



Weekly Newsletter Sunday 19th November 2017

Our Mission Statement is:
"Seeking God's Heart, serving the Community"

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning.
Refreshments will be served after the service when we can continue our fellowship

Jez will be leading our Morning Worship & preaching on "Fruitfulness – Let's get serious".

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Mrs Terena Cottell, Mrs Susan Gibbons,
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THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

10.30am Prayer Group – Family Room
2pm Housegroup – Richard – Church
7.30pm Housegroup – Steve & Christine Chant

WEDNESDAY

Garden Café
7.30pm Housegroup – Audrey

THURSDAY

2.30pm Ladies Fellowship – Main Hall
7.30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 2

NEXT SUNDAY

Jez will be leading and preaching at our
Morning Worship

***** Future Dates *****

Thursday 30th November

6-7.30pm Pre-School Christmas Market
7.30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 3

Sunday 3rd December

10.30am Advent Service

Wednesday 6th December

3.45pm Church Leader's Meeting – Manse

Sunday 10th December

10.30am Morning Worship followed by light lunch
& Christmas decorations

Wednesday 13th December

7pm Co-op Christmas Memorial Service

Thursday 14th December

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We would be grateful that anything for inclusion in the notice sheet is handed in or e-mailed to the Office by 12 noon on Friday.

Thank you

BMS BIRTHDAYS

7th Mrs Christine Petrou

27th Mr Alex Tilley

FLOWERS

The flowers this week have been donated by Kevin Hooks in memory of his mother Lilly.

HOUSE GROUPS

If you would like to know more or join a church housegroup please have a word with...

Richard & Debra Barton 01803 540170

Alternate Tuesdays 2pm – Church

Isabel Burgess – 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10.30am

–Family Room 01803 668995.

Steve & Christine Chant

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.30pm

30 Fortescue Road, Preston 01803 529606.

Audrey White

Alternate Wednesdays 7.30pm

41 Sandringham Drive, Preston

01803 524217

House groups offer a good opportunity to look more in depth into our Christian faith and to enjoy friendship with each other in a warm and friendly atmosphere. See you there!

MONTHLY OFFERING

The total monthly offerings for October were £3916.59 (5 Sundays). We thank the Lord for his faithfulness to us and for all who give so generously in support of His work here. If you would like to make your giving stretch further and you are a UK taxpayer, please speak to Ian for more information about Gift Aid.

GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Would you like to give regularly to the Lord's work here by standing order? Our bank details are:

Payee: Preston Baptist Church

Our Bank: CAF Bank Ltd

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account number: 00004856

10am Christmas Flowers

7.30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 4

Sunday 17th December

10.30am 'Scratch Nativity' Service

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

FAMILY/PASTORAL NEWS

We had our first rehearsal on Thursday evening for our Carol Service; Christmas has begun!!

As all our preparations get going there are lots of people to remember in our prayers before we get caught up in the busyness and excitement. Please could we pray for all those for whom Christmas is going to be a difficult time of year; could we remember those who have been bereaved this year, for whom this first Christmas will be another hurdle to overcome. There are also those, however, who have been alone for many years. Let's remember them as well.

Please could we continue to pray for those who suffer from anxiety and depression and for those with family issues, especially with the extra financial demands at Christmas. I'm often reminded as I pray that God may well call me to be the answer to my own prayers. Perhaps we also need to pray that we will take the time to be kind and generous to those who are lonely or struggling. A good opportunity to exercise our fruit of the Spirit!

Sylvia Ross is making good progress. She's back home and coping well on her own, though she has a couple of wound infections. Please continue to pray for her.

Tina and Roy Ansell-Baker's son, Thomas, is also responding well to medication. Tina wants to thank everyone for their prayers.

Please continue to remember Alison Baker following the funeral of her step-mother and Barbara Heath following the death this week of her cousin.

Marion Harper's father died just over a week ago. Please pray for her along with her husband, Alistair, and all the family.

Sybil Rainbow, Margaret Marriott, Daphne's friend Katy, Christine and Tom Harris, and Maureen Brooks all need our prayers for health issues.

