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the monthly newsletter for Rushden High Street Independent Wesleyan Church

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FOR THE
MONTH

Last month Kevin Deighton made a comment in the Missionary Article regarding smart phones, noting that you'll need someone under the age of 40 to help you use them. That's quite topical as I recently upgraded my mobile phone. The one I now have is certainly not up there with the most advanced ones but is much better than my previous one at only a little extra cost. It can do a myriad of things – most of which I don't understand! No longer do I need to input text messages – I can just speak to it and it will do it. Internet, now that I have '4G', is so much quicker – so much information available at my fingertips. I could go on.

The most interesting thing I think is how much it appears to know about me! It tells me where my car is parked, how long it will take to get home. It even worked out, without me telling it, that I'm a Notts County supporter and it told me, without me asking, what the latest score was. Amazing! How much more does it 'know'? It's quite a scary thought.

However much it knows, it pales into insignificance with how much God knows about me. I love Psalm 139 – look at this small part of it: 'You have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely O Lord. You hem me in – behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain'. David who wrote it went on to describe how it's impossible to be anywhere where God isn't!

It's a scary thought as to what my phone appears to know about me – but it's both a comfort and a challenge to know how much God does know... David finishes the Psalm in this way: 'Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting'. He knows everything, down to the minutest detail, and because He does He can take care of all my needs. **What a comfort that is – and He knows you too!**

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the word for today

'A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.'

Proverbs 17:17
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If you're wise, you'll surround yourself with people who support you emotionally and spiritually, and you can share your dreams and ideas with them. C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien were members of The Inklings, an informal literary discussion group associated with Oxford University. It comprised teachers, writers, and friends who met regularly at a well-known Oxford pub to discuss passages from their favourite books as well as their own writings. In 1936, they decided the world needed more novels that had faith and morality as their central theme. Lewis and Tolkien decided to write science fiction after realising the inferior quality of similar stories being published at the time. They literally tossed a coin to decide who would write a book on space travel versus time travel. Tolkien got the time travel nod, but his early efforts with such a story never really worked out. Later, however, he would achieve great success with *The Lord of the Rings*. Lewis wrote his famous series of novels called *The Space Trilogy*, and from that momentum he eventually penned *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Now, you may not reach that level of success, but you'll go further with the encouragement of true friends than you will without it. So ask yourself what's involved in cultivating the kinds of friendships that'll help you fulfil your God-given potential. It may mean coming out of your shell and reaching out to others. Could you encounter hurt and rejection? Sure! But you'll succeed only if you're willing to take that chance...



church offerings

SUNDAY 23rd	AUGUST	£390.00
SUNDAY 30th	AUGUST	£320.70
SUNDAY 6th	SEPTEMBER	£284.50
SUNDAY 13th	SEPTEMBER	£253.50
SUNDAY 20th	SEPTEMBER	£403.60
SUNDAY 27th	SEPTEMBER	£235.50

In addition, the amount paid into the bank each month currently stands at £1000. If you would like to give in this way, please see Richard Weekley. Many thanks.



missionary report

Kevin Deighton
Missionary Secretary

Hi everybody, as promised I will update you on the visit of Novimost on October 11th. Colin/Phil will be co-ordinating both the morning and 2nd Sunday Services. Ali (field director) and Mick Holstead will be coming to visit, together with Marios who works out in Bosnia. I trust it will be a great day of challenge and fellowship with our colleagues from Novimost whom we have supported for many years.

In other news we have made the following gifts in September: £60 to World Vision which will shelter a Syrian refugee family of 4 in Serbia for 3 weeks, £50 to Operation Mobilisation and their ongoing Mercy Appeal, £50 to OMS (One Mission Society) for their work in the Third World, £50 to BAM (the By All Means Gospel Trust) who print Bible translations and Bible reading notes - most notably 'Break and Meditate'. They supply a lot out in the regions in India where our 'Twin Church' is located.

This leads me on to Margaret Odell's request at the last Church Meeting for info on the Samaritans Well Project. I contacted Keith Mersch who promised me a comprehensive update soon. However, I can tell you that they have now provided 120 hand water pumps and the pastors have started scores of micro enterprises meaning families can feed themselves. Also a new scheme is in it's infancy, a sewing circle but with machines! More info to follow as soon as it's in my possession.

