



# Weekly Newsletter

## Sunday 26th 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 & preaching at our Morning Worship

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**THE GARDEN CAFE**  
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**CHURCH SECRETARY**  
Mrs Anne Brown

**CHURCH TREASURER**  
Mr Ian Barrett

**DEACONS**  
Mrs Terena Cottell, Mrs Susan Gibbons,  
Mr Colin Heath, Mrs Daphne Lockett,

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### TUESDAY

10.30am Prayer Group – Family Room

#### WEDNESDAY

Garden Café

#### THURSDAY

2.30pm Ladies Fellowship – Main Hall  
6-7.30pm Pre-School Christmas Market  
7.30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 3

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Jez will be leading and preaching at our Advent Service which will include Holy Communion. The servers will be Andy & Jo Collis, Brian Slade and Christine Newman.

\*\*\*\*\* Future Dates \*\*\*\*\*

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

3.45pm Church Leader's Meeting – Manse

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am Morning Worship followed by light lunch & Christmas decorations

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

7pm Co-op Christmas Memorial Service

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

10am Christmas Flowers  
7.30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 4

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am 'Scratch Nativity' Service  
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

7pm Carols in the Car Park

#### Christmas Eve

10.30am Morning Worship  
6pm Festival of Light

### 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

7<sup>th</sup> Mrs Christine Petrou

27<sup>th</sup> Mr Alex Tilley

### FLOWERS

The flowers this week have been donated by Ann and Tom Davies in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

### 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 10.30am**  
–Family Room 01803 668995.

**Steve & Christine Chant**

1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

### CHURCH FLOWERS

### FAMILY/PASTORAL NEWS

It's another week when there are many in our church family who need our prayers, particularly the elderly.

Sybil is undergoing various treatments and is still having difficulty with her breathing; she's very appreciative of our prayers and always sounds cheerful and is full of praise for the care she's receiving.

Christine is becoming less and less mobile and is basically confined to the house now. Please pray for both Christine and her husband, Tom.

Please continue to pray for a good recovery for Margaret Marriott.

Sylvia Ross continues to do well. Please pray that there won't be a recurrence of any wound infection now that she's finished her antibiotics.

Could we also pray for Maureen Brooks, for whom life is becoming more challenging and continue to remember Phyllis Burrows, Maureen Smith and Noreen.

It has been great to have Cynthia Harper with us on a Sunday morning again, do continue to pray for her also.

Please also keep praying for Jo Collis and her family.

Thank you for all your prayers and for all your practical help for the parts of our family that are struggling.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm. Tickets – Adults £8, Children 5-14 £5, Under 5s free. Available online at [www.bignoisechorus.co.uk](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP

David Williams will be coming to play carols in the Ladies Fellowship on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm to 4pm with refreshments after the carols in the large hall. All are welcome. A great chance to sing our lovely traditional carols Chris Petrou.

### FRIDGE FREEZER REQUIRED

If anyone has a spare fridge freezer could they speak to/phone Steve or Christine Chant ASAP (01803 529606) Many thanks

### 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

1. I will shortly be drawing up the new flower rota for 2018 & there are a couple of dates available for adoption – August 26<sup>th</sup> & November 4<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>TH</sup> 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.**

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.**

#### **'A FESTIVE CHRISTMAS'**

The Gilbert and Sullivan Society (Torbay) with Churston Young Voices present 'A Festive Christmas', a concert of Gilbert & Sullivan, seasonal and other music to get you into the Christmas spirit! The concert will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm at the Livermead House Hotel with our own Daphne Lockett taking part! For more details, please see the flyer on the noticeboard.

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