And finally, if, like me, you get worn out by all the Christmas cards that need writing each year, help is at hand!!

We are going to put up a huge card on the board at the back of church in which we can send our love and blessings to everyone in our fellowship, so you will only need to write it once! The only thing is, you will have to pay to write on the card and all the monies raised will go to Hope Home, a school for children with disabilities in Thailand. If you would like to see a trailer about the work of the school have a look at BMS World Mission and follow the links to "Wonderfully Made".

Standing order forms and Gift Aid forms are available from Ian Barrett.

CHURCH FLOWERS

1. I will shortly be drawing up the new flower rota for 2018 & there are a couple of dates available for adoption – August 26th & November 4th 2018. Others may become available during the year. The cost is £20 & you will be reminded about the money & asked regarding a dedication & colours in advance.

2. Christmas is coming & we need more funds to enable us to decorate YOUR church. Please see myself or Madeleine Drew if you can spare some money so that we plan the arrangements. We intend to arrange the flowers on THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER from 10am & we need extra helpers to enable us to do this. Do not worry if you have not done this before as we will help you – just bring along your secateurs! Drinks & mince pies provided!

3. I'm sad to say that Madeleine will be leaving us at some stage next year. I really don't think that I can commit to do the arranging for 52 weeks of the year, so help will be needed. At present Madeleine & I do alternate months but this could be altered. We buy the flowers from Hilltop Nurseries on Kings Ash Road & I usually collect mine & those for Madeleine are delivered. If you feel that you could be involved in this ministry, please speak to Madeleine or myself & you could then work alongside us to see what we do. Please pray about this & give us your support.

Thank You

Daphne Lockett

TESTIMONIES

Jez would like to encourage you to think about sharing something of your Christian testimony in church on a Sunday. You could share on your own or as a couple. What he is after is no more than 6 or 7 minutes to include how you became a Christian, and then to mention one or two ways in which you have experienced God at work in your life and/or ways in which he has led or is leading you now.

If that all sounds too daunting, Jez would be happy to interview you on a Sunday – having warned you what the questions will be. How does that sound? It may all sound a bit scary (particularly if you are a quiet, retiring sort of person!), but you could be the means of encouraging someone else towards faith as they identify with something that you share with us all. So please do give it some thought and chat it over with Jez. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS – “THURSDAYS AT 7.30PM” – EVERYONE WELCOME

23rd Nov, 30th Nov, 14th Dec

Final run through on Sunday 17th December at 4.30pm (plus a cup of tea and a mince pie to keep you going!) before the Carol Service at 6.30pm.

If you are interested in joining the Christmas Choir, then please sign up on the sheet at the back of church ASAP to give an idea of numbers.

BIG NOISE NOEL

Torbay's Big Noise Chorus will be holding “Big Noise Noel”, a seasonal Christmas concert of festive and popular songs at Upton Vale Baptist Church on Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm. Tickets – Adults £8, Children 5-14 £5, Under 5s free. Available online at www.bignoisechorus.co.uk or on the door. Come and have a great evening's entertainment and help raise money for Children's Hospice South West. For more details, please see the poster on the noticeboard.

PRE-SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS

Pre-school are holding a Christmas Market on Thursday 30th November 6-7.30pm. Tickets are £1.50 to include a coffee/tea and mince pie. There will be face painting and Father Christmas will be here for the children. There are some spaces left for stalls if you have a craft suitable (not bric-a-brac) at a cost of £6. Please see Susan/Terena or phone 520712 Thank you.

With the closure of Anode, the leaders have decided to continue to appeal for food items and keep the box in the foyer. This will be to make up some Christmas boxes for the Pre-school families who struggle, especially at Christmas Thank you.

GREETINGS CARDS

At the entrance to the church are greetings cards kindly made by friends and members. We are asking for donations and all proceeds will go towards our appeal for the Myanmar Disaster Fund. Many thanks for your kind support.

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group that meets on Tuesday mornings now starts at 10.30. The group meets in the Family Room and all are welcome.

ROOM BOOKINGS

If you are responsible for booking rooms for meetings at the church, please let Matt Webster have these dates ASAP to ensure rooms are booked.

