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CHRISTMAS - WITHOUT RUDOLF?

Some Christmases ago, our exhausted family were delighted to stumble across a pair of Reindeer in Buckinghamshire. Well, they weren't wandering the Chilterns, but were being proudly shown-off to children and parents at the World's End market garden outside Wendover. Our two girls were awe-struck at these almost mythical creatures. They were wowed by how they were so well-equipped for Arctic conditions. Spreading hooves to deal with the deep snow. Hollow fur for insulation in the freezing winds.

A delightful picture. Something to warm our hearts this Christmas. But there is sadly, bad news for our 'Winter Wonderland' Christmas. The awful fact is, baby reindeer are dying in huge numbers. Lying down, curling up and dying. Now and over the last few years. The snows are less predictable. Much worse is the fact that the snow is thawing early and re-freezing, so the reindeer cannot eat the grass they usually find under the snow. The Reindeer herds are facing the real and imminent prospect of extinction.

I find myself being a modern-day Jeremiah. Or, if you like, a Christian Grinch. Let us not forget that the Grinch had a point about the Hoobs. And it took a child, risking her life, to encourage her family to listen to the Grinch.

People will understandably object to this 'doom and gloom' message. We are good news people. And Christmas is a time for good news. Yes, Christmas is good news - for all creation: 'Ox and ass before him bow, for He is in a manger now'. Yes, Christmas is good news for all the world, including the Arctic. But this is right now warming up much faster than other regions of our world.

Fact is, we follow a zero-carbon Saviour. Someone not born into the equivalent of a western, luxury lifestyle. Someone who walked the footpaths of the Promised Land and wondered at its many natural marvels. Someone who, as a carpenter, would have understood. Understood chopping down all the trees of Galilee to make tables and chairs was not good news for business, creation or for the people of Galilee. Someone who would likely be appalled at our extravagant and wasteful 'Christmas'.

I find myself in mourning this Christmas. How else can I respond after COP27? The nations of the world have preferred not to face reality. Not to face the mega-death juggernaut bearing down on us all. Ahead of us is the real prospect of a global self-exile much more painful than the Babylonian exile. But who will listen to these songs of anguish and lament this Christmas?

Following Jesus means living more simply so that others may simply live. So, I encourage you to find ways to reduce waste this Christmas. To not spend on goods that have been flown across the globe. To reduce the amount of meat you eat (if you can afford to buy Turkey!). To make sure the Christmas cards you send (and the crackers you crack) are produced from re-cycled card or sustainable sources. I know. This is going to complicate the Christmas shop even more! And make it, for some Christmas items, probably more expensive – just less costly for God's creation. People will say that at a time of greater stress, they don't need even more to think about this Christmas. But then, William Carey and his generation often described coming to faith as 'becoming thoughtful'.

'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light...' (Isaiah 9:3).

Colin Cartwright

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BELMONT ROAD

Tribute to Martin Legg (21 June 1935 – 24 October 2022)

It's impossible to think or talk about Martin without mentioning how central his Christian faith was to his life. His faith enhanced and enriched his life. He treated faith as a gift and he made his faith a gift to others.

One example of this was at the Church Meeting a few months ago when he bravely told us that he had a cancer diagnosis and was to undergo major surgery. He said, "I am content, I am in the Lord's hands. I trust Him for all that is to come."

Martin lived the truth of the words of St Paul that he chose to be read at his Celebration and Commemoration service: "I am convinced that [nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." (Romans 8: 37,39). In doing so, especially in recent weeks, Martin was an inspiration to many.

A successful career in the motor industry and his remarkable ability to take apart and reassemble cars reveal his love for motor vehicles. "If it's not broken, take it apart and fix it anyway" appears to have been his approach.

A man of life-long faith, Martin became fully involved with Belmont Road church after the death of his wife, Doreen in 1995. He is remembered for his faithful grace and wisdom, his practical care of the building, deep friendships with other Belmont stalwarts and for his service to others. This service was nowhere better expressed than at the weekly lunch club and annual lunch club week away, where it was known that for him, "nothing was too much trouble" in making sure everyone had the best time possible.

