

Dear Friends

Looking into February already. I have often said I could do with another 24 hours in the week, and what do you know, this month I get my wish. Yes this year is a leap year. So watch out those unsuspecting single gentlemen around us.

This year February is going to be a busy one, as Easter is almost as early as it could possibly be. Already Easter eggs are appearing on the shelves. In a weird turn of events Lent begins on 14<sup>th</sup> February St Valentines day and runs to March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Quite a dilemma for the lovers around us.

A little boy once asked if Ash Wednesday was because of all the burnt pancakes the day before – well it is a thought!

2024 started with a great deal of excitement with our coffee shop reveal it has made such a difference. Phase 2 is fully underway as we await the delivery of the custom made bench seats, and research new equipment.

Opening day saw not only our faithful regulars but a number of new faces. The groups that meet there in the afternoon and evenings can now see what they are doing, instead of sitting in the semi darkness. Our hall and church office has also had a make-over. So you might say the future looks bright. We are all set to shine as that beacon of light in our community, there is still work to be done not just in our building but in our lives, as the hymn says ‘Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness, Christ be our light!, Shine in your church gathered today.

Blessings

Lynne



**CHRISTMAS ANAGRAMS**

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| JE SELL BLING   | JINGLE BELLS   | HEW ART          | WREATH          |
| STIR MAST CHEER | CHRISTMAS TREE | SET TO LIME      | MISTLETOE       |
| IVY TINT        | NATIVITY       | *PLOD HUPR       | RUDOLPH         |
| ST LINE         | TINSEL         | COG STINK        | STOCKING        |
| HIS LEG         | SLEIGH         | MY STARR CHIMERS | MERRY CHRISTMAS |
| REST PENS       | PRESENTS       | DINER EER        | REINDEER        |
| RECK CARS       | CRACKERS       | *AM SWAN NO      | SNOWMAN         |
| CAN ASSAULT     | SANTA CLAUS    | I MENT WE SHEER  | THREE WISE MEN  |
| O NEW FLASK     | SNOWFLAKE      | CROSS RAG LINE   | CAROL SINGERS   |

# The Church in Hope Street LEP



## CHURCH NOTICES

### FEBRUARY 2024



*While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."*  
Genesis 8 : 22

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

# 2024

Renew Hope 2:00pm	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Church
Morning Service 10:30am	<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Rev Andy Coyne
Prayer & Care 9:30am – 10:00am Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>All welcome</b>	Church Alec Stride Hall
Morning Service 10:30am	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Lynne le Masonry
Prayer & Care 9:30am – 10:00am Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>All welcome</b>	Church Alec Stride Hall
Morning Service 10:30am	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Lynne le Masonry
Prayer & Care 9:30am – 10:00am Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>All welcome</b>	Church Alec Stride Hall
Morning Service 10:30am	<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>COVENANT SERVICE</b>	Rev Robert Zachar
Prayer & Care 9:30am – 10:00am Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>All welcome</b>	Church Alec Stride Hall

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**WORLD DAY of PRAYER**



The theme is **PALESTINE**

Morning Service 11:00am	Hope Street
Evening Service 7:00pm	Minster Bethel

## 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** *take a little time* **is meets on Fridays, 11:15am in Church**  
**Please speak to Margaret for more information**

**Living with Dementia**  
**Starting in January Meetings will be EVERY Thursday**  
**Please contact Janet for more information.**

**“RENEW HOPE”**  
**LAUNCHING ON FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**A QUIET SHARED SPACE WHERE IT IS OK NOT TO BE OK**  
**THEN ON EVERY FRIDAY at 2:00pm**  
**Please see Lynne for more details**

**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.**



**EASTER COFFEE MORNING**  
**We will be having an Easter Coffee Morning in the Alec Stride hall**  
**to raise funds for the Church**  
**on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 9:30am – 11:00am**

**BIRTHDAYS**

1 <sup>st</sup> February	Sheila
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Janet
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Linda
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Kathy

**MESSAGES**  
**Notices for March should be available from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Contributions not later than Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February please**