

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES	
MONDAY	
7.30pm	Reflections
TUESDAY TO THURSDAY	
Homegroups at various times and locations	
TUESDAY	
7.15pm	Spectrum Youth Club
WEDNESDAY	
9.15am	Toddlers & Tinies meet
10.30am	Carol Singing at Koppers
FRIDAY	
11.00am	Friday Prayer Focus
Last day of School Term	

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER from 10.00am

Axminster Churches Together delivering the 40 Hampers already packed up, starting at Purzebrook Chapel. Volunteer drivers welcome.

TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER @ 12.30pm

CREATE Group Christmas Lunch @ Hunters Lodge.

SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER @ 3.00pm

Do come along to our Community Carol Singing @ Millers Farm Shop – with Mulled Juice, Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies.

ADVANCE DATES

TUESDAY 20th DECEMBER @ 12.30pm @ The Beacon

Don't forget to book your place for the Contact Christmas Lunch – always a wonderful time of fellowship.

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER @ 10.30am

A short Christmas Day Service which Darrell will be leading.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

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.

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FELLOWSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES		
Responsibility	This Week	Next Week
Duty Trustee	Sarah	Elaine
Stewards am:	Ruth & Phil	Christine & Alix
pm:	Edith	Iris
Tea & Coffee	Sylvia's Housegroup	Pat & Mary
Sound) Ian	am Richard
)	pm Adrian & Ian
Projection	Phil	am Phil pm Jed
Money Counting	Marion L & Bill	Alvi & Lesley
Spark	Betsy & Bethany	Sylvia N & Ruth
Flame	AA Nativity	Hilary & Abi
Blaze	AA Nativity	Antonia
One-to-one	Sarah	Helen



The Baptist Church
Kilmington

A BEACON FOR JESUS

Sunday 11th December 2016

Welcome

*If you are curious and have come to see us
If you are doubting and have come to question
If you are weary and have come to rest
If you are grateful and have come to share
If you are hurt and have come for healing
If you are listening and have come to pray
If you are seeking and have come for answers*

TODAY

10.30am @ The Beacon

All-in Nativity Service with a difference, led by Darrell

2.30pm @ Dalwood Methodist Church

Carols for Advent led by their minister, Revd. Brian Hadfield.

6.00pm @ The Beacon

Prayer Service led by Darrell

NEXT SUNDAY

10.30am @ The Beacon

Darrell leads & preaches at this morning's Advent service

4.00pm @ the Beacon

Carols by Candlelight, with Seasonal Refreshments served afterwards



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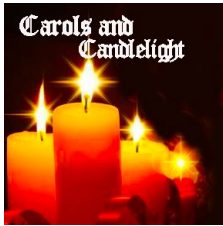
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TODAY

This mornings service will be an "All-In Service" rather than a traditional Nativity Service. We realise that in trying new things, there is a risk, but perhaps it will be a risk that pays off. Using material gained from Spring Harvest, we will try something a bit different.

Recognising that people have different learning styles, that some like to listen, or make, or write or move in order to learn, so we will have a service that gives room for that to take place including a bit of dressing up for those who have come prepared.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



On Sunday 18th 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.



So here's a challenge! These are three opportunities to invite a friend or family member who doesn't normally come to church. Surveys suggest that most people would come to church if they were personally invited. It may be nerve-racking, it may cause sleepless nights, but why not actually invite someone to one of these services? They are more likely to say "yes" at Christmas than at any other time. At worst they will say no, at best they will come and you will have put your faith into words.

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.

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.

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 of the reports and printing. The Report can then be ready for approval at the Annual General Meeting in March. Thank you, Betsy

PHOTO GALLERY

Photo Gallery I am updating the photos on the notice board in the church lobby. If you have yet to be included, or would like your current picture updated (improved!) please see me today or in the next two weeks. Thanks, Geoff

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

Trish Warwick writes - Charlie Warwick had an MRI on Monday & saw her specialist again. God has answered our prayers & she no longer needs surgery as the disc is shrinking. The specialist said 'this is an unusual case' - I told him it was prayer! Praise God xx

ST PETROCKS EXETER



We are not filling Christmas stockings for St Petrocks this year but if anyone has any gifts for the homeless and can get them to us no later than Sunday, Dec 18th. We will arrange delivery.

Lionel & Iris

ROTAS

Could I remind leaders of groups that your rotas are due back this week to Alvi.

SOMETHING WHICH WILL EFFECT US ALL!

As Darrell indicated last week, big changes are happening in the BBC! We, as Christians need to be aware that there is a drive to downgrade Christianity, in favour of other faith programmes, such as, for instance, broadcasting Friday prayers from a Mosque and covering the religious festival of Eid.

As Voice for Justice UK rightly reminds us 'It is right that all religions receive coverage but the UK is a Christian Country established as such by statute which position should be reflected by media.

This matter should, hopefully, provoke believers to PRAY & WRITE to the relevant body and/or your MP (names and addresses on the board at the back.)

Please use your God-given voice and stand up and be counted!!

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.