



Welcoming, loving and caring for all

NEWSLETTER

February 2024

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Dear siblings in Christ,

Love Beyond Measure: A February to Remember

As February unfolds, we may often find ourselves surrounded by the warmth of love, and how the spirit of Valentine's Day graces our hearts. It is perhaps most evident in greetings card shops, supermarkets and on the television. I want to take a moment to pause and reflect on love and suggest that Valentine's Day can be more than the love between two people, but something that can inspire us further. In this season of affection and appreciation, let us reflect on the boundless love that God showers upon us and how we, in turn, can share that love with others.

Love that Knows No Bounds

As I have already identified, February is often associated with romantic love, chocolates, and flowers. However, let us not forget the greatest love story of all time – the love that God has for each one of us. In John 3:16, we are reminded, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." This divine love is immeasurable, unconditional, and everlasting. It is so amazing that it is beyond our understanding! Perhaps February provides us a good opportunity to explore that love that knows no bounds.

Valentine's Day Outreach

In the spirit of sharing God's love, I am challenging myself and invite you to participate in some Valentine's Day Outreach. Let us open our eyes to those around us and extend our love to those who may be feeling lonely or forgotten. It might mean reaching out to a neighbour, friend, or someone in need, and share the love of Christ in practical ways. Acts of kindness, small or large, can have a profound impact on someone's life. Perhaps February provides us a good opportunity to explore Valentine's Day outreach.

Family Love

Valentine's Day is not only for couples but a celebration of love in all its forms. Let us try this month to appreciate and strengthen the bonds within our families and friendship circles. Consider scheduling a family game night, sharing a meal together, or simply spending

quality time with loved ones. Perhaps February provides us a good opportunity to explore the deep experience of family love.

Prayer for Love

As Christians, we are praying people. Let us also take time in our prayers this month to thank God for their love to us and to seek God's guidance in becoming vessels of love in our community. Let's pray for those who may be facing challenges in their relationships of any kind, that they may experience the healing power of God's love.

And so, as we navigate the month of February, may the love of God be the compass that guides our actions and interactions. Let our lives be a reflection of the love we have received, and may this month be a testament to the fact that love, indeed, knows no bounds.

Wishing you a love-filled February!

In Christ's Love,

Jason



SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

AWSWORTH

Unless otherwise indicated services are held each Sunday at 10.30am in The Youth Wing, The Lane NG16 2RQ

4 th	10.45am	Rev.an Boyd
11 th	10.30am	United Service David Blount
18 th	10.30am	Rev John Wiseman
25 th	10.30am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley (Holy Communion)

NUTHALL

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.

4 th	10.45am	Dr Cathy Milne
	6.00pm	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley- British Methodist Choral Society
11 th	10.45am	Local Arrangement (Mrs Gail Brockway, Mrs Jackie Dent, Mrs Anne Speed)
	6.00pm	Mr Marc Williamson – Youth Service
18 th	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley - All Age Worship and Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Deacon Helen Snowball
25 th	10.45am	Mrs Linda Johnson
	6.00pm	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley – Holy Communion

ASPLEY

Unless otherwise indicated services are held each **Tuesday** at 2.30pm in St. Teresa's Catholic Church Hall, Kingsbury Drive NG8 3EP

6 th	Deacon Helen Snowball
13 th	Mrs Linda Johnson
20 th	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley – Holy Communion
27 th	Deacon Julie Morton

STEWARDS REPORT

January has been a busy month for our church, as always. We enjoyed our lovely Covenant service led by Rev Jason, and afterwards our bring and share meal gave us chance to enjoy fellowship and lovely food. Thank you so much to all who stayed to eat with us (over 70 people lunched together) and thanks also to all those who helped on the day or donated food. We also celebrated a covenant communion with some of our younger members at the Youth service where we gave thought to the promises that we make and keep – or not!!

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the circuit service where we will see Dr Cathy Milne being accredited as a local preacher. This is the culmination of many hours of work for Cathy and we send her our congratulations.

