

# IN touch

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the monthly newsletter for Rushden High Street Independent Wesleyan Church

## the cold shoulder...

...THOUGHT  
FOR THE  
SUMMER

Have you ever wondered where the phrase 'to give someone the cold shoulder' originated? There are some who say that it relates to the practice in the 1800's of giving someone a cold shoulder of meat – this was the toughest part. However, it seems to feature in a book by Sir Walter Scott in 1816 and Dickens uses it in 'The Old Curiosity Shop' without any food connection! What we do know though is what it means – to intentionally ignore someone or treat them in an unfriendly way.

A few days ago, I was at the Wesleyan Reform Union Annual Conference at Swanwick, Derbyshire. I was particularly struck by a phrase that was used by Rev. Colin Braithwaite the President. He was talking about how we treat others in the church. He said, "We must give people the right-hand of fellowship, not the cold shoulder of indifference' (the 'right-hand of fellowship' refers to other Christians). The 'cold shoulder of indifference' was the part that caught my attention – we can put those two words together and come up with a meaning of 'ignoring someone, treating them in an unfriendly way without any interest, concern or sympathy for them'. Strong words indeed and which ought never to apply to Christians!

Following on from this there were lots of reports including some from people working in very difficult areas of the world, a really good session about the importance of community involvement for every church and two sessions from Rev. John McGinley who spoke about the need to have a missional focus. It made me realise that all of them depend on not showing the cold shoulder of indifference. All of them require reaching out with a hand of love. It's not only about those in the church, but it's also vital in all our relationships with others. We must never be indifferent to people's needs and concerns, whoever they might be. We must have a friendly nature and be known for that.

***It was a real challenge to me – maybe it will be for you too!***

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## God is able to use us to meet others' needs

**We are all familiar with the story of the feeding of the 5000** (Matthew 14:13-21). **It reminds us that God is able to use us in meeting the needs of others. As Jesus says to the disciples: 'you give them something to eat' (16).**

### **We need to share God's compassion:**

Jesus responded to need, by showing 'compassion' (lit: gut reaction, v14) on the crowds. This isn't simply feeling sorry for others but being ready to act on their behalf. It's being prepared to enter into their experience and see them as God sees them. You cannot demonstrate compassion at a distance!

### **We need to share God's heart:**

It is said that 'The buck stops here!' God wants us to take responsibility for those in need. The disciples tried to pass the buck, telling Jesus to 'send the crowds away' (15). Are we looking for God-given opportunities in church, work or our communities to demonstrate God's love to those who cross our path? It will be costly, involving our time, energy and money e.g. listening to a colleague, shopping for a neighbour or visiting a friend in hospital.

### **We need to share what we have:**

This story reminds us of the challenges of meeting peoples' needs! The disciples only had five loaves and two fish to feed 5000+ people! It is not simply a matter of what we have, but what God can do with it. They offered what they had to Jesus and He multiplied it to feed the people, leaving 12 basketfuls of leftovers. Are we prepared to let God use what we have: our words, prayer and acts of love?

**'Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for that one person.'**  
*By Rev. Paul Hardingham Parishpump.co.uk*



## hall extension update

**The drawings have been completed, with slight alterations to those which had been displayed in the hall. The planning application has been submitted and we should know within 8 weeks if it has been granted.**

Do remember that the Hall Extension Fund has been launched – any ideas then let us know! One family have decided not to give or keep money for birthday gifts from each other but rather give it to the fund. It will all help!



## church offerings

<b>SUNDAY 27th</b>	<b>MAY</b> .....	<b>£238.10</b>
<b>SUNDAY 3rd</b>	<b>JUNE</b> .....	<b>£242.10</b>
<b>SUNDAY 10th</b>	<b>JUNE</b> .....	<b>£252.80</b>
<b>SUNDAY 17th</b>	<b>JUNE</b> .....	<b>£341.70</b>

The sum of £1295 is usually paid direct into the bank each month. Many thanks



## missionary report

Kevin Deighton  
*Missionary Secretary*

**Hi Guys... first off, as we approach the summer holiday season may I wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable break whether at home or on distant shores.**

I am sometimes asked about our twin church in Uttar Pradesh in North India. We pray for our fellow Christians there most weeks and I'm pleased to say that we now have a web address: **www.samaritansprojects.org** and a facebook page: **samaritan projects**. Why not log into these to keep up to date. We sent them a gift of £100 in May for use in three areas (water pumps, sewing centres, micro enterprise development). All is revealed on the above sites and I encourage you to investigate them as soon as you have a moment.

