



Sunday 2nd December 2018

Advent Sunday



**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 which will include
Holy Communion. Christmas decorations will be going up after the service.**

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THE GARDEN CAFE

Wednesday mornings only

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

10.30am Prayer Group – Family Room

WEDNESDAY

2-3.30pm Men's Coffee Afternoon – Garden Cafe

7.30pm Housegroup – Audrey

7.30pm Expressions - Church

THURSDAY

2.30pm Ladies Fellowship – Main Hall

7.30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 3 - Church

NEXT SUNDAY

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

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

Thursday 13th December

7.30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 4 – Church

Sunday 16th December

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 20th December

7pm Carols in the Car Park

Christmas Eve

6pm Festival of Light

Christmas Day

10am Happy Birthday Jesus

Sunday 30th December

10.30am Morning Worship – Preparing for 2019

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 donated by Brenda Wright in loving memory of husband David's birthday and for daughter Sue Brown's birthday.

HOUSE GROUPS

Richard & Debra 01803 540170
Alternate Tuesdays 2pm – Church

Isabel – 1st & 3rd 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 12th 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

Could we ask you this week to pray for all the staff and children in the Pre-School, as they prepare for their Christmas Nativity, as well as all the children and young people we would love to see populating our church.

Also, as we initiate our Christmas Card appeal for mothers in Afghanistan, could we pray for the work of BMS within the remote villages helping mothers to give birth safely.

Within our own church family, please continue to pray for:

Val Howard and Joan Green.

Vivi and Paulo Tavares

Kim Ewins and her family

Julie Bright and her mother, Eileen

Anne and Tom Davies

Heidi and Will Reddaway.

SPECIAL CALL TO PRAYER

On Saturday December 8th we are holding a special prayer meeting from 8.00 - 9.00 am to pray for our nation.

Do come if you can, to bring before God our concerns for our nation and our government at this critical time.

2 Chronicles 7:14.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for Protection for Asia Bibi. She is in constant danger as the mobs in Pakistan seek to discover her whereabouts and kill her. Pray for a country to be willing to give her a visa, and for a way to be found for her safe passage out of Pakistan.

Also for her family, and Christians in Pakistan who are more and more coming under attack.

TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING

In previous days the Prayer Meeting was often referred to as "The Power House" of the church. It was considered to be the most important meeting of the week after Sunday worship.

Times and circumstances change, but prayer is still vital and while a small number meet each Tuesday morning for around an hour, it would be lovely if others could join us, and would be a real encouragement to all, and you will be very welcome.

See you on Tuesday morning!

BAY BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Bay Brass Band in which our drummer Petros plays is holding a Christmas concert at Torquay Museum on Wednesday 12th December at 7pm. Tickets are £5. Please see Susan Gibbons if you would like a ticket.

RECONNECT

Buckfast Abbey's Education Dept are running Reconnect, an interactive experience for churches and youth groups to help young people think more deeply about the world around them. It is taking place on 19th January from 10am to 4pm in Higher Mill at Buckfast Abbey. There is no charge but donations are welcome. For more details please see the poster on

THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Following our meeting this Thursday which will be a Craft Session with Pre-School at the earlier time of 2.00pm, there will be two more meetings this year.

Thursday 6th December at 2.30pm when David Williams will play Carols followed by refreshments. Our final meeting of the year will be on the 13th December when the Pre-School children will come and sing carols.

We re-start our meeting next year on 3rd. January at 2.30pm. All ladies welcome
Chris Petrou on 01803 605834.

CHURCH FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS

I am planning to do the flower arrangements for Christmas on THURSDAY 13th DECEMBER. I will need several helpers as there are 17 small arrangements and the pedestal to do.

If a couple of people could come at 9.30am to prepare the Oasis trays, and others come at 10 am, or when possible it would be much appreciated. We should finish by 1.00pm.

There will be drinks and mince pies to keep us going. It is a lovely task to do and if you are new you will be shown what is needed. If you could bring secateurs or strong scissors it would be helpful. Also if you could bring greenery or berries – I will plunder my garden and the ring road as usual – it will also help.

SIDE GATE

If anyone is using the side gate by the bins could they please ensure that the gate is shut after use. Thank You.

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 a r o u n d t h e s t a m p . Over the years this has been a very effective means of raising money for this worthwhile cause and we thank you for your support.

the noticeboard.

STEAM AND CAROLS/MUSIC & MAGIC

Dartmouth Steam Railway are holding the annual Steam & Carols event on Tuesday 4th December at 6.30pm in aid of Rowcroft Hospice. A similar event entitled 'Music & Magic' is planned for Tuesday 19th February. For more details please see the posters on the noticeboard.

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter on the 23rd & 30th December, so if you have anything for inclusion in the 16th December newsletter then please ensure that it is sent or handed into the office by noon on Wednesday 12th December. The next newsletter after Christmas will be on Sunday 6th January.

CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY

To-day everyone will receive copies of our Christmas Flyer. Please use these to invite your family, friends and neighbours to our special events. Please take more Flyers if you can use them by delivering them to houses in your street. Why not put one in a car window. 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