
If you are visiting us today, we offer you a warm welcome. Please make yourself known to any member of the leadership team.

If you require more details of events or would like a visit please speak with one of the Deacons.

We look forward to enjoying worship and fellowship together.

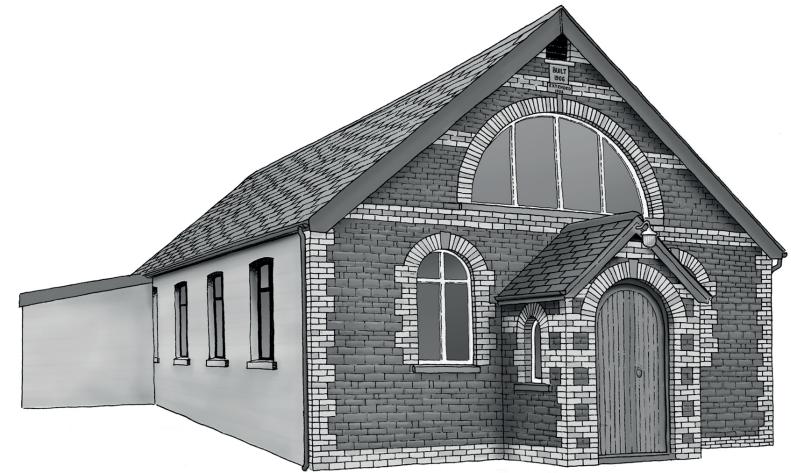
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Mrs Christine Temple
Mrs Sheila Jones
Mrs Mary Morris



Newsletter – Dec 2019/Jan 2020

We are called to love God with all our heart,
soul and mind, and to love others.

We are committed to learning from Christ;
doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with God.

We are a community in the Holy Spirit;
a witness, going out with the love of God.

The Message of Christmas is “Fear Not”

“The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear: The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid... In the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling.” Psalm 27:1,2,5

In the Christmas story, again and again, we hear the phrase, “Fear not!”

“Fear not Mary” (Luke 1:30); “Fear not, Joseph” (Matthew 1:20-23); “fear not shepherds” (Luke 2:9-12).

Like Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds, we are so prone to fear. We’re afraid because we feel alone and forsaken, when we encounter the unknown, and when we face something bigger than us.

Why we do not need to be afraid?

When we feel alone and forsaken we need to remember the message of Christmas: a Saviour has been born to us... and they will call him, Immanuel which means God with us.

Because of Jesus God is approachable and very near – even holding our hands.

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10).

When we encounter the unknown let’s remember it’s not unknown to God.

Gift Service

Sunday 8th December 11.00am

This year, the gifts will be presented to the local **Women’s Aid** charity. New toys and other Christmas gifts are needed for all ages of children and young people, and the refuge has let us know that they are especially in need of gifts for teenagers.

Women’s Aid also are in need all year around of non-perishable food items (tinned goods, pasta, coffee, tea, sugar etc.), toiletry items and single bedding items and towels of good quality, as many of the women are forced to enter their refuge with nothing in an emergency.

Women’s Aid in RCT have a website **www.wa-rct.org.uk** which details more about them and their work. They provide women and children affected by abuse or sexual violence with emotional and practical support when most needed, and have a number of projects that are structured to help and support a family’s individual needs.



I THINK YOUR LIGHTS MIGHT BE TOO BRIGHT THIS YEAR

Prayer Time with Christine

God, our Creator, we offer this humble prayer on Christmas Day.

We come to worship with a song of thanks in our hearts – a song of redemption, a song of hope and renewal.

We pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive, and peace upon the earth.

We ask for the salvation of all our family members and friends, and we pray your blessings on all people.

May there be bread for the hungry, love for the unlovable, healing for the sick, protection for our children, and wisdom for our youth.

We pray for the forgiveness of sinners and abundant life in Christ.

Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love and power. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

– Rev. Lia Icaza Willetts



The future has its uncertainties, but we enter it every day, confident in the sovereignty and sufficiency of God. Our security is not in knowing where we are, but Who we are with! We are with God Who loves us and always wants the best for us.

“God is faithful, reliable, trustworthy and therefore ever true to His promise and He can be depended on” (1 Corinthians 1:9 Amplified)

When we face something bigger than us, let’s remember that God is bigger than the thing that threatens us. He will do the impossible through us. In all these things (whatever we’re facing) we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come... nothing in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:37,38 ESV)

For every day of the year, there is a “fear not” in the Bible. Do you have one for today? Write it out on a card and say it often. It will bring you comfort and peace.

