

ACTIVITIES for 19th - 24th December	
MONDAY	
7.00pm	World Mission Prayer Meeting
TUESDAY	
12.30pm	Contact Christmas Lunch

ADVANCE DATES

Friday December 30th

11.00am @ The Beacon - Friday Prayer Focus

Sunday January 8th

10.30am @ The Beacon - Darrell will lead and preach at our Annual Covenant Service which will also introduce our 'Verse For The Year'

6.00pm @ The Beacon - Darrell will lead a Prayer Service

Wednesday January 4th - 6.15pm for ½ hour @ The Minster, Axminster – Taizé Prayer Group

Friday January 6th

11.00am @ The Beacon – Friday Prayer Focus

Monday January 9th

7.30pm @ The Beacon – Trustees' Business Meeting

7.30pm @ The Beacon - Reflections



CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM SWBA

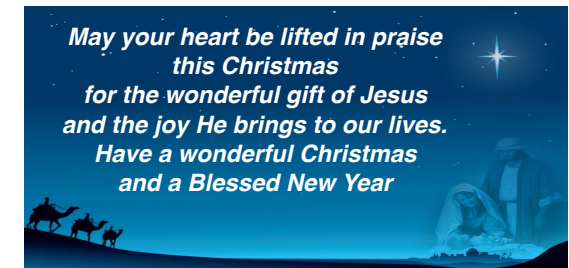
A very Happy Christmas to you from the South West Baptist Association Team! As your Association team we'd like to say what a privilege it has been to serve you this year. We are blessed to have such a wonderful, diverse group of churches and pioneer ministries within our Association family and we look forward to walking together in the ways of Jesus in 2017.

Please be assured of our prayers for you as you seek to share the wonderful news of the God-who-is-with-us with those in your communities over the coming weeks. Despite all of the busyness of the season, please find time to pause, reflect and pray - as we journey through Advent.

FELLOWSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES		
Responsibility	Sun 18th Dec	Sunday 1st Jan
Duty Leader	Elaine	Sylvia G
Stewards am:	Christine & Alix	Sylvia G & Elaine
pm:	Iris	N/A
Tea & Coffee	Pat & Mary	Dorothy & Roger
Sound)	am Richard	Ian
)	pm Adrian & Ian	N/A
Projection	am Phil pm Jed	am: Phil pm: N/A
Money Counting	Alvi & Lesley	David & Malcom
Spark	Sylvia N & Ruth	Cynthia & Estelle
Flame	Hilary & Abi	Heather & Helen
Blaze	Antonia	Antonia
One-to-one	Helen	Rob
Responsibility	Sunday 8th Jan	
Duty Leader	Elaine	
Stewards am:	Estelle & Paul	
pm:	Lionel	
Tea & Coffee	Sue & Keith	
Sound	Ben	
Projection	Edna	
Money Counting	Marion L & Bill	
Spark	Sylvia N & Juletta	
Flame	Ann N & Lucy	
Blaze	Richard	
One-to-one	Sarah	



The Baptist Church
Kilmington
A BEACON FOR JESUS
Christmas & New Year



Sunday December 18th – the fourth Sunday in Advent

10.30am @ The Beacon

This morning Darrell will lead the service and give the last in the Advent series entitled "Expecting", based on Isaiah ch 11 v1-9.

4.00pm @ the Beacon

Carols by Candlelight - This Service is suitable for folk of all ages and will have the theme "Light in the Darkness" and be led by Darrell. Anyone who made a light jar last week is invited to bring it along. Mulled juice and mince pies will be served afterwards and we hope people will stay to enjoy that time.

The collection this afternoon will be for the Samara Aid Appeal to fund a Doctor in Syria for a year

Sunday December 25th – Christmas Day

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

10.30am @ The Beacon

A short 45 minute service to lift your spirits and make your day. The collection at this morning's service will also be for the Samara Aid Appeal.

Sunday January 1st 2017

NEW YEAR'S DAY – HAPPY NEW YEAR

10.30am @ The Beacon

Adrian Dodd will lead and Anthony Chape will be preaching at this Morning's Service, which will include Communion

There is no afternoon Service at the Methodist Church, Axminster

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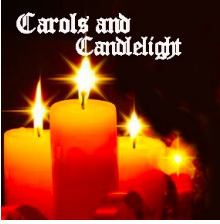
Monday to Thursday 10.00am to 3.00pm

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday 18th December at 4.00pm
we have our Carols by Candlelight. With a special atmosphere, we can hear bible readings and sing carols that speak of the true Christmas story, the birth of Christ. Those who come along will also be able to stay for Mince Pies (or Apple Pies) and Mulled Juice.

