



Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 5th 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, with Tricia preaching, continuing with the sermon series "The Fruit of the Spirit isGentleness" and the service will include Holy Communion

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

10.30am Prayer Group – Church
2pm Housegroup – Richard – Church
7.30pm Housegroup – Steve & Chrissie Chant

WEDNESDAY

Garden Café
3.45pm Church Leader's Meeting - Manse
7.30pm Housegroup – Audrey White

THURSDAY

2.30pm Ladies Fellowship – Main Hall

FRIDAY

4-6pm Messy Church
7.30pm JAM Night – Music Group - Church

NEXT SUNDAY

Jez will be leading and preaching at the
Remembrance Sunday Service

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

Tuesday 14th November

7.30pm Church Meeting – Church

Thursday 16th November

7.30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 1

Thursday 23rd November

7.30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 2

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

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 Madeleine Drew for everyone to enjoy.

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 Wednesday 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.

FAMILY/PASTORAL NEWS

There are many in our fellowship who need our prayers this week. There are some who are depressed or lonely; there are some with family issues, some with financial issues, some with anxieties about their health or the health of a loved one. Could we invite you to join in prayer with us for one another this week? Perhaps you could let your thoughts drift around the church and pray for anyone you think of as you remember them.

In particular we're asked to pray for:

Sylvia Ross, recovering from surgery on her lung.
Christine Harris, who has been taken into hospital again with an infection. She is on Cheetham Hill ward at Torbay.
Heather Spencer.
Maureen Brooks.
Cynthia Harper, Maureen Smith and Phyllis Burrow.
Jo Collis.
Tina and Roy Ansell-Baker and their son, Thomas.
Alison Baker following the death of her step-mother.

PARENTING TEENAGERS – WED 8TH NOVEMBER

Last chance to book a place on 'Parenting Teenagers' - a presentation from 'Care for the Family' in Exeter, hosted by Rob Parsons and Katherine Hill. Tickets are £4 and can be booked online or by phoning 029 2081 0800. For more information, please pick up a brochure from the table by the main entrance.

CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS – "THURSDAYS AT 7.30PM" – EVERYONE WELCOME

16th Nov, 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.

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.

COMMUNION ROTA

The new Communion Rota is now displayed on the Church Notice Board. Please check to make sure you are available to serve on your Sunday. Should any member wish to be included in this ministry, please have a word with Anne.

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.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Many of us have supported this very worthy cause over the years and it was wonderful to send lovingly filled shoeboxes from our church last year. Locally we sent 4,034 shoeboxes from

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.

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.

Torbay, and these went to The Ukraine. Nationally the UK sent 872,104 shoeboxes in 2016, which were gratefully received by children all over the world.

Leaflets are available at the back of the church giving you ideas of what to put in your shoebox. There is also a box for donations for the shoeboxes such as: soaps, face cloths/sponges, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hats & gloves/mittens, colouring pencils, hair brushes/combs, sweets and appropriate toys (see leaflets).

How you can get involved:

- Fill your own shoe box
- Contribute to the 'fillers' (collection box at back of church)
- Donate money to help towards distribution costs (please place in the offering, marked 'Shoeboxes' or hand to me)
- Get knitting - we always run out of hats, scarves and gloves/mittens!
- Help at the processing centre at Central Church (see below)

Please, please encourage your family and friends to get involved too! The more shoeboxes we can send, the more lives will be touched and transformed. For every 10 shoeboxes sent, one child will commit their life to Christ.

The deadline for returning your filled shoebox to church is Sunday 19th November, when we will pray our shoeboxes on their way!

Processing the shoeboxes will take place on the following dates, so please do consider helping, as much or as little as you are able - every little helps! Even dropping in for an hour is worthwhile.

Tues 14th Nov - Fri 17th Nov: 9.30-4.30

Tues 21st Nov - Fri 24th Nov: 9.30-4.30

Evening sessions will take place on Wed 15th, Thurs 16th, Tues 21st, Wed 22nd and Thurs 23rd November from 7.00-9.00pm

I will be doing a training session for volunteers on Wed 1st November at Upton Vale Baptist Church (Lymington Room - access from St Marychurch Road) from 7.30-8.30pm. If you are unable to attend this session but would still like to help, you can watch a training video on your first session of helping. Some of you may have helped previously having never done any training, but Operation Christmas Child is trying to bring consistency to the many processing centres and hence the need for training for all volunteers.

Contact Julie Matthews (01803 529685 or 07971 295775) for more information

Many thanks and every blessing. Julie Matthews.

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.

FOUND

Did anyone leave a flan tray behind at the Harvest Festival last month? If anyone has, then the item has been found and can be picked up from the church office.

CONCERT

The posters are now on display for the Military Wives Choir Concert with Brixham Orpheus Male Voice Choir at Central Church Torquay on Saturday 18th November 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £10.00 each can be obtained from Neil Price at Preston Baptist Church.

The Charities Supported are Rowcroft Hospice and the Military Wives Charities.

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group that meets on Tuesday mornings now starts at 10.30. The group meets in the church 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.

