



NOTICES FOR 21st DECEMBER



A MESSAGE FROM VICAR JO

I'm hoping very much that we can launch some regular home groups sometime next year – probably September. I know that studying the Bible with others, worshipping and praying with each other and generally building supportive and caring relationships with folk who share the Christian faith is really important. It has been a recurring theme in my teaching from John Mark Comer's book, *Practising the Way*.

Please think and pray about whether or not your home could be a venue for a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly meeting. Sylvia runs a thriving one on a Monday afternoon once a month and Bob and Ann have been hosting a 6-week course every week since the middle of October which is just about to draw to a close. So do, in the next few weeks, chat with them about how it feels to have a group of people in your living room on a regular basis.

Bible-based material would be provided and, hopefully, each group would have a leader plus deputy to direct the conversation and prayer. It should not be assumed that the leader will be the host, but s/he might be.

If you feel the Lord prompting you to explore this, please let me know and provide me with the following information:

- Your address.
- How many people would be comfortable in your room?
- Would it be easy/difficult/impossible to use a video based course?
- Would you want to run a group weekly/bi-weekly/monthly?
- Morning/Afternoon/Evening?
- If you would like to lead a group or just host it.

Please get in touch with me by the end of February. Once we know what we can offer, we will see how many folk might be interested with a view to starting in September.

Our Lent course will take place as usual with an evening or day-time meeting (or both) but this will be confirmed well before February 18th which is Ash Wednesday. This will give folk interested an opportunity to find out if a small-group might be something they would like to commit to.

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Special prayer request from Martyn Offord

Some of you may remember Helen and Maryna who spent time in Crich when they fled Ukraine and who involved themselves in many village activities here. They returned to Ukraine and Ruth Senogles, who co-hosted them has received a pretty desperate text from them. Helen is suffering mentally and physically, is without proper sleep and is angry with the politicians. **Part of it is copied below and we have been asked as a church to pray for them.** Reading it makes the war very much a reality.

"This days Russians sending missiles, drones, shooting artillery some our suburbs. Hard time.

I want to go back every day. We are talking about the UK and all of you mostly every day.

But. Maryna needs to finish her university, she will have her final exams. The final 6th year. I can't go without her. My husband is taking his meds, doing special rehabilitation programm. He doesn't have a cancer and this is the main +. Fingers cross, he will be ok for years. But he is not able to go abroad for now. Our laws about men under 60.

I am trying to clean Marynas flat in a house which have been hit in June with drone.

No work, no proper health, mentally exhausted. War is going.

Do you see? I am moaning.

Million of hugs to you, dear-dear Ruth.

Thank you that you remember. Thank you that you care.

Say hello from us to Willow Weavers . Hope all of them are good"

Share the Good News with the HOPE magazine.

There are a lot of free copies of HOPE magazine at the back of church. Take a copy for yourself and take a few more o give away to your friends and family - a very easy way to share the Good News of Jesus with them!

There is even an article in it about the prequel to the film called WICKED that was so popular with young people and their families. The new film is called "**Wicked: For Good**" and is a huge box office success already. The story line is about redemption and reconciliation between the Wicked witch and the Good Witch, so the message is a great talking point!



AN ECO TIP FROM SOPHY

Brilliant Bicarb!

We have a pair of silver candlesticks that I like to polish ready for the table on Christmas Day. This year my pot of silver cleaner had finally run out so I turned to Nancy Birtwhistle's book 'Clean and Green'. It was easy and the results were brilliant! I've also cleaned the chain of a necklace which has always been tricky using silver polish. It looks like new. Best of all there are no nasty chemicals toxic to you or the environment.

You will need:

A bowl or tub which fit your silver items

Aluminium foil

Bicarbonate of soda

Boiled water

Line your container with the foil, dull side to the tub, shiny side to the silver.

Place your silverware in the lined container.

Add 1 tablespoon of bicarb.

Add boiling water to cover the silver in hot fizzing water.

Wait for 5 minutes whilst the tarnish is lifted off then carefully remove your shiny silver and rinse in warm soapy water before polishing with a soft cloth.

It's probably best not to use this method for jewellery with stones in case they are damaged. Instead dab a damp cloth with some bicarb and use to polish around the stones- also good for picture frames



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE**