Because Easter is early this year, we are now planning our Lent and Easter services. As usual we will be having Lent reflections on the Mon – Thursday of Holy Week but there will be some new additions to our Easter worship see below for more details.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Holy Week and Easter Services – What to Expect

Holy Monday 25th March 7pm Faith Sharing Evening	Maundy Thursday 28th March 6:30pm Holy Communion & Meal
Rev Jason will be leading our services during Holy Week and Easter. Here is a little flavour of what to expect in those services: This is an opportunity to come together to explore what our faith means to us in a fun and interactive way with light refreshments. We will be using the new card game produced by the Methodist Church called: 'Conversations against Mundanity.' In the game we will explore real conversations with one another. A good conversation can unlock parts of us that little else can. There's nothing wrong with chatting about the everyday – it's what fills most of our lives after all – but those don't tend to	In a similar way to previous years, there will be a simple meal shared during our service of Holy Communion. There will also be an opportunity for those who wish to do so, to have their hands washed as part of the service, inspired by Jesus' actions of foot washing in the narrative of the last supper. Hands are often the modern-day equivalent of feet, as we no longer have to wear sandals and have dusty feet. COVID has reminded us how important clean hands are, and so this service will give us the opportunity to reflect on those themes and to have our hands washed in a symbolic act of repentance.

<p>be the conversations we remember. Instead, we remember when we were honest enough with one another to open up and say something real and true.</p> <p>This game tries to kickstart those kinds of conversations. Because sometimes we want – need – more than small talk. Sometimes we're hungry for something more than the mundane. The aim of the game is simple, to have conversations that really mean something. There are a variety of different packs of cards to cater for all ages. You're most welcome!</p>	<p>Good Friday Cross and Craft Service 29th March 10am</p> <p>An all-age service helping us to grasp the significance of what Jesus did for each of us on the cross. There will be an opportunity to engage in Rachel Cropley's work with local schools as together we create our own cross as part of the service.</p>
<p>Holy Saturday Easter Eve Service of Waiting 30th March 6pm</p> <p>Perhaps a new addition for some, this service marks the emptiness of this day and how challenging it must have been for the disciples to not have known what was coming next, and instead left in despair. This service, in a similar way to the Blue Christmas service, will give us an opportunity to acknowledge those difficulties in our lives and give us the space to offer to God those things on our hearts that we want to let go of.</p>	<p>Good Friday Vigil 29th March 2-3pm</p> <p>Church will be open for quiet, contemplative prayer as we mark the final hour of Jesus' earthly life.</p> <p>Good Friday Service of Light and Darkness 29th March 7pm</p> <p>This candle-lit service will follow the story of Jesus' final moments from the Gospel of Mark. Candles will be lit and then extinguished to symbolise the significance of Jesus' death on the cross. We will leave this service in silence to further emphasise the emptiness of this momen</p>
<p>Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 31st March 6:30am</p> <p>We mark the glorious light of Easter Day as it rises at the chapel on the hill in Kimberley.</p>	<p>Easter Morning Breakfast followed by Holy Communion 31st March 7:30am</p> <p>Come and celebrate Easter morning with a breakfast followed by a short and simple communion service.</p>
<p>Easter All Age Celebration and Holy Communion 31st March 10:45am</p> <p>Our all-age morning service will celebrate the glory of the risen Lord as we decorate the Easter Cross together and rejoice with Holy Communion for all!</p>	<p>Easter Carol Service 31st March 6pm</p> <p>We finish Easter Day with a traditional Easter Carol service. In a similar style to that of the 9 lessons and carols at Christmas, we explore the story of God as we sing Easter favourites together. If you would like to suggest your favourite Easter hymn for inclusion in this service, please let Revd. Jason know by phone or email.</p>

TEA, TOAST AND TALK

Thank you to all who have supported and helped with Tea, toast and talk. We would love to see more people on a Wednesday morning. Please come and join us. We meet every Wednesday 10 til 12

Wedding Invitation

Christy Brockway and Joe Baumber invite you to join them for their wedding ceremony at church on Saturday 20th April at 12.30pm with ice-cream and drinks served afterwards. We'd love the church family to share in our celebrations!



TAKE TIME TOGETHER

Thanks everyone for joining in at Take Time Together. It was lovely hearing about your precious objects. The next meeting is on Feb 22nd 2pm. which is a week later than usual because it's half term. Ken Twist is going to do some more tai chi with us. Please come along and bring your friends.



NMC Choir

We are starting a choir for EVERYONE who would like to sing with us on Mondy 26th February. 6.30 p.m. start. We'll be initially doing all the Mondays in March and we are hoping to sing at the Easter Service and possibly a Saturday coffee corner. Don't worry if you can't make the Easter service, still come along and enjoy a sing. This is for everyone to enjoy. It doesn't matter how confident you are or if you've sung in a choir before or not. We want everyone to feel they can enjoy a sing along with us and you'll be made very welcome. We're aiming to meet at various points through the year to perform at different events.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Notice Board beforehand but meanwhile contact Rosie or contact Jason on 07742 711702 if you have any queries at all. It goes without saying that if anyone is slightly anxious about coming, we'll be there for you.

