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NEWARK SHOWGROUND

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EXTRAORDINARY
HAPPENS
WHEN WE GET
TOGETHER**

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Making room for people to meet Jesus

John Mark Comer, whose Practising the Way course we love here, writes, 'Jesus' strategy for changing the world was simple: he ate and drank with people.' Jesus was the world expert on hospitality – making room for people to meet with God, and be changed by the encounter.

For most of us, 'hospitality' suggests inviting people into our homes. And it certainly does, and should, mean that. But what if we don't have a home of our own to invite people into? Is hospitality just something for others?

In our teaching series on Hospitality this month, we're going to dive into biblical hospitality and see how it's something for everyone who is called to follow Jesus. After all, we never see Jesus in his own home, do we? He made hospitality happen wherever he was, whatever he did.

We'll explore how we all have something to invite other people into – an interest we have, a group of friends, an hour a week. Hospitality is a *posture* – a decision to make room, to welcome, to include. That means it's something we can all do, in ways which bring us life.



What an incredible joy it was to celebrate with Clare, Debbie, Heather and Moira at their baptisms in February! We loved hearing their stories of how Jesus has changed their lives.

We've got more baptisms planned for Easter Sunday, April 5. If you're interested in being baptised at Easter, have a word with AI, Ros, Andy or your Grow Group leader soon!

Listen back to AI's talk from Baptism Sunday on our YouTube channel





This year's **Holiday at Home week** takes place **June 8-14** and you are invited to take a break from the weekly routine and enjoy some holiday activities without going away. Anyone over 55 years of age is welcome. The 'Official Launch' coffee morning takes place on **Monday 30 March** at 10.30am, in the Hub. It would really help us to know numbers for catering so if you'd like to join us, please contact Liz (270656) or Peter and Mary (743261)



The first of this year's special events for women is coming up on **Friday 6 March**, a night of Cocktails (and plenty of Mocktails) and Cakes! Put on your gladrags and join us in the Lantern Room from 7.30pm for a great night out, a chance to bring friends and make new ones. Sign up for free using the QR here (And gents, check out details of the Men's Quiz Night the evening before in the box to the right.



March

gather with us

SUNDAYS

9am with Holy Communion

10.30am with groups for Kids and Young People

Fresh coffee and specialty teas served between services

BUBBLE CHURCH First Sundays, 4-4.30pm

MONDAYS

9.30am Psalms and Prayers

7.30pm Evening Prayer (Online)

WEDNESDAYS

10am TLC Renew Wellbeing Café

12.30pm Lunchtime Prayer (Online)

THURSDAYS

7am Early Worship and Prayer

10.30am Traditional Holy Communion



UKULELE JOY

Tues 3 and 17 Mar, 2-4pm, LR. New players always welcome

SIGNING GROUP

Weds 4 March, 1.30pm, Lantern Room

LUNCH CLUB

Thurs 5 March, 12.30pm, The Hub

MEN'S QUIZ NIGHT (GOLF HOTEL)

Thu 5 March, 7.30pm. Book by March 2 – see Joe for details

FEEL THE BEAT

Sat 7 March, 10.30am and 2pm, Lantern Room

CREATIVE PRAYER

Sun 8 March, 7-9pm, LR. All materials provided

TLC EXTRA

Fri 13 March, 7-9pm, Lantern Room

PARENTING SOLO for single parent families

Sat 14 March, 3.30-6pm, LR. Please book using QR

GAMES NIGHT

Sun 15 March, 7-9pm, Lantern Room, 14+

LADIES GROUP – MAKING EASTER CHICKS

Tues 17 March, 7.30pm, LR. All ladies welcome



Revd Sarah Hall, the new Curate-in-Charge of the benefice of Woolpit and Drinkstone (!) writes... 'Thank you to everyone who came and supported me at my licensing on Monday evening. It was wonderful to have so much support from the church. Thank you to all who were praying for me, sent messages and cards. It was a wonderful joyous occasion which I think could be seen by the smiles.'

Grow groups

Go deeper in faith with a small group.

To join a group, contact the Office or chat to the leader.

MONDAYS

2pm Jackie Sears, Lantern Room

7.30pm Kevin & Sue Wood, Rosehill area

TUESDAYS

1pm Sam Morley, Lantern Room

7.30pm Al & Sarah Metcalfe, Vicarage

7.30pm Julie Cook, Broke Hall

7.30pm Ros Williams, various homes

THURSDAYS

7.30pm Colin Scott, Mere Gardens

7.30pm Rachel Renfrew, Ascot Drive

7.30pm Ros Williams, Lantern Room

In term time



Tuesdays, 10-11am



Weds, 9.30-11.15am



Mondays, 4-5pm



Thursdays, 4-6pm

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