

Worship Group Practices:

December – 11th

January – 8th & 22nd

Home Group:

December – 3rd & 17th

January – 14th & 28th

Prayer Meeting:

December – 10th

January – 7th

Flower Rota:

Please see Pat to choose your dates. All welcome. Help can be given if you want to try to do an arrangement. New Donors to pay for flowers always needed and welcome.

Dates for the diary:

TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday December 1st at 7:00pm.

MEMBERS MEETING

Tuesday December 2nd at 7:00pm Here in Jubilee Hall/Sunday School.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 6th December 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Anybody able to help please let Rita know.

PANTOMIME

December 18th, 19th & 20th

Please see Michelle, Kirstie and team for more details.



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Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

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NEWSLETTER**

December 2014 – January 2015

SERVICES



Bible Sunday December 7th
(Sunday School Prize Giving)
11:00 am



December 21st
Sunday School Christmas Service
11:00am

Carol Service 6:00pm



December 24th
Christingle 5:30pm



Family Christmas Service
Morning Only December 25th
Service starts at 9:30am

January 11th AM – Rev. Tony Finch
January 11th PM – Terry Osborne
All other services Rev. Peter Norton



COMMUNION

First Sunday of each month – Evening Service
Third Sunday of each month – Morning Service

Dear Friends,

It is often said at this time of the year that we will be so busy that we won't have time to get everything ready for Christmas.

Some folk triumphantly announce that they have got all the presents ready and all the cards written and addressed, the turkey is in the freezer along with all the vegetables in late August!!!. Sometimes you wish you hadn't asked because of the feelings of inadequacy that come over you.

As I have shared before I had an aunty who was icing her Christmas cake on Christmas Eve; my cousins didn't know what it was to have set icing on the cake.

The pressure is on, the traditions are set, and we cannot escape the rush of Christmas even if we want to.

Of course it was not unlike this at the time of Jesus' birth, there was the need to find somewhere to stay, then the confusion of visitors who came unannounced, (Shepherds & Magi), and such a variety of presents for the King Jesus.

It may have become more complicated now, certainly more commercialised, for some it's just an excuse for a party.

However I saw on the internet where someone had written "I am putting Christ back into Christmas, after all it is HIS birthday we celebrate."

Christina Rossetti from the 17th century wrote a song that in the last verse gives a clear description of what is needed; I leave it with you as a prayer of commitment for Christmas:

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him—
Give my heart.

God bless you all.

Christmas greetings from Peter and Sue Norton