



**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 which will include Holy Communion.

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**THE GARDEN CAFE  
Wednesday mornings only**

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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  
4pm Pastoral Team Meeting – Family Room**

**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**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Jez will be leading and preaching at our  
Covenant & Baptismal Service**

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

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**7.30pm Church Meeting – Church**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

### 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

### FLOWERS

The flowers this week have been donated by Florence Barr in memory of her husband Randolph and her son Wayne

### 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 December (5 Sundays) were £3790.11. 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

### **3-5pm Kevin Foster MP Surgery**

### FAMILY/PASTORAL NEWS

Happy New Year!

As we begin another year let's praise God and thank Him for all the blessings of the year that is past. Then as we look forwards there are many people we need to keep in our minds as we pray.

Martyn Morris is doing well; both Martyn and Linda are appreciative of all our prayers.

Rita and John Cripps. Rita, who has leukaemia, is out of hospital now. Please pray for them both as they settle into our church family and pray that they would both have a very real sense of the Lord's presence with them.

Sybil Rainbow is still very breathless; also, please pray for her granddaughter, Rae Beeny, who is in hospital with pneumonia.

Christine and Tom Harris are also still very much in need of our prayers and Shirley Stapleton is still undergoing some tests after being unwell before Christmas.

Please continue to pray for all those who are housebound, and we especially remember Maureen Smith, Cynthia Harper, Noreen, Phyllis Burrow and Maureen Brooks.

Finally, please pray for all those in leadership in the church, that they might serve faithfully and especially for Jez and Tricia as they seek God's will for the life of this fellowship.

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Just a reminder to all those who attend Ladies Fellowship, that we will recommence on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30 pm in the large hall. It will be an informal meeting reflecting on the last 12 months, and looking ahead in this new year. All ideas and suggestions gratefully received. Most importantly all ladies very welcome. A very Happy New Year to all. Chris Petrou (01803 605642).

### THE HIDING PLACE

St Matthias Church are sponsoring the production of The Hiding Place (the story of Corrie Ten Boom) put on by the Oddments Theatre. Details are as follows: -

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

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Venue: The Little Theatre, St Mark's Road, Torquay

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: £10 Adults, £5 for students available from St Matthias Church Office or book online at: [www.oddments-theatre.co.uk](http://www.oddments-theatre.co.uk)

This is a powerful performance showing how God's love can overcome hatred and evil and will be an inspiration to us all. For further details, please see the poster on the noticeboard or pick up a flyer from the entrance table.

