

Nuthall Methodist Church



# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Dear Friends,

*I've given up starting these articles with a joke for Lent.*

Lent lasts for 40 days as a reminder of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness during the temptations. Mark mentions the story briefly, but the full details appear in both Matthew and Luke. In all three gospels, the temptations occur before Jesus has commenced his ministry as a healing teacher. It is interesting that these details must have come from Jesus himself as he was alone in the wilderness. Jesus must have wanted his disciples to understand what had happened in these crucial 40 days.

One author writes of this event being a showdown in the desert. The Devil stalked around Jesus weakened by 40 days of fasting, trying to disqualify him from his ministry before it had even begun. In the three temptations, the devil was trying to determine what sort of messiah Jesus would be.

Would Jesus be a messiah who would miraculously address people's physical needs by turning stones into bread? Or would Jesus be a messiah whose reputation would bring him to everyone's attention? Or would Jesus be a messiah who would assume power and authority and rule the world? Initially it can be difficult to understand why these three temptations were evil. After all, wouldn't Jesus eventually go on to miraculously feed 5000 people with 5 loaves and two fish.

Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that the Devil was proposing an enticing shortcut. He tempted Jesus towards the good parts of being human without the bad. He tempted Jesus to savour the taste of bread without being subject to the fixed rules of hunger and agriculture. He tempted Jesus to confront risk without real danger. He tempted Jesus to enjoy fame and power without the prospect of painful rejection. In short, he tempted Jesus to wear a crown but not a cross.

The temptation to wear a crown not a cross is one the Church itself has failed again and again throughout history. This is wonderfully illustrated in the novel *The Brothers Karamazov*. Dostoevsky tells a story of Jesus appearing in Seville during the Inquisition. He meets with the Grand Inquisitor who has Jesus thrown into prison. The Inquisitor tells Jesus that by turning down the three temptations, Jesus forfeited the three greatest powers at his disposal, miracle, mystery and authority. Fortunately, the Inquisitor tells Jesus that the Church realised the mistake and corrected it, and now the Inquisitor must execute Jesus again lest he hinder the church's work.

Of course, the temptation to wear a crown but not a cross, is one that continues in the lives of Jesus' followers today. There are many ways in which we do this again and again in our own lives. Perhaps we want to feel deeply spiritual and close to God, but by shortcutting the disciplines of prayer and reading the Bible which will get us there. Perhaps we want to feel looked after and protected by the Christian community, but by shortcutting the building of loving relationships that takes time and mutuality. Perhaps we want our churches to be full of new people, but by shortcutting the responsibility we each have to share the good news of Jesus.

Jesus made it clear to the Devil that there are no shortcuts in the Christian life. In what is possibly the least manipulative invitation ever, Jesus called his disciples to take up their cross and follow him. I hope this Lent becomes a time when we can once again reflect on the depth of this call on our lives.

Love, peace and joy,

*Andrew*



## **SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH**

Services are held each Sunday at 10.45 am and 6.00 pm.

Junior (ages 7-11) and Primary (ages 3-7) Sunday School meet at 10.45am (except on Family Service Sunday). Late Risers (11+) meet at 6.00pm.

1 <sup>st</sup>	10.45am 6.00pm	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth Dr Cathy Milne
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am 6.00pm	Rev. Laurence Sharp Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Youth Service
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 10.45am 6.00pm	Rev. John Wiseman - Holy Communion Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Family Service Mr David Blount
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.45am 6.00pm	Mrs Jane Edwards Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am 6.00pm	Mr Thomas Boakye <b>Circuit Service</b> at Arnold Methodist Church

## **NUTHALL NEWS**

### **PRAYER STREETS**

Please remember the residents of the following streets in your prayers. Our friends at St. Patrick's Church and the churches in Kimberley are joining with us in this activity. The streets in italics are in Kimberley.

<b>March</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ash Crescent, Oakely Mews & Swigert Close <i>High Spannia &amp; Lyle Close</i>
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Laurel Crescent & Lovell Close <i>Digby Street &amp; Coatsby Road</i>
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Maple Drive & Larkfield Road <i>Bassett Close &amp; Ruislip Close</i>
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Assarts Road & Little Holland Gardens <i>Almond Close &amp; Tewkesbury Drive</i>
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Boden Drive, Atkinson Gardens & Oakash Court <i>Kimberley Close &amp; Spring Hill</i>

### **PASTORAL COMMITTEE**

Pastoral leaders are reminded that there is a committee meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 112 Kimberley Road.

### **BIRTHDAY CARDS**

Janet Wilson is still in need of 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cards.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020** **Praying with Zimbabwe**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at St. Patrick's Church, Nuthall at 2.00pm (for Awsworth, Kimberley, Nuthall Methodist Church and St. Patrick's Church, Nuthall).