Children and Families Update

Come and join us for a **Pancake Party** on **Tuesday 13th Feb @ 10am**. We have plans for just over an hour of fun, games and eating pancakes. Suitable for children aged 3 - 11.

The session is free, but we ask that you sign up through the link below!

<https://buff.ly/3rtllJb>

After getting very excited about Rosie's plan to start an adult choir I have leapt on the chance to form a children's choir. We hope to have some overlap in songs so that we can raise our voices together in family services as well as learning lots of fun age-appropriate songs too.

This is still very much in the planning stages (I'm looking for volunteers to assist) but it's hoped we will meet twice next half term, between 4-5pm on either a Monday or Tuesday after school. To register your interest please email me at cafnmc@gmail.com and keep an eye on social media.

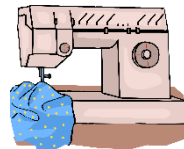
I am looking forward to visiting schools this term to lead some more assemblies. I am in the process of organising sessions to teach some of the children about Easter and to get the children to help decorate large wooden crosses to display outside the front of church. We hope that they will come to see them and help to create some Easter community spirit.

Finally, I am looking to create a list of volunteers whom I can contact and ask for help with activities like the ones above, or with school activities too. If you can help with any of the above or would be happy to go on my list to ask about future events, please email me at cafnmc@gmail.com

Thank you, Rachel

Creative Corner.

We continue to work on our prayer square knit-along. In preparation for our new project, is there anyone who has a sewing machine or does needlework, embroidery, tapestry, cross stitch etc. who can help? Please talk to Linda Cooke if you can help and are interested.



ECO-CHURCH NEWS

During February each year The Climate Coalition run their “Show the Love” campaign using green hearts to send a message to those in power that we want to see a safer, greener future for generations to come. The Eco Church group have supported the campaign by writing to our MP and you can spot green hearts and further information on the noticeboard later this month.

One ambition of “Show the Love” is to encourage protection and restoration of nature, if you would like to get involved in doing this in our own church grounds then a reminder that we will be having some more **working sessions** to keep improving biodiversity. These will be on **Saturday 24th February 9am-12 noon and Wednesday 28th February 10am-12noon**. Refreshments will be available.

We'll need the right tools to do the work so if you are able to bring forks, loppers, spades and waste bags that would be helpful, if anyone has old garden forks, loppers or spades they no longer need if you pass on to a member of Eco Church we'll use these at our work days and donate any in excess to Work Aid. Our church grounds form a small part of the wider natural world! This month in our church grounds we can see the leaves of Cow Parsley, they will fuel the flowers in a few weeks time. The dark green leaves of Oxeye Daisy are growing in our no-mow patch, the yellow catkins are in flower on the hazel branches and the glossy green leaves of Wild Arum are emerging under the hedge. Snowdrops are in flower and Great Tits are active in the hedgerow making their distinctive call which they use in Spring.

Coach Trip-11th May 2024

BPFA are running a coach trip to Gloucester Quays on Saturday May 11th. The cost is £25. Pick up from Woodland Drive at 7:50am, Church at 8am returning around 6pm, traffic dependent. Contact Norma Ellis

BESTWOOD & BULWELL FOODBANK



Thank you for your continued support. As we are still seeing a desperate need in so many households can we help by digging deep? Thanks again to Doug and Margaret who are our deliverers. And thank you to those who offer support by direct debit to the Trussell Trust.

John Wilson

Thank you from Canaan Trust

The carol singers raised £195 visiting various homes before Christmas and the initiative of donating to charity instead of giving Christmas cards raised £65. Of these totals £240 was sent to the Canaan Trust and £20 given to Nuthall Lights.

On behalf of the Trust I wish to say a sincere thank you to all.

Because of your generosity Canaan is able to support homeless people 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

The Trust is in the process of refurbishing a house so it can offer residential support to female clients. The scheme is out to tender so we hope for major progress soon. May I ask for your prayers that this project may reach a successful conclusion this year?

If you would like to know more about the work of the Trust, please look out for the newsletter in the coffee lounge or speak to me when we meet.

