

IN touch

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the monthly newsletter for Rushden High Street Independent Wesleyan Church

if it sounds too good to be true...

...THOUGHT
FOR THE
MONTH

Last week I saw an offer which looked almost too good to be true. The retail company 'Sports Direct' offered to give those who 'liked' their Facebook page a free jacket (worth £59.99!) if Newcastle United beat West Ham. I decided to give it a try, more out of curiosity really than wanting the jacket. So I 'liked' the page and waited for the result... a win to Newcastle! So – would I receive the jacket?

The small print said that there were only a limited supply (45,000) jackets and if more 'liked' the page there would be a draw... I received an email to say that I had been chosen to receive the free jacket. So what would the catch be? Firstly I had to order it online... but all the colours that I liked were out of stock! Eventually I found one in my size, but it was brown – not really me! Then to get it I had to pay £4.99 delivery. However, I hadn't had to pay anything for it so I decided to order it. Would it be too good to be true? Well, when it was delivered it wasn't really my style, nor a colour I would wear and it didn't fit! So, I decided that it would benefit a charity most.

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You will probably know the saying – 'If it sounds too good to be true it probably is'. I want to tell you though of something that isn't! The good news, the Gospel, says very simply that anyone who believes in Jesus shall not perish but have everlasting life. It's true! These are the words found in one of the most well known verses in the Bible (*John 3 v 16*). Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to our earth for the reason that He would give His life so that our wrongdoing (which the Bible calls sin) can be forgiven. How do we receive this gift? – through putting our own trust in Jesus, making Him the Lord of our lives and living for Him. This is a wonderful gift, freely available, and with no 'small print'.

Have you received it? If not ... then will you please think carefully about it? It's the best gift you'll ever receive!



the word for today

Who am I...
that you have
brought me
this far?'

2 Samuel 7:18 NIV (2011
Edition)

Source:

The Word for Today
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Broadcasters,
Westport Road,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 4JF

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the UK & Republic of Ireland.

A Member of Parliament took his little daughter to visit Westminster Abbey. As she stood looking up at its magnificent columns, her father asked, 'What do you think, sweetheart?' With childlike candour she replied, 'I was thinking how big you look at home, Daddy, and how small you look in here.'

God's presence has a way of humbling us. In the Old Testament, King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, 'Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?' The Bible's filled with examples of people who humbled themselves before God. In Matthew's gospel he mentions his own name only twice, and both times he calls himself a tax collector. And John doesn't even mention his own name in his gospel. The name 'John' that appears throughout his gospel refers to John the Baptist. John simply calls himself 'the other disciple', or 'the disciple whom Jesus loved'. Luke wrote two of the most important books in the Bible without ever once mentioning his own name. And Paul, the Bible's most prolific author, referred to himself as 'a fool' (2 Corinthians 12:11 NIV 2011 Edition). He described himself as 'the least of the apostles' (1 Corinthians 15:9 NIV 2011 Edition), and later claimed to be 'less than the least of all saints' (Ephesians 3:8 KJV). In fact, as Paul grew older his ego grew smaller, and in one of his final Epistles he referred to himself as 'the chief of sinners' (See 1 Timothy 1:15). King David wrote no psalm celebrating his victory over Goliath, but he wrote a psalm of penitence confessing his sin with Bathsheba (Psalm 51).

So, always be humble.



church offerings

SUNDAY 27th	DECEMBER.....	£200.40
SUNDAY 3rd	JANUARY	£329.25
SUNDAY 10th	JANUARY	£262.25
SUNDAY 17th	JANUARY	£284.00
SUNDAY 24th	JANUARY	£410.50

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.

snippets from the Annual General Meeting

The Church Members held this in January. Richard Keech took the role of Chairman of the Church Meeting and Colin Maddams is now the Vice-Chair.

Financially it has been a good year for the church – income has increased which means that giving via the Missionary Department increases proportionately. We now have a supply of 'Welcome to your new home' cards – please take them and use them. Giving from the Missionary Department has increased over the last year. The Investment Fund continues to help support the Minister's stipend and Sunday School costs. Copies of the Report to the AGM are available – please see Richard Weekley.



prayer chain

For those that don't know we have a Church Prayer Chain in operation – the idea being that in cases where urgent prayer is requested we can very quickly contact people from the church and ask them to pray.

