

iNext week 31st December 2017

Coffee Rota Steve & Ruth Campbell

Flower Rota Vacant

Cleaning Rota Vacant

Next week 7th January 2018

Coffee Rota Jane & David Beldham

Flower Rota Yvonne Young

Cleaning Rota Vacant

JAM Rota Soraya Emokpaire & Diane Chilmaid

Service 31st December 2017

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Priscilla Payne

Reading: Diane Chilmaid

1 Peter 1:2-9 NT p 294

Praying: Priscilla Payne

Preaching: Priscilla Payne

No Evening Service

Services 7th January 2018

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Priscilla Payne

Reading: Carolyn McMahon

Praying: Simon Webley

Preaching: Priscilla Payne

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Priscilla Payne

Reading: Michael Morris

Praying: Maureen Morris

Preaching: Priscilla Payne

**Refreshments are served after morning services.
All welcome.**

Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for the people of Syria and Iraq. Pray for peace and a new generation of leaders who will genuinely care for all the people of their countries.

Pray for those seeking to bring food and shelter to the homeless in our country this Christmas. Pray for wise construction of public policy leading to more people living in homes.

Pray for those who will find Christmas especially difficult this year. Those dealing with the death of a loved one, serious illness, divorce and separation.

Mission Prayer

for

CMJ

Pray for ongoing healing for Alex Jacob, CEO CMJ UK; pray for strength and wisdom as he returns to work after his operation; for his writing and speaking ministry.

Pray for the many Jewish people still affected directly or indirectly by the Holocaust. Pray that Holocaust Memorial events on January 27th in the UK will be supported by Christians; for believers worldwide seeking to encourage Holocaust survivors.

Mission Prayer

for

CPAS

Praise God that over 2017 around 90 Venture and Falcon holidays have impacted thousands of young people and by extension, their families and communities alike. Pray for the last holiday of the year (28th Dec to 1st Jan) that everyone is inspired and challenged. As the holiday comes to a close, pray for good memories, safe travels and a sense of God's presence going with everyone to their homes, schools, colleges and workplaces. Pray too that they continue to grow in faith and confidence.

Mission Prayer

for

Tearfund

Please pray for an end to the violence, fear, anger and hatred among communities in Myanmar. Lift up grieving families who have lost loved ones, and those traumatised by the perilous journey to safety.

Thought for the Week

This is love:

not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4 v 10

St. Peter's Church



Welcome

'We are here to demonstrate God's love for all as shown in Jesus to people where we live and work.'

Services 24th December 2017

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Judith Boarer

1 John 4:7-21 NT p306

Praying: Ruth Campbell

Preaching: Ross Terranova

4.30 pm Carols on the Green

11.00 pm Midnight Holy Communion

Leading: Priscilla Payne

Reading: Alan Warner

Anita Brightley Hodges

John Paul

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Service 25th December 2017

10.00 am Christmas Praise

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: John Paul & Stephen Kemp

Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

At the heart of the Christian celebration of Christmas is the simple yet staggering phrase 'God with Us'. We celebrate the miracle of the Incarnation - that the eternal God, the second person of the Holy Trinity - God the Son has forever united himself to us - born of Mary, he became one of us born at Bethlehem. Charles Wesley put it beautifully in one of his less well-known Christmas hymns '*Our God contracted to a span, incomprehensibly made man*'. Jesus is one with us in our joys and our sorrows - in our hopes and in our fears. His coming to reminds us that no point in the universe is too remote for his presence and no speck too small for his care and love.

This morning we are looking at the great theme of '**God of Love**' from the first letter of John. In a world like ours how do we know God is Love? What does that mean when there is so much pain, war and death all around us?

The first followers of Jesus lived in a world like ours yet something about him helped them make sense of their world and led to the growth and flourishing of the Christian faith. How can and how does that same faith still speak to our world?

Next Sunday - New Year's Eve - One service only at 10.00am

Diary for 25th Dec to 6th January at St Peter's Church

Thurs 4th Jan

Pre-School Staff Development Day

Fri 5th Jan

9.00am - 12 noon **Pre-School** - Church Centre

12.30pm - The Stream - Small group social

Ross will be on study leave from 25th December until 11th March.

Please direct enquiries to Jane Beldham in the Church Office.

Food bank donations can be given to Jane in the office or handed to a sides person anytime. These will be taken to Pilsden to be distributed. No pasta please but tinned vegetables and UHT milk are particularly helpful. Thank you for your support.

1HOP will take place on Wednesday 10th January in church from 8pm. An Hour Of Prayer and reflection at the start of 2018. Home Groups are invited to help if they would like to, and all church family members are welcome. Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. If you would like more information, please speak to Jane Beldham.

Rotas for 2018

We have vacancies on our **Coffee, Cleaning** (this takes 1 hour approx. 5 times a year) **JAM, Prayer** and **Reading** rotas. If you would like to serve the Lord in this way, please contact Jane in the office. Your help with this will be greatly appreciated.

We currently do not have anybody to clean the church on 7th and 14th January. If you are able to help, please contact Priscilla Payne.

Prayer Requests

If you would like a prayer request included in the weekly prayer themes, please contact Jane Beldham. If you would rather not give details, just a name will be enough, we can leave the details to our God.

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