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the monthly newsletter for Rushden High Street Independent Wesleyan Church

...lest we forget

...THOUGHT
FOR THE
MONTH

November is the month we mark Armistice Day, or Remembrance. I have to admit that it wasn't long ago when I wondered whether the various things that happen might decrease, but I am happy to say that I was wrong and in fact it seems that it is marked even more than in the past. People on the TV seem to wear poppies earlier and more people seem to observe the two minutes silence at 11.00am on November 11th.

It is a time to look back, to remember those who have given service in many different conflicts. Of course, the two world wars come into focus, but we must also remember many other occasions. At the time, the following Bible verse is often quoted, and rightly so: 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends'.

However, I do wonder how many people realise its origin (*John's Gospel, chapter 15 verse 13*), or whether they know that these are words of Jesus which ultimately will find fulfilment in Him. He goes on to say 'You are my friends if you do what I command' – Yes, He is saying that the life that will be laid down for others is His own – for us, if we do what He says and truly follow Him.

I am glad that we will hold our act of remembrance on Sunday 8th November in the morning service, and I hope that you will join with us. We will remember, with great gratitude, those whose lives were given that we might know freedom. Real freedom also comes from a life given, that of Jesus Christ, so let us take time to remember Him – freedom from the power and penalty of sin can be ours, freedom from the fear of death, through His death. Jesus said 'If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed' (*John 8 v 36*). **Yes – it's for you!**

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the word for today

'...As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand...'

Jeremiah 18:6 NKJV

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Henry Poppen, one of China's first missionaries, spent forty years telling its people about the love of Jesus and how He died to take away their sin. One day, after he had finished speaking, a man approached him and said, 'We know this Jesus! He's been here.' Dr Poppen explained how that wasn't possible because Jesus had lived and died long ago in a country far from China. 'Oh no,' the man insisted, 'He died here. I can even show you his grave.' He led Dr Poppen outside the city to a cemetery where an American was buried. There, inscribed on a crumbling gravestone was the name of a medical doctor who felt called by God to live and die among the people of this remote Chinese village. And when its people heard Dr Poppen describe the attributes of Jesus - His mercy, His love, His kindness, His willingness to forgive - they remembered the missionary doctor.

God will use you when you're willing to become 'clay in the potter's hand'. Clay has no aspirations; it's mouldable, pliable, and completely subject to the potter's will. Henry Blackaby says: 'When God's assignment demands humility, He finds a servant willing to be humbled. When it requires zeal, He looks for someone He can fill with His Spirit. God uses holy vessels, so He finds those who'll allow Him to remove their impurities. It's not a noble task being clay. There's no glamour to it, nothing boast-worthy, **except it's exactly what God's looking for.'**



church offerings

SUNDAY 4th	OCTOBER	£324.43
SUNDAY 11th	OCTOBER	£243.00
SUNDAY 18th	OCTOBER	£335.55

Thank Offering to date £2112.00, thank you all for your contributions.

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.



toy service

SUNDAY 29th November AT 10.45AM

Please could you bring along a new (or good as new) unwrapped toy suitable for a child (any age from a baby up to a teenager).

This will be passed on to local children who are in need this Christmas. (This will be part of the 'My Christmas Wish' initiative). Thank you so much for your support. Jeanette Maddams



'My Christmas Wish'

Again this year we will be working with the Full Gospel Food Bank Service to give out Christmas presents to local children in need.

As from **Monday 30th November** anyone will be able to drop in a new (or good as new) gift suitable for a child of any age (from a baby up to a teenager). These will then be distributed on **Saturday 12th December** as part of the Christmas Give Away Day at the Full Gospel Church.

Also, the Rotary Club have asked us to gather a list of families who they could buy presents for specifically to suit their individual wishes. **So if you know a family who are struggling financially this Christmas, please check with them that you can pass on their contact details to me.** I would also then need an idea of their child's gender, age and what are their interests. Obviously this information will be kept in strictest confidence and gifts will be given discreetly during the middle of December, ready for the big day! If you can help in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

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the minister's school assemblies

(for your prayers please)

WEDNESDAY 4th – Denfield Park Primary School

WEDNESDAY 18th – Alfred Street Junior School

WEDNESDAY 25th – Tennyson Road Infant 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	3rd	10.00am	Prayer Meeting –
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	4th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
SAT	7th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
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TUES	10th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting –
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	11th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		2.00pm	Kilburn Place Service
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
THURS	12th	12.45am	Women's Auxiliary – Fish & Chips and AGM
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	14th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
		10.00am	Circuit Meeting at Alma Street (coffee from 9.30am)
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TUES	17th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting –
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	18th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
THURS	19th	6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	21st	10.00am	Coffee Morning
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TUES	24th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
		7.00pm	Officers & Trustees Meeting
WEDS	25th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
THURS	26th	2.00pm	Women's Auxiliary – Craft Afternoon
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	28th	10.00am	Christmas Tree Festival & activities in the hall
		(all day)	



