

## Church Weekend Away

Highgate House, Creeton, Northampton

Friday 4th– Sunday 6th October

The speaker for the weekend is Revd Lisa Kerry (Team Leader Central Baptist Association) and worship will be led by Alan Kerry

The theme is: Watering our Roots

More details regarding the weekend to follow.

## Where we meet and who we are



The office and mid week activities are based at our building in:  
Well Street. MK18 1ET



On a Sunday morning we meet for worship at :  
Lace Hill Academy, Catchpin Street,  
MK18 7RR

Well Street United Church is an LEP (local ecumenical partnership) of Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed churches. In reality, many of us come from other churches or no church background, but we have felt at home in this church.



As part of our worship we have an offertory box available by the hall door. If you are visiting please feel under no obligation to give.

If you are a regular worshipper please speak to James Knapton or Wendy Collins as to how you can give by Standing Order or online and also about Gift Aid if you are a tax payer.

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## September 2024

### Welcome to Well Street United Church

Welcome to Well Street United Church especially if it is your first time.

If you would like to receive electronic weekly updates please speak with a Welcomer.



**Sunday 1st September at 3.00pm**  
Pray for the Well Street Team, the residents and staff as they gather for worship



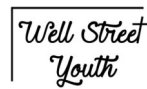
**Wednesday 4th September**  
The speaker this month is Keith Croxton, who will be sharing news of Buckingham Food Bank.  
Please contact Ros to book a meal



**Thursday 19th September**  
7.30pm at Well Street United Church  
All are welcome to join us for our Church Quarterly meeting.



On **Sunday 22nd September** we will give thanks to God for Harvest. We will be collecting non-perishable food for Buckingham Food Bank



**Saturday 28th September**  
**YOUTH NOSH AND NATTER**  
6.30pm-8.30pm  
Venue: Jane's  
More info available on the Youth Whatsapp group or contact Jane

### Weekly Activities

#### Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship

#### Tuesday 10.00am

First Steps (Toddler Group)  
Contact Church Office to Register  
Starts back on 10th September

#### Tuesday, Wednesday and

**Thursday** - Life Groups –contact Church Office for details

#### Thursday 5.00pm

Explorers (5-11year olds)  
Starts back on 12th September

#### Saturday 10.00am-12 noon

Renew Café

### Monthly Activities

#### First Sunday

10.30am Café Church at  
Lace Hill Academy  
3.00pm service at  
Lace Hill Manor (Care Home)

#### First Wednesday

CAMEO  
12.30pm at Well Street United Church. Booking is required

For more information contact Church Administrator (details on back)

## Minister's Message

Have you noticed how the Bible often measures time in decades?

Seventy years of exile for Israel in Babylon,  
 Sixty years old was Isaac when Rachel gave birth to Esau and Jacob.  
 Forty years were spent wandering in the desert for Israel.  
 Thirty years old were both Saul and David when each became king of Israel.  
 Twenty years old was the age at which young Israelite men were called up to serve in the army of Israel.

We tend to do the same. We speak of periods of ten years: the 90's, 80's, 70's etc. After the age of 20, perhaps, we invest every birthday with a '0' on the end with special significance!

Let me add one more decade. As of 1<sup>st</sup> September, Wendy and I have been serving among and with the community that is Well Street United Church for exactly ten years!

This is one of those moments when we say, 'Where has the time gone?' We wouldn't normally draw attention to ourselves, but we do want to say thank you for allowing us to share the journey of life and faith with you, and for the privilege of being with you. The writer of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 reflects that 'There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens', and like all churches we have had our ups and downs in that time. As ever, though, God has been faithful through it all. We give thanks for the many good things which are part of the life of our church: fun and friendship, worship and witness, baptisms and blessings of all kinds. Through it all, we have endeavored to put Christ at the centre.



For all of us, there is a danger that we might live in the past or long for the future. CS Lewis reminds us that 'the Present is the point at which time touches eternity.' Together as God's people, by God's grace, we can be touching heaven and changing lives on earth. Wendy and I cannot say how much longer we will be here, but we are all called to make the most of every opportunity.

The words of Mother Teresa are particularly poignant:

'Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today.  
 Let us begin.'

With our love  
 Tim & Wendy

## Service Dates for September

Date	Place	Time	Theme	Leader
1st September	LHA	10.30am	Café Church Story, Story, Story Adventure	Tim Edworthy
8th September	LHA	10.30am	<i>Exodus: Freedom to Serve God</i> <i>Hearing God's Call</i> <i>Exodus 3:1-17</i> <i>Including The Lord's Supper</i>	Tim Edworthy
15th September	LHA	10.30am	<i>Experiencing God's Deliverance</i> <i>Exodus 12: 1-13; 29-32</i>	Margaret Smith Katy Morris
22nd September	LHA	10.30am	<i>Trusting God's Provision</i> <i>(Harvest)</i> <i>Exodus 16:1-26</i>	Tim Edworthy
29th September	LHA	10.30am	<i>Becoming God's People</i> <i>Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-17</i>	Sara Cliff Lynn Billingham
6th October	Please Note that there is no Morning Service on 6th October at Lace Hill Academy as it is our Church Weekend Away. We will be back at LHA on 13th October			

This month we will be starting a new sermon series Exodus: Freedom to Serve God. (LICC). 'Here's a book which calls us to recover the link between what we are saved from and what we are saved for.' (LICC)

We will be continuing this theme in our Life Groups so if you would like to study further then please speak to Wendy or Tim regarding our Life Groups which meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Exodus is one of the longest books in the bible and there is a six week reading scheme available—please speak with Wendy for a paper copy or there is a link available via our Website <https://www.wellstreetchurch.org.uk/church-life/life-groups/>

### Family News:

We give thanks that after a long period in hospital Ken is now back home!  
 Happy 90th Birthday to Pat ( 22nd September) and  
 Happy 80th Birthday to Vic ( 25th September)