Along with others, Martin gained notoriety for his holiday Last Night Concert renditions of Joyce Grenfell's poem, *Stately as a Galleon*. This required the use of skirts, blouses and balloons. I'll leave the rest to your imagination.

Martin was a loving, family man. With his children, Jackie and Steve, and their families, we mourn Martin's passing, celebrate his life and seek to follow his example. We give thanks to God that nothing separates Martin from the love of God, that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Tim Keightley

Preaching Plan for December and January

All are welcome at the following services with the Sunday Club joining the first 5 to 10 minutes of the service. The service will also be available on Zoom. Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits will be served in the hall. Face coverings are no longer required in the church or hall, but you are very welcome to continue wearing a face covering whenever you would like to.

4th December - a Worship Service led by Roger Taylor from Potters Bar

11th December – an all-age service with a Nativity Presentation

15th December at 8pm – Communion by Candlelight led by our Minister,
Tim Keightley

18th December morning – an all-age Christingle Service led by our
Minister, Tim Keightley

18th December evening at 6:30pm – Carols by Candlelight led by our
Minister, Tim Keightley

25th December – a Christmas Morning short Service led by our Minister,
Tim Keightley

1st January - a Worship Service led by Kathy Williamson from
Borehamwood.

8th January – a Worship Service led by our Minister, Tim Keightley

15th January – an Open Service.

22nd January – a Communion Service led by our Minister, Tim Keightley

29th January – a Worship Service led by our Minister, Tim Keightley

An upcoming date for your diary

We have planned a film night for the **21st January**, but as Grapevine is coming out before our next church meeting, some things are still to be confirmed so please look on our web page for any updates.

CAREY

Sunday worship

People can once again use their discretion about whether to wear masks during Sunday worship. Please do not come if you are feeling unwell. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided. Refreshments are served in the hall after the service and offers of help with the rota to prepare these would still be welcome (contact Judy on 01442 216387)

Monthly prayer sheet for Children, Youth and Families work

Tamzin is producing a monthly prayer sheet for Carey's CYF work. It is available from her or on the memorial table in the church.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group continues on **Fridays from 10.00-11.30am** during term-time Please speak to Tamzin, Colin or Hilary if you would like more information about the group or if you would be interested in helping. Please see the Facebook page for more details about the group <https://m.facebook.com/careybabytoddlergroup>

Prayer meetings

The **Wednesday** evening Prayer Meeting at **8.00pm** continues on Zoom. Please contact Obed for a Zoom invitation. The Thursday evening meeting continues at **7.30pm at Joan's house**.

Communion Offerings

Our Communion Offering on **Sunday 4th December** (NB change of Sunday in the month) will be for Spurgeons Children's Charity (see page 15). The offering at our Communion Service on January 15th will be for Christians Against Poverty.

Bible Studies

Monday Morning Group

We have started a new series of meetings, entitled 'Journeying through Advent', on Zoom, from 10.30am – 12noon. The remaining dates are: 28th November, 12th and 19th December. Please contact Gill or David Blunden for a Zoom invitation if you would like to join in.

The **Thursday Evening Group** is having a break at the moment.

Zoom coffee mornings

These weekly get-togethers continue on **Wednesdays at 10.30am** for the time being, with Tamzin hosting. (Please let her or Hilary know if you would like an invitation.)

Carol singing in the car park

We will be gathering in the front car park at Carey to sing carols at 2.00pm on **Saturday 3rd December**. Please come and join in.

Carey Hymn Café

The next Carey Hymn Café afternoon will be on **Tuesday 6th December from 2.30-4.00pm**, when we will be celebrating Advent and looking forward to Christmas. (This will be the last Hymn Café until March.) Bring your friends and join us for:

- * tea /coffee and cakes
- * fellowship with friends old and new
- * an opportunity to sing favourite Advent hymns

Please contact Hilary Donovan (258268) with requests for transport or if

you could help with transport or make cakes. She and Robert would also welcome requests for hymns/carols. (Please note that there is no parking available at the side of the church on weekday afternoons, but the paved area outside the Memorial Hall can be used as a drop-off point.)

Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group will be meeting in the Memorial Hall for a pre-Christmas get together and simple lunch of soup, rolls and mince pies on **Tuesday 13th December** at 12noon for 12.30pm. Please let Ann know if you expect to be there.

