



OUTWARD LOOKING | WARM-HEARTED | JESUS CENTRED

11th December 2022

SUNDAY SERVICE LED BY LOCAL ARRANGEMENT AT 10.30A.M.

**COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE AT 3PM FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS,
PLEASE COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.**

ACTION FOR CHILDREN You may wish to make a donation to Action for Children in lieu of giving Christmas Cards to people in church they see regularly. **From Sunday December 4th** there will be AFC envelopes in the Vestibule to place your offering, cheque or cash, gift aided please. There will also be a poster for you to sign your greeting to your friends. Please then leave the envelope on the collection plate.

THAW OUT THURSDAYS (NMC's answer to Warm Spaces) This has now been launched, 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.

COMMUNITY CONNEX have local MP David Simmonds with Northwood College students supporting a morning of fun activities with a Christmas show at NMC from 10am on Friday 9th December. To book a place please call Jeremy Child on 07734 955 115 or email Jeremy.Child@communityconnex.co.uk, a donation of £5 will be appreciated.

MESSY CHURCH 10th December 4-6pm As well as spreading the good news of Jesus' birth, we will be celebrating the **50th** Messy Church event to be held at NMC! Everyone is most welcome to join in the excitement and please encourage anyone you know with children aged 5-10 years to come. If you are unfamiliar with this Outreach project, please speak to Daphne or Lynn for more details. Crafts and games in the Main Hall begin at 4pm, Worship in the Church is at about 5pm and the Christmas Party Tea in Oasis, including a celebration cake, will follow at about 5.15pm. If anyone would like to contribute items for the buffet, or donate towards the cost of it, please speak to Karen Lane.

COSTA CAROLS on 15th December at 6pm, meet in Costas on Green Lane in Northwood for Carols and Coffee.

FAMILY CAROLS AT 4PM come along on Christmas Eve and sing some of your favourite carols with all the family.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT 10AM for a family celebration giving thanks for the birth of our Saviour.

***** 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.

Second 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.

DISCOVERY GROUPS as explained last Sunday 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. Further details to follow.

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.

THANK YOU to all who made the Christmas Craft Fair Oasis refreshments such a resounding success. We made £374.20. Well done and a good way to round off the year.

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.

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.

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