



**CLEVELDON**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Living - Loving - Belonging

## Prayer Bulletin

**18<sup>th</sup> December, 2011**

<i>Sun</i>	10.00am 10.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	<i>A time of prayer in Room 2</i> <i>Family Nativity Service</i> <i>A time of prayer in Room 2</i> <i>Christmas Carol service</i>
<i>Mon</i>		-
<i>Tue</i>		-
<i>Wed</i>	3.00pm	<i>Carols in the Afternoon (inc. Mincepies)</i>
<i>Thu</i>	7.30pm	<i>Restore (Support Group)</i>
<i>Fri</i>		-
<i>Sat</i>	11.30pm	<i>Christmas 'Watchnight' Service</i>

Duty Steward: John Davis

**Next Sunday morning we will be having a Christmas Day Family Service at 10am with Neil Redwood. No evening service.**

Duty Steward: Mike Forbes (Watchnight Service)  
John Davis (Christmas Day)



We give a **warm welcome** to all who are visiting us today. Our children and young people will leave during the service for teaching and worship in their peer groups.

The wine used for communion is non-alcoholic. May God bless you as you worship with us.

**Please pray for:**

### **BMS World Mission**

#### **Guinea**

Although there is relative political stability in Guinea, it is still a country where many people live with little hope, especially in the urban centres. In this Muslim majority country today, there is a greater need than ever for the reality of the gospel message to reach into local communities. Guinean mission workers are an important part of the life and outreach, enabling the new centres of Christian witness to be established.

### **Churches in the West of England Baptist Association**

#### **Lechlade, Glos**

**Sam Edwards, Minister-in-Training)**

We give thanks for the 15+ children who came to the Holiday Bible Club and the donation of a new screen and the creation of an electronic file of hymns and songs. Please pray for our Carols by Candlelight service on Christmas Eve; our Christmas Day service; wisdom and guidance as we prayerfully consider the ongoing ministry of the church; wisdom to know how we might build on the relationships we've made through Holiday Club; FruitShoots Kids Club (numbers have been low); Beans Coffee Shop (Sat. Mornings); Card-making club (first Wed of the month) and the prospect of major roof repairs being needed within the next five years.

#### **Minchinhampton, Glos**

**Liam Eaglestone**

Points for Praise: for an encouraging number of baptisms and more people becoming church members; for our growing partnership with Stonehouse BC and the role of the Rev. Simon Shepherd in both churches and for developing connections and relationships in the wider community of Minchinhampton and the Stroud Five Valleys.

Points for Praise: for the journey of 'becoming a church of missional communities' – with an emphasis on missional small groups; for MBC and its Minister, Liam eaglestone, during his sabbatical in Sydney (Dec 11 – Feb 12) and for all the opportunities to share the life of Christ during the Christmas season.

### **Churches Together in Clevedon**

The Catholic Church

Father Reg Gray

Please pray for

	<b>Adults &amp; Families</b>	<b>Young People &amp; Children</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	Matthew Cannock	Maddie Didau	W
<b>Tue</b>	Avril Chadwick, Amelie & Grace	Rosalie Dixon	T
<b>Wed</b>	Katherine Charnley	Natalie Doig	Y
<b>Thu</b>	Adelia Checketts	Ben Edwards	KC
<b>Fri</b>	Pat Clark	Annabel Fear	T
<b>Sat</b>	Jenny Cloete	Emily Fowler	KC
<b>Sun</b>	David & Elisabeth Cooling	Nathan Francis	Y

T – Toddlers; C – Crèche; W – Walkers; KC – Kidz Club; R – Runners; S – Sprinters; JY – Junior Youth; SY – Senior Youth

**Prayer Ministry** is available every Sunday, before, during and after each service. Please make yourself known to one of the prayer ministry team (identified by their badges) in the overflow area. If you would like prayer at home for any reason, please contact Anne Owen.

**If you are relatively new to the church** and considering continuing to worship with us, please ask to be introduced to one of the leaders. They will give you more information and take your contact details, if you wish. This will help us to keep in touch with you and offer what help, advice or information you may require.

**There is an open invitation** to pray for the life of the church and the service every Sunday morning and evening from 10.00am and 5.30pm in room 2. When this room becomes too small for those wanting to pray we will find a larger space.....

### **Pastoral Care Arrangements**

**Karen Gomm – (01275 870042)** pastoral care contact for prayer requests, cards & flowers. Your pastoral care rep or Karen can be contacted for all other concerns.

The Pastoral Leaders Martin Cross and Sheila Brewer are also available for any urgent, important or sensitive pastoral concerns.