People either receive requests by telephone, then call the next person on the chain to pass on the request; or they receive the request by text message - in this case there is no need to pass it on. All we ask is a commitment to pray and to keep the details confidential. If you would like to participate, please speak to the Minister. Thank you.



the minister's school assemblies

(for your prayers please)

WEDNESDAY	10th	– South End Infant School (Anne to do)
WEDNESDAY	10th	– Tennyson Road Infant School
MONDAY	22nd	– Denfield Park Primary School

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	2nd	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 50 Boundary Avenue
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
		7.30pm	Council of Churches Meeting
WEDS	3rd	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
THURS	4th	6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	6th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
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TUES	9th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 15 Fern Road
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	10th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		2.00pm	Kilburn Place Service
		7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
THURS	11th	2.00pm	Women's Auxiliary – Beetle Drive
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	13th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
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TUES	16th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 50 Boundary Avenue
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	17th	7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
SAT	20th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
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TUES	23rd	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 11 Kilburn Place
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
		7.00pm	Officers & Trustees Meeting – Church Vestry
WEDS	24th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
THURS	25th	2.00pm	Women's Auxiliary – Mrs. Rachel Newman
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	27th	10.00am	Coffee Morning



7th

10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson
(incl. Communion)

6.00pm Home Meeting
- 21 Palm Road
(All very welcome)

14th

10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson

4.00pm **2nd Sunday!**

21st

10.45am Rev. Michael Alderson

6.00pm Rev. Michael Alderson
(incl. Communion)

28th

10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson

5.30pm Service at the Mission Church
Rev. John Williams

Should you ever find it difficult to join us for any service you wish to attend please don't hesitate to speak to either the minister or a church leader about arranging a lift, we are always happy to sort something out - please don't miss out!



A Psalm for the month

Psalm 92
verses 1-5
and 12-15

1. It is wonderful to be grateful and to sing your praises, LORD Most High!
2. It is wonderful each morning to tell about your love and at night to announce how faithful you are.
3. I enjoy praising your name to the music of harps,
4. because everything you do makes me happy, and I sing joyful songs.
5. You do great things, LORD. Your thoughts are too deep.
12. Good people will prosper like palm trees, and they will grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.
13. They will take root in your house, LORD God, and they will do well.
14. They will be like trees that stay healthy and fruitful, even when they are old.
15. And they will say about you, "The LORD always does right! God is our mighty rock."



East Northants Faith Group

How much do you know about the work undertaken by ENFG?

The latest news on the Sanctuary Night Shelter, Recovery House, Stepping Stones Accommodation, Rushden Foodbank, Raunds Community Café and CAP Job Club is now available on their website: encs.org.uk.

Alternatively a monthly update is produced which can be made available.

'Being salt and light in God's world'

This is being arranged by The Christian Institute at Pollard Evangelical Church, London Road, Kettering. It will be held on Thursday 11th February, starting at 7.30pm.

They will be able to give latest news on the Ashers Baking Co., Gospel freedom and sanctity of life. They aim to give 'Simple and powerful ideas to help you make a stand for the truth'.



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.

12th - Abigail Jones

14th - Jeanette Maddams

20th - Tony Butler



flowers this month

Thank you to the following who have kindly agreed to provide flowers this month, and of course as always to Madge and Jill.

7th - Mrs. Mitchell

14th - Kit Eyre's family
(for Mum)

21st - Kit Eyre's family
(for Dad)

28th - Carol Butler



to make you smile...

The following were written by children:

Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.

Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.

Moses led the Jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.

The greatest miricle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.

One of the oppossums was st. Matthew who was also a taximan.

St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony which is another name for marriage.



puzzle page

This month it's a Bible puzzle. The following quotes are all taken from the Bible – and they are all chapter 4 verse 7. The question is – which book? (All the quotes are from the New International Version but you should be able to work it out using most versions). Hand your answers to the Minister by 27th February and you may win a small prize. Why not see how many you know without looking first?

1. 'I will lure Sisera'
2. 'Submit yourselves, then, to God'
3. 'I saw something meaningless under the sun'
4. 'Will you give me a drink?'
5. 'The Philistines were afraid'
6. 'You have filled my heart with greater joy'
7. 'Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven'
8. 'Sin is crouching at your door'
9. 'The more the priests increased, the more they sinned'
10. 'The first living creature was like a lion'
11. 'What other nation is so great'
12. 'What are you, O mighty mountain'
13. 'Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales'
14. 'Now put it back in your cloak'
15. 'Dear friends, let us love one another'
16. 'Mordecai told him everything that had happened'
17. 'Wisdom is supreme, therefore get wisdom'
18. 'If you worship me it will all be yours'
19. 'These stones are to be a memorial for ever'
20. 'At dawn the next day God provided a worm'

Answers to last month:

1. Fork in the road; 2. Clean underwear; 3. Six feet under;
4. What goes up must come down; 5. Put on weight; 6. Backseat driver;
7. A change in the weather; 8. Tip the waiter; 9. Afternoon tea;
10. Go out on a limb; 11. Painless operation; 12. Fair and square;
13. A bunch of fives; 14. In a big way; 15. Close quarters.

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