

26th February 2023

SUNDAY SERVICE LED BY REV. POTTER AT 10.30 A.M.

LENT This Sunday is the first in Lent and we shall be starting a Lent Liturgy at the beginning of the service. We'd like you to bring a piece of CLEAN rubbish - crumpled paper, newspaper, empty plastic bottle or pot - each week to place round the foot of the cross (all will become clear!). Don't worry there will be paper/magazines/newspaper available if you forget.

WELCOMING SOON our new minister, Audrey Browne who joins NMC in September 2023. Let us keep her in prayers as she prepares to join the church family and serve Northwood and the surrounding areas.

REVIVAL PRAYER GROUP Wednesdays at 5pm 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.

THAW OUT THURSDAYS (NMC's answer to Warm Spaces) Come along on Thursdays. **Oasis opens from 9.30am to 12.30 & offers a warm space, free warm clothing, a chance to charge up items, read the day's newspapers & hot drinks followed by a homemade soup & pudding for lunchtime.** Invite anyone who may be home alone, or anyone needing a quiet space, a neighbour who might enjoy this and some company. This is an outreach project to help those people who are struggling this winter & who may be at home alone. Volunteers, please speak to Julia or Andrew.

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to this appeal. £500.00 was donated either from the retiring collection or at the lunch after church. Thank you to Hazel for forwarding this, also to Cicely and her team for the excellent lunch to celebrate Sue Male's visit. Lovely to see Phil there too!

DAFFODIL DAY 2023 A spring festival for Christian encouragement and renewal at Westminster Central Hall on Saturday March 4th at 2pm, with community singing from 1.40pm. "Sing to the Lord a New Song".

LITTLE ACORNS Doors open on **Mondays (term time only) at 9.30am NOT THIS WEEK** for toddlers, young children, parents, carers, grandparents & guardians. For more information contact Julia or Daphne

A GUIDE ON HOW TO VOTE IN HILLINGDON follow the link:

[How to vote: Photo ID you'll need - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

FOOD BANK all donations are welcome in this difficult time. For a list of items needed please speak to Shirley or a church steward. Collection bags/boxes are at the back of the church.

EALING ANIMALS SHOW at Hanwell Methodist Church on Saturday 4th March from 10.30pm – 4pm All Welcome to spend a day browsing the stalls, hear guest speakers, poetry, live music & entry is FREE. Learn about the amazing work and talents of God's creation – Animals and the works of national & International Charities working with and for protecting animals. HMC, Church Road, Hanwell, W7 1DJ.

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

Year of Reading the Bible Together – Be encouraged to read the daily readings and together we will complete reading the Bible in 2023!

DISCOVERY GROUPS - 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 - @ 7.30pm at Keith's house - discussion based on daily Bible readings (1 year Bible)

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

Daphne/Sue's group - @ 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**.

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