

Windmill Christian Community

'Come as you are'

Autumn 2018 Newsletter



Windmill meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month
at Bottesford Methodist Chapel, NG13 0BZ
4pm for the service, with separate gatherings for children
and young people aged 3-14.

Followed by soup, pizza, hot drinks and cake for all at
approx. 5pm!

All are welcome!

Our gatherings this autumn...

| Date | Theme |
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| 9 September | Adults: Windmill prophecy, Nel Shallow Encounter: The Holy Bible (please bring a children's Bible if you have one) Wonder: Life-is this it? |
| 23 September | Adults: Harvest Bread Festival Encounter: Creation Wonder: Jesus– who is he? |
| 14 October | Adults: Holiness Encounter: The Ark and the Flood Wonder: Cross, why did Jesus die? |
| 28 October | Adults: The Lord's Prayer Encounter: The Great Family Wonder: Faith, how can I have faith? |
| 11 November | Adults: Remember; a tribute to 100 years since WW1 Encounter: The Exodus Wonder: Prayer—why and how do I pray? |
| 25 November | Adults: Garry Douglas Encounter: The Holy Family Wonder: Bible, why and how do I read the Bible? |
| 9 December | Adults: Jesus' early life, Glenda Gibson Encounter: Advent Wonder TBC (proposed away weekend is 8-9 December) |
| 24 December Christmas Eve | Christmas Eve celebration |

Bishop's Mission Order (BMO) Update...

We are hoping to launch Windmill as a BMO (separate church community licensed by the Anglican Bishop of Leicester) in early 2019. Lots of work is going on in the background to make this happen. We would like to invite everyone to a meeting on **Wednesday 26th September at 7.30pm at Bottesford Methodist Chapel** when Jonathan Dowman from Leicester diocese will be coming to explain more about the BMO process and how it fits with where we are and where we are going. We'd really encourage you all to come along to this meeting to share ideas and the vision for Windmill's future.



Children's work update...

The children's team are super excited to announce the launch of two new groups:

Encounter is for children 3-9 (younger children are welcome with a carer) and will be co-ordinated by June Leeke and supported by Wes Marsh. June and Wes will be using the Godly play resources with craft and play to allow the children time and space to understand how the Bible stories relate to them today.

Wonder is our group for 10-14 years olds and we will be using the youth alpha resources to create a space where they can safely ask the BIG questions of life in a non-judgemental environment where every opinion counts. Please invite any 10-14s you know...we'll make them very welcome. The Wonder group will also be going on an away day later this term.

Small Group...starts again on Thursday 6th September and runs weekly through the autumn term on Thursday evenings 7.30-9pm. Those attending have found it a wonderful resource to explore faith and life together. This term, Nina will be leading studies on Bible characters after beginning with a session on the song 'Stir a Passion in my heart, Lord.' Everyone is welcome and you do not need any knowledge of the Bible to come along.

Get involved...we encourage all who are part of Windmill to...

Pray: Please pray for Windmill as we (hopefully) complete the process of becoming a BMO community, as we grow our new children's groups and leaders, and for each other as we journey through life together in the last part of 2018.

Help: We need volunteers to help with serving refreshments, baking cakes, supporting children's work (both groups), musicians and sound technicians. Can you help us grow as a community?

Give: To be a sustainable church community with good resources, we need people to give financially to our Church community. We hope to be able to confirm details of our bank account within the next fortnight, so please see Nina if you are able to give regularly via standing order. We don't take a collection; we trust instead on the generosity of those attending.

Love: Please continue to keep Windmill the loving fellowship it is – please show Jesus's love for all who come through the door.

Get in touch...

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We're also on facebook— Windmill Fellowship Group
