



OUTWARD LOOKING | WARM-HEARTED | JESUS CENTRED

1st January 2023

NEW YEAR SERVICE LED BY LOCAL ARRANGEMENT AT 10.A.M.

WISHING ALL OUR NMC FAMILY, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR IN JESUS' NAME – AMEN

2ND SUNDAY LUNCH – we are aiming to provide a nice hot lunch on the second Sunday of the month to coincide with our special services for the Centenary (when former and guest ministers come to preach) this is also a good opportunity to invite newcomers to church and share fellowship over lunch afterwards.

THAW OUT THURSDAYS (NMC's answer to Warm Spaces) Come along on a Thursday and have a chat. We have Oasis open from 9.30am to 12.30 and are offering a warm space, free warm clothing, a chance to charge up items and a hot drink followed by a homemade soup and pudding towards lunchtime. Please do tell anyone who may be home alone and if you have a neighbour who might enjoy this and the company, bring them along. This is an outreach project to help those people who are struggling with the cold winter months or who may be at home alone. If you would like to volunteer, please have a word with Julia or Andrew.

MENS FELLOWSHIP 'Only Men Allowed' partnering with our friends from the Tabernacle Church to start on the 19th of January 2023 - a regular meeting for men to meet each other and discuss issues of faith, current affairs in a relaxed setting and engage in some light sport. First meeting at the Gate pub on Rickmansworth Road starting at 7.30pm.

REVIVAL PRAYER GROUP Wednesdays In person - in the Foyer so we shall be calling it 'Foyer @ 5' - a chance to come and pray for the church. A chance for brief worship, prayer and fellowship. All Welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Emilija has just opened a grief support group - GRASP (Grief Support After a Substance Passing). GRASP is an international organisation for those families and individuals who are experiencing bereavement due to a substance use related death. Emilija's greatest wish and hope is that people become aware of the existence of GRASP and that people receive the much-needed help and support. The support group is completely free to attend; all we ask is that people pre-register at londongraspchapter@gmail.com.

OASIS TEACLOTHS Tea cloths are missing from our supplies. If you have taken home tea cloths to laundry and forgotten to return them, would you be so kind as to do so and leave them in the kitchen. If you have any difficulty returning them to the Church perhaps you would contact Maureen Diggins – 01923 827495 and I can arrange to collect them from you. Thank you.

***** CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 2023 *****

Year of Reading the Bible Together – please collect your Bible from the vestibule and sign the sheet so that we know you have received it. If you are unable to collect it before Christmas Day please speak to your Church Friend so a delivery can be arranged.

DISCOVERY GROUPS From January 2023, each group will be taking a different path. One group will continue to use the Cover-to-Cover material and will be undertaking a new series called

'Bible Genres', the second group will be using the Bible Society Material looking at key themes of the Bible and the third group will be a discussion group based on the daily reading of the Bible. Details as follows:

Andrew's group - 9th Jan @ 7.30pm at Keith's house - discussion based on daily Bible readings (1 year Bible)

Shirley's group - 12th Jan @ 3pm on zoom - Cover to Cover 'Bible Genres'

Daphne/Sue's group - 12th Jan @ 7pm on zoom - Bible Society Course on the Overview of the Bible

NMC Regular Events to promote with your family and friends

<i>Mondays</i>	Little Acorns	9.30am, a stay and play toddler group in term times.
<i>Wednesdays</i>	Foyer at 5	5pm, Half hour church prayer meeting
<i>Thursdays</i>	Thaw out Thursdays	9.30am, a warm space
<i>Fridays</i>	Community Connex	12noon, lunch and a talk
<i>Saturdays</i>	1 st of the month	Craft market with breakfasts, coffee and lunches
	Messy Church	4pm, Fun for children and parents (as advertised)
	Family Film	3pm, a family friendly film and snacks (as advertised)
<i>Sundays</i>	Worship	10.30am

Discovery Groups once a fortnight as advertised

NEWSLETTER Please send all newsletter notices by Wednesday 5pm to jessicaghator7@gmail.com or for those not on email, please **text message or call and leave a message on: 07902-067-946.**