

Pray this month especially for:

Around the Fellowship:

Mandy & Martin Stephens & family, Mark & Roz Wakefield & family, Colin & Linda White, Ken & Joyce Wooster, Sandra Wright

Around Stockwood:

Bagnell Road, Bagnell Close, Ladman Road, Ladman Grove, Chestnut Close, Pynne Road, Pynne Close, Cottle Road, Cottle Gardens

Prayer Walk – 6.30pm on **9th December**. Meet at Lance & Carol's home, 7 Cogsall Road, to walk around this area

Lance's Labours

- Loads of Christmas event preparation
- Planning the January preaching series
- Extension(!!)

Where is Lance?

Carol and Lance will be around for most of this month but are hoping to spend a few days away between Sunday 30th December & Saturday 5th January. Please also note that Lance will take **Fridays as an official day off** and should not be contacted (Ted or Roger will be available in the event of an emergency)

IT group

Are we making the most-effective use of our excellent IT infrastructure? Have we got the emphasis right? Is it strategic? Is it a "Kingdom-building" work? Please speak to Lance if you would be interested in joining a "think tank" sometime in the New Year

Advance Notices

January

6th **New Year Covenant Service**

12th **Youth Church/Adventurers New Year Party**

12th **Praying for our Children** (5-7pm). A time of praying with others or on your own for your children/grandchildren/foster children/God children – whatever their age. We will be using two of the new rooms – one for praying with others and one for praying alone. This overlaps with the Adventurers party, so if your children are at the party, why not arrive early to pick them up and pray for them first?

February 18th – 22nd

Holiday Club - please save your empty (clean) small glass bottles (such as cranberry sauce)

Easter

Lance is already thinking about how we might use our new rooms in the week leading up to Easter; a "prayer experience" room is already on his list. Please let him know if there is anything else that you think would work

Next Newsletter Deadline : 27th December

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So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image

2 Corinthians 3:18 (New Living Translation)

We meet every Sunday morning at 10.45am

(Prayer from 10.15am)

With Youth Church, Adventurers, Crèche, Refreshments. Communion is generally held on the first Sunday of the month



WEEKLY PROGRAMME

During December we break from our usual series approach and instead mainly focus on Advent and the birth of Immanuel

SUNDAY:

Nov 25th Lance: Acts 27-28
4.30pm – Connect - An opportunity to enjoy a less formal style of worship

Dec 2nd Church Anniversary (includes Family Communion), followed by a Fellowship lunch (please bring a pudding)

9th Ted
6.30pm – Prayer Walk

16th Martin & Beth (Adults in Back Hall)
6.30pm – Film Night

23rd Nativity
6.30pm – Carol Service

30th G1 (always a real treat)

MONDAY:

School Assemblies (3rd & 10th) – please pray for the team

11.30am **Lunch Club** (3rd, 10th & 17th only)

12.30pm **Ladies Circle – Christmas Lunch** (3rd)

7.45pm **Fellowship Group** at 70 Ladman Rd

TUESDAY:

10.00am **Christmas Day** – a short, family-friendly all age service

7.00pm **Weigh & Pray**

WEDNESDAY:

9.30am **Toddlers' Group**

10.30am **Boxing Day Walk** – meeting from 10.15am, followed by a light lunch at the church

7.00pm **Puppet Practice** (5th & 19th)

7.30pm **Fellowship Group** at 83 Stockwood Rd (5th at 11 Maple Close)

7.30pm **Intercessory Prayer Meeting** at Carol & Lance's home (12th)
Note change of day

THURSDAY:

1.00pm **Toddlers' Group**

7.45pm **Fellowship Group** at 60 Bifield Rd (6th & 13th, not 27th)
Christmas Party on 20th – All Welcome

SATURDAY:

7.30am **Monthly Bible Meditation**
Starting at 7.30am and lasting for just an hour (1st)

11.00am **Open Air Carols** in the shopping precinct area (22nd)

8.00pm **G1 Group** at Lance and Carol's home (1st & 15th)

NEWS & EVENTS

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you, Church, for pulling out all the stops to make such a significant impact on our Community. Estimates of the turn-out varied between 120 and 150 which amazed even the most optimistic among us. And we are so grateful to our Heavenly Father for providing us with perfect weather for the service

Update on Extension

First, I want to thank Terry Nichols, Roger Bingham and Rob Bidgood for their tireless efforts *throughout* the year. Others have helped, but these three have shouldered a lot of the on-going load of this project. At first glance the rooms are clearly wonderfully decorated and furnished. However, we have a way to go to ensure that the entire premises comply with current fire regulations and that we have met all the requirements of our building regulations; only then can we truly say that the project is finished, and we can start allowing outside groups to use the rooms [Lance]

Official Opening of the Extension – 1st

We would love you to join us from **4pm** to celebrate a very special time in the history of the church, with an official opening of our new extension by Graham Morris and a shared tea. We are being joined by the Brownies, Rainbows and puppets. There will be displays and information from some of the groups we are involved with plus some craft sessions for the children. After tea we will sing some favourite hymns and have an opportunity to see a school assembly. Please let Pat know what you are able to bring and share for tea. We would appreciate help in setting up the church from 10.30am [Clare]

Prayer meetings

I get frequent comments from people about the importance of praying together as Church. Just to remind you that there are lots of opportunities:
Prayer walk ❖ Intercessory prayer meeting ❖ Monthly Bible meditation ❖ Prayer for Children days ❖ Home groups
And, if anyone wants to join a prayer triplet, just let me know [Lance]

Prayer leaflets

If you have not been given a copy of the prayer leaflet, please ask Lance

CHRISTMAS - Oh Yay! We're here yet again. All our services/activities are detailed on the relevant day in the left-hand Weekly Programme section

As usual we will need lots of people to commit to delivering Christmas cards to the community. **Please help!**

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We are really hoping that Ema and Livia, Andrei's two elder daughters, will come over to us in July/August. We are starting to think about a group going back over there in September/October. Please let Lance or Carol know if you want to join that group

Mandy will be renewing the Reading rota in January – please speak to her if you'd like to be added