

Prayer Points and Information

Pray for the opportunities churches (including ourselves) have at this time of year of welcoming people who might not normally attend a service. Pray that the Lord will bless the message of Christmas to the hearts of people during the festivities.

Pray for families you know who are struggling because of financial and employment needs, difficult relationships, poor health or other problems. Ask God to give them hope and strengthen their faith.

Many children are getting excited about Christmas, but let's pray for those children for whom Christmas is not a happy time: for those who carry a burden of care beyond their years, for those who experience neglect, and for those who are disadvantaged in life through no fault of their own. Pray for those who work to keep children safe, and for those who offer counselling and support.

Pray for encouragement for the 30 or so young Evangelical congregations in Kosovo, and for the organisation that unites them: the Kosovo Protestant Evangelical Church. Pray for progress in the economy of the country, where unemployment remains at around half the adult population. Pray for Kosovo's women. The society is one in which girls are not helped to develop confidence; women, especially in rural communities, have limited choice in life. Pray for BMS workers Layla, Toby and Holly and for Supported Partner Workers Dmitri and Daria, ministering to one of the marginalised minority ethnic groups in Kosovo through preschool education.

CONTACTS FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Morning Bible Study*Sue Blake*
Wednesday Fellowship*Margaret Carey*
Wednesday Evening Fellowship*Charmaine Howard*
Girls' Brigade*Ruth Rego*
Focus For Men*John Howard*
Youth Group.....*Charmaine Howard*

Contacts for Pastoral Issues

Margaret Carey and Charmaine Howard

Please avoid contacting Charmaine on a Monday, as it is her day off.

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15 December 2013

Our congregation is made up of ordinary people meeting together to worship God. We are united in our faith in, and love for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and hope that you sense the presence and power of the Spirit of God as you worship with us.

Refreshments are served after the service, so please stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Simeon took him [Jesus] in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.'

Luke 2:28-33

15 December 2013

10.30am **Communion Service**
Speaker: Antony Billington

5.00pm **Youth Group**

7.30pm **Prayer Meeting**

Weekly Activities

Tuesday	10.00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study <i>Meets at the church</i>
Wednesday	1.45pm	Wednesday Fellowship <i>Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the church</i>
	8.00pm	Wednesday Evening Fellowship <i>Meets at the church</i>
Thursday	6.00pm	Girls Brigade <i>Meets at the church</i>
Friday	7.30pm	Worship Group <i>Meets at the church</i>
Saturday	10.00am	Focus For Men <i>Meets the first Saturday of each month for a walk and lunch</i>

22 December 2013

10.30am **Morning Worship**
Speaker: Charmaine Howard

No Youth Group

6.00pm **Carols by Candlelight**

Notices

Spurgeons –An Opportunity to Give

Here's a suggestion: instead of writing a separate Christmas card to all your friends in the NPBC congregation, write one card to everyone, pin it to the notice board at the back of the church, and give the money you would have spent on cards to Spurgeons (www.spurgeons.org), an organisation that works with vulnerable children in the UK who need care and protection. Our Christmas day offering will also be given to Spurgeons.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Christmas holiday from 17 December, reconvening on 7 January 2014, 10.00am, studying Numbers 15:32-16:50 • All welcome

Saturday 21 December, 2.00-5.00pm
Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 22 December, 6.00pm
Carols by Candlelight

If you plan to attend the Carols by Candlelight service, please consider bringing a box of mince pies with you to share with guests after the service. Thank you.

Wednesday 25 December, 10.00am
Christmas Day Service

Please see the notice board in the entrance foyer for any forthcoming local events.