Thank you, Father, that because You are with us and Jesus lives within us, we have nothing to fear.

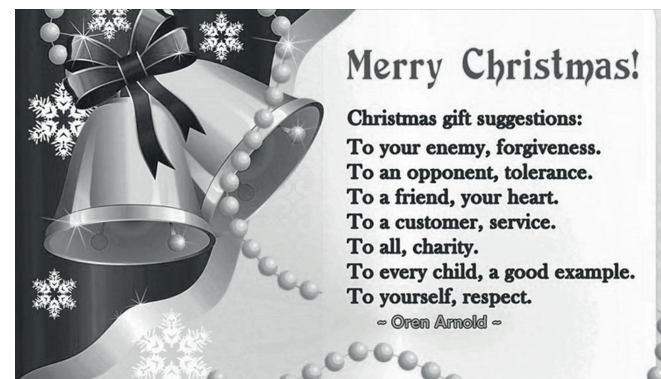
By Helen Lescheid

This Month...

December

What?	When?	Programme
Prayer Meeting (7.30pm)	Thursday 5 th	Led by Christine
Bible Study	There will be no Bible Study as the hall is being used for voting.	
Women's League (7.00pm)	Monday 2 nd	Christmas around the World – Andrew
	Monday 9 th	Own programme
	Monday 12 th	Christmas Lunch at Radyr Golf Club
	Monday 16 th	Christmas Carols and Readings
Hawthorn Senior Citizens	Thursday 5 th	
	Thursday 19 th	
Junior Church	Every Sunday 11am-11.45	Activities and games

May many come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour so that God may be glorified in this place.



News

Tenovus Concert

Thank you to everyone who supported the Tenovus Concert. An outstanding £300 was raised for this worthy cause and a letter of thanks is on the Church notice board.

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Christmas cards

Once again this year Bethel is going green. An estimated 100 million Christmas cards are sent in the UK every year, so please feel free to do your bit for the planet by signing the Church Christmas card instead and giving a donation in lieu.

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Baptist College

Christine will be collecting for the Baptist College in January.

Requests for Prayer

A number of our church family are concerned about family and friends. If you would like to share any prayer requests, there is a box available at the rear of the church.

All requests will be treated confidentially.

Please remember in your prayers

All those at home recovering after being ill and those who are receiving treatment in hospital. They all appreciate greatly our thoughts and prayers.

There are those within our congregation who are unwell or unable to attend due to age and infirmity, and those in care homes too. Please remember them and continue to pray for them.

Bring before the Lord all those who are caring for those who are ill, whether it is family, friends or professionals. All have a great need of support in prayer.

Continue to pray for Andrew our Pastor and his family. May he be richly blessed in the work that he has been called to do, and that we may continue to be blessed through his ministry.

Praise God for the many blessings we have in our fellowship together. Continue to pray for our church and our witness to the surrounding area, and that people will want to come and enjoy fellowship with us.

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January

What?	When?	Programme
Prayer Meeting (7.30pm)	Thursday 2 nd	Led by Christine
Bible Study (7.30pm)	Thursday 9 th Thursday 23 rd	Led by our Pastor Led by our Pastor
Women's League (7.00pm)	There is no league during January.	
Women's Guild (1.15pm)	Tuesday 7 th Tuesday 23 rd	
Junior Church	Every Sunday 11am-11.45	Activities and games

Sunday Worship

December

Morning service
and Junior Church
11am

Evening service
5.30pm

- December 1st** Morning: *Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*
3.00pm Time to Remember Service.
There will be no service at 5.30pm
- December 8th** Morning: *Pastor Andrew McLaughlin,*
Christingle and Gift Service

Evening: *Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*
- December 15th** Morning: *Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*
3.00pm Joint Churches Service with
Cathays Brass in Community Centre.
There will be no service at 5.30pm.
- December 22nd** Morning: *Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*

Evening: *Carols by Candlelight Service*
- December 25th** Christmas Day Service **9.30am**
- December 29th** Morning: *Mrs Eluned Thomas*
5.00pm United Carol Service at St Luke's
Church

Christmas Quotes

There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious
as laughter and good humour.

Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol

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Want to keep Christ in Christmas? Feed the hungry,
clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the
unwanted, care for the ill, love your enemies, and do
unto others as you would have done unto you.

Steve Maraboli

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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming
down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does
not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17

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God never gives someone a gift they are not capable
of receiving. If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it
is because we all have the ability to understand and
receive it.

Pope Francis

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Peace on earth will come to stay when we live
Christmas every day.