Informal Songs of Praise – 1st January

The service on Sunday 1st January will be an informal Songs of Praise, probably in the Memorial Hall, with a similar format to the Hymn Café. Please suggest a carol or bring a New Year/Epiphany reading.

Advance Notice – Church Meeting

There will be a Church Members' Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th January at the church and on Zoom. Non-members are welcome to attend and join in the discussions without voting.

BMS Mission Partners

Please continue to pray for Peter and Louise, our Mission Partners in Bangladesh. Ask Janice or Hilary for their address if you would like to send them a Christmas card. There will be a joint one for people to sign at the church. Contact Hilary if you would like to receive their prayer letters every two months or so.

GROVEHILL

For all Zoom details, please contact Revd. Austin Janes at: revaustin@sky.com

Sundays 11am - Communion Service and Junior Church in Church and on Facebook 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection - The Church behind the Chippy' page. (Note: These services are no longer available on YouTube.)

Usually 1st Sunday of the month 3.30pm Causeway Church (*see below*)

Usually 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month 6.00-7.00pm Hard COR Youth Group (10 to 14 year olds) in church (not on Christmas Day)

3rd Sunday of the month 6.00-7.00pm Digging Deeper Bible Youth Group in church (10-14 year-olds)

Monday-Friday 9.00am – Morning Prayer on Zoom, except between Christmas and New Year

Monday-Friday 9.30pm - Night Prayer on Zoom, except between Christmas and New Year (For zoom details please contact Revd. Austin Janes at: revaustin@sky.com)

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month Men's Bible Study & Faith Group on Zoom at 7:30pm

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month Ladies Bible Study on Zoom at 12 noon

Thursdays 1.00pm - Sticky Fingers - Craft, chat, drinks, toys and Toddler Church in the Church Hall (term-time) Note change of day and time.

2nd and 4th Fridays – 2.00pm 'Just a thought' Bible Study Group in Church Hall (contact revaustin@sky.com for more info)

Saturday mornings – 'Drinks and Dunkables' - 10.00am to 12noon
Refreshments in the Church Hall.

Causeway Church

Sunday 4th December and Sunday 8th January 3.30pm - Causeway Church in Church. If you know of any young people (16+) or adults with additional needs who might be interested, please let them and their helpers know about this – they will be very welcome.

Christmas Services and events

'The Grovehill Lambtivity' - 10th-11th December – A weekend of crafts, stalls, food, performances, worship and getting ready with the Shepherds.

Saturday 10th 10.00am-2.00pm - Open morning – Games, Craft stalls, Felt-making, Tombola, Brick-a-brack, Cakes, Cards, Sheep-herding, Story telling and Carols on the hour

Sunday 11th 11.00am - All Age Service – Bring a tea towel!

3.00pm - Christingle Service (followed by refreshments) including 'Sponsored Shear the Vicar' - Rev Austin will shave off part or all of his beard and moustache (dependant on the total donations received) to raise funds to help Grovehill Church serve the community. If anyone would like to make an online donation, below is Web link to this campaign on GiveALittle.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/b10dda90-3bd4-4564-979e-c65d625c984c>

7.00pm - Late Night Shepherd's Service around a camp fire. Gentle hymns and Taize music

Sunday 18th at 6pm - Carols of Praise Service and 'Hope for Children' Christmas Appeal

Saturday 24th at 3pm - Children's Crib Service
Saturday 24th at 11:30pm - Midnight Communion
Sunday 25th at 9:30am - Christmas Communion

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A Ukrainian Christmas Celebration is being planned for Saturday 7th January at 7.30pm at Carey. This special evening will raise money to help the people of Ukraine. All welcome

SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Don't forget to save the stamps from your Christmas cards (and other post). Stamps should be cut out neatly, ideally leaving a margin of about 1/4 inch (approx. 1/2 cm). **Carey** is collecting stamps to raise money for BMS World Mission and they can be put in the box in the front foyer or given to Judy Seth. **Grovehill** is collecting stamps, postcards, old coins and foreign coins to raise money for the Keech Hospice. There is a box in the lobby and Bob Baker is responsible for the collection.

