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## Welcome!

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.

### 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.

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 10:30am	<i>The story seldom told... of royalty</i> (Communion)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm	Candlelit Carol Service
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 10:30am	<i>The story seldom told... of a prophet</i>
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 11:15pm	'Midnight' Communion
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am	Christmas Day Celebrations
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December 10:30am	New Year Eve All Age Service

### Hope90 – A Year of Celebration!

During 2018 Hope Baptist Church will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> year of worshipping on Peverell Corner and we have lots planned to help us celebrate!

### 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January – Anniversary Weekend

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 7:00pm: Evening Celebration with food, drinks and cabaret.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10:30am: 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving service with testimonies.

Please collect a copy of the new Hope90 leaflet from the back of the church which will give you loads more information about the plans for the whole year.

## The Church Office & Pastoral Care This Christmas

This Christmas the church office will be closed between Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:keith.ponsford@hopebaptist.co.uk)

The next notice sheet will be available on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact the office with any church news items that need 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.

All the church staff wishes you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

## Open House Christmas Party - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm

Everyone is welcome to come along to this month's Open House where we will be having our Christmas party and making table decorations with flowers and candles.

## Get Ready for Christmas!

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 10:00am - 12:00noon

This event 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](mailto:children&families@hopebaptist.co.uk)

## 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 & silly hats are always popular!)

## Church Flowers During Christmas

Sunday 17th December - Church Flower Fund

Sunday 24th December - Church Flower fund

Sunday 7th January 2018 - Nicki McDaid

"Remembering her Mum and Grandparents with fondest love."

## Christmas & New Year Diary Dates:

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Open House 2:15pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 7:00pm – 8:00pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Community Cafe 10:00am – 12noon
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – ‘Getting Ready for Christmas’ Children and Families Event 10:00am – 12:00noon
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 – LadieZone 7:00pm
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Community Cafe 10:00am – 12noon and Hy-Powered 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Hype 7:00pm – 8:30pm & Re:Act 8:30pm – 10:00pm

## Christmas Food Hampers – 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](mailto:communityfoodshare@hopebaptist.co.uk)

## Hope Baptist Church Blogs

During this year we have been trialling a new form of communication to share information on what is happening at Hope. Thank you for the feedback at the recent church meeting which was useful. We plan to continue in 2018 and would love more people to join in. If you are involved in any aspect of service at Hope, are a volunteer, part of an action group or just want to share news about an upcoming event, please contact the church office for more information.

## Dates for Church groups and events.

Monday prayer Meeting – Everyone is welcome to the meeting at 7:00pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no church prayer meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> December or 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. The next meeting will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Allsorts Communion Service – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 2:15pm.

Housegroups begin again on the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Church Members Meeting – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 7:30pm.

## 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

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December there will one group for all children up to age 11. On 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December there are no groups to allow our amazing team of volunteers to have a break. All groups will be running as usual on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## Allan's News

We have a new update from the Allan family including news about their plans to move house soon. Please contact Richard Simpson or the church office to read the information and prayer points.

## Prayer Focus – North Korea

North Korea - the worst place in the world to be a Christian!  
Let us remember the tens of thousands of Christians incarcerated in horrific labour camps. When someone is caught following Christ, often three generations of the same family are brought into the camps - a powerful deterrent.

Please pray for strength and endurance for those incarcerated and protection for Open Doors secret workers as they smuggle in food and Bibles.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.hopebaptist.co.uk) for news, programmes and sermons or look for us on facebook – [facebook.com/HopeBaptistPlymouth](https://facebook.com/HopeBaptistPlymouth)