

# CONTACT

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# PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

(For Aug 18 see inside back cover)

## 1-7 JULY

Praise God for the 9 young people and the 4 leaders as they prepare to go to the Spree Camp. Please pray for this event to be a time when all can experience Jesus in very special way.

## 8-14 JULY

Our prayers for this week are for our faithful Church Secretary. Praise God for his skills and pray for Phil in his many challenging situation and tedious background jobs he faces.

## 15-21 JULY

This week please remember our preachers in your prayers, both those who bless us from our own congregation and those who travel to our church especially to share God's word with us. Thank God for them and pray for His blessing and guidance in all that they bring to us.

## 22ND-28TH JULY

Please praise God for 50 years of Tearfund. Pray for the many local churches ( including us) as they share the good news of Jesus and as they try to help many people to work their way out of poverty.

## 29 JULY-4AUGUST

Happy Birthday Tasters! 3 years old. Thank God for the many volunteers who give their time to this project and pray for the right openings for them to give the gospel message to those who come each week.

- Lynda Hawkes & Ruth Ivens

## WELCOME FROM TIM, CHURCH ELDER



Welcome to the July/August edition of contact.

We have many gifts and pleasures for which we can offer our thanks to God, especially the beautiful weather we have all enjoyed throughout the month of May.

I'm writing this at the beginning of June and my hope is for more of the same (weather wise) as we look forward to the forth coming holiday period. Of course the School holidays are very much on the horizon as July opens before us.

Fun in the sun (?!!). Barbecues, sorting the garden, perhaps meeting up with friends and family we haven't seen for a while. Going away on a holiday or in my particular case, keeping an interest in what is, or is not happening in the World Cup.

Speaking of interests, really the most important interest for each of us that are members of the Christian family should be "What is God doing", or perhaps, and more accurately it should really be "what am I doing for Him, His Kingdom?" We are His hands and feet here on earth and as such are called to serve. Remember when Christ was asked by one of the Sadducees and Pharisees, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."** This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

May I urge all of you, God's chosen people, to be His light in our world and follow the two greatest commandments as you enjoy what I pray will be a peaceful and blessed summer holiday.

Yours in Christ

- Tim Symonds

## TWEET



Nicky Gumbel

1:49 pm - 18 Jun 2018

Happy moments, praise God.

Difficult moments, seek God.

Quiet moments, worship God.

Painful moments, trust God.

Every moment, thank God.

- Rachel Hiscocks

## THE 'GRACE' HOUSEGROUP



Our homegroup meets fortnightly on a Wednesday evening.

We are currently looking at the various major world religions, their historical roots, what they believe, the points of similarity with the Christian faith and the significant differences, ably researched and led by Jim.

We usually end our evening with a drink and a biscuit (or two).

As a group we are also able to talk over and pray about any personal issues, secure in the knowledge that what is discussed will remain confidential.

Anybody is welcome to join us.

- Hedley Lomas

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# CHURCH BBQ AT MAPLEWELL HALL

The sun has got his hat on  
hip-hip-hip-hooray  
the sun has got his hat on  
and he's coming out today...



We were invited to come on and celebrate BBQ time! After morning service on June 10th, in glorious sunshine 37 church members made their way to Maplewell Hall School, where our picnic site was established. There were no regulated games or fiendish quizzes just lazing in the sun chatting, enjoying each other's company, and watching the children play on the front lawns.

All the little birds are singin'  
all the little gnats are stingin'  
all the little bees  
in twos and threes  
buzzing in the sun all day

Just perfect! Thank you everyone who contributed to a lovely outing.

## QUOTES



Billy Graham said about his own mortality

"Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God."

- Sue Lawrence-Brooks

Bob Mayo said

"It sometimes takes as much faith to accept an answer to prayer as it does to ask God in the first place".

- Hedley Lomas

## CHURCH BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND CLEAN



Its that time of year again in our church life together. Over the next few weeks lists of maintenance and cleaning jobs will be appearing on the noticeboard geared to keeping our church building looking good and being safe for its busy life!



If you could sign up for a job over the summer when the building is less used that would be great. The more that get involved, the easier it is for everyone.