A service for everyone entitled:

"Rise!" Take your mat and walk



## **ECOCHURCH - TRAIDCRAFT EXCHANGE BIG BREW!**

The Coffee Morning on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> will be run by the EcoChurch group as part of Fairtrade Fortnight (February 24<sup>th</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>). This will mainly be fundraising for Traidcraft Exchange who help people to earn more from their hard work so that they are better able to protect their families from the harsh effects of poverty. We are also hoping to raise some money to be able complete the Twinning of our church toilets by Twinning the Accessible toilet. At the coffee morning as always there will be delicious Fairtrade tea and coffee and friendly fellowship, but also:

- A cake stall: please bake something with at least one Fairtrade ingredient (let us know what it was and where you bought it) - with a prize for the most Fairtrade ingredients used in one bake!
- Information and resources on what we are working on to be an EcoChurch and how we can all live more sustainably
- A "Regifting" Stall - please donate any unused / unwanted Christmas gifts to be recycled by being sold
- Games for all ages and a quiz - Are you a Coffee Boffin?

If anyone would like to help out on the day please speak to Sarah Charlesworth, Kathryn Blount, Sue Perrett or John Wilson.

## **WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE AS YOUR STUDY BUDDY?!**

As a church we recognise that not everyone can attend, or wishes to attend, a bible study group and so we have decided to encourage everyone to choose a "study buddy". A WHAT??? This would be a person whom you feel comfortable enough to discuss the bible with. Every month Andrew will choose passages from the bible for us to study and then discuss with our buddy. This could be a short discussion in the coffee lounge on a Sunday morning or a longer time spent meeting up for a cuppa! Whatever is the best solution for you. The Bible is the 'story' that underpins our faith and so many blessings are received from reading it. It is hoped that these discussions, however informal they may be, will serve to enhance our understanding of the words within it.

The suggested passages will be in the newsletter each month so look out for them and give it a go!!

If you have any questions about it please do speak to any of the stewards.

## **WORKING DAY**

We will be having a Working Day at church on Saturday 18 April from 9 am to 12 noon. There is plenty of work to do to give the church a spring clean. Everyone is welcome; there will be jobs for everyone.



## **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION**

Come and join us for our craft and chat sessions, at church from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, **on the third Thursday of each month**. Our next session is on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone welcome.

## **OVERFLOW CAR PARK**

As most people will be aware, we strengthened the grass at the front of church last year to allow it to be used for parking. Please note that this is an overflow car park and for occasional use only. Please can we all use the tarmac spaces first before using the grass. Also, please park tight to the path or the hedge to allow space for two rows of cars and give us the additional capacity of 16 cars that we occasionally require.

## **HOPE COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR & NOWMADS CONCERT – MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**

There are two concerts on March 21st by Hope Community Gospel Choir and NOWMADS drama group. The proceeds will benefit both groups but also church funds. We would really appreciate any help with refreshments, clearing away and donations of cakes and biscuits.

The times are 2.30pm in the afternoon and 7.15pm in the evening with an interval for both concerts when tea/coffees and cakes will be served to the audience. The choir and NOWMADS members will have refreshments in between the two concerts but will be providing this themselves. We are asking church members and NOWMADS members to help with serving refreshments and providing cakes, as well as helping to help clear up at the end of the second concert.

If you are able to help in any way at all please see Lorna, Rosie or Jackie.

Tickets are now on sale at £6 each including a drink and cake. Please see Rosie for tickets or phone 07813 453224.

## CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING



**Saturday 16th May 2020 10am to 12.00 noon**

This is our annual event to raise money to support the work of **Christian Aid**. Please support us by coming on Saturday 16th May.

**We are supporting Christian Aid to raise money and act for the world's poorest people.**

- We will be joining in the **Big Brekkie** by serving bacon butties as well as the usual coffee and cake.
- We will be very grateful for donations of cakes, tombola and raffle prizes, plus good quality books.
- A wide selection of greetings cards made by Janet Wilson will be on sale.
- There will also be children's stalls including games and a children's tombola.

**If you are able to help on the day please see Val Stone or Ann Pounder.**

We will also be pleased to accept donations if you are unable to attend.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support for this event.

## COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Instead of giving up something for Lent why not take on the Christian Aid Lent challenge to **Count your Blessings**.

Lent is the ideal time to pause, step back and raise our own awareness of things we take for granted.

The challenge begins on Ash Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. There is a daily reflection and an action for each day throughout Lent and on some days an opportunity to give.

**Booklets are available from Val Stone.**

Any money raised through Lent will add to our fund raising in Christian Aid fortnight. Thank-you

## DISTRICT NEWS

### **YOUTH EVENT – SUNDAY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Our church will be hosting an event organised by the Nottingham and Derby District Youth Team on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> from 1.30pm to 5.00pm.

‘God in Love Unites Us’ is a chance for young people to gather to consider and discuss the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group.