Then on Sunday 25th December we will have our Christmas Day service for people of all ages. A short 45 minute service that is a great way to remind us of the joy of Christ's birth.

These are great opportunities to invite a friend or family member who doesn't normally come to church.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING



This year our Christmas offering at the Carol Service and on Christmas Day will go to Samara's Aid. All loose change or non-church envelopes will be included in this.

ADVENT MESSAGE FROM LYNN GREEN General Secretary of Baptist Union



As Advent unfolds we are drawn back to the foundations of our faith, that God loved the world so much that he gave his son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. This is such good news and we want to see every church blazing as a Beacon of Hope in their communities as they embody, proclaim and share Jesus this Advent and Christmas.

I wanted to be in touch and remind you that I and many others are praying for you at this time. Praying that as you turn to the Lord afresh, you would be reconnected with your "first love". Praying that your ministry and witness would be full and overflowing with the Holy Spirit. Praying that the church would have many

opportunities to continue to sow seeds of Kingdom transformation in your community. Be encouraged, Immanuel, God is with us!

This is just an extract of her message sent to all Church Secretaries, ask Betsy if you would like a full copy and she will e mail it to you.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For those of you who remember her – dear Jean Allsopp who lived at Seaton and worshipped here some years ago, died peacefully in Wonford hospital after a short illness on Thursday December 15th. Please remember in prayer Cynthia & David Lawrence, Jean's niece and her husband at this sad time, and especially as they will have a lot of arrangements to make whilst also trying to celebrate Christmas.

ROTAS

Electronic copies of the Rota starting 1st January have now been sent to those on e-mail, ask Alvi for a hard copy if you are not e-mail.

ANUAL REPORTS FOR 2016

Since everyone has probably got more than enough to do before Christmas - we will leave the Annual Reports until the New Year, the deadline being the end of January. All those involved in any way with regular activities, please give your Report to your Ministry Team Leader who will then collect them together and forward them to Phil Bliss for compilation and printing. The Report can then be ready for approval at the Annual General Meeting in March. Thank you, Betsy

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY - can you help?

We are in need of someone to take on Communications in the church – updating the church website, producing posters, updating the poster boards, sending in press releases & reports of events to the local papers. Up to now Darrell has had this responsibility but the trustees are keen for someone else to do this, to make the best use of his time and allow him to concentrate on his pastor's role and discipleship.

If you feel you have the necessary skills for this or would like to know more, please speak to Darrell or one of the trustees. Thank you.

FOR SALE - LOVE RUSSIA

8" round home-made rich Christmas Cake. Will go to the highest bidder. Please apply Liz or Chris.

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

For those of you that remember – our former Minister Revd Laurie Burn & his wife Karen – moved to Totterdown, Bristol in 2006. Well now they are on the move again! They believe that God has a new challenge for them in the Somerset levels, so as from the end of April next year they will be moving to Fivehead Baptist Church, near Taunton where Laurie will be their pastor until he retires in 2020. Their final service at Totterdown Baptist will be on Easter Sunday 2017. They will of course be back in the South West Baptist Association so we may be meeting them again from time to time.

There is a copy of a pictorial Christmas letter from Lauren & Karen on the Notice Board inside the Foyer with all their news from 2016 – do have a read of this if you remember them from their time in Ministry here.

NOTES FOR MORNING SERVICE 18th DECEMBER

Some Hebrew Names of God

ABHIR: Mighty One

EL-BERITH: God of the Promise

EL ROI: God of Seeing

EL SHADDAI: God Almighty

EYALUTH: Strength

GAOL: Redeemer

JEHOVAH-JIREH: The Lord will Provide

JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH: The Lord Who makes holy

JEHOVAH-ROHI: The Lord Our Shepherd

JEHOVAH-ROPHE: The Lord Who Heals

JEHOVAH-SHALOM: The Lord Our Peace

JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH: The Lord is There with you

JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU The Lord Our Righteousness

MAGEN: Shield

PALET: Deliverer

SHAPHAT: Judge

ZUR: God our Rock