

Prayer focus: This Second Sunday of Advent please pray for:

1. A positive resolution to the current economic crisis across Europe.
2. The families of Ho as they prepare for Christmas.
3. All the people who use our premises in these weeks before Christmas that they sense something of God's love for them in this place.
4. The people whose homes have been damaged in last week's gales and floods.
5. Those we know who are struggling with ill-health including Kay Tabb, Madge Fox, Ken Friston, Josephine Allen, Ivy Pear, Kitty Phillips, Jim Reid, David Nelson, Pat Dean, Gaines Robinson.

Stamps: Please remember to save all your stamps from your Christmas cards, in fact from all your mail all year round! There is a box available in the church entrance, (and a packet in the office,) please leave approx 0.5 centimetre's around the stamp when removing from the envelope.

Darlington Town Mission: We will be once again be collecting for Hampers for Town Mission over the coming weeks, please remember that there are some folk allergic to certain products eg gluten – coeliac, dairy free etc. There will be boxes in the church entrance and kitchen available for your kind donations of tins and packets

The Church Christmas Card Display: Once again we are having a Christmas Card Display, all you need to do is to write your greeting on a card and attach it to the tree (in the Church entrance,) which will be available from Sunday 4th December. This is an easy way to remember, with one card, all your Church friends. As you display your card, all we ask is for you to make a donation towards the work of the MRDF (Methodist Relief & Development Fund.) Your donation can be given to Lilian Hamilton or any Steward ~ *thank you for your support.*

“Christmas Links” – a new quiz is now available from Carl or Alma with the usual cost and prizes.

This weeks Church Diary:

- Mon 12** Prayer Meeting ~ 9.30am
Women's Fellowship Lunch ~ 12.30pm
- Tues 13** Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Ladies Group ~ 7.30pm “Christmas Meeting”
- Wed 14** Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Babies & Toddlers ~ 9.30 – 11.15am; 1.30 – 3.15pm
Art Group ~ 1.15pm in the upstairs hall
Engage Youth club ~ 7.30pm
- Thurs 15** Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
DfES/Capita Carol Service in the church and lower hall from 11.30am.
- Fri 16** Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am – last session until 5th January
Art Group ~ 1.00pm
Girl's Brigade ~ 6.00pm
Boy's Brigade ~ 6.00pm

Please note that most Fellowship groups meet this week, contact leader for date and venue.

Our preachers next week

Sunday 18th December 2011 – Carol Services

10.30am Worship led by – Rev S White

6.00pm Worship led by – Mrs S Jaleel

Notices & Newsletters: Please remember to keep your copy of the monthly newsletter for all the information which is included. If you haven't received one, ask one of the Door Stewards or a Steward.

Rotas – could rota people please give consideration to their available dates for the forthcoming rotas, I am only producing them for 2 months Jan/Feb to fall in with the Plan. This is for Door Stewards; Collection Counters; OHP and Coffee. Anyone wishing to be included in the rotas please let me know, we are desperate for folk to come forward and get involved. ~ thanks' to all those who give up their time each week to serve the Lord in their own way. ~ Jan

Thanks:

Margaret Day thanks Church friends who set her back on her feet on Wednesday and for T.L.C.

Ivy Pear thanks the Church for the lovely flowers, beautifully delivered with love.

Church Christmas cards are now available for distribution to members, friends and neighbours. There are 4 different designs and a few have been printed without details of all the services for anyone who is unable to attend church. Thanks to Dave Shotbolt, a member of the Art Group, for the artwork.

“Bring and share” (Faith) Family tea on Sunday 18th December at 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome, so please come along and join in a wonderful time of fellowship; all you need to bring is yourself and something for the table. Following the tea will be the 6.00pm Carol Service which again, everyone is very welcome to attend. If anyone requires transport, please contact one of the Stewards.

Congratulations to Margaret and Ben Day on becoming Great - Grandparents (again), and to Grandson Wayne and Laura on the birth of Theo James, a brother to Jack!

Notices: Jan (241124) email jan.cossins@ntlworld.com
Please ensure that messages for the notices are received **by the deadline – 12noon - Thursday for Sunday**, and fairly short so as to keep to the two sided weekly sheet.

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Welcome. We are glad you wish to join us in worship and share in the life of this church.

Sunday 11th December 2011 – *Youth Church & Crèche*

Our preachers today :

10.30am Worship led by – Rev S White

6.00pm Worship led by – Rev D Goodall

To consider prayerfully before the service

Christmas

Child in the manger,

Holy you are.

Ruler at birth,

Introduced by a star.

Saviour of earth;

Timeless, your love;

Mercy, your tidings,

Announced from above.

Son of God abiding.

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