CHURCHES TOGETHER NEWS

Prayer Calendar for December

Sunday 4th Seventh day Adventist Church
Sunday 11th Society of Friends (Quakers) – Old Town area
Sunday 18th Pray for God's blessing on His world as we prepare for Christmas and New Year
Sunday 25th All Christians celebrating the birth of Jesus

Carol singing

Join us to sing carols on **Friday 16th December** 1.30-2.30 in Marlowes Shopping Centre and on **Saturday 17th December** 1.30-2.30 in Bank Court outside the Liberty Tea Rooms.



BELMONT AND CAREY YOUTH CAMP 2023

Belmont and Carey Youth Camp next year will be at Beeston Regis in Norfolk from 12th-19th August. Costs: for children aged 8 to 13 - £155, if we receive your application form and £50 deposit before 1st Jan 2023. If not, the price will be £180. For children aged 14 to 18 - £175, if we receive your application form and £50 deposit before 1st Jan 2023. If not, the price will be £200.

For booking information please contact Warren (07890 494273 or warrenpyke@hotmail.com). More information can be located on our website www.bcyccamp.com

Warren Pyke

ADVENT RESOURCES

Embrace the Middle East

Twice-weekly reflections straight to your inbox

Journey with us this Advent as we re-imagine the prophetic messages of the prophet Isaiah along with psalmody for the Advent season. These twice-weekly reflections will focus on the theme of justice flourishing throughout the world as we pray for and with Christians in the Middle East through meditating on scripture, reflection, music, and art.

The first reflection each week will consist of a passage of scripture from the book of Isaiah and will be accompanied by Advent music and a prayerful reflection. Topics will include rejoicing in the season and justice and peace for our time. The second reflection of the week will include a sung psalm drawn from a variety of music styles and an image to reflect along with a prayerful reflection through a process of prayer and reflection with forms of art.

Sign up on the website: www.embracemeorg





Mouse Makes

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Read the Christmas story in **Luke 2:1-21**.

Answer the questions, colour the picture and colour one star each day until Christmas.

Where was Mary's baby born?
Why were Joseph and Mary there?

What did Mary dress her baby in?

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?

Why were the shepherds afraid?

What good news did the angel tell?

What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?

Who appeared praising God, what did they say?

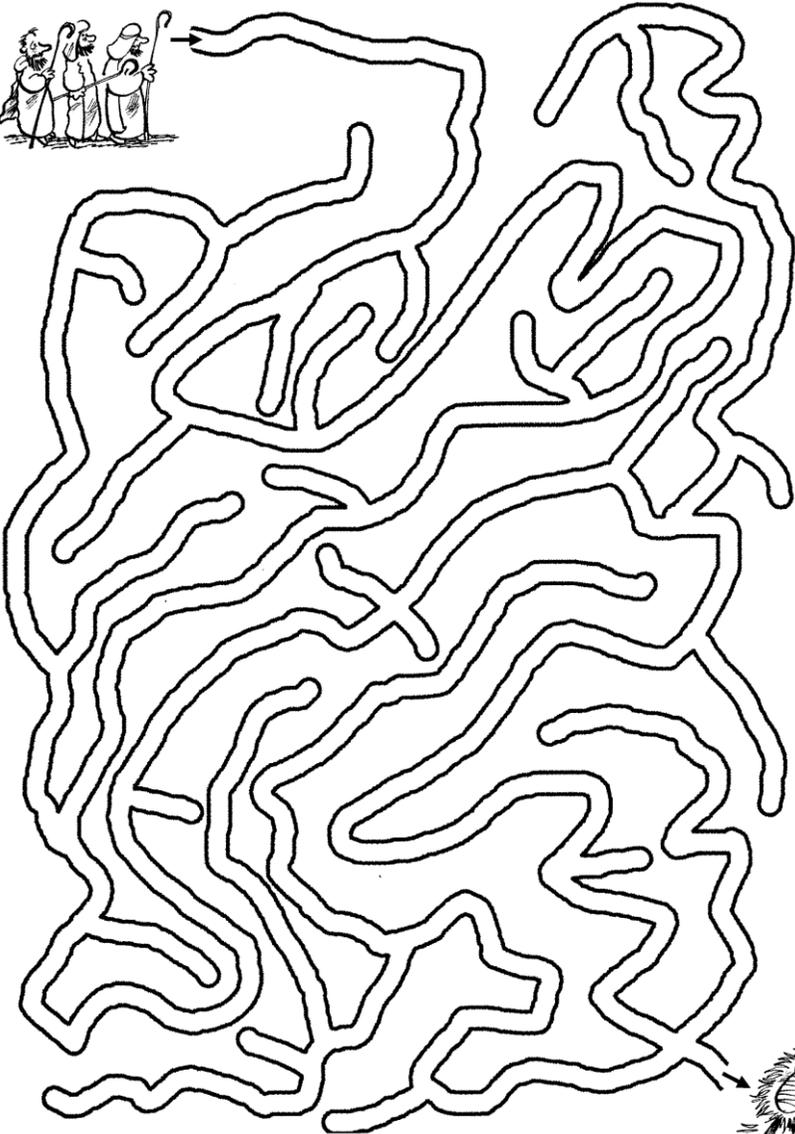
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The
Christmas
Journey