- Kathy Du Boulay

# HIGH JINKS AT THE FAIRTRADE 'COME ON IN' EVENT



Nothing to do with promoting Fairtrade groceries as William and Keziah enjoy their own version of Fairtrade balloon bashing at the event held outside the Laundon Way Co-op in May. You may well spot Mum's restraining arm on the right of the photograph!

- Joy Russell



# FELLAS FOLLOWING FOOTPATHS



In June we did a circular walk taking in part of the Ivanhoe Trail at Glenfield, leaving Groby via Leicester Road and coming back via the old railway again alongside Ratby Road.

## Fellas Following Footpaths



First Thurs of month until Sept –  
leave URC car park 7pm prompt



See David H for more info.  
Please note this is tough walking.

The next couple of trips out are on Thursdays 5th July and 2nd August leaving the URC car park at 7.00pm prompt

We will either be walking to Anstey, Newtown Linford or around Martinshaw Woods – so some good walks.

We will be walking for about 90 minutes on at times muddy/rough paths – so walking boots and possibly waterproofs required, it is not a stroll in the park. If the route takes us by a local pub we will stop for a short drink.

This is a Churches Together evening and fellas from both churches are encouraged to come along with a non-church friend.

For more information please see me -

- David H



# TEACHING & WORSHIP PROGRAMME



We are taking a break from 1 Samuel for a while.

Following on from Easter, it seemed good to us to look at Christ's ascension and then Pentecost, as the fledgling Church gets it's wings.

Come Holy Spirit!

- Kevan Hall

## 1ST JULY 18

10am 'Growing in Christ' Elder: Tim Symonds  
Colossians 1:1-14 Mike Playdon

## 8TH JULY 18

10am 'Fulness in Christ' Elder: Trevor Pringle  
Colossians 1:15-23 David Harrup (C) Kathy  
Communion

## 15TH JULY 18

10am 'Contending for Christ' Elder: Kathy Du Boulay  
Colossians 1:24 – 2:5 Kevan Hall

## 22TH JULY 18

10am Angela Berry Elder: Phil Holmes

## 29TH JULY 18

10am 'Growing in Christ' Elder: Dave Smith  
Colossians 2:6 – 15 Malcolm Clarke

## 5TH AUG 18

10am 'Connected to Christ' Elder: Kathy Du Boulay  
Colossians 2:16-23 Wendy Hall

## 12 AUG 18

10am 'Hidden with Christ' Elder: Phil Holmes  
Colossians 3:1-11 Barrie Cooke (C) Kevan  
Communion Dave Lomas

## 19TH AUG 18

10am 'Living with Christ' Elder: Trevor Pringle  
Colossians 3:12-4:1 Jim Coaton

## 26TH AUG 18

10am Kevan Hall Elder: Kathy Du Boulay

# HELPING HANDS - JULY 2018



## CRECHE

Lynda Symonds

- 1st Susie, Rachel or Dan P, Help Needed  
8th Jacquie, Hilary and Linda  
15th Rachel E, Hily, Anna  
22nd Linda, Ruth and Ric  
29th Jan, Stacey, Sue L-B

## COFFEE

Joy Russell

- 1st Ann T & Barbara C  
8th Dave & Hilary  
15th Joy & Peter  
22nd Kay B & Friend  
29th Sue LB and Hily

## WORSHIP

Tim Symonds

	LEADER	MEDIA	PIANO
1st		Dave Smith	Helen
18h		Barrie Du Boulay	Debbie
15th		Phil Holmes	Trevor
22nd		Mark Hiscocks	Sue
29th		Phil Holmes	Debbie

## WELCOME

Joy Russell

- 1st John & Elaine  
8th Joy & Peter  
15th Trevor & Mary  
22nd Kay & Hily  
29th Sue LB & Jan

## FLOWERS

Barbara Conlon

- 1st Mr & Mrs D Lomas  
8th Mr & Mrs M Pratt  
15th Mr & Mrs H Lomas  
22nd Mrs M Ward  
29th Mrs H Seaton

