

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

In **term-time** the children usually go out to age-specific groups part-way through our services:

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. Please leave mobile phones with parents in church.

Quenched – School years 9+

This group meets in the conservatory 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.

Use of playground and field

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

Sparklers

Our toddler group SPARKLERS meets on Fridays from 9.00am at the Bridge. Please pray for our group, for our volunteers, parents and children. For more information please contact Emma on 07957080074.

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. Contact Rosie on 07856 764771.

CHURCH NEWS

Annual Spiritual Survey

We would really like everyone to complete a survey. If you haven't yet, there are copies available in church or it can be downloaded from our website. The survey can be found on our website under the heading of 'Church', next to the weekly notices. Please return completed surveys by 2nd December.

Donations needed

Julie is looking for donations of new men's pants/boxers to provide to rough sleepers. This is for a service that provides showers, a change of clothing, hot food and support for those sleeping on the streets. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Keeping in touch!

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



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Whitefriars Church, Rushden



2nd December 2018

Advent 1

1 Thessalonians 4:9–13;

Luke 21:25–36



Welcome to Whitefriars Church!

We are so pleased that you have joined us today. We pray that you will meet with 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, or contact our vicar, Chris Youngman.

THIS WEEK AT WHITEFRIARS

Today 6-7.30pm	Lego Boys	12 Portland Road, Rushden
Tuesday 6.45-8pm	Fruit	Wesleyan Church Hall
Thursday 9.30am	Communion	The Bridge
4-5.30pm	Lego Girls	The Bridge
Friday 9-11am	Sparklers	The Bridge
1.15pm	Retireds' Group	The Bridge
Saturday 9.15am	Morning prayer	The Bridge
Sunday 10.15am	Christingle Service	Whitefriars Primary School
6-7.30pm	Lego Boys	12 Portland Road, Rushden

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. 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 (Lynda)

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)

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

Church library sale – 2nd December

The staff and churchwardens have made the decision to close the Church Library. On 2nd December the books will be offered to the congregation after the service. Any books remaining will be donated to charity. Contact Sarah for more details.

Retireds' Group – 7th December

The Retireds' Group on Friday 7th December will be Whitefriars School singing Christmas songs, followed by carol singing, led by Liz Youngman.

Carol singing at Rushden Lakes

We will be joining with all the churches in Rushden and Higham to sing carols at Rushden Lakes on Monday 17th December between 4 and 6pm. Please join us for this act of witness if you can.

Women's conference – 2-4 May 2019

Colour London is a three-day conference run by Hillsong Church attended by 12,000 women at the Wembley Arena, with excellent worship and teaching provided by internationally renowned speakers. Emma Smith is planning to go with a group from Whitefriars, so check your inbox for more details. Or call her on 07812 174747.

Christmas services in December

Christmas cards are available to invite friends and family of all ages; also please help us deliver them to the houses around Whitefriars.

Sunday 9th – 10.15am Christingle service

Sunday 23rd – 10.15am Carol service

Christmas Eve – 4.30pm Nativity service

Christmas Day – 10.15am Communion service

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).

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

RETIREDS' GROUP (first Friday of the month)

SILVER SERVICE

MISSION

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is one of the charities which we support with our mission giving. MAF is an international Christian aviation charity serving 27 developing countries to reach the world's isolated people. Operating 128 light aircraft, MAF flies into some 1,400 remote locations, enabling physical and spiritual care to reach countless thousands of people cut off because of formidable geographical barriers, natural disasters or political unrest. Each flight carries help, hope and healing to people for whom flying is not a luxury, but a lifeline. Please pray for:

- John Woodberry, MAF's Global Manager of Disaster Response, that God will give him wisdom when he's facing the challenges and needs of dealing with a disaster.
- That MAF will continue to play a crucial role in responding efficiently and effectively, when a disaster strikes.
- Praise God for his continuous provision and for the many supporters, who are helping to keep the planes in the air.
- Pray for safety for the pilots, who have to take off, fly and land during bad weather conditions, often in response to a medical emergency, and thank God for the many lives that are saved.