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4th FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY SERVICE LED BY REVD. HELEN SCHOON AT 10.30A.M.

POLITE REMINDER: As a church we are called to demonstrate God's love in our walk with Jesus. Please remember to be respectful, considerate and mindful of others attending Sunday services. We often have bereaved, vulnerable persons/families including young people, children and visitors at time. Any personal issues, please speak to your assigned church friend first or ask for a steward on duty. The presiding minister or speaker on the day is often available at the end of the service to talk to or on an arranged basis. Many thanks for your understanding.

DISCOVERY PRAYER GROUP: Audrey will be starting a 'Discovery Prayer Group' during the weeks of Lent (and beyond), and she is inviting everyone to come and join her to spend one hour of prayer together as a church. During this hour, we will pray for our church, the world, and ourselves; and, we will also have the opportunity to reflect on the scripture in ways that help us in our personal and collective discipleship. **Our first 'Discovery Prayer Group' will be on Wednesday 21st February, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at NMC.** Once we have gathered as a 'prayer group', we can talk about practicalities such as the best day, time, and room in which to meet. Also, we can think about whether we may want to use Zoom during the darker months of the year. **All are welcome to come and be a part of this hour of prayer and scriptural reflection.**

GOOD NEWS! Delighted to report that Dame Joanna Lumley, a Patron, and three other generous friends of KIDS FOR KIDS pledged to double donations received during December 2023. That means that the £600 sent to Kids for Kids as a result of your generosity in supporting our Quiz in December, has been doubled to £1,200. It may be difficult to believe but the UN describes the situation in Sudan as 'the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today' – with more people who have lost their homes than in the rest of the world combined. Your support is invaluable. Thank you. Hazel.

DISCOVERY GROUP DETAILS Cheryl and Shirley's Discovery We meet fortnightly on zoom at 3 pm on Thursdays. **Starting January 14th.** New people welcome. Contact Cheryl or Shirley for zoom details. **For log in details contact asq28@icloud.com.**

Sue & Daphne's Discovery Group runs on Thursdays fortnightly at 7pm on zoom. Starting this Thursday. If you would like to join, please speak to Sue or Daphne for further details.

Since the 'Discovery Group' that the Revd Andrew Pottage used to lead is no longer functioning. Audrey would like to encourage those who were a part of that Discovery Group, to **please join one of the other Discovery Groups if you can.** Audrey has sensed that there is an urgent need for collective prayer as a church, and therefore, she will be focusing on a 'Discovery Prayer Group', and she is inviting everyone to come and be a part of this time of prayer. See notice on Discovery Prayer Group for further information

ROLES AT NMC: Northwood Methodist Church is urgently in need of more volunteers, to ensure that we can continue to properly function as a church. The Leadership Team is working hard to ensure that we can continue to manage our finances well, so we value your prayers, as we endeavour to make good progress in finding the best way forward. If you think you can assist in any way with the Treasurership at NMC, the Leadership Team would love to speak with you.

These are the vacant roles that need filling at NMC urgently:

- Church Council Secretary
- Church Friends Coordinator
- Church Treasurer
- Gift Aid Secretary
- Article for Northwood Residents Association (coordinator)
- Property & Finance Committee members & chair
- NMC Weekly News Letter Distributor

Please speak with Audrey or Sue Lloyd if you think you would like to offer yourself for one of the above roles. Thank you.

LITTLE ACORNS on Mondays, TERM TIME ONLY, from 9.30am at NMC for babies, toddlers and pre-school children. For more information contact Julia or Daphne.

Every Tuesday - Take Yourself Out Tuesdays (TYOT) @ Ruislip Methodist Church 10am – 12noon. Save on your heating and use ours! At a loose end? Popping to the shops and fancy a cuppa? RMC are on the U1, E7, 278 bus routes or just around the corner from the high Street - drop in for a free drink and a warm welcome.

"Mother Goose" Pantomime at North Harrow The North Harrow Methodist Amateur Dramatic Society (NORMADS) will be performing the church pantomime "Mother Goose", with four performances scheduled at the **North Harrow Methodist Church: Thursday 25th at 7:30pm, Friday 26th at 7:30pm, and Saturday 27th at 2:30pm and 7:30pm.** Tickets can be bought at the door.

A PRAYER FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunity to have a new start.

**Too many times, I have strayed from my relationship with you. In times of distress and worry,
I chose to try and handle things on my own.**

**Moments of frustration, anger, and sadness have flooded my body. In those conflicting times,
I chose to stay away from you.**

I neglected to seek your help. Father, forgive me. You are the way, the truth, and the light.

I ask you once again to guide me on the path to a new start in life.

Please cover me with your love, protection, and mercy. Please allow me to show your love to others as I begin a new day.

Thank You, Father, for your love and forgiveness.

Thank You for searching and finding me again. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Thank You for never leaving me alone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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