## CLEANING

Kathy Du Boulay

- 2nd – 7th: Dave S, Sue & Mike, Barry dB  
9th – 14th: Kathy dB, Rachel P & Lynda H  
16th – 21st: Sue LB, Ruth, Judith & Barbara Conlon  
23rd – 28th: Linda & Tim, Jan & Mark

# HELPING HANDS - AUG 2018



## CRECHE

Lynda Symonds

- 5th Susie, Rachel or Dan P, Help Needed  
12th Jacquie, Hilary and Linda  
19th Rachel E, Hily, Anna  
26th Linda, Ruth and Ric

## COFFEE

Joy Russell

- 5th Judith & Anne B  
12th Pat C & Mary  
19th Jan & Kathy dB  
26th Ann T & Barbara C

## WORSHIP

Tim Symonds

	LEADER	MEDIA	PIANO
5th		Dave Smith	Sue
12th		Barrie Du Boulay	Trevor
19th		Phil Holmes	Helen
26th		Mark Hiscocks	Debbie

## WELCOME

Joy Russell

- 5th Jean & Sheila  
12th Mark & Rachel  
19th Moira & Jim  
26th Ray & Helper

## FLOWERS

Barbara Conlon

- 5th Mr & Mrs P Russell  
12th Mrs L Hawkes  
19th Mrs S Eudon  
26th Mr & Mrs P Holmes

## CLEANING

Kathy Du Boulay

- 30th July – 4th Aug: Pat C, Joy & Peter, Kay B  
6th – 11th: Jeanette & Barrie, Anne, Hilary  
13th – 18th: Dave S, Sue & Mike, Barry dB  
20th – 25th: Kathy dB, Rachel P & Lynda H  
27th – 1st Sept: Sue LB, Ruth, Judith & Barbara Conlon

In our service last autumn, we introduced Sylvia and Polly, 2 women in Malawi who were highlighted as part of Tearfund's 'Hunger Steals' campaign. At that time, Polly had been working with Tearfund's partner, AG Care and had been trained in a farming technique known as Foundations for Farming, which trains farmers to be able to successfully farm even in drought conditions. Sylvia, by contrast, was struggling to feed her family.

Sylvia has now also received training from AG Care and has cultivated 1.5 acres of maize and 1 acre of groundnuts. She has also started keeping chickens. "I thank AG Care for teaching me new farming skills and knowledge. My life has changed so much," says Sylvia. Her successful harvest and new skills will mean she is able to build a new, better home this year for her and her family.

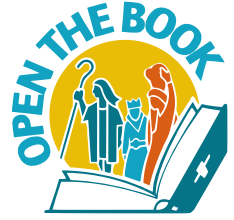
Let us thank God for the amazing work that Tearfund and their partner AG Care are doing with farmers like Sylvia and Polly. All around the world, local churches are leading their communities out of lives devastated by hunger and into lives filled with dignity, opportunity and strength. Please continue to pray for this amazing work.

- Catherine Ward

**VOICE FOR**



**JUSTICE**



In June we finish/ed our presentations to the Groby primary schools before the summer break with 'Paul is Shipwrecked'. The last line quotes one of Paul's letters –

'Don't be worried. Just be thankful and tell God what you need. Jesus will give you the peace of God, and that will help you face anything.'

In last month's article I wrote that the team has been presenting Open the Book in Groby for three years – it's actually four, and I hope with many more years to come.

Please pray for the team as we start to prepare for next year and still hope to include Ratby Primary School as well.

We are still looking for help in the form of a costume/wardrobe person to not just look after the rack full of costumes we have but to provide new ones as needed. This person would not need to come to all the presentations but would need to come to our Thursday afternoon planning/practise once a month. If you feel called to help with this valuable work please see one of the team.

To find out more about the work of the Open the Book team please speak to Lynda, Kevan or myself from the team.