The most wonderful story of all time tells of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Some angels gave the good news of Jesus' arrival to shepherds in nearby fields. Can you help the shepherds find their way to the manger?



DENS NEWS

Foodbank

Demand for our Foodbank is at an all-time high. Due to the rising cost of living, so many families are having to make the impossible choice between heating or eating. We have a good supply of many food, hygiene and household items, however there are some specific items that we are in need of. Please see our High Needs List below.

High Needs List

Food: Christmas chocolates, Selection boxes, Nuts, Savoury crackers, Tinned ham, Sponge puddings, Custard, Long life milk, Long life juice

Kitchen and hygiene items:

Nappies (sizes 5,5+, 6, 6+, 7), Men's toiletries gift sets, Women's toiletries gift sets, 2 in 1 shampoo, Shower gel, Deodorants, roasting trays, tin foil, Washing up liquid (small), Sellotape

Please note that:

- We do not accept furniture
- We currently are not taking any clothes, shoes and accessories

Thank you for your support

Donations can be dropped off at our **Foodbank at Dacre House (see above) – Monday-Friday 10am-1pm.**

Tel: 01442 250969

Email: office@dacorumfoodbank.org.uk

Web: www.dens.org.uk Charity No: 1097185

Gobstoppers Christmas Concert

Come along and join the Gobstoppers performing arts group from 7.30 – 9.30pm on **Friday 16th December** at Berkhamsted Baptist Church, 1 Ravens Lane, HP4 2YD, for a festive evening full of Christmas songs and cheer.

£10 tickets booked by email at admin@gobstopperstheatrearts.com or bought on the door.

Hemel Hillbuster Sponsored Bike Ride 2023

Gear up for an action-packed day of riding at our legendary cycling event on **Sunday 21st May**, starting and finishing in Gadebridge Park. Special early bird registration offer coming soon. See website for more details:

www.dens.org.uk

SPURGEONS CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Our mission

Inspired by our Christian faith, our mission is to provide support for children, young people and families who are experiencing difficulties or challenges so that they can have a better present and a hopeful future.

We support children and families across England in a variety of ways including: whole family support in Children's Centres and family hubs, helping young carers, working with families affected by domestic abuse, delivering parenting courses, supporting families affected by imprisonment and offering schools counselling.

Please pray for our work and ministry

Please would you continue to pray for the children and families who are being supported in our Children's Centres and elsewhere. Would you pray also for others under our care, families who are disadvantaged or struggling to cope with their difficulties and children and young people who carry emotional burdens or heavy responsibilities as well as those who have been, or are, at significant risk of harm or exploitation.

Would you pray also for Spurgeons colleagues and volunteers providing essential services at this difficult time for us all, that the Lord would protect them, and keep them safe, as they go about their important work with such vulnerable children and their families.

(Website www.spurgeons.org.uk)



**We wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and
God's blessing in the new year**



THANK YOU FOR BRINGING HOPE



You've helped Richard feed his family.

