



RUSH MERE

baptist church

8 July 2018

Welcome to Morning Worship being led by our friend Rev Jon Bates. Please stay for light refreshments following the service, which will be served at the rear of the church. At 1.30pm there will be a "Home Alone Lunch". Please speak to Sylvia if you would like to stay but **haven't** booked a place. We meet again at **6.30pm** for Evening Worship led by Rev Jon Bates.

Pray for God's peace and comfort for the family of Doreen as the funeral and Thanksgiving Service are held on Friday.

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Pray for the Deacons as they meet on Wednesday and for the "Deacons Away Day" on Saturday, that they may discern God's will in matters of business and receive great blessing from their day together on Saturday under the leadership of Rev Sandy Millar.

Pray for Paul and Sarah Brown (BMS) home from Thailand that God will bless them as they spend time with their families. Pray for their visit to us next Sunday evening that it will be a time of encouragement and support for them.

Pray for the children trapped in the caves in Thailand. Pray for wisdom for those trying to rescue them and God's sustaining strength for the families as they anticipate their safe return.

Declaring **God's Way** - Sharing **His Love**

Tearfund News

Good news and prayer needs from Central African Republic (CAR)

Earlier this year, Tearfund had a special appeal for CAR which was a matched appeal with the Government (ie the Government would give the same amount as Tearfund raised from supporters). Praise God - £5000 was raised!

This means that Tearfund is able to expand significantly the work it is doing in this very poor, war torn country. Let's thank God for this and also Him to bless, guide and protect all that is done to improve lives and may it be for His glory. Prayer is vital. So please would you pray with me for the following:

- ◇ Pray for the women Tearfund are trying to help. These women have not had the opportunity of an education, have often been victims of violence, suffer extreme discrimination and are often unable to work. Pray that Tearfund's work with the men and leaders of the community will effectively change attitudes towards women. Pray too that women will take part in the literacy and business training being offered and they will be able to set up successful businesses. Tearfund say, "We have already seen God move powerfully in the appeal for the country, now we are waiting for him to transform the lives of these women."
- ◇ Tearfund's team in CAR will grow from around 5 people to almost 50. Pray for the training of the new team which will happen in the next few weeks and that all will work well together to get the new project started in the best possible way. Pray for good relationships and safety.
- ◇ CAR is a very difficult country to work in. Please pray God's protection over the team – that they will be kept safe in a very volatile situation. Currently there is peace in the areas where Tearfund is working but please pray that this will last.

Thank you for your prayers – they are so critical in strengthening Tearfund's staff to do God's work in tough places.

Val Dufour

Diary for Monday 9 July 2018

Mon 9	6.15pm 7.15pm	FFaf Holywells Park "Pink Picnic" "SPRING"
Tues 10	7.30pm 7.30pm	Space Committee in the Attic Home Group in Jubilee Hall
Wed 11	2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Friendship Hour "Holiday in South Africa" with Margaret Taylor Deacons' Meeting Art Class
Thurs 12	12.30pm 7.30pm	Lunch Club "THIRST " in the Attic
Fri 13	9.15am 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Rushmere Ducklings (Babies and Tots) Thanksgiving Service for Doreen Read at RBC Prayer Meeting Parents Evening in Attic (organised by Beth R) Band Practice
Sat 14	9.15am	DEACONS' AWAY DAY
Sun 15	10.45am 6.30pm	Morning Worship with Communion led by Rev Heather Marsden Café Style Church with Paul and Sarah Brown (BMS Missionaries home from Thailand) Refreshments will be served throughout the evening hosted by Myrna's Home Group

N.B. The "Ipswich In Prayer" Ladies Prayer Evening due to be held on Tuesday 10 July at RBC has been postponed due to another popular Christian event happening in town. Please watch for a re-arranged date and speak to Liz Beaton if you wish to know more.

Items for next Sunday's sheet to be with Sheila Stokes by Thursday morning.

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