



**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 Nativity Service

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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)
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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
2pm Housegroup - Richard – Church
7.30pm Housegroup – The Chants

WEDNESDAY

2-3.30pm Men's Coffee Afternoon – Garden Cafe
7.30pm Housegroup – Audrey

THURSDAY

2.30pm Ladies Fellowship – Main Hall
7.30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 4 – Church

FRIDAY

1pm Pre-School Nativity

NEXT SUNDAY

Jez will be leading & preaching at our
Morning Service followed by Carols by Candlelight
at 6.30pm

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

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 Nora Andrews in memory of her husband Ted and her son Derek

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

PRAYER NEWS FROM TRISHA

Many congratulations this week to Debra and Richard Barton on the birth of another grandson! He is Teddy Arthur and although he was premature he arrived weighing just over 6lbs.

He seems to be doing well but let's keep both Teddy and Lucy in our prayers through these early days.

The following all need our prayers this week:

Joan Green, who remains in Kings Mount Residential Home,
Val Howard,
Nora Andrews,
Diane Radford,
Kim Ewins and her family,
Vivi and Paulo Tavares,
Anne and Tom Davies,
Heidi and Will Reddaway. Heidi is experiencing a lot of pain at the moment.

Could we also pray for those who are battling with depression and those with financial worries at this time.

Let's also pray that the publicity for our Christmas services will be seen by many and that those whom the Lord wants to draw near might respond to our invitation to come.

Please pray for our Pastors as they pray and plan for next year, that we may discern the will of the Lord for the daily life of our church.

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 noticeboard.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Church Office will close for Christmas & New Year on Friday 21st December and will re-open on Monday 7th January. In the event of an emergency during the holiday period then please phone Jez, Tricia or Anne Brown.

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

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

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 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.

office by noon on Wednesday 12th December. The next newsletter after Christmas will be on Sunday 6th January.

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.

THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our final meeting of the year will be on 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. Contact Chris Petrou on 01803 605834

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

We met as a church yesterday morning to pray for our nation at this time. Please continue to do so every day joining with thousands of Christians across the nation who are doing the same.