

PORTON BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Showing Love, Showing Christ, Showing His Way

December 2018



And is it true? And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained glass windows hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?

John Bet

Dear Friends

As we approach the end of another year it is good to look back and to look forward.
(sounds a bit like my Irish Family!)

It is lovely to see how God's House in Porton is looking so neat and tidy with the new brickwork at the front which will help the drainage of rain water, and the fence at the back which looks tremendous. I hope no one will miss the corrugated tin sheets?

Now that all the work on Porton Baptist has been virtually finished we all need to play our part in helping to fill the Church with living stones, so I hope that this will be our New Year's wish for 2019, a full Church where all visitors and members can find salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ and be built up in our faith.

Let's look at what December holds for us all:-

2nd December Trussell Trust Gift Day We can share with those who have greater needs than ourselves.

8th December The Children's Party at the Idmiston Memorial Hall

16th December The Family Nativity Play. A Highlight

23rd December Carol Service with the Rev Paul Corson

25th December Christmas Morning Celebration

30th December New Year's Eve weekend

What a wonderful month of opportunities to bring our gifts to the baby Jesus; our Trust, Faith, Love and Service.

Remember, Father Christmas only comes once a year whereas the Lord Jesus Christ is with us every day, 24/7/365

A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED, GOD FILLED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

John and Jean

Wendy's Spot

A very Happy and Blessed Christmas from all of us at Porton Baptist Church. We hope you will be able to join us for our special services and celebrations during the next few weeks.

A Reminder

Don't forget to save your postage stamps, especially at Christmas. Any you give me will be passed on to a local Durrington Church who will send them on to the Baptist Missionary Society. Last year they raised a total of £13,000.

Thank you in advance, Mercia

For Prayer

Small Baptist

Please remember the following members of our 'Small Baptist' family, a network of churches with membership, mostly, in single figures.

2 – 8	Oakdale, Nr. Caerphilly, South Wales	Stock Green, Worcester
9 – 15	Braybrooke, Market Harborough, Leics	Beckington, Nr. Frome
16 – 22	Walton-By-Kimcote, Lutterworth, Leics	Thorverton, Exeter
23 – 29	Richton, Blackburn, Lancs	Milton, Acton Bridge, Cheshire
30 – 6 Jan	Abertillery, (King Street), Gwent	Zion, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts

These are small churches witnessing God's message in their communities. Details of their prayer needs can be found in the small Baptist leaflet in church.

Worldwide

The people of Yemen, that efforts to secure a lasting ceasefire may be successful; that the Aid Agencies may be allowed access to the millions of starving people.

Missionary

For missionaries away from home at Christmas; for the Salvation Army and other charities as they bring help to the homeless this Christmastide; for the Trussel Trust and Alabare.

National

The Queen; the Royal Family; Government, both National and Local.

Local

Our local schools as they celebrate Christmas, may the children learn its true meaning.

The Church and Friends

Our services this month; for visitors, that they may receive a warm welcome; those of the Fellowship with continuing health problems; our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; our visiting preachers.

Birthdays

16th Bethan

22nd David

28th Clive

**We wish all our "absent friends" a very Happy Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year**

CHURCH CALENDAR

November 2018

Sunday	2 th	10:30	Morning Service – Revd. Paul Corson Gifts for Trussel Trust
Monday	3 th	3pm	Leaders' Meeting
Saturday	8 th	3-5pm	Sunday School Party
Sunday	9 th	10.30	Communion Service – David Niven
Wednesday	12 th	2.15pm	Wednesday Fellowship
Sunday	16 th	10.30	Sunday School Nativity
Sunday	23 rd	10.30	Carol Service – Rev. Paul Corson
Christmas Day	25 th	10.00	Christmas Day Family Celebration – John Lodge
Sunday	30 th	10.30	Communion Service – Wendy Searle
Sunday	6 th	10:30	New Year Service – Rev Paul Corson

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