



Heathervale Baptist Church

*Our Purpose Statement:
Helping people to make a journey
to know and to love Jesus Christ*

Christmas News



1. Christmas Publicity & Distribution

The Christmas Publicity will be ready mid-November and deliveries (by the Homegroups as last year) will be from the beginning of December.

2. Community Event down the Broadway & switching on of the Christmas lights - November 27th from 2 to 4pm.

The event will consist of stalls etc from various groups within the community, including the church. The lights will be switched on to conclude this event, around 4pm.

3. Communal Christmas Card

There will be the opportunity to contribute to the Communal Christmas Card which will be available for all. If you would like to share a brief Christmas greeting, please let Evelyn have that by **December 5th**. These will then be available from 12th December.

4. Christmas Cards distribution

As in pre-lockdown, there will be the opportunity for the fellowship to put their Christmas cards (to those who attend the church only), in the post box from Sunday **28th November until December 12th**. These will then be sorted and put out in the lounge after the Sunday services before Christmas. Please make sure that any cards you are sending have the surnames on them, and that they are only for those attending church as we will not be delivering.

5. Coffee Stop Christmas Service

The last Coffee Stop this term is on **December 20th** and there will be a short carol service from 11am to finish with. All are welcome to attend.

The Foodbank lists remain the same as last week, but there are some paper copies of the items needed on the Welcome Desk/Reception. The collection boxes remain in the foyer. Thanks for your donations

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WELCOME

Week commencing 21st November 2021

The angel said to him:
"Do not be afraid, Zecharaiah;
your prayer has been heard".
Luke 1: 13



We give you a warm welcome to our services today. We especially welcome anyone who is a visitor and invite you to speak to a leader at the door.

The title for both sermons today is: 'The Power of Faithful Prayer'.

At the 9.00 am Communion Service, Martin will be speaking and leading from Luke 1: 5 - 25. All are welcome.

At the 10.30 am Communion Service, Martin will be speaking from Luke 1: 5 - 25 and Alison will be leading. Refreshments will be served in the lounge after this service. All are welcome.

The Rainbow Group will be meeting in the lounge this afternoon from 3.00pm.

*Our Vision Statement:
We seek to be a Christ-centred, Spirit-filled church family of all ages that reflects the age profile of our local community and that brings transformation to our community through what we say, what we do and through signs and miracles.*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting (Rms 12 & 13)
	10.00 am	Coffee Stop
	5.30 & 7.00pm	Emerge
Tuesday	1.00 pm	Friends Connect (church lounge)
Wednesday	2.30 pm	Homegroup (church lounge)
	7.00 pm	Identity
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Thursday	: 9-10am; 2-3pm; 7.30- 8.30pm Prayer Day	
Friday	10 - 11.30 am	Kingdom Tots
Saturday	2 - 4pm	Community Event down the Broadway
Sunday	9.00 am	Early Service: George & Alison
	10.30 am	Morning Service: Martin & Sarah

Please check with your homegroup leader if you are meeting this week.

Preaching and Small Group Series:

28th Nov Luke 1: 26 - 38 (both services)

9.00am Preach: George; Lead: Alison

10.30am Preach: Martin; Lead: Martin, Sarah

5th Dec Luke 1: 39 - 56 (both services)

9.00am Preach & lead: Martin

10.30am Preach: Martin; Lead: Alison

12th Dec 9.00am Communion: Luke 1: 57 - 80 (9am)

Preach & lead: Lesley

10.30am All-age Nativity;

19th Dec 9.00am Carols: Preach: Roger, Lead: Lesley

10.30am Communion: Luke 1: 57 - 80

Preach; Martin; Lead: Steve

5.00pm Carols by Candlelight,

Dear Church family

This Thursday we begin a series of 3 Thursdays of prayer at the church. We believe God is calling us to gather together to pray as a church family to seek his power and intervention. We want to see God move in power so that we can see growth and a harvest of people coming to faith from all the seed sowing we are doing through the church being actively involved in our community. Although we sow the seed, only God brings the growth, and so we need to pray for God to intervene in power through prayer.

We will be meeting for about an hour to listen to God together and to seek his guidance and intervention. Fasting helps us focus on God as we pray so if you are medically able, may I suggest that we aim to fast on each of the Thursdays by missing breakfast and lunch. So the period of fasting would be from after teatime on Wednesday evening until teatime on Thursday evening. Or if you prefer to have your main meal at lunchtime you could fast from after lunch on Wednesday until lunchtime on Thursday.

If you are unable to join any of the prayer meetings below in person, please do set aside some time at home to pray – the main areas for prayer are listed below.

There are 3 days we can gather to pray on each of the Thursdays:-

Thursday 25th Nov : Thursday 2nd Dec : Thursday 9th Dec

each day the times are: 9am - 10am; 2pm - 3pm & 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Here are the main areas we will be praying for over these 3 Thursdays:-

1. For the growth of our children's church on Sundays – please pray for a children's leaders' training session at the church at 7.30pm on Tuesday November 30th where Phil and Heather Fellowes from Hershams Baptist Church will be leading our church leaders, our youth leaders, our children's leaders and Kingdom Tots leaders in training to help us grow our children's work to be more effective in mission
2. Pray that the seed being sown through Coffee stop, Lets do lunch, Seniors Saturdays, Kingdom Tots, Bereavement Café, Emerge, Dads & Schools Work, would produce fruit and that people would make a journey toward knowing Jesus.
3. That God would help us train, recognise, equip and release more leaders across all levels of the church. Pray for a new deacon for administration and for a leader in IT so that Tony and Nigel can be released from admin tasks to train and equip other leaders.
4. Pray that God would give power and wisdom to Marc and that he would be filled with the Spirit and his ministry in evangelism and among young people and families be fruitful.

There will be time and space to hear from God and to record in writing pictures, Scriptures, prophecies that God gives to us in these pray meetings – please share this in writing with Martin.

Thanks, Martin