



OUTWARD LOOKING | WARM-HEARTED | JESUS CENTRED

15th January 2023

SUNDAY SERVICE LED BY REV. ANDREW POTTAGE AT 10.30 A.M.

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.**

THANK YOU SO MUCH! A big thank you to Gill, Karen, Cicely and the lovely lady serving, for an excellent lunch last Sunday when Roger Dunlop, the first of our special centenary celebration services, led our worship. A wonderful start to a special year at NMC.

Our next "special service" is on Sunday February 12th when Rev. Sue Male will be leading our worship, again followed by a lunch. Please join us for another delicious meal and good company. This is also a good opportunity to invite newcomers to church and share fellowship over lunch afterwards.

REVIVAL PRAYER GROUP Wednesdays In person - in the Family Room - a chance to come and pray for the church. A chance for brief worship, prayer and fellowship. All Welcome.

SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY Sunday 22nd January at 4pm at Holy Trinity Northwood, with refreshments afterwards in the hall. The service this year has a theme of **Racial Justice** and will include in the service some video clips of people with first-hand experience.

The resources are excellent and include daily devotional material to use throughout the week too - all this is available on the CTIE website: [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 – Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](https://www.ctie.org.uk/Week-of-Prayer-for-Christian-Unity-2023-Churches-Together-in-England)

ACTION FOR CHILDREN A sincere Thank You for your contributions to Action For Children both through Christmas Card donations and open collection at the Carol Service. £214. 92 will be forwarded to AFC on behalf of NMC. Shirley.

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.

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

Year of Reading the Bible Together – If you haven't already, 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, please speak to your Church Friend so a delivery can be arranged.

DISCOVERY GROUPS - 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

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| <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 jessicaghatora7@gmail.com or for those not on email, please **text message or call and leave a message on: 07902-067-946**.

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