Churches Together in Harborough

Newsletter July 2023

Please pass on this information to your church in any appropriate way. Please check our website for any updates. **https://www.harboroughchurches.org.uk/**

CTH FORUM SEPTEMBER 14 – we need you there!

We need as many people as possible from all our churches to come to our next CTH Forum Meeting on Thursday 14th September at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. The main topic will be Worshipping Together, and this will include making plans for Good Friday, Lent, and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as well as asking whether there are other opportunities in the year when we might gather to worship together. We need everyone's input if we are to meet the needs and challenges of our community. The meeting will be held at the Baptist Church (Coventry Road) and refreshments will be served beforehand. Everyone (whether appointed church representatives or not) is welcome to attend, and of course it is very important that church representatives and ministers are present if at all possible. Please put this date in your diary and come along.

KEITH RUGG

Very sadly, Keith Rugg passed away on Tuesday 4th July. Keith was a loyal servant of God, a committed member and lay preacher of the Baptist Church, and a faithful and enthusiastic participant in Churches Together in Harborough for many years. We are very thankful for all that he brought to this community and the ecumenical work of CTH. Please pray for Keith's widow, Ann, and their children Rachel and Mark and family. Keith's funeral will be at Market Harborough Baptist Church on Wednesday 19th July at 12.30pm (following a committal service at Great Glen Crematorium at 11.30am).

HOLIDAY AT HOME 7-11 AUGUST

A week of activities and entertainment is being arranged for seniors August 7th to 11th, 9.30am to 1.30pm at the Methodist Church (opposite the Market Hall). It costs £6 per day, £8 on Friday or book the whole week for £30. A two-course lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits are included. To book, ring 01858 410878. If no reply please leave a message with your name and phone number.

FLOWER FESTIVAL 11-13 August

St Mary's Husbands Bosworth is having a flower festival to mark 150 years since the church opened. This will be from 11th -13th August from 11-4pm. Refreshments available during the weekend.

BOWER HOUSE – Re-connect on 23 August

Past volunteers of the Bower House are invited to an Open House on Wednesday 23 August, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm for coffee, cream and cake. Phone 01858 469257; email officeadmin@bowerhousecounselling.org, by 21 August.

Bower House - AGM on 24th August. Our Lady of Victories Church, Octagonal hall, Fairfield Road. 7.30pm. Refreshments served before meeting. All welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2023 – Thank you!

Mary Clarkson, Christian Aid Local Treasurer, writes: This year, Christian Ad Week saw several church-based events – two Big Brekkies and a Coronation Tea – and several church-based collections. The total amount raised (including Charity Vouchers) came to £5,654.90. This was slightly down on the previous year's total of £6,620.56.
Last year, some people donated online directly to Christian Aid, using links that Peter Arnold set up through the Christian Aid website quoting our group's reference number. This year there were no donations from this source. As there were no house-to-house collections this year, the accounts have not required verification, in accordance with instructions.

This year nationally, over £2.3m was raised. There are videos and more details here: https://elinkeu.clickdimensions.com/m/1/79254746/p1-b23192-a58a4057d1274bca9c35cc2bf7951ee2/2/32/f74e241a-cec4-4e5c-90bc-3bdb13531b3b

COMMUNICATIONS HELP NEEDED

We need someone to take over the communications role for CTH. The role is not huge and involves organising the rota for the weekly Church Talk column in the *Harborough Mail* and forwarding contributions (with any minor adjustments needed) to the appropriate staff at the newspaper. It also involves compiling the occasional CTH newsletter from submitted information, and occasionally producing reports or alerts for the *Mail*, Harborough FM, and the CTH website Some communications experience might be helpful but is not necessary – some mentoring would be available. If you or anyone you know in your church might be able to consider this, please contact the current Communications Officer Derek Williams on communications@harboroughchurches.org.uk

REFERRALS TO JUBILEE FOODBANK

Liz Mills writes: Please let me know if you would like a reminder about how to refer to Jubilee Foodbank. I can send you the most recent details and form. Please email jubileefoodbankmh@gmail.com . Thanks for all your support and help.

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