Thank you again

David Gee

Choir Concert & Taizé Service

Our very own Revd Jason will be holding a concert with the British Methodist Choral Society at Hucknall Central Methodist Church on Saturday 3rd February. Tickets are available on the door. Do join them if you can! Some of the choir will also join Jason on Sunday 4th February for our 6pm service for a meditative Taizé service. All are welcome.



CHORAL CLASSICS CELEBRATION CONCERT

Central Methodist Church, Hucknall
Baker Street, Hucknall, Nottingham, NG15 7AS

Saturday 3rd February
7pm

Ticket Price: Free (Suggested Donation £5)
including light refreshments.

For more information, contact: admin@bmyc.info

**An evening of choral music from both the sacred
and secular including Byrd, Fauré, Handel,
Purcell, and Rutter alongside medleys from
Les Misérables and West Side Story.**

Thank You

I would like to thank all those who sent cards, gifts, and wise words to me on my seventieth birthday. I particularly appreciated the message that 70 is 21 degrees Celsius, so actually I am twenty one.

I was touched and moved by everything that I received.

Thank you, again, David Speed



Please email any items for the March newsletter
to cathym.milne@gmail.com
or deliver to Church **by Sunday 18th February 2024**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

6 th	10.30am	Creative Corner
13 th	10.00am	Pancake Party (see Children and Families Update)
13 th	12:30pm	Women's Fellowship – Les Dennis
14 th	10.00am	Pause for Prayer
19 th	7.30pm	Church Council
22 nd	2.00pm	Take Time Together
23 rd	10.30am	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning
28 th	10.30am	Pause for Prayer

Advance Notice

The next Indoor Car Boot Sale will be on 16th March, 1 - 4 pm.

Everyone welcome. £1 entrance which includes a drink or have your own table for £10

DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY

CHURCH FLOWERS

February	4 th	B. Tantum	11 th	Gill Stokes
	18 th	Sue Perrett	25 th	Janet Wilson

Please sign up on the flower rota. All you need to do is to bring some flowers on or before Sunday morning and put them in a vase

COFFEE CORNER

February	3 rd	Val & Ray	10 th	Jane
	17 th	Anne & Michael	24 th	

TODDLERS DRINKS ROTA

February	7 th	Wendy Green & Gill Maloney
	14 th	Janet Lander & Janice Matthews
	21 st	Beryl Harris & Sue Perrett
	28 th	Mick & Margaret Sendall

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SUNDAY SERVICE DUTIES FOR FEBRUARY

Date		Duty Steward	Readers	Pianist
4th	10.45am	S. Langford	B. Hardy J. Randall	J. Wilson
	6.00pm	R. Jackson	A. Speed	Graham Lowe
11th	10:45am	J. Dent	P. Owen C. Milne	J. Wilson
	6.00pm	S. Chambrelan		Youth Band
18th	10.45am	I. Lishman	S. Foster K. Blount	J. Wilson
	6:00pm	P. Corah	B. Coleman	L. Page
28th	10.45am	G. Heffernan	D. Gee L. Saunders	J. Wakefield
	6.00pm	A. Reeves	B. Jackson	J. Wilson

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	10.45am	Morning Worship (crèche for ages 0 to 3) Sunday School (ages 3 to 11) Family Service (3 rd Sunday of the month)
	6.00pm	Evening Worship Youth Service (2 nd Sunday of the month) 'Late Risers' (ages 11+)
	7.00pm	Templars Youth Fellowship
Tuesday	10:30am	Creative Corner (1 st Tues. of the month)
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship (2 nd Tues. of the month)
	7.45pm	Table Tennis Club
Wednesday	10.00am	Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group (3 rd Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall for meeting point details)
	10.00am	Tea, Toast and Talk
	10.00am	Pause for Prayer (2 nd & 4 th Wednesday of the month)
	1.30pm	Toddlers' Group
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Explorers – age 5 to 8)
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Juniors – age 8 to 11)
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Seniors & Brigaders – age 11+)
Thursday	1.30pm	Art Group
	2.00pm	Take Time Together (3 rd Thurs. of the month)
Friday	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys – age 5 to 8)
	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Junior Section – age 8 to 11)
	7.10pm	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

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow/like/share and interact with our social media channels. The more likes and reposts we get the wider audience we can reach. You'll find us on:



Facebook - @NuthallMethodistChurch



Twitter/X - @NuthallMChurch



Instagram: NuthallMethodistChurch

If there is anything you'd like putting on our Facebook/X page regarding events or groups please let the communications team know on: communicationsnuthallmeth@gmail.com



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