

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY**

7.30pm Trustees Business Meeting

7.30pm Reflections

**TUESDAY to THURSDAY**

Homegroups meet at various times and locations

**TUESDAY**

10.00am CREATE Group in Hall

7.15pm Spectrum

**WEDNESDAY**

9.15pm Toddlers and Tinnies meet

**THURSDAY**

10.30am Messy Sparklers meet

**FRIDAY**

11.00am Friday Prayer Focus

**SATURDAY**

10.00am SCRABBLE Club

**OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday January 10th from 10.00am – 12 noon**

Coffee Morning @ Dalwood Methodist Church in aid of 'Shelterbox'. See poster on the Notice Board.

**Wednesday January 11th @ 11.30am**

Women's World Day of Prayer Preparation Meeting in the Vicarage, Whitford Road, Kilmington, followed by a buffet lunch.

**Sunday January 15th**

This will be the first Sunday that the Methodist Church in Axminster will meet together @ Pippins for their Morning Service

**SWBA PRAYER CALENDAR**



**Yarcombe**

As a small fellowship planning for a new year is a collaborative affair. In November we gathered around a table, drank tea and ate scones and agreed the format of our worship for a new year.

Following the success of Café Church, we have now arranged to have this worship activity on the fourth Sunday of each month, rather than bi-monthly. Songs of Praise continues on the second Sunday of each month. We have several occasions when we are joined by our friends from the Parish Church and we will join worship there a number of times in the coming months.

Special services for 2017 include a Pets Blessing in August, anniversary service in October and to celebrate Christmas 2017 a Christmas Tree festival. We will also have our afternoon tea in August and several coffee mornings. However, I am reminded of St Paul when listing what we have planned. It may well be one who plants and another who waters, but it is God who makes us grow. We ask for your prayers that we can grow in faith, commitment and witness.

**FELLOWSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

Responsibility	Today	Next Sunday
Duty Leader	Elaine	Maggi
Stewards am:	Estelle & Paul	Jonathan & Lesley
pm:	Lionel	Iris
Tea & Coffee	Sue & Keith	Rosemarie & Sylvia N
Sound	Ben	Richard/Dylan
Projection	Edna	Malcolm
Money Counting	Malcolm & Bill	Elaine & Keith
Spark	Sylvia N & Juletta	Betsy & Bethany
Flame	Ann N & Lucy	Hilary & Scott
Blaze	Richard	Karen
One-to-one	Sarah	Debbie



The Baptist Church  
Kilmington

**A BEACON FOR JESUS**

Sunday 8th January 2017

**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*

**WELCOME**

**TODAY**

**10.30am @ The Beacon**

Our Pastor, Darrell, shares the Bible Verse for 2017 and together we explore what this may mean for us as individuals and as a church.

**6.00pm @ The Beacon**

Darrell leads a Prayer Service

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**10.30am @ The Beacon**

Plough Sunday - We mark the start of the year for the farmers, and pray for our rural communities. Darrell also leads a second look at our Bible Verse for the Year.

**6.00pm @ The Beacon**

Chris Hill leads our evening service which includes Communion

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## SAMARA'S AID APPEAL



All the many donations that the Axminster & district people have been generously giving have now been called and counted. The target was £6000 and the actual figure (as of today) is £10,525!

Included in the above is £1,082.32 raised in our giving to the appeal over the Christmas Services.

This is really a tremendous achievement for such a worthy cause. Praise the Lord!

## AXMINSTER CHURCHES TOGETHER

There are several copies of their January Newsletter in the Worship Area – please feel free to pick up a copy. The news of the Axminster Churches is so encouraging, and a real answer to years of prayer for Axminster & the Valley.

## A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES



You may be interested to learn that at the Beacon during 2016 we consumed 11,411 units of electricity an increase of 1% on the previous year, but generated through our PV Panels 8421 units an increase of 15% on the previous year (much better weather). Not quite energy neutral yet, but the net effect of our consumption versus generation means our electricity effectively cost us only £250 in the year for heating, lighting and power for the whole building. To further extend the churches green credentials, we will next year investigate switching our supply to a green energy supplier.

Finally we used 92 cu m of water 14% down on last year much due to the installation of auto shut off taps in the toilets.

## PENSION DEFICIT

Those of you who were at the last Church Members Meeting may recall the question of the Baptist Pension Scheme Deficit being raised and possible proposals to address our liability by making a one-off lump sum payment.

The indications that this may be possible has turned out to be a false alarm, and we will be continuing to pay it off monthly as we have previously.

## LOVE RUSSIA

Thanks everyone who took part in the Christmas Cake 'guess the weight' competition. The cake weighed 5lbs 11oz and £30.20 was raised in support of the new Transition Home appeal.

## ADVANCE NOTICES

**Monday 16th January – Sunday 22nd January**  
**AXMINSTER CHURCHES TOGETHER, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** There is a ½ hour meeting for prayer @ 12noon each day as follows:

**Monday 16th** - The Beacon, Kilmington.

**Tuesday 17th** - Purzebrook Chapel, Axminster.

**Wednesday 18th** - the United Reformed Church, Axminster.

**Thursday 19th** - the Minster, Axminster,

**Friday 20th** – Pippins Brunch & Prayer 10.00am,

**Saturday 21st** - noon @ the United Reformed Church (Friends hosting).

**Sunday 22nd** – United Service @ Pippins, Lyme Road, Axminster @ 6.30pm.

## SUNDAY JANUARY 22nd - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5th

Open for nominations for Elders from the Fellowship, to be given to the Trustees for consideration

## CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

Wednesday January 25th @ 7.30pm @ The Beacon

## SAFEGUARDING COURSE

Saturday January 28th all day @ The Beacon

## ANUAL REPORTS FOR 2016

Don't forget! All those involved in any way with regular activities, please give your Report to your Ministry Team Leader by the end of January, who will then collect them together and forward them to Phil Bliss for printing out. The Report can then be ready for approval at the Annual General Meeting in March.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

ALIX AND JOE are starting up a cleaning and DIY business in the local area, and would be grateful if everyone could pray that it would be successful and that they would be able to bring some light into people's lives who would otherwise not have much contact with the church.

## PIPPINS MAINTENANCE DAYS

Pippins are having some maintenance days in January to try and finish the main hall with white paint. to lining paper the art room and paint on top of it, as well as other jobs too. Please come along when you can, drop in for an hour or two during the times below, bring a packed lunch and I'll run the coffee through!

The maintenance days will be:

Wednesday 4th January from 9am - 5pm

Thursday 5th January 1pm - 5pm

Wednesday 11th January 9am - 5pm

Thursday 12th January 1pm - 5pm

Wednesday 18th January 9am - 5pm (Christian Unity Service at 12 noon)

Thursday 19th January 1pm - 5pm