

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

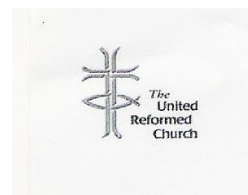
Dear Church family and friends

My apologies for the lack of a letter last month, and many thanks for the well wishes. From the earliest days at The Church in Hope Street, the word Hope has never been far from me, whatever my mood. Some years ago I had a friend who suffered with depression and when her mood lowered she would liken it to having a black dog sitting on her shoulder. Well the word Hope has sat on my shoulder and seeks to kick that old black dog off should he come too close. Have you ever seen the anticipation in a dogs face as you prepare to throw a ball? That is pure Hope. The Kind of Hope we have set before us. Hope has been at work constantly even through the dark times of Covid. Hope is our vision but sometimes we lose sight of it. Clouded by the goings on in the world. The way of the world seeks to crush us with its Judgers, Critics and Blamers which knock us, and topple our security. Forcing us to live under the weight of our failures real or imagined. We can claim the prayer of blessing above as ours if we give up the burden of our failures and flaws and give them over fully into the love and forgiveness of God, and if we trust and listen to him not the world. There is no doubt that the world leaves us emotionally exhausted, with its blame culture, always looking for flaws and imperfection, things we may have inadvertently done which had caused upset. Unless we give them to the Lord they will drain our Faith and rob us of Hope. Yet even in a state of flawed hopelessness we can turn and pray to God who will strengthen us, born out of his unconditional love for us. You only have to look to the scriptures to see that God sees us in a different light, think of Jacob – the cheat, Jonah the over-zealous patriot, Impetuous Peter , Thomas - the pessimist, Bossy Martha and Passive Mary. God blessed and used each of these and many more. He offers the same promises to us. God wants to bless us, to lead us forward out of the bondage of our own perceived defects and the criticism and blame of others into truer godliness. Do we need Hope YES!! Are we ever beyond Hope NO!! May we hope that God will use us each day to his glory. YES!! Here's Hoping!!!!!! Hoping is a way of Life. Hoping is a source of strength. Hoping is a fountain of Joy from which Prayer and Praise will flow like a river into a parched and thirsty world.

Blessings

Lynne

The Church in Hope Street LEP



CHURCH NOTICES

JUNE 2022



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I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

Mission Statement

Our mission is to help all people understand and respond to the depth of God's love for them

Sunday 5th June



Jubilee

Morning Service 10:30am

Lynne Le Masonry

Followed by celebration lunch in the hall.

You will need a ticket which can be obtained from Heather N – no charge.

Donation plate will be available during the lunch if you wish to contribute.

Tuesday 7th June

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am

Alec Stride Hall

Friday 10th June

Sewcially Crafternoon Tea 1:30pm-3:30pm

Coffee Shop

Sunday 12th June

Morning Service 10:30am

Communion Service

Lynne Le Masonry

Tuesday 14th June

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am

Alec Stride Hall

Sunday 19th June

Morning Service 10:30am

Salvation Army

Major Lynne Clifton

Tuesday 21st June

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am

Alec Stride Hall

Sunday 26th June

Morning Service 10:30am

Lynne Le Masonry

Tuesday 28th June

Coffee Morning 10:00am-11:30am

Alec Stride Hall

BIRTHDAYS

27th June

Margaret

3rd July

Heather (Neaves)

14th July

Derek

24th July

Daphne

MESSAGES

Janet would like to thank everyone for supporting the Dementia fundraising Tombola which raised £224

Dates for your Diary

TakeTime is a series of relaxing guided meditations based on the stories of Jesus and the tradition of St Ignatius

TakeTime Together is now meeting on Fridays, 11:15am in Church

Thank you to Joyce who pointed out that the time should be 11:15am, not 11:15pm.

It has been incorrect all year!

Apologies to anyone who came along at 11:15pm.....

Living with Dementia

Meetings are on 1st, 3rd and any 5th Thursdays in the month.

Please contact Janet for more information.

Contributions welcome for FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY BUS

Thank you for donating food items - packets, tins etc. and toiletries for the food bank and the Community Bus.



The Bible Society is pleased to announce that they are planning their usual events this year. Ann is planning to host a Strawberry Tea on 2nd July 3pm.

A Beetle Drive may take place on 25th August at 7pm

A QUIZ on 21st October at Minster Bethel.

Look out for posters nearer to the planned dates.

Everyone is invited to attend these events

The Concert held on 26th April raised £256.15

If you are not able to support any of these events but would like to make a donation to The Bible Society, please send it to Ann Wagstaff. Thank you



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 30th September in the Coffee Shop

9:30am - 11:00am ALL WELCOME

RAFFLE - CAKES - BRIC-A-BRAC and more

Notices for July should be available from Sunday 26th June

Please let me know if you would like something included. Heather