

ST. DAVID'S FOOD BANK Please give if you are able. There is great need. See Lesley or Derek about specific needs. Our contributions are usually collected up on the last Sunday of the month.



ABINGTON STREET MINISTRY—

Each Friday 12—2pm. Andy Little: in Abington Street on 3rd & 26th May. See Sam for more information. Please pray or come if you can.

COUNTYWIDE MINISTRY—

Pray for our brothers and sisters we also fellowship with in other churches, particularly those in leadership roles:

Pollard Evangelical Church, Kettering— Elders Rod Badams & Rowan Gosnal-Tyler, & Andy Boulter; Brixworth Community Church—Andy Lloyd-Williams; All Saints, Brixworth—Rector David Reith; Slapton & Wappenham Independent Evangelical Church (Sunday mornings in Towcester)—Trevor Thomas; Moulton Parish Church—Rev Nick Alexander; their church plant Grace Church, Duston—Jonnie Deja & Neil Menon; Grace Baptist Church, Rushden—Oliver Baker & Peter Hadley (in ministry training).

SPECIAL NOTICES

SPENCER CONTACT

We are really in need of some help, due to staff being off ill. Even a few hours would be a great encouragement.

We would really value you enabling us to share God's love in practical ways here in Northampton.

It's mostly sorting, cleaning & preparing all kinds of things ready for needy people to use in their homes—or for us to sell in our sales to bring in funds for this work. We'd love you to join with us.

Please see Ruth Magombo

A new home~based Bible study time for Mums and young children, meeting weekly on Friday mornings. See Ally Baxter or Jemima Wells for more information.

Pastor Paul Milner
Associate Pastor Allan Huxtable
Elders :
Derek Alcock, Graham Wheeler,
Peter Scurr & Andy Welsford
Evangelist : Sam Baxter
Women's Worker: Julia Horne

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'..But be (being) filled with the Holy Spirit' Eph 5:18

SUNDAY MINISTRY FOR APRIL 11am & 6pm

5th May am Peter Scurr (Sam Baxter at Kettering)

pm Matt Dawson followed by communion

12th May am Allan Huxtable pm tbc

19th May am Allan Huxtable followed by communion. pm tbc

26th May FOOD BANK SUNDAY am Allan Huxtable (Andy Welsford at Duke St)

CHURCH LUNCH followed by an Open Air Mission presentation pm Andy Little

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Pray for these youngsters & their teachers. Anyone wishing to help, please see Mark Wilkinson.

'CORAM DEO' 12th & 26th May—afternoon fellowship, venues vary.

'FIRM FOUNDATIONS' 5th & 19th at church. 4.15pm

***PRAYER TIMES** are before each Sunday service in the Sunday school room.

MONDAYS at 9am at church as arranged, meeting in classroom 3.

SATURDAYS 8am—9am James & Janet's **except 4th May 8am and 7-8pm at church.**

MONDAY

'CRAFT AND CHAT' meets after the prayer meeting, from about 10.15am. Informal fellowship for all and an opportunity to be creative. See Julia Horne for more info & holidays.

TUESDAY

Enjoy playing games & a chat? Then our games night, 7pm—9.30pm, is right up your street! Why not bring some of your favourites with you! Have a chat with Andy White.

WEDNESDAY

'Tots Time' pre-school fun time 9.30—11am. See Julia Milner OR Sarah Welsford.

**There is also a MORNING Community Group, please see Graham Wheeler for more information.

7.30pm 1st May Central Prayer Meeting. (JOINT PRAYER MEETING 7th May at Wappenham, NO CG 8th) 15th, 22nd & 29th May CGs.

THURSDAY

2nd May Coffee Morning Enjoy some informal all-age fellowship, do join us at 10.15am to share together. The building is also being used as a polling station.

Ministry & witness at **Boughton Lodge Care Home**, we are there by invitation—our next visit is planned for 16th May. See Derek Duke for more info.

FRIDAY

**Please note that the building used as a NHS Diabetes Clinic
10am-2pm Please avoid coming to the church then.**

'RENEWED' group for ages 11-18, at church on Fridays during term time at 7-8.45pm.

'The Huddle' (Year 10+) meets at the **Kearley's** for food & fellowship once a month.

See Pete Scurr for more details.

SATURDAY

Men's Breakfast 4th May Come and be fed twice: 9am—10.30am

Speaker: Peter Hadley **Sign up ASAP on the clipboard, please.**

Next Men's Breakfast - June 1st **WATCH OUT FOR THE CLIPBOARD.**

Pastor Paul writes -

“...How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” – Luke 11:13
“...But be (being) filled with the Holy Spirit” – Eph 5:18

We have the Holy Spirit – what a thought! We receive him at conversion (Eph 1:13, 1 Cor 12:13, Gal 3:2), fulfilling the promise of the new covenant (Ezek 36:27, Isa 32:25, Joel 2:28, etc).

But we long for and need more experience of him, to live the Christian life successfully (Rom 5:5, 8:15-16, Gal 5:16-25, etc).

And the church needs more of his power to successfully preach the gospel (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8, 1 Cor 2:4-5, 1 Thess 1:5, etc).

Jonathan Edwards tells us that Christ prayed and laboured and suffered so that we could have the Holy Spirit:*

THE sum of the blessings Christ bought, by what he did and suffered in the work of redemption, was the Holy Spirit.

Thus is our redemption constituted: 1) the Father provides and gives the Redeemer, and the price of redemption is offered to him, and he grants the benefit purchased; 2) the Son is the Redeemer who gives the price, and also is the price offered; 3) and the Holy Spirit is the grand blessing obtained by the price offered, and bestowed on the redeemed.

The Holy Spirit, in his indwelling presence, his influences and fruits, is the sum of all grace, holiness, comfort, and joy; or, in one word, of all the spiritual good Christ purchased for men in this world: and is also the sum of all perfection, glory, and eternal joy, that he purchased for them in another world.

The Holy Spirit is the subject matter of the promises, both of the eternal covenant of redemption, and also of the covenant of grace. This is the grand subject of the promises of the Old Testament, so often recorded in the prophecies of Messiah's kingdom; and the chief subject of the promises of the New Testament; and particularly of the covenant of grace delivered by Jesus Christ to his disciples, as his last will and testament, in John chapters 14-16; the grand legacy that he bequeathed to them, in his last and dying discourse with them. Therefore the Holy Spirit is so often called 'the Spirit of promise', and emphatically, 'the promise', 'the promise of the Father', &c.

**Jonathan Edwards - An Humble Attempt/Extraordinary Prayer Pt 2. Ch 3.*