

## *We remember in our prayers .....*

- Norman and Debbie as they take time away from 6<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September, may it be a time of relaxation for them both.
- Robert, as he prepares for the new term at Spurgeon's College and the new challenges that will present themselves.
- Those in the fellowship who are not feeling too good at the present.
- Those who are unable to worship with us anymore, we remember especially Gwen Race, Marina, and Betty Burger, who is in hospital at the moment.
- Molly, who has moved into a residential home in Stowmarket.
- We remember Barbara Challis and her family, following the death of her husband George. Barbara and George have been friends of Whitehouse for many years.
- The Community Barbeque on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> (*see notice inside*)
- The Church Meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>
- New EBA Central Sector leader, Rev Graeme Ross. He will be inducted to the role in October.
- The induction to the pastorate of Christchurch, Tacket Street of Rev Neil Coulson on Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>, and the induction of Rev Ian Shaddick to the pastorate of Stoke Green on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- The Open the Book team as they travel to Norwich Cathedral for a training day on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## *We give thanks to God.....*

- That we have been able once again to share in the United Services over the summer months. It is good to meet and hear what God is doing in other churches.
- The long hot summer we have enjoyed and a chance to recharge our batteries for the winter session ahead.



## *We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays*

September 4<sup>th</sup> - Alan Tribe  
Bill Dewhurst  
September 8<sup>th</sup> - Debbie Tharby  
September 24<sup>th</sup> - Sue Farn

Diane and Colin would like to thank members of the fellowship for their prayers, and good wishes following Diane's recent operation. These were very much appreciated.

A very big "thank you" to all who helped and came to make the United Fellowship Bring and Buy Sale and Strawberry Tea so enjoyable, as we ate our juicy sweet strawberries and cream and lovely scones and cakes. Thank you to all who contributed, made cakes, and worked so hard! We did all enjoy it, and our conversations around the tables. You will be pleased to know that as a result we are sending £260 to F.I.N.D. Margot.

Any material for October Newsletter to the Secretary by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September please.



## A Quiet Word

September 2018

I heard the other day that harvest will be earlier this year because of the unusual weather we have been experiencing. Indeed much of the corn harvest has happened. Let's hope it all slows down as

we have booked our Harvest for September 30<sup>th</sup> – I suppose we could sing a carol or two!

Jesus taught about the kingdom of heaven by using nature and harvest parables: the wonder of growth and the coming time when harvest arrives that will herald in a new way of living after all spiritual blights and evils have been dealt with.

Early in John's Gospel (chapter 3 v 34-38), Jesus uses harvest talk to explain to his disciples the purpose for his being here on earth. Here the point is not about an earthly harvest but about Jesus' mission. For Jesus it was not a question of waiting, the time had come, the moment had been reached. People were open and ready to receive his message of life-giving love, of a God who would forgive the past and make all things new. This good news is for now, it didn't belong to the past nor was it a kind of promise for the future, it was now and it is the person of Jesus. Here is an apt description of what Jesus still says to his followers: Open your eyes! Look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest!

For us as a church family, there will never be another 2018 Harvest Time. But there is now. It's here. It's upon us. Let's glorify the Saviour for all he has done and continues to do for us, by being obedient to his words.

Please read carefully the church programme for September and note particularly the 'harvest moments'.

We remember those in the church family in particular need currently – we thank God for great answers to prayers, and for the confidence we have in our loving Father to go on bringing care, support, healing and peace.

Blessings and Love

*Norman*

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## CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

To love and serve God in our local community

# THE CHURCH DIARY

## SEPTEMBER - 2018

### September 2018

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.30am	Norman Tharby	Communion
		<b>No Evening Service</b>	
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Coffee Connect	
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am - 2.00pm	Double L Club	
	7.30pm	Connect Group	Shamrock
		<i>Prayer and Meditation Evening</i>	
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Robert Foster and Pooja Takiar	
	7.00pm	Connect Group	
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	12.30pm	Lunch Club and United Fellowship	
		<i>Speaker - Norman</i>	
	6.30pm	Boys' Brigade	
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Coffee Connect	
	6.30pm	Ignite	
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	Connect Group	Shamrock House
		Film Night	
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Community Barbeque	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Norman Tharby	Communion
	5.00pm	All Age Service + Tea	
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45pm	Ladies Evening Group	
		<i>Brian Heard - Forensic Expert</i>	
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00am	Open the Book	Whitehouse School
	6.30pm	Boys' Brigade	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Coffee Connect	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am - 2.00pm	Double L Club	
	7.30pm	Church Meeting	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.30am	Robert Foster	
		<b>No evening service</b>	
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	Men's Night Out	
		<i>Living with Dementia - Roger Fern</i>	
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	12.30pm	Lunch Club and United Fellowship	
		<i>Member's Afternoon</i>	
	6.30pm	Boys' Brigade	

<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Coffee Connect	
	6.30pm	Ignite	
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am - 2.00pm	Double L Club	
	7.30pm	Connect Group	Shamrock
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Robert Foster	
<b>Harvest Festival</b>	6.30pm	Songs of Harvest Praise - <i>Martyn Dew</i>	

NB: Rainbows meets each Thursday evening 5.00pm - 6.30pm in the Hall - Term Time  
Friday Friends (a dementia group) meet on Friday Mornings 10.30am - 2.00pm

### Community BBQ

Please Pray for:  
Publicity, Cooking, Programme, People

Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 2.00-5.00pm  
Whitehouse Baptist Church

*'Prayer is a refusal to settle for what is.'*



The latest newsletter from Wit and Helen is available at the back of the Church. They ask us to especially Praise God for a successful Mother's Day celebration and pray that all the mothers who came along will come to know first-hand about the love of God. Pray for Suree as she grows in her faith. Pray for boldness to declare her love for Jesus and her desire to follow Him.

With just 116 days to go to Christmas it is time to start thinking about the shoe-box appeal. This year's launch will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October at the All Age Service at 5.00pm. The closing date for the return of boxes is 18<sup>th</sup> November. If you are unable to complete a full box we will again be putting out a box for any items that can be made up into full boxes.

We will again be supporting the work of Macmillan Cancer Care by taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am in the Church. Please come along and support this worthy cause. Any donations of cakes would be most welcome.

Harvest Festival is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September this year when we will be supporting the work of our adopted missionaries Wit and Helen Boondeekhun. Any gifts of tins or packets will once again go to FIND.