Fuel and food prices were on the rise, sometimes more than doubling. Wisdom from leaders was that the only way to handle Uganda's cost of living crisis was to live more frugally. But people like Richard, a farmer living in Gulu, were already struggling to feed their families, sometimes surviving on just one meal a day. With exploitative middlemen ready to make a tidy profit from farmers who couldn't afford to transport their crops to market, it felt to BMS World Mission worker Benon Kayanja as though bridging the gap to meet essential needs was impossible.

Wonderfully, BMS supporters read Richard's story and responded with incredible generosity – despite many families in the UK facing their own worries about escalating living costs this autumn. You raised over £102,000 to support projects

that are helping families to weather this crisis, as well as shoring up similar work across the world.

"Thanks to the incredible amount raised through this appeal, we are able to increase the number of farmers we can provide seedlings to," explains Benon. "This will have an amazing knock-on effect, meaning a greater number of farmers can provide vital food and help generate income for their families."

But in a crisis with a truly global impact, your gifts have stretched beyond Uganda to support vulnerable families in places like Lebanon and Nepal, too. In Nepal, farmers have been given access to veterinary training and breeding goats that will boost their income. And in Lebanon, Syrian refugee families have been given crucial education opportunities for their children – and are feeling hopeful for the first time in years.

It's clear the cost of living crisis isn't over yet. And yet your generous response means that vulnerable people across the world will still be reached with life-changing help.

Thank you for standing with Richard and people like him in these desperate times.

Read more about the people you've helped here:

www.bmsworldmission.org/colresponse

A FAIR COP?

So we have come to the end of another COP. Thousands of experts coming together to tackle the climate crisis – for the 27th time. So why is progress to prevent the thawing of glaciers, so glacially slow?

Listening to my colleagues in Christian Aid who were there, it's not that surprising.

Apparently COP27 felt like a huge fossil fuel trade fair, with flashy pavilions hosted by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (two of the biggest oil producing nations) with the UAE having had over 1000 staff there. 636 fossil fuel lobbyists were also granted passes this year, a 25% increase on COP26. Not surprisingly, the final text of the agreement now includes a reference to "low emission and renewable energy". This looks like a significant loophole that could allow the development of further gas resources, which produces less emissions than coal and CEOs of gas companies were apparently calling themselves 'climate champions' !

President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan of the UAE, said his country would continue to deliver oil and gas for as long as the world is in need. Interestingly, the next COP will take place in... the UAE. Many African countries were also keen to use the COP as a platform to actually promote new oil and gas initiatives in their countries. Apparently, Egypt did at least five gas deals at COP27.

As Babawale Obayanju, from Friends of the Earth Africa stated "We don't need more gas extraction in Africa, devastating our communities for the benefit of rich countries and corporations. What we needed from COP27 was agreement to a rapid, equitable phase out of **all** fossil fuels."

Despite this backdrop, there was a significant victory – the establishment of a Loss and Damage Fund, something which wasn't even certain to be on the agenda at the start of the conference. This reparations fund for countries most affected by climate change has been hailed as a "historic moment", the most important since the Paris Agreement at COP 2015.

There are many details to be resolved, however, such as how much will be contributed by who and which countries will receive the funds – for example there was an argument as to whether India and China should be regarded as developing nations so they could be recipients.

Another significant cause for optimism is that Lula, the President-Elect of Brazil, committed to protecting the earth's biodiversity and stopping all

deforestation of the Amazon which is a reversal of the position by the current Government.

Whilst the experts continue to discuss and delay, we can all do our small part to help, starting perhaps by looking at our carbon footprint using a calculator such as the one on the World Wildlife Fund website <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk> and deciding to take action by making changes to our lifestyles.

One thing seems certain – we cannot wait for COP to deliver its glacial response to this urgent crisis.

Jon Tripp

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY **18TH – 25TH JANUARY**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. However, some areas observe it at Pentecost or some other time.

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. Through this resource, the CTBI writers' group has also focussed our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better.

As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

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Items for the February 2023 issue should be with Hilary Donovan (258268 / hilary.donovan@hotmail.com) or Paula Moore (Belmont Road) by **Wednesday 19th January** if possible and, **at the latest by Tuesday 24th January**. Thank you

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY – 16th-18th JUNE 2023

For next year's Baptist Assembly we will be returning to Telford and look forward to joining together with you and others from your church.

