

# Waterloo United Free Church

## News Sheet

### This Week

Sunday 11th February John Smith

Tuesday 13th February  
Housegroup 8pm at Margaret Sarsfield's

### Next Week

Sunday 18th February Linda Hopkins

### Upcoming Events

Sunday 25th February Rev Robert Shallcross

Sunday 4th March Peter Hopkins

Thursday 8th March Deacons' meeting 7.45pm at Derek's

Sunday 11th March John Smith

Sunday 18th March 2018 Church Awayday

Sunday 25th March John Smith

Friday 30th March Linda Hopkins

Sunday 1st April Linda Hopkins



### Discovering Jesus Through Mark's Gospel

In the run up to Easter we will be considering what we can learn about Jesus from Mark's gospel. There will be questions for discussion at home group or further private reflection. Please make use of these.

### Questions for further study

Questions Mark 8: 1-26

- Instead of just feeding the four thousand, why do you think Jesus first calls the disciples together?
- What different obstacles did the disciples point out in the feedings of the 4000 and 5000?
- What do the Pharisees want?
- What is Jesus' main point in verses 17-21?

For each question there are at least two answers: one to the question itself; and one that might apply to the church now.

### Emmie Downard

We are sad to hear of the death of former church member Emmie Downard (nee Lynes). Emmie passed away on Saturday 3rd February. Please remember her husband Gerry in your prayers.

### Linda's Week

Linda's church days will be Monday and Tuesday.

### Church Awayday

We'll be having a church awayday on Sunday 18th March at Irenaeus St George's Road. There will be no service at the Church and we would encourage everyone to try and attend the awayday.

## News Sheet Items

Can you contribute a poem, prayer, picture or other item for the news sheet. Please send items to Peter by Thursday - wufcnews@gmail.com

## Find us Online

We are on Facebook, Twitter, and have a website.

[www.waterloounitedfreechurch.org.uk](http://www.waterloounitedfreechurch.org.uk)

[www.facebook.com/waterloounitedfreechurch/](http://www.facebook.com/waterloounitedfreechurch/)

Twitter - @WUFChurch

## Points for Prayer

Please pray for Joyce  
Please pray for Val  
Please remember Barbara Culshaw and her family in your prayers  
Please remember Rose Parry in your prayers  
For Marie Louise and Katie; and Mark and Glenys.  
Pray for the In Another Place Assembly teams and their work.  
For Linda and the deacons as they prepare for the church awayday.  
Please remember Gerry Downard at this time.

## Coffee, Tea, Flowers...

Don't forget to check the coffee rota and flower rota and add your name if you can help

## Contact details:

Linda Hopkins (Minister in training)

Mobile: 07599 011 374

email: [linda.hopkins@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:linda.hopkins@dsl.pipex.com)

## BRIGHTER

'Brighter' is a short course being run by Together for the Harvest at 'Kingsway', Church Road, Waterloo at 8pm -9.30pm during March. All churches in the area are invited to attend.

Most people around us have yet to make any sense of the good news. They simply haven't got a clue about Jesus and whether he could be relevant for their lives or not, let alone what He has taught and done. Paul asked the church in Rome a question that rings true for our generation today, 'How can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?' (Romans 10. 14.a) If people around us haven't heard the gospel how can they respond? If we haven't planted the seed of the gospel how can we expect a harvest?

Evangelist J. John jokes that most Christians are like arctic rivers, they are frozen at the mouth! While most followers of Jesus wouldn't argue that it was a rubbish or bad thing to follow Him, somehow they don't believe it could be good for others and the news bit about the good news gets forgotten.

Brighter is designed to give confidence to groups of Christians to regularly share their story, God's story and to invite people into the life of their church to also become followers of Jesus and encounter 'Our Story.'

The three sessions cover:

Week 1. (Tuesday 6/03/17) 'My Story' - Sharing our Story with those we meet.

Week 2. (Tuesday 13/03/17) 'God's Story' - knowing and sharing God's Story.

Week 3 (Tuesday 20/03/17) 'Our Story' - Inviting friends and family to my local church events throughout the year.

If you would like to attend please let Linda know so that we can give numbers to Kingsway.

## Churches Joint Public Issues Team Conference



What does it mean to be a Christian in the midst of our changing world? How do we live prophetically in a time of political turbulence, social upheaval and climate change?

'Brave New World? Faithful living in a time of change', is an opportunity to discuss challenges, fears and hopes for the future of our communities, nations and world with keynote speakers Stella Creasy MP and Peter Osborne, columnist at the Daily Mail.

A light lunch and refreshments throughout the day will be provided.

This is a FREE event. However, we estimate that the cost of lunch and refreshments for one person is £10. If you can contribute towards this, or even cover someone else's cost too, there will be an opportunity to donate on the day.

17 March 2018, 10am – 4pm

Manchester Central Hall, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ

Book at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brave-new-world-faithful-living-in-a-time-of-change-tickets-40506828013>