The Nottingham and Derby District is committed to encouraging and facilitating positive and constructive conversations around the Report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group 2019, ‘God in Love Unites Us’.

Through facilitating conversations we seek to listen to God and to each other with grace and care towards one another ensuring ALL have the right to hear and be heard, especially respecting the mixed opinions, theologies and traditions held within our churches locally and the testimonies of those we call brothers and sisters in Christ.

Because we value the voices of our young people, and because we want to encourage them to help us in shaping the future of the church, we are putting on this session designed to help young people understand and discuss the report, and encouraging them to dialogue towards their own theological understanding of what God calls us to in our relationships.

This interactive session is designed not to teach a specific opinion or impose a standpoint, but rather attempt to facilitate objective and respectful discussions. All young people are welcome to attend together with responsible adults (youth leaders, parents). However, the young people will be given the opportunity to share their discussions together without adult intervention.

For further details please speak to Marc Williamson.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH

4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Pause for Prayer</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	<b>World Day of Prayer</b> (see Nuthall News)
7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>EcoChurch/Fairtrade Coffee Morning</b> (see Nuthall News)
8 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	<b>District Youth Event</b> (see District News)
10 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	<b>Women's Fellowship</b> – Mr Hayes 'Story of Lavender'
14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	<b>BPFA Jumble Sale</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	<b>Craft &amp; Conversation</b> (see Nuthall News)
20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Pause for Prayer</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Concerts by Hope Community Gospel Choir</b> (see Nuthall News)
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning</b> hosted by Mrs Liz Armstrong at church

### APRIL

5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Pause for Prayer</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	<b>Church Working Day</b> (see Nuthall News)



**Please pass all items for the April newsletter to Margaret Sendall, post in the box in the Coffee Lounge or e-mail to mesendall @hotmail.com by March 22<sup>nd</sup>, please**

## DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR MARCH

### CHURCH FLOWERS

<b>March</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jane & Howard Gray	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Langford
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Speed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Janet Barratt
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Gill Maloney		

### TODDLERS' DRINKS ROTA

<b>March</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Knight & Sue Shepherd		
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Buttery & Sue Perrett		
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Janice Matthews & Gail Evans		
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Marjorie Silverton, Margaret & Mick Sendall		

### COFFEE CORNER

<b>March</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Eco Church	14 <sup>h</sup>	Jane & Howard
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Heather & Fiona	28 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Fair



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## SUNDAY SERVICE DUTIES FOR MARCH

		<u>Duty Steward</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Door Stewards</u>	<u>Pianist</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.45	B.Langford	J. Gray E. Horsley	P. & G. Stokes	J.Wilson
	6.00	C. Lovatt	J. Lievesely S. Langford	M. Silverton & L. Armstrong	L. Page
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.45	J. Dent	A. & J. Greaves	J. & M. Randall	J.Wakefield
	6.00	S. Perrett		P. Jordan & P. True	Youth Service
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	K. Blount			H. Gray
	10.45	J. Wilson	G. Heffernan R. Jackson	Adlam family	J. Wilson
	6.00	D. Coleman	C. Page D. Blount	C. & L. Page	L. Page
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.45	D. Coleman	J. Lander Janet Wilson	K. & H. Cameron	J.Wakefield
	6.00	B.Langford	D. & J. Gorton	L. Reynolds & M. Farrington	J. Wilson
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.45	K. Blount	W. Green B. Hardy	P. & J. Owen	J. Lander
	6.00	<b>CIRCUIT SERVICE AT ARNOLD METHODIST CHURCH</b>			

## **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)
	10.45am	Morning Worship (crèche for ages 0 to 3) Sunday School (ages 3 to 11) Family Service (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)
	6.00pm	Evening Worship Youth Service (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) 'Late Risers' (ages 11+)
	7.00pm	Templars Youth Fellowship
Monday	7.00pm	Ladies' Keep Fit
Tuesday	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month)
	7.45pm	Badminton & Table Tennis Club
	8.00pm	Wives Group (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month, in homes)
Wednesday	10.00am	Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall ☎ 9279500 for meeting point details)
	11.00am	Pause for Prayer (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month)
	1.30pm	Toddlers' Group
	6.00pm	Girls' Brigade (Explorers – age 5 to 8)
	6.30pm	Girls' Brigade (Juniors – age 8 to 11)
	6.30pm	Girls' Brigade (Seniors & Brigaders – age 11+)
Thursday	1.30pm	Art Group
	6.15pm	Dance Yourself Fit (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs. of the month)
Friday	9.00am	Prayer Meeting
	11.00am	Pause for Prayer (3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri. of the month)
	5.55pm	Boys' Brigade (Junior Section – age 8 to 11)
	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys – age 5 to 8)
	6.50pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section – age 11+)
Saturday	10.00am	Coffee Corner - Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes & a chat with friends

**A list of House Fellowship and Bible Study groups is available on the noticeboard in the Coffee Lounge**