A Psalm for the month

*The LORD will
protect his people*

– Psalm 121

1. I look to the hills! Where will I find help?
2. It will come from the LORD,
who created the heavens and the earth.
3. The LORD is your protector, and he won't go to sleep
or let you stumble.
4. The protector of Israel doesn't doze or ever get drowsy.
5. The LORD is your protector, there at your right side
to shade you from the sun.
6. You won't be harmed by the sun during the day
or by the moon at night.
7. The LORD will protect you and keep you safe
from all dangers.
8. The LORD will protect you now and always
wherever you go.



Christmas Tree Festival

SATURDAY 28th November FROM 10AM – 4PM

With Seasonal refreshments and Childrens crafts

Anyone who would like to help on the day with refreshments or as Stewards in the Church please let Jeanette know. Thank you



Christmas Fair

Please come along and support the Christmas Fair in our Church Hall on Saturday 5th December from 10am – 1pm. All proceeds will go towards the important work that East Northants Child Contact Services are involved with based in Rushden.

This is a service where they supervise an estranged parent seeing their child regularly while conflicts are being sorted out in the Court. If you would like to ask more about this, please speak to me as I help run this organisation. Thank you for your support.

Jeanette Maddams

Christmas Sale

Christmas Table Top Sale at Rushden Academy School, Hayway, Rushden on Thursday 26th November from 6.30pm, please come along and support the school to raise funds. Thank you.



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.

6th - **ELSIE KEECH**

17th - **LILY BLAKE**

17th - **MIA GIBBS**

19th - **DANIELLA FLOODGATE**

23rd - **LIZZIE WEBB**

23rd - **EVA GIBBS**

24th - **CAROLINE FINDLAY-LINE**



flowers this month

Thank you to the following who have agreed to provide flowers for the church this month. Thanks too to Jill and Madge who sort the rota and take flowers out during the week. We will very soon be starting the new rota for 2016 so if you would like to provide some flowers please see Jill or Madge.

1st - Madge Trusler
(for Mum and Dad)

8th - Sheila Dunkley

15th - Jill Waller *(for Dad)*

22nd - Vera Timpson *(for Betty Wilson)*

29th - Margaret O'Dell *(for Mum)*



dates for your diary - december 2015

SUNDAY 13th – 10.45am **Visit of South End Infant School Choir**

WEDNESDAY 16th – *Alfred Street Junior School Carol Service in the Church*

THURSDAY 17th – *Denfield Park Primary School Christmas Performance in the Church*

SUNDAY 20th – 10.45am **Children's Nativity Service**
4.00pm **Lessons & Carols and Christmas Tea**

THURSDAY 24th – 4.00pm **Christingle Service**
11.30pm **Midnight Service**

FRIDAY 25th – 10.30am **Christmas Morning Service (at the Mission Church)**



puzzle page

This month it's a case of finding the missing vowels. Below are 20 names which appear in the Bible but the vowels have been removed (some have more than one answer). Try to work out as many as you can – hand your answers to the Minister before November 28th and you may win a small prize.

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| 1. LJH (m) | 11. NMN (m) |
| 2. JRMH (m) | 12. BGL (f) |
| 3. NM (f) | 13. DLLH (f) |
| 4. RN (m) | 14. GLTH (m) |
| 5. ZZH (m) | 15. DVD (m) |
| 6. SMN (m) | 16. RBKH (f) |
| 7. STHR (f) | 17. JZBL (f) |
| 8. LZBTH (f) | 18. RTH (f) |
| 9. HB (m) | 19. HGG (m) |
| 10. DRS (m) | 20. BDNG (m) |

Answers to last month:

1. Afghanistan; 2. Algeria; 3. Argentina; 4. Azerbaijan; 5. Bangladesh; 6. Burkina Faso; 7. Costa Rica; 8. Dominican Republic; 9. Equatorial Guinea; 10. Iceland; 11. Lithuania; 12. Macedonia; 13. Namibia; 14. Poland; 15. Scotland; 16. Spain; 17. Switzerland; 18. United States of America; 19. Vietnam; 20. Tunisia

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