– David Harrup

In the very first edition of the TEARTIMES you will find the following statement: We believe we have an added responsibility to arrest the attention of evangelicals in this country, and inform them of the needs, requirements and opportunities to help. Since then an ever increasing numbers of churches began to live out this statement and something beautiful began to grow and develop. As a Christian what can be more exciting when local churches share the good news of Jesus and help their community to work their way out of poverty? Our Church has been part of TEARFUND for over 17 years. ( Does anybody know the exact date?) I spotted a TEARTIMES magazine in Rachel & Mark's home. Its content touched me and others and that played a part for us as a church to support TEARFUND. Our young people travelled abroad through TEARFUND. Kathy & Barry visited Cajamarca in Peru. And we all travelled around the world in our thoughts while reading about TEARFUND either from the magazine or the board in the Hall, or by listening to the 'Voice for Justice' Group. Our Mission fund donates half of its income to TEARFUND and many gave and still give additional financial support to TEARFUND. Just think of Toilet twinning.

Shall we continue to walk together with TEARFUND, each one of us following the example of Jesus who had compassion with those people who do not count in the eyes of the world? Are we willing to continue to have compassion and try to bridge the huge gap by living simply, so that the others can simply live? The work is not completed, it needs to go on. Do we believe we have an added responsibility to arrest the attention of evangelicals in this country, and inform them of the needs, requirements and opportunities to help?

- Ruth Ivens

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## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018



This month sees the arrival of the hurricane season in Haiti - the focus of this year's Christian Aid Week Campaign. Until November Haiti, like many other countries, will remain at risk.

God is however our refuge and strength and through the work of organisations such as Christian Aid we can come together to provide practical and spiritual assistance to those in need. Through our individual and collective prayer life we can lift up such areas and seek God's guidance and help.

Thank you to everyone who contributed a "prayer brick" during our recent Christian Aid service family activity - these prayers provided the cornerstone and support to our model and recent collection. Please continue to pray for Haiti and its neighbours this Summer/ Autumn.



Thank you too to all who gave their time and resources to support those in need. Churches Together In Groby raised £2,700.

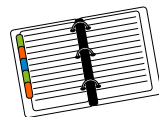
As ever we achieve more together than we can individually - please let us know if you can help during Christian Aid Week 2019 which will take place 12 - 18 May. New deliverers and collectors welcomed!

- Mary & Trevor Pringle

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7pm Thursday 5th July Fellas following footpaths

7pm Thursday 2nd August Fellas following footpaths



- Mark Hiscocks

*Happy Birthday*

Happy July Birthdays to

Harly Euden  
Emilia Parker  
Luca Fracchia

Happy August Birthdays to

Pimmi Coaton

-Sue Lawrence-Brooks

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- Mark Hiscocks, [magazine@grobyurc.com](mailto:magazine@grobyurc.com)

# PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

## 5-11 AUGUST

Please be faithful in your prayers for the leadership in our fellowship. Please pray for protection and inspiration and the ability to communicate this to the congregation.

## 12-18 AUGUST

Fellows Following Footpaths. What a valuable job David Harrup does with this project. Pray for him as he leads and pray for more non church men to come along and enjoy the walks in the company of Christians.

## 19-25 AUGUST

We are so blessed to have such a variety of musicians within our congregation. Please thank God for them and pray for each of them by name if you can, that God will bless their ministry and enrich them as they minister to us. How different our worship would be without them.

## 26 AUGUST – 1ST SEPTEMBER

A new academic year is ahead of us. Please pray for the various activities which are planned. Pray for the ongoing work, for all of us to be salt and light in Church and in the community.

- Lynda Hawkes & Ruth Ivens

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## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP (10AM)

All Age with Y.church (children's session) Holy Communion as announced. Babies and toddlers can be cared for on Sunday mornings. The church building has a loop hearing system, wheelchair access, a toilet for the disabled & baby nappy-changing facilities.

Home Groups: Wed & Thurs evenings – see an elder for details.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday:	9.30-11.30am	Noah's Ark Club for toddlers and families.
	6.00-7.15pm	Chattabox Mondays* (children years 3-6)
	7.45-9.00pm	Rock Solid* (young people in years 7-9)
Thursday:	10.30-12.00am	Fair Cuppa* at Groby Village Hall.
Friday:	9.30-11.30am	CATCH* Coffee and chat (in term-time)
Saturday:	8.00-9.00am	Prayers, all welcome
	10.00-12.30pm	Groby Tasters - Coffee & Fun

\*These activities are run jointly with St. Philip & St. James Church as part of 'Churches Together in Groby'.