

# MARCH 2022

# Contact

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sunday

Family Worship  
10.30am

### Wednesday

Congregational Café  
11am – 1pm

Scoffs  
12 noon  
(2nd Wednesday only)

### Thursday

Rainbows Baby & Toddler  
Group  
9.30am

### Friday

Badminton  
7.30pm

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Dear Friends,

At the end of last month's newsletter, I mentioned that hopefully spring would be just around the corner – and I can definitely confirm that the sight of the snowdrops and crocus pushing their way up is a reassuring sign that spring is on its way!

Who doesn't love spring? One of the greatest joys of spring is the hope and optimism it brings for the coming year. It's a time of regeneration and new growth as the days get longer and the weather gets warmer. And we are thankful that we can depend on the seasons and for everything around us.

This month we are also celebrating Mothering Sunday, a day set aside in our modern world to honour mothers everywhere.

A good mother is a link between us and God. Through a mother's love we can see how God loves and cares for us, his children. The Bible is full of examples of good mothers who played key roles in the coming of Jesus. None of them was perfect, yet each showed a strong faith and put their hope in God for which they were richly rewarded.

Called the mother of all the living, Eve was the first woman and the first important Bible mother. Eve had great responsibility as a mother and her three most well-known children were Cain, Abel and Seth. Eve would have been responsible for teaching her children about God and his plans for the world by passing on her knowledge of God to her children. Eve suffered terrible grief when her son Cain murdered his brother Abel, yet despite these tragedies, Eve went on to fulfil her part in God's plan of populating the Earth.

One of the bravest mothers in the Bible, Jochebed was the mother of Moses. Though ordered by the Pharaoh to murder

her baby boy at birth, she hid him away as long as she could. When he was a little older, she made a small boat for him and placed him in the river, hoping that someone would find him. God directed the small boat and baby Moses to the Pharaoh's daughter, who took up baby Moses as her own child, but hired Jochebed to nurse the baby. Jochebed displayed great wisdom and insight in protecting her child, so that he might, in turn, save his people. Although little is written about Jochebed in the Bible, her story speaks powerfully to mothers of today.

Sarah was one of the most important women in the Bible. She was the wife of Abraham, which made her the mother of the nation of Israel. She shared in Abraham's journey to the Promised Land and all of the promises God would fulfil there. Yet Sarah was barren. She conceived through a miracle in spite of her old age. Sarah was a good wife, a loyal helper and a builder with Abraham. Her faith serves as a shining example for every person who has to wait for God to act.

Elizabeth was another of the miracle mothers in the Bible. Also barren in her old age, she conceived and gave birth to a son. She and her husband named him John, as an angel had instructed. Elizabeth dedicated her son to God, and he also became a great prophet, John the Baptist. Elizabeth's joy was complete when her relative Mary visited her, pregnant with the future Saviour of the World.

So finally, Mary, who was given the great privilege of being the mother of Jesus, and as such, changed our world forever. Mary was the most honoured mother in the Bible and God chose her for a reason. She displayed a godly character and trust in God. She understood and accepted the great responsibility God placed on her and demonstrated her faithful love and tender care of God's most precious son.

Whatever your situation this Mothering Sunday, we can all take hope and inspiration from God and the examples of these mothers in the Bible.

With all good wishes – Liz

**Baptisms, weddings and funerals by arrangement with the Minister**

## OFFERTORIES

30th January - £122.22  
 6th February - £72.95  
 13th February - £103.60  
 20th February - £51.55  
 Standing orders - £572.00  
**Total £922.32**

### Other Income

Donation - £1,000.00  
 Faith Lunch - £29.37  
 Toddlers - £100.00  
 Donation in memory  
 of Pat Mills - £188.87

Following the service on Sunday 6th March, there will be a traditional faith lunch where you are welcome to bring along a dish for everyone to share and enjoy.

Please stay and join us.

Following our church AGM last month, many thanks to everyone who has once again held positions of office during the last twelve months and a special welcome to our new deacons, Celeste Collinge and Jean Voss.

The next Social Committee meeting is on Monday 7th March at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Just a reminder that the Churches Together in Lees and District Lent Lunches continue every Tuesday until 5th April at Zion Methodist from 12noon.



Everyone welcome.

Happy Birthday to you!

It was recently agreed by the deacons that it would be nice for all members of the congregation to receive a card from church on their birthday, so we are currently trying to implement this.

During the next few weeks, there will be some slips available at the back of church for you to complete with your name and date of birth (the year is not necessary!)

If you are reading this but have not yet returned to church (or know of someone who has not yet returned) please just get in touch with the necessary details. Many thanks.

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service including the imposition of ashes at Hope Church on 2nd March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.



We have recently had a clear out of the many items which have accumulated at church over the last few years.

Whilst we are grateful of your support, please could we ask that no more unwanted items, including toys, furniture, electrical items and jumble/new to you are brought up to church at the present time.

We simply do not have sufficient space to store anything else.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Upcoming Events – March 2022

Wednesday 2nd March	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café
	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service at Hope
Sunday 6th March	10.30am	Family Service
		Traditional Faith Lunch
Monday 7th March	6.30pm	Social Committee
	7.30pm	Deacons Meeting
Tuesday 8th March	12 noon	Lent Lunch at Zion
Wednesday 9th March	12 noon	Scoffs
Sunday 13th March	10.30am	Family Service
		Church Meeting
Tuesday 15th March	12 noon	Lent Lunch at Zion
Wednesday 16th March	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 20th March	10.30am	Family Service
		Communion
Tuesday 22nd March	12 noon	Lent Lunch at Zion
Wednesday 23rd March	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 27th March	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service
Monday 28th March	TBC	House Group at 17 Radcliffe Street
Tuesday 29th March	12 noon	Lent Lunch at Zion
Wednesday 30th March	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café



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