



**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 and preaching at our Morning Worship followed by Carols by  
Candlelight this evening at 6.30pm.**

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**PRE-SCHOOL**

**8:00am – 3.30pm weekdays  
Tel: 01803-520712**

**THE GARDEN CAFE**

**Wednesday mornings only**

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**Revd Jez Brown (Senior Minister)  
Revd Tricia Barrett (Associate Minister)  
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Mr Richard Barton  
Mr Andy Collis  
Mrs Terena Cottell  
Mrs Susan Gibbons  
Mr Colin Heath**

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**MONDAY**

**2-4pm Over 50's Tea Party – Garden Cafe**

**TUESDAY**

**10.30am Prayer Group – Family Room**

**THURSDAY**

**7pm Carols in the Car Park**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Jez will be leading & preaching at our  
Morning Service.**

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

**Christmas Eve**

**6pm Festival of Light**

**Christmas Day**

**10am Happy Birthday Jesus**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am Morning Worship – Preparing for 2019**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**5.30pm Church Leader's Meeting – Garden Café**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

**11am-1pm Kevin Foster MP Surgery – Family Room**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**7.30pm Church Meeting - Church**

### 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 Wednesday.

### WI-FI

We have Wi-Fi available and the guest code is &John316.

### FLOWERS

This week's flowers have been arranged by a group led by Daphne Lockett. A big 'Thank You' for all your hard work.

### HOUSE GROUPS

Richard & Debra 01803 540170  
Alternate Tuesdays 2pm – Church

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

Steve & Christine  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays 7.30pm 01803 529606.

Audrey  
Alternate Wednesdays 7.30pm 01803 524217

Alistair & Marion  
Alternate Wednesdays 7.30pm  
(starting 12<sup>th</sup> September)

Please speak to a Housegroup Leader or a member of the Church Leadership Team for more details. 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 (4 Sundays) were £4019.51. 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

### PRAYER NEWS FROM TRISHA

As we draw close to Christmas let's pray for one another over the next couple of weeks, that we might all find time to reflect on the incredible gift of love from God to each one of us in the birth of Jesus. May the mystery of God in human skin touch each of our hearts in a fresh and significant way this year.

Let's also remember that, for many, Christmas is a difficult time of year bringing into sharp focus the loss of a loved one. Let's remember all those who have been bereaved during this year and who face this first Christmas without the familiar presence of someone they have cherished.

For others Christmas is a time of over-stretched finances, and for some family relationships have become so difficult that the holiday is to be endured rather than enjoyed. Let's pray that Jesus will be present in each home bringing peace and healing to hurting hearts.

There are also several for whom our consistent prayers bring a huge sense of comfort. Please pray for:

Diane Radford and her husband Bob. Diane is feeling much brighter and really enjoys worshipping with us when she can.

Joan Green  
Sybil Rainbow  
Val Howard.

It is wonderful that Cynthia Harper is able to get to church each week but could we remember Cynthia and Maureen Smith in Pippins, and Phyllis Burrow in Mt Olive at this time as well as those who look after them.

Our prayers are still very much needed for Kim Ewins and her family, also for Tom and Anne Davies.

Finally, time is limited now for Heidi Reddaway. Please pray for her and for Will, for their parents and for Will's grandparents, David and Valerie Reddaway. May the God of all peace and hope dwell with them.

### CHRISTMASSY TREATS

The Pre-School have put out a request for nice Christmassy treats for one of their families in the school. The family have 3 girls aged 7, 3 & 2 years respectively. If you can help please see Susan or Terena Thank You.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Church Office will close for Christmas & New Year on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and will re-open on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

### CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. The next newsletter after Christmas will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

There will be a KEEP me on the 30<sup>th</sup> December giving amongst other things all the important Church dates for your diary for 2018.

### KEEPme

If you have not yet had your KEEPme folder and first edition, please pick up one from the church entrance hall. You will need the plastic folder to keep future editions in for reference.

### CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS

**This is a request for all the postage stamps taken off Christmas mail to be saved and given to Audrey White as they will be sent to BMS to be sold for funding. Audrey will collect and dispatch them. Please leave a 1/4" edging around the stamp.**

**Over the years this has been a very effective means of raising money for this worthwhile cause and we thank you for your support.**

### PRAYER ALERT FROM OPEN DOORS

*Please pray for safety for our Christian brothers and sisters in Kenya, as dozens of them were killed last year by al-Shabaab – some believers were beheaded.*

In the event of an emergency during the holiday period then please phone Jez, Tricia or Anne Brown.

### CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY

Christmas flyers giving all the major dates and times of our Christmas Services are available for you to take as many as you can use.

A4 Posters are also available. If you can use one or more to put in a front window please take from the Chapel Entrance Lobby.

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP

**Correction. The first meeting in the new year will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January not the 3<sup>rd</sup> as previously stated. We have been invited to afternoon tea at the home of Dawn and Dave Barnett, and will meet in the car park at 2 pm, and will be given lifts to their home. We will finish at approximately 4 pm. Chris Petrou (01803 605642)**

### ECUMENICAL EVENT – 2B1

**Come and join us at Goodrington Methodist Church on Tuesday 18th December @ 7:30pm  
This month's theme - 'Preparing for Christmas' - Come and worship. (With a few 'NEW' Advent & Christmas songs)**

**'2B1' is for Christians from all local churches - a place to meet, pray, sing the Lord's praises. To eat good cakes and relax together. We will have song / prayer / reading for about 1/2 an hour then tea / coffee and cakes followed by a further 1/2 hour of songs. We'll be very glad to see you for festive Christmas worship.**