Other recent donations include £100 to Our Daily Bread for the free Bible reading notes that many of us use, £50 to Operation Mobilisation together with the used postage stamps that some of you donate and £100 to Christian Aid for their annual week appeal back in May.

We hope to be spending an evening with Karen Baxter on August 9th at the Manse, more details below. As you may know, Karen now works for Veritas (INF) in Nepal. If you didn't know that, please come along that Thursday evening, meet Karen and find out! Well, that's all for this edition, till next time, bye!



## the minister's school assemblies this month (for your prayers please)

**WEDNESDAY 4th July** – South End Infant School

**WEDNESDAY 11th July** – Denfield Park Primary School

## visit from Karen Baxter

**Karen Baxter who many of us know, is spending some time in the UK this summer and will be coming to visit us on Thursday 9th August.**

Phil & Anne will be providing a buffet tea / supper and you are invited to give a donation on the night towards Karen's work. This will be held either at the manse or in the hall, depending on numbers attending. Please sign the list so that we know how many will be coming. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**



## coffee evening

**At the manse on Wednesday August 1st.**

The invitation is for everyone to join us for coffee or tea with cakes and biscuits from 7.00pm onwards. There's no charge although there will be an opportunity to give a donation to the Hall Extension Fund.



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## sundays at high street

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### july

- SUNDAY 1st** 10.45am Rev. David Baker  
*(incl. Communion)*
- SUNDAY 8th** 10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson  
4.00pm **2nd Sunday!**
- SUNDAY 15th** 10.45am **Celebration of Children & Youth**  
1.00pm **Church Picnic** – Hall Park
- SUNDAY 22nd** 10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson  
6.00pm Service at Wymington  
– Rev. Phil Hearson
- SUNDAY 29th** 10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson  
*Informal Service with breakfast*  
6.00pm Prayer Fellowship
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### august

- SUNDAY 5th** 10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson *(incl. Communion)*  
6.00pm Home Meeting
- SUNDAY 12th** 10.45am Mr. Roger Copperwheat
- SUNDAY 19th** 10.45am Mr. Alan Palmer
- SUNDAY 26th** 10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson  
*Informal Service with breakfast*  
5.30pm Service at the Mission Church  
– Rev. Ian Fall
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# summer 2018

## weekday diary dates

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<b>TUES</b>	<b>3rd</b>	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 50 Boundary Avenue
		7.15pm	PTC Golf Evening
<b>WEDS</b>	<b>4th</b>	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
<b>THURS</b>	<b>5th</b>	2.00pm	Women’s Auxiliary – Jeanette Maddams
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children’s Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
<b>SAT</b>	<b>7th</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning

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<b>TUES</b>	<b>10th</b>	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 15 Fern Road
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
		7.30pm	Leaders Meeting at the Manse
<b>WEDS</b>	<b>11th</b>	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
<b>THURS</b>	<b>12th</b>	6.00pm	Allsorts Children’s Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
<b>SAT</b>	<b>14th</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning

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<b>TUES</b>	<b>17th</b>	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 50 Boundary Avenue
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
<b>WEDS</b>	<b>18th</b>	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
<b>THURS</b>	<b>19th</b>	2.00pm	Women’s Auxiliary – Strawberry Tea & Quiz
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children’s Club
		7.30pm	Y-Not Youth Club
<b>SAT</b>	<b>21st</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning

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<b>TUES</b>	<b>24th</b>	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 15 Fern Road
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
<b>WEDS</b>	<b>25th</b>	7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
<b>SAT</b>	<b>28th</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning

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<b>TUES</b>	<b>31st</b>	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 50 Boundary Avenue
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls



# august 2018

## weekday diary dates

<b>WEDS</b>	<b>1st</b>	7.00pm	Coffee Evening for all at the Manse
<b>SAT</b>	<b>4th</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning
<b>TUES</b>	<b>7th</b>	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 15 Fern Road
<b>THURS</b>	<b>9th</b>	7.00pm	Karen Baxter Visit with buffet tea ( <i>see article on page 3</i> )
<b>SAT</b>	<b>11th</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning
<b>TUES</b>	<b>14th</b>	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 50 Boundary Avenue
<b>SAT</b>	<b>18th</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning
<b>TUES</b>	<b>21st</b>	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 17 Fern Road
<b>SAT</b>	<b>25th</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning
<b>TUES</b>	<b>28th</b>	10.00am	Prayer Meeting – 50 Boundary Avenue
		7.00pm	Officers & Trustees Meeting in the hall
<b>FRI</b>	<b>31st</b>	6.15pm	Circuit Preachers' Meeting

## bed & breakfast needed!

**On Tuesday and Wednesday 2nd-3rd October the Circuit will be hosting the Wesleyan Reform Union Ministers & Pastors Annual Meetings.**

The meetings will be held at the Mission Church, but we need hospitality for the visitors. It entails offering a bed for the night on Tuesday 2nd October and then breakfast. If you can help, please let the Minister know.



## you know you are living in 2018 when...

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of five.
3. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
4. You e-mail your children upstairs to tell them dinner is ready.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with various friends and family is that they are not on Facebook.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the shopping.
7. Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for total panic and you have to go back and get it.
8. You get up in the morning and go online before getting a coffee.



## church birthdays

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.

### JULY

- 7th - MARTYN HEARSON
- 10th - MARGARET O'DELL
- 23rd - RICHARD KEECH
- 26th - AMELIE BARNES
- 30th - KEVIN TAYLOR
- 31st - ROSEMARY BARRETT

### AUGUST

- 8th - BRIAN LACK
- 12th - FINLEY BARNES
- 13th - TERRY RICE
- 13th - MAURICE MORBY
- 17th - MARGARET RANDALL



## flowers this summer

Many thanks to the following who will be providing flowers. Thanks also to Jill who, with Madge, has arranged the rota but has now decided that the time is right to step down from this role.

### JULY

- 1st - Jill Waller *(for Mum)*
- 8th -
- 15th - Ann Bryant *(for Dad)*
- 22nd - Wendy Munday
- 29th - Brian Lack *(for Jayne & Simon)*

### AUGUST

- 5th - Suzanne Porter
- 12th - Jeanette Maddams *(for mum Barbara)*
- 19th - Sheila Dunkley *(for Terry)*
- 26th - Wendy Newman



Always keep your words soft and sweet,  
just in case you have to eat them...

## inTouch articles

***If you have anything you'd like to put in future editions of inTouch then please pass it to Phil or Colin.***



## dates for your diary - september 2018

- SATURDAY 1st** WRU President's visit (Rev. Colin Braithwaite) - 6.00pm  
Fish & Chip Supper with quiz and epilogue.
- SUNDAY 2nd** Circuit United Service at Isham - 6.00pm
- FRIDAY 7th** Family Cinema Evening - 'Early Man' - 6.00pm
- TUESDAY 11th** Council of Churches Meeting at High Street - 7.30pm
- TUESDAY 25th** Church Members Meeting in the Vestry - 7.30pm
- SUNDAY 30th** Harvest Celebration at 10.45am



## puzzle page

This month it's a word search. All you need to do is find 15 animals which are mentioned in the Bible (New International Version). Hand your answers in before the 26th of August and you may win a small prize.

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L	E	S	A	E	W	J	R	W	R	A	E	M
L	I	Z	A	R	D	E	O	A	B	M	Y	T
P	B	L	T	R	P	L	P	B	A	R	A	J
H	E	Y	I	I	F	O	I	C	E	O	Y	D
K	O	E	V	O	E	T	T	E	G	E	R	L
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### Answers to last month:

Mark, Numbers, James, Amos, Hosea, Ruth, Micah, Hebrews, Jude, Ezra, Job, Peter, Titus, Judges, Esther, Kings, Romans, Luke, Malachi, Matthew, Acts, Nahum.

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