### **Preaching Engagements of members**

**Neil Redwood** is preaching at Portishead URC this morning.

There will be a **New Years Eve bring and share get together starting 8pm finishing just after 12.00 midnight.** A time to enjoy fellowship, fun and a thought for 2012.

Please come and bring a friend. It is a good time to be together.

Contact Mike Spencer 870738 or Kris Gaydon 340634. Sign up in the foyer TODAY.

**Open Door Coffee Morning:** The team will be taking a break over the Christmas period with the last coffee morning taking place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December and resuming from Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2012.

### **Carols in the Afternoon 21<sup>st</sup> December at 3.30pm**

Mince Pies needed! If you are able to supply some mince pies please contact Graham Sparkes.

### **Christmas Day Family Service**

Our service on Christmas morning will be a shorter family service. Please encourage the children to bring one of their presents to the service in order that we might have a little fun together. Neil Redwood.

### **Luncheon Club Party**

I would like to thank all those who worked hard to make the party a special time for all who came. It went well and we received lots of positive feedback. Thanks to you all. Mary Sparkes.

**Weekly Home Groups.** The Church runs many home groups to meet peoples differing needs. See details below. Please contact Sara Dodd (07850212626) regarding the Youth Group and Graham Sparkes (343843) or Neil Redwood (877221) if you wish to join one of the others.

**Evening Groups** (starting times vary)

Tuesday – Youth Group and Young Adult Group  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – All age groups

Day Time Groups

Seniors' Bible Study: Tuesday 10.30am  
Ladies' Group: Wednesday 10.30am

### **Want to make a difference?**

**Tearfund** cards are available on The Hub to be taken away and offer you the opportunity to pray over an issue and sign a card to send to our local MP Liam Fox. In my experience he does pay some attention to these cards and often replies. Please take one and use it today. Sarah Sweet

Also available on The Hub today are information booklets entitled '**The Part You Play – living faithfully in a changing climate**'. Please take one if you're interested in finding out more about climate change and how you can make a difference.

### **Reference Weekly Giving Envelopes.**

This is the time of year to decide if you wish to continue to use the weekly giving envelopes or wish to start using them. Please contact **Graham Parsons** with regard to this.

**Thank you** for all your prayers. It has been a tremendous support. Dave Hinton

### **ALPHA**

Are you interested in understanding what Christianity is all about, who Jesus really was and how he can change your life. Why not try joining one of the ALPHA courses starting in the new year. The courses will run at the Kenn Road Methodist Church in Kenn Road and if you would like to know more, please speak to Neil Redwood 877221.

#### ***Evening Alpha on Tuesday evenings***

7.30pm to 9.30pm starting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and continuing for ten weeks.

#### ***New Daytime Alpha on Thursday afternoons***

2.30pm to 4.30pm starting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and continuing for five weeks

**Anyone alone this Christmas Time?** A Christmas Lunch is being arranged to take place at 'The Barn', Clevedon. Transport can be arranged. After the meal there will be singing and presents. Contact Chris Norrish on 01275 463453. Don't be on your own.

**Crawlers Group:** setting up/clearing away helpers urgently required. If you could help set up the equipment for this group on Sunday mornings on a rota basis (ie once every month?) please contact Dawn Mair or Emma Bryant or email Becky at [beckybessant@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beckybessant@hotmail.co.uk). Many thanks.

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**Youth Team Leader:** Sara Dodd T: 07850212626

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**Job Opportunities:** Please see the notice on the Opportunities board in the Foyer for more details.

**Vine Counselling Services Part-time Administrator (5 hours a week)**

**Network: Counselling and Training Administrative Assistant (11.25 hours per week)**

**Next Sunday's Bulletin will cover 2 weeks. The next Bulletin will be published on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Items for this must be sent to Averil Parsons by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**

### **Important Notice**

The Leadership Team bring to your attention the fact that there continues to be an opportunity to lead and help in Walkers, the Sunday morning children's group for 5-7 year olds. Without this support Walkers will have to close 1-2 Sundays per month from January 2012 onwards due to the lack of leaders and helpers. Please pray and consider whether this might be an opportunity for you to serve. If you would like to find out more about what is involved please speak to Becky Bessant our Children and Families Team Leader.

**Coming Up in January... Not to be missed!**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Monday 16<sup>th</sup>- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012** featuring prayer for Arts and Entertainment, Business, Family, Media, Education, Government, and Religion in a variety of locations across the town including the Curzon, the Barn and Yeo Moor School. More details to follow in January

**Marriage Enrichment Course:** Please see enclosed blue flyer.

**Please note that the Christmas Day Family Service will be taking place at 10am and NOT 10.30am as previously advertise. We apologise for the error. Please could you make sure that you inform anyone you have invited of the change in time.**