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the monthly newsletter for Rushden High Street Independent Wesleyan Church

out with the old...

...THOUGHT
FOR THE
MONTH

Another old year has gone and another new one has come. It's a time to look back on what has passed. As I look back there have been disappointments and heartaches as well as joys and pleasures. For many of us our health has not been as good as we might have wanted it to be. Special people in our lives may have passed away. Dreams have been broken and hopes crushed. Despite these things though, God has brought us through and has been ever-present with us. His grace has been with us and carried us through whatever we have faced, so we thank Him for His faithfulness.

Looking forward, I wonder what is in store for us? Whatever it is, there are some really helpful words in the letter to the Philippians, chapter 4. Allow me please to share them with you:

'Rejoice in the Lord always' – whatever comes our way, we must rejoice in Him – always!

'Let your gentleness be evident to all' – make sure we treat everyone carefully and lovingly.

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God' – a gentle reminder that whatever we face we can, and should, bring it to the Lord expectantly.

'Think about what is noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy' – there are so many things which our minds can be flooded with – let's be careful to let these things be what we think of.

As I said, I don't know what the year will hold – but I know who holds me! He held me last year through some really difficult times and He will in 2016. It's the Lord of course – and He'll hold you too!

May you have a very happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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the word for today

'Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.'

Ephesians 3:20 NKJV

Source:

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If you only have a thimble-worth of capacity and you're standing on the edge of a vast ocean, you have access to a lot of water but you won't get much of it because your capacity is so small. If you have the capacity of a bucket you'll get more than a thimble, but once the bucket is full the ocean can do you no more good. If you have a barrel you'll get more than a bucket, but once the barrel is full you will still only have taken advantage of a miniscule part of the ocean. The idea is to offer God the biggest container possible. Offer Him all of you so that He can accomplish what He wants to do in your life. And no matter how successful you may be, you still haven't maximised all that God wants to do in you and through you.

Paul puts it this way: 'Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.' When you give your life to Christ, the Holy Spirit takes up residence within you. That means if your life has been a failure thus far, He can turn it into a success. And if your life has been successful thus far, He can take you to a higher level of success. That's why you should begin each morning by praying: 'Lord, I make myself totally available to You this day; work through me to accomplish Your will.'

That's a prayer God will answer.



church offerings

SUNDAY 6th	DECEMBER.....	£270.34
SUNDAY 13th	DECEMBER.....	£464.40
SUNDAY 20th	DECEMBER.....	£488.85

In addition, the amount paid into the bank each month currently stands at £1000. If you would like to give in this way, please see Richard Weekley. Many thanks.



evening services in the church

Those who attend the evening services on a regular basis have recently met together to pray and discuss a way forward as numbers have slowly decreased until attendances are now in single figures.

We have decided to implement the following programme of meeting together; the aim is that more may feel they would like to join us as well. Each month we will have a varied programme depending upon the particular Sunday in the month.

FIRST SUNDAY:

A meeting in a home – anyone is welcome to invite us (optional light refreshments only required!) – 6.00pm

SECOND SUNDAY:

2nd Sunday – 4.00pm

THIRD SUNDAY:

A Communion Service in the hall – 6.00pm

FOURTH SUNDAY:

Joining with the Mission Church for their service – 5.30pm

FIFTH SUNDAY:

Prayer and Fellowship in the hall – 6.00pm

East Northants Faith Group event

DISCIPLESHIP IN ACTION - a free event for any Christians wanting to put their faith into practice in everyday life, at Corby Business Academy, Gretton Road, Corby NN17 5EB from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 30th January 2016.

There will be a keynote address by Bishop Donald and talks by Richard Higginson (*Ridley Hall, Cambridge*) and Ross Hendry (*CEO, Spurgeons*) on how churches can support families. There is also a choice of three from over twenty workshops.

To book and for more details, please visit <http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/news-and-events/events/details/1279>.

inTouch articles

If you have anything you'd like to put in future editions of inTouch then please pass it to Phil or Colin.



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weekday diary dates

TUES	5th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 50 Boundary Avenue
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	6th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
SAT	9th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
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TUES	12th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 11 Kilburn Place
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	13th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		2.00pm	Service at Kilburn Place
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
THURS	14th	2.00pm	Women's Auxiliary – Rev. Phil Hearson
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	16th	10.00am	Church Members Annual General Meeting
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TUES	19th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 15 Fern Road
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	20th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
THURS	21st	6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	23rd	10.00am	Coffee Morning
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TUES	26th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 50 Boundary Avenue
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	27th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
THURS	28th	2.00pm	Women's Auxiliary – Mr. Geoff Stone
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club



A Psalm for the month

– Psalm 91

1. Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
2. I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'
3. Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.
4. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.



New Year quotes...

RESOLUTION ONE:
I will live for God.

RESOLUTION TWO:
If no one else does,
I still will.

Jonathan Edwards

If this is to be a Happy New Year, a year of usefulness, a year in which we shall live to make this earth better, it is because God will direct our pathway. How important then, to feel our dependence upon Him!

Matthew Simpson, Bishop

People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be more worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas!

Unknown

Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book.
Write a good one.

Brad Paisley



church birthdays this month

If you would like to be included please let Jeanette know and we'll endeavour to get a card to you on the Sunday nearest the date, it would be nice for us all to have the chance to wish one another all the best on our birthdays.

21st - JASMINE MADDAMS



flowers this month

Thank you to the following who have arranged to provide flowers for the church and to Madge and Jill who arrange the rota and distribution of the flowers. There are still spare Sundays during the year so if you would like to provide flowers please speak to Madge or Jill.

3rd - Vacant

24th - Caroline Findlay-Line (*for Dad*)

10th - Anne Hearson

31st - Vera Timpson (*for Mum*)

17th - Madge Trusler

Lessons from the life of Noah...



1. Don't miss the boat...
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat!
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

From A Bucket of Surprises, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books



puzzle page

This month's puzzle has been set for us by Tony Butler. It's a series of 'Dingbats' – simply say what you see – each one is a well-known saying. Hand your answers to the Minister before the end of January and you may win a small prize.

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Answers to last month:

1. Smarties; 2. Minstrels; 3. Quality Street; 4. Treats; 5. Bulls Eyes; 6. Twix; 7. Galaxy; 8. Turkish Delight; 9. Matchmakers; 10. Flake; 11. Aero; 12. Boost; 13. Love Hearts; 14. Contrast; 15. Mint Imperials; 16. Neapolitan; 17. Dolly Mixtures; 18. After Eight; 19. Bon Bons; 20. Dime

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