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"Building a Community to reach a Community"



Welcome!

Sunday 10th December 2017

We offer you a very warm Hope welcome.

Bibles are available at the back of the church if you would like to use one within the service.

Please join us for coffee after the service. If you are new to our Church today, we invite you to sign our Visitor's Book. Or, if you have been with us for a few weeks, please complete a Welcome Card and pass it to the stewards.

This Sunday

Christmas Nativity Service

All Age Service

Flowers: Women's Rendezvous
Remembering with love many happy days
with our dear friend, Marian Brown.

Next Sunday

The story seldom told of... royalty.

Matthew 2: 1-12

Church Flower Fund

Candlelit Carol Service at 6:00pm

Carols on Peverell Corner & Christmas Cafe – Saturday 16th December

From 10:00am to 12:00 noon our "big band" will be playing carols outside the church, while a Christmas café will run in the sanctuary.

People are needed to: engage with the local community, mingle with local shoppers and passers by, invite them in for coffee and a mince pie and to encourage them to attend our forthcoming Children's Event and Christmas Services, where they can have an opportunity to hear the Gospel in this Christmas season.

BBC One Songs of Praise – Sunday 10th December

For those involved in the recent filming of Songs of Praise, don't forget it is due to be aired today at 3:00pm. This will hopefully feature a segment about our Minister Andrew's faith during his illness and the subsequent launch of his Rising Hope ministry.

House groups' socials this week

- Monday 11th December – Allsorts Communion 2:15pm , Thirst 6:30pm – 8:00pm and Weekly Prayer Meeting 7:00pm – 8:00pm
- Wednesday 13th December – Women's Rendezvous 7:00pm
- Thursday 14th December – Community Cafe 10:00am – 12noon, Prayer for the Persecuted Church 10:45am – 11:45am, Prayers for Youth & Children 12:00noon – 12:30pm and Hy-Powered for school years 3 to 6, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- Friday 15th December – Hype for school years 7 to 9, 7:00pm – 8:30pm & Re:Act for school years 10 to 13, 8:30pm – 10:00pm
- Saturday 16th December – Carols on Peverell Corner and Cafe 10:00am – 12:00pm



Allsorts Communion – Monday 11th December – 2:15pm

Please come along for a short service of worship, prayer, bible thought and communion.

Get Ready for Christmas! – Saturday 23rd December 2017

Saturday 23rd December is our next children's event, Get Ready for Christmas!

It is especially for families with children under 8 years old however everyone is welcome. There is going to be a lot of Christmas fun so please invite your friends and family to join us. Also if you would like to help with this event please let Lily Tobin know, there will be many roles from making cakes, to mingling with the parents, so there is something that suits everyone's skills! Email on: children&families@hopebaptist.co.uk

Collection for Andy & Jenny Saunders

As with previous years Gill Knight will be collecting money to send to Andy and Jenny Saunders (working for BMS in Nepal) at Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please pass any donations to Gill or Peter & Beryl Brown by the Sunday 10th December.

Thank you.

Inspiring Women Bible Notes

Bronia Troughton will be finalising an order of Inspiring Women Bible notes tomorrow. Please speak to her today if you wish to amend your usual order or to find out more about trying out these daily Bible reading notes.

Christmas week!

- Monday 18th December – Open House 1.30pm – 3.30pm , Weekly Prayer Meeting 7:00pm – 8:00pm
- Thursday 21st December – Community Cafe 10:00am – 12noon
- Saturday 23rd December – ‘Getting Ready for Christmas’ Children and Families Event



Christmas Day Service

Please note that the Christmas Day celebration service starts a little earlier than our usual services, and begins at 10:00am.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a small (& low monetary value) wrapped gift for themselves to open with the rest of the church family within the service.

(If you are choosing which gift to bring for others in your family to open, novelty socks & hats are always popular!)

This Christmas time...

This Christmas the church office will be closed between Wednesday 20th December 2017 until Wednesday 3rd January 2018. The office email accounts will be monitored, however for urgent pastoral assistance please contact Keith Ponsford on 07747864786 or email: keith.ponsford@hopebaptist.co.uk

There will be a notice sheet prepared for Sunday 17th December. The next notice sheet will be available on Sunday 7th January. Please contact the office with any church news items that need to be included to be shared with the whole church family by the end of the Monday before you need your item included. If you need to submit items when the office is closed please email or leave a message on the answerphone.

Christmas 2017 @ Hope

Please consider inviting neighbours, colleagues, friends and family to any or all of our services and events throughout the Christmas period, where they will be made very welcome. Flyers with this information can be collected from the back of the church.

Saturday 16th December 10:00am Carols and Community Cafe

Sunday 17th December 10:30am *The story seldom told... of royalty*

(Communion)

Sunday 17th December 6:00pm Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 24th December 10:30am *The story seldom told... of a prophet*

Sunday 24th December 11:15pm ‘Midnight’ Communion

Monday 25th December 10:00am Christmas Day Celebrations

Youth & Children @ Hope

We welcome children and young people to all our services. On most Sunday's we have groups for all children and young people. The groups usually meet as follows:

Creche	Babies and toddlers up to 3 years old:	Room 7
Bubbles & Splash	Pre-school & School Years Foundation, 1 & 2:	Room 9/10
Hy-Powered	School Years 3-6:	Room 6
Hype	School Years 7-9:	Room 12
Re:Act	School Years 10-13:	Room 11

Sponsor a Sprout!

Christmas can be an expensive & stressful time for families, and for those in real financial difficulties, just putting food on the table can be overwhelming.

This year the Community Food Share team are asking you to consider sponsoring an item to go into the Christmas hampers we will be delivering to families in need within the Plymouth area.

If you are able to help, please contact Maddie Maddison, Nigel Pain, Chris Houston or Ayshea Cross or you can email the team at communityfoodshare@hopebaptist.co.uk

Egyptian Prayer Focus

Please pray for Christians in Egypt at this time of unrest. A 45 year old church minister from a village south of Cairo was recently stabbed to death leaving a wife and three children. The murderer said that he sensed Allah was telling him to kill the minister. May this family know God with them at all times helping them through these dark days and may the government committee look favourably on the 2000 requests it has received from churches to receive legal status for their buildings.

How to stay up to date...

As well as checking the pigeon holes at the back of the church for any mail, you can also email the office – office@hopebaptist.co.uk & ask to be added to the Church email distribution list. You will receive our weekly newsletter and other updates and information. You can also check out our website – www.hopebaptist.co.uk for news, programmes and sermons or look for us on facebook – facebook.com/HopeBaptistPlymouth