



Weekly Newsletter Sunday 3rd December 2017

Advent



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 Advent Service which will include Holy Communion.

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Mrs Anne Brown

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Mr Ian Barrett

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Jez will be leading and preaching at our
Morning Worship which will be followed by
a light lunch and Christmas decorations

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

Wednesday 13th December

7pm Co-op Christmas Memorial Service

Thursday 14th December

10am Christmas Flowers
7.30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 4

Sunday 17th December

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

Thursday 21st December

7pm Carols in the Car Park

Christmas Eve

10.30am Morning Worship
6pm Festival of Light

Christmas Day

10am 'Happy Birthday Jesus'

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

FAMILY/PASTORAL NEWS

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

FLOWERS

The flowers this week have been donated by Brenda Wright to celebrate the birthdays of her daughter Sue and & her late husband Dave.

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 November were £3436.77. 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.

TESTIMONIES

Jez would like to encourage you to think about sharing something of your Christian testimony

Please continue to pray this week for:

Christine Harris, who is back in hospital, and her husband Tom. Sylvia Ross who meets with her oncologist on Tuesday to find out if she will need chemotherapy.

Maureen Brooks.

Tina Ansell-Baker and her family.

Gill and Terry Ficken.

Phyllis Burrow, Cynthia Harper, Maureen Smith and Noreen. Sybil Rainbow.

Rita Cripps who has leukaemia. Please pray that her blood levels will rise before her next course of treatment.

Could we also ask you to pray for those who will be spending Christmas alone this year; for those who are waiting for test results; those who are waiting for surgery; for those in financial difficulties and for those who are still grieving the loss of their loved one. May the Lord meet with each one and bring His healing touch.

Finally, could we pray for one another at the start of Advent, asking that as we prepare to celebrate once again the birth of the Messiah, our hearts will be willing to be changed forever and to be drawn into an ever deeper relationship with God-made-man, Jesus Christ.

HOUSEGROUPS

I'm currently putting in dates in next year's diary so could the housegroup leaders let me know their dates for the New Year ASAP Many thanks Matt

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter on 24th & 31st December, so if you have anything to go in the newsletter during the Christmas & New Year period then hand it in/e-mail it to the office by 12 noon on Friday 15th December Many thanks Matt.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Church Office will close for Christmas on Friday 22nd December at 1pm and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January at 10am. In the event of an emergency during the holiday period then contact Jez on 07909338138 or Anne Brown on 01803 406869

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

David Williams will be coming to play carols in the Ladies Fellowship on Thursday 7th 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

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.

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.

'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 10th 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.