Finally, can I ask for everybody who has a WRUOM Missionary Box to hand them in by the end of this month please, thanks.



the minister's school assemblies

(for your prayers please)

MONDAY 12th Whitefriars Infant School

WEDNESDAY 21st Tennyson Road Infant School

Don't miss this month's SPECIAL 2nd Sunday – 11th october

featuring a visit from representatives of Novimost, a charity we support, working with young people in Bosnia & Herzegovina

Second Sunday is for people of all ages – from the youngest children to the more senior ones!

Please do think about giving it a try and invite others too!

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weekday diary dates

THURS	1st	12.45pm	Women's Auxiliary – Harvest, Ploughman's Lunch – Rev. Michael Alderson
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	3rd	10.00am	Table-top Sale

TUES	6th	10.00am	Circuit Prayer Morning at Bozeat
		10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 50 Boundary Avenue
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	7th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group
THURS	8th	6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	10th	10.00am	Coffee Morning

TUES	13th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 15 Fern Road
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	14th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		2.00pm	Service at Kilburn Place – All welcome
		7.30pm	Home Group
THURS	15th	2.00pm	Women's Auxiliary – Maureen Trusler
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	17th	10.00am	Coffee Morning

TUES	20th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 11 Kilburn Place
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
		7.30pm	Leader's Meeting
WEDS	21st	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group
THURS	22nd	6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
SAT	24th	10.00am	Coffee Morning

TUES	27th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 50 Boundary Avenue
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	28th	7.30pm	Home Group
THURS	29th	2.00pm	Women's Auxiliary – Rachael Newman
SAT	31st	10.00am	Coffee Morning

Gift Aid

We have recently received a payment for Gift-Aid this year of £4970. If you are a UK tax payer the Church could reclaim tax on your giving through the Church offering (up to the amount of tax you've paid) – if you would like to know more, please speak to Richard Weekley.



interesting...

The puzzle page this month is an anagram one – but here are a few interesting ones to ponder:

The Morse Code = here come dots

Debit card = bad credit

Astronomer = moon starrer

Television programming = permeating living rooms

Eleven plus two = twelve plus one

William Shakespeare = I'll write a wise phrase

Snooze alarms = Alas! No more z's



questions that haunt me!

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

Do the Alphabet Song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Why, Why, Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?



church birthdays this month

If you would like to be included please let Jeanette know and we'll endeavour to get a card to you on the Sunday nearest the date, it would be nice for us all to have the chance to wish one another all the best on our birthdays.

10th - DANIEL REEVE & ELLA WEEKLEY

19th - JOSHUA PORTER

23rd - ALICIA REEVE

24th - ROBIN BRYANT

31st - AIDEN REEVE



flowers this month

Thanks to those who supply the flowers and to Madge and Jill who arrange the rota and distribution of the flowers during the week.

4th Margaret Randall
(Mum and Dad's Anniversary)

18th Pam Barnes
(for Christopher's Birthday)

11th Elsie Keech

25th Jill Waller

Thank Offering Sunday

Please remember that this will be held on Sunday 18th October. It is our opportunity to bring a special offering in thankfulness for God's goodness to us.

If you have not received a special envelope but would like one, please speak to Richard Weekley.



dates for your diary - november 2015

SUNDAY 1st – **Service of Light** - 4.00pm

SATURDAY 14th – **Circuit Meeting**
at Alma Street, Wellingborough

SUNDAY 29th – **Sunday School Prize-Giving**
and **Toy Service**

TUESDAY 25th – **Officers & Trustees Meeting** at 7.00pm

SATURDAY 28th – **Christmas Tree Festival and**
Christmas Lights event in the High Street.
The hall will be open for refreshments etc



puzzle page

Anagrams seem a favourite puzzle, so can you work out the following? As a clue – they are all the same subject. Hand your answers in before 24th October and you may win a small prize.

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| 1. A faint gnash | 11. I hail tuna |
| 2. Regalia | 12. A comedian |
| 3. Neat grain | 13. I am a bin |
| 4. A zanier jab | 14. Old pan |
| 5. Bag handles | 15. Cold ants |
| 6. A fair UK snob | 16. Pains |
| 7. A stoic car | 17. Lizard nets |
| 8. Nicer public domain | 18. Fears education at times |
| 9. Queue again tailor | 19. Van time |
| 10. Nice lad | 20. In a suit |

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