Once again, the Sunday worship service will be livestreamed so that those unable to come to Telford will be able to join in our worship and hear from this year's speaker.

More details will be available soon, but please save the date and publicise it with your church.



DECEMBER DIARY

BELMONT ROAD

(Services on Zoom and in church – see page 2 - All services led by Tim Keightley unless otherwise stated)

Sunday 4 th	10.30am	Worship Service led by Roger Taylor, Potters Bar
Sunday 11 th	10.30am	All-age with Nativity Presentation Service
Thursday 15 th	8.00pm	Communion by Candlelight
Sunday 18 th	10.30am	All-age Christingle Service
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 25 th	10.30am	Christmas Morning short Service

CAREY

(Services in church and on Zoom and edited audio recording on website – all led by Colin Cartwright unless otherwise stated)

Saturday 3 rd	2.00- 3.00pm	Carols in the car park
Sunday 4 th	10.30am	Advent Communion Service

Tuesday 6 th	2.30- 8.00pm	Carey Hymn Café (page 4) Deacons' Meeting
Sunday 11 th	10.30am	Carol Service
Monday 12 th	10.30am-12 noon	Bible Study on Zoom (page 5)
Tuesday 13 th	12noon for 12.30pm	Ladies Group Christmas Lunch
Sunday 18 th	10.30am	All-age Christmas Service
Monday 19 th	10.30am-12 noon	Bible Study on Zoom (page 5)
Sunday 25 th	10.30am	Short Family Christmas Morning Service

GROVEHILL

(Services in church and on Facebook see page 6)

Sundays	11.00am	Communion Service in church and on Facebook
Saturdays	10.00am- 12noon	'Drinks and Dunkables' in Church Hall
Sunday 4 th	3.30pm	Causeway Church (page 6)
Fridays 9 th , 23 rd ?	2.00pm	'Just a Thought' Bible Study Group
Saturday 10 th – Sunday 11 th		'The Grovehill Lambtivity'
Saturday 10 th	10.00am- 2.00pm	Open Morning (page 7)
Sunday 11 th	11.00am 3.00pm 7.00pm	All-age service Christingle Service Late Night Shepherds' Service
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Carols of Praise Service
Saturday 24 th	3.00pm 11.30pm	Children's Crib Service Midnight Communion
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Christmas Communion

OTHER EVENTS

Friday 16 th	1.30- 2.30pm 7.30- 9.30pm	Churches Together Carol Singing, Marlowes Shopping Centre Gobstoppers Christmas Concert, Berkhamsted Baptist Church , in aid of DENS (page 12)
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Saturday 17 th	1.30- 2.30pm	Churches Together Carol Singing in Bank Court
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JANUARY DIARY

BELMONT ROAD

Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Worship Service led by Kathy Williamson, Borehamwood
Sunday 8 th	10.30am	Worship Service
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Worship Service
Saturday 21 st		Film Night
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Communion Service
Sunday 29 th	10.30am	Worship Service

CAREY

Sunday 1 st	10.30am	New Year Service, 'Hymn Café' style
Saturday 7 th	7.30pm	Ukrainian Christmas Celebration
Sunday 8 th	10.30am	All-age Service
Tuesday 10 th	8.00pm	Deacons' Meeting
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Morning Service with Communion
Wednesday 18 th	7.30pm	Church Meeting

GROVEHILL

Sunday 8 th	3.30pm	Causeway Church
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OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday 18 th – 25 th	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (page 16)
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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BAPTIST CHURCHES SUNDAY SERVICES

(see pages 2-6 & 18-19 for current variations to this pattern)

BELMONT ROAD

(Bennetts End)

www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Sunday Club (5 - 15 years)

Occasional All Age Family Worship on 2nd Sunday in month

4th Sunday in month includes Communion

CAREY

(Marlowes)

www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk

Morning Worship - 10.30am – Children's Church and Youth Church

2nd Sunday in month All Age Family Worship

3rd Sunday in month includes Communion

GROVEHILL ANGLICAN/FREE CHURCH

(Church of the Resurrection, Henry Wells Square)

www.grovehillchurch.org.uk

Morning Worship - 11.00am - with Junior Church

2nd Sunday in month: All Age Worship

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