

## The Week Ahead

**TODAY Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
 10.00am Young People at Park View Court  
 10.00am Band ensemble at Cossham Gardens Home  
 10.30am Band outside the Hall welcoming you to Worship  
 11.00am **All-Age Worship Star Light** (Matthew 2:1-12)  
 5.00pm **Corps Carol Service** A traditional service of carols & readings with Colin, Nicola and all our musicians

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

5.00pm **Carols in The Square** – see poster inside

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

All Day Activities, entertaining & Christmas Lunch with guests  
 11.00am **Christmas Day Worship Light Dawns** (Luke 2:1-7)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

7.30, 9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am-12.00pm **NO Coffee Morning**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

11.00am **All-Age Worship Light at Last** (Luke 2:25-35)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**

7.30, 9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

10.30am Coffee Morning

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
 11.00am **All-Age Worship** with Colin & Nicola  
 12.30pm **Faith Lunch** - Bring lunch for you, & share it with everyone else: great way of getting rid of leftovers!  
 1.30pm **Put away, tidy up & clean up** involving everyone  
 5.00pm **NO WORSHIP** – home to rest after a busy afternoon



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## The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

Elise Belcher sent a Christmas Card to her re-elected MP. He wasn't the man she wanted to represent her in Parliament. Thinking long & hard about what might happen over the next 5 years, this is what she said:

*"Dear Chris. Congratulations on your re-election. In uncertain times, I hope your leadership can represent all the constituents of Kingswood & show the unity called for by the Prime Minister. Recent social media posts belittling the opposition as they accept defeat have not been a good start & I hope this can change. I hope your leadership can involve humility, service an openness to listen to us all and a way to seek common ground. Perhaps reflection on the values & life-lessons from the first Christmas in Bethlehem will help us all: welcoming migrants & refugees, shelter for the most vulnerable, justice for the poorest, a King arriving in humble surroundings, peace on earth & goodwill to all men...I write this card from Stockholm where, because of current Freedom of Movement, I am able to take up temporary six month work placement here. My life decisions will now changes a result of the elections & I hope that your decisions will continue to improve & not limit possibilities for us all. I wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Yours faithfully, Elise."*

Then I read about Ben Foster, a professional & international footballer. He was driving home from the game with his family when he noticed an 80 year old supporter walking home, a little uncertain on his feet. All didn't seem right, so they turned round only to find him in a roadside ditch. Turns out, he was in the early stages of dementia & was confused about where he was. The Fosters helped him to his feet, took him home & helped him clean up.

As I edit the 299<sup>th</sup> & my final Weekly Bulletin, what better way to end than 2 shining examples of **What Jesus Would Do** & examples we should follow.

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**TODAYS BULLETIN:** Just a few Christmas special events left .....



The Carol Service tonight at 5pm led by Colin & Nicola featuring all our musicians, Carols in The Square on Christmas Eve at 5pm and Christmas Morning in our Hall at 11am. **Three great occasions to celebrate Christmas!**

### **CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS BULLETIN:**

On the first Sunday in the New Year, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020, we want to start the year with **2020 Vision**. And to help us see clearly, we want to make sure our building is clean & tidy, spic and span, everything in its rightful place ..... spit spot someone might say!

So we will be meeting for our normal Sunday morning activities culminating in Worship for all ages at 11am. We will then rest for lunch. We would like you to bring lunch for yourselves (however many you are) and place together with everyone else's offerings, God will bless it & we'll have a great time together sharing food, probably with slightly more than 5 loaves & fishes! Then fully blessed & refreshed, we'll take down all the Christmas decorations & put them away, give the building a refreshing & early spring clean, making sure everything is where it should be & fully functioning.

Then we'll go home & enjoy the rest of the day.

**THIS ISN'T A DAY FOR A FEW, IT'S A DAY FOR EVERYONE – please help!**

### **QUARTERS BULLETIN:**

Good news – the old Quarters at 56 Jubilee Road have been sold!

### **FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:** [staplehillprayers@gmail.com](mailto:staplehillprayers@gmail.com)

I have spoken with Barbara Kingston & have received a Christmas Card from her & Mervin sending you their best wishes for Christmas & the New Year.

Flowers today are provided by David Tovey in memory of Christine.

Malcolm Wiltshire has had a difficult week recovering from major surgery and complications. Our prayers continue to be with him, Gerry & the family. (We're hoping to go & play a few carols to him this afternoon or tomorrow)

Mavis Stone & Chris Claridge are still in Hospital as is June Wallington after a fall and subsequent operation on her hip.

Members of our Fellowship who we wish were with us every Sunday who would benefit from your prayers and your contact:

#### ***"WISH YOU WERE HERE"***

Irene Ackerman, Rita Adams, Molly Angle, Ruth Barber, Wesley Challenger, Chris Claridge, Valerie Cuff, Brenda Driscoll, Margaret Hatton, Brenda Hussey, Ruby James, David Jones, Gwen Lear, Joyce Lear, Hazel Leonard, Shirley Nokes, Catherine Read, Roy Rodman, Valerie Scott, Peter Scott, Francis Shepherd, Ruth Shepherd, John Sheppard, Olive Sheppard, June Wallington.

### **AND FINALLY BULLETIN:**

A reminder of what Christmas is all about .....

T'was the night before Christmas, God glanced over the earth.  
He looked to and fro, All over it's girth.  
They missed it again He said with a sigh,  
A heavy heart and a tear in his eye.  
I gave them my son, So they could be free.  
My greatest gift, To them from me.  
They traded me in, For a man in red.  
A little tree, And horse drawn sled.  
How do I save them, And make them see.  
My love is complete, My grace is free.  
How do I help them, When all they know.  
Is a talking snowman, And a box with a bow.  
Maybe next year, they will stop and see.  
The biggest gift of Christmas, Is the little child from me.