Helen Steiner Rice

Christmas Services

Sunday 1st December

Time to Remember **3.00pm**

A brief time to remember those who are no longer with us.

Sunday 8th December

Family Gift Service and Christingle – **11.00am**

Gifts will be donated to the local Women's Refuge this year.

Sunday 15th December

Carols with Cathays Brass – **3.00pm**
at Hawthorn Community Centre

Sunday 22nd December

Carols by Candlelight – **5.00pm**
– followed by refreshments

Christmas Day

Family Service **9.30am**

Sunday 29th December

United Carol Service **5.00pm** at St Luke's Rhydyfelin

Please could all contributions for the **February Newsletter** be given to Sally by Friday January 24th.

Sunday Worship

January

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Morning service
and Junior Church
11am
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Evening service
5.30pm
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January 5th Morning: *Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*

Evening Communion Service:
Pastor Andrew McLaughlin

January 12th Morning: *Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*

Evening: *Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*

January 19th Morning Communion Service:
Pastor Andrew McLaughlin

Evening: *Pastor Andrew McLaughlin*

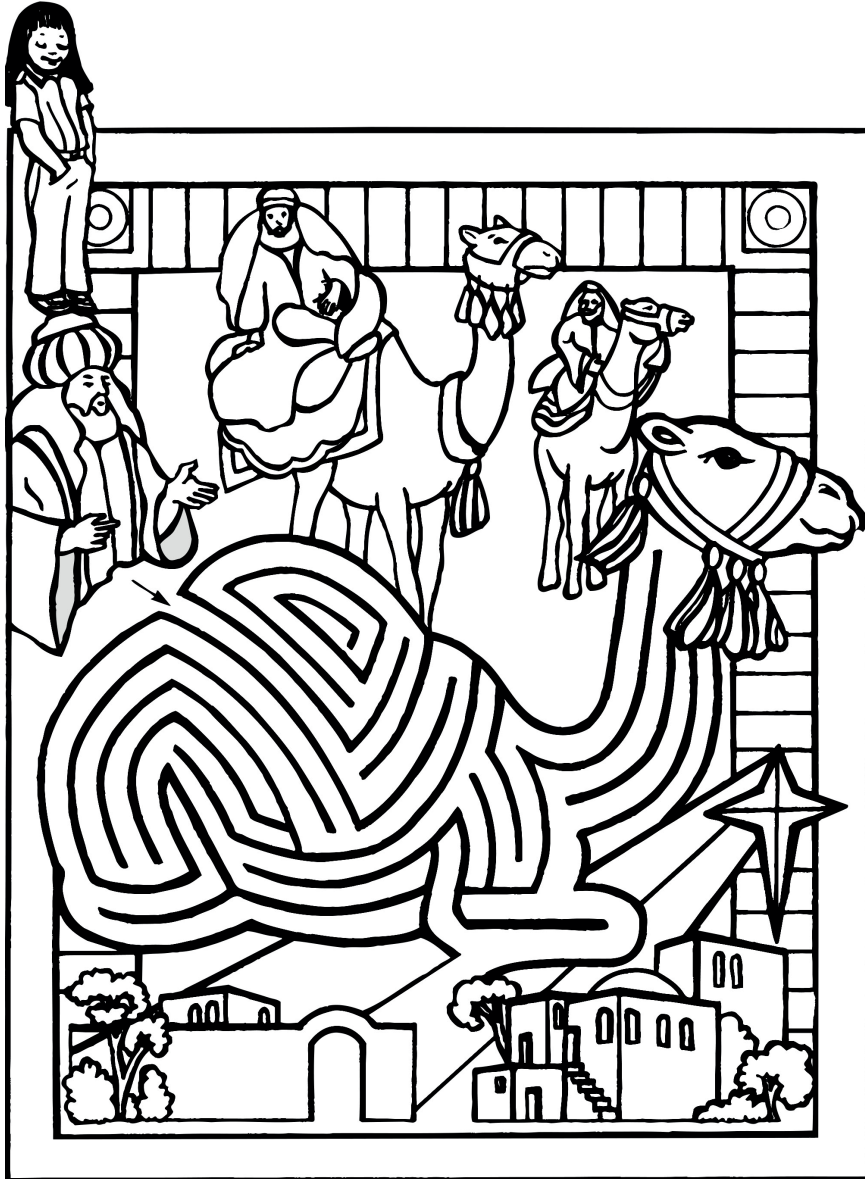
January 26th Morning: *To be announced*

Evening: *To be announced*

Kids Corner

Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men followed the star to Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Help the wise men travel together to Bethlehem.



Prophets Told About Jesus Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

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