bibles for children	£819
Manna House	£500
Scripture Union	£350
Spurgeons	£15
Total	£9,